



The Flypaper



The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s
June 2009

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Fly-Ins, Aviation Museum Display & Publicity Committees need volunteers.

Next Meeting

*Tuesday, June 16,
6:00 p.m. Socializing,
6:30 p.m. Potluck Dinner
at Patty Livingston's
home at Wolf Lake
(directions on page 3)
Joint Picnic with
Mat-Su Valley 99s*

Notes from the Chair

The weather has definitely given us a great start on the summer! I hope all of you are getting out and soaking up a few rays – the key to manufacture of that very necessary Vitamin D.

We had 16 participants at the May 16 Flying Companion Seminar... another deposit in the scholarship fund for next year. Thanks to all that made it a success!

I was not able to attend either the Valdez or Kenai Air Shows – those of you who did please fill us in on the fun and activities.

Speaking of fun, there are so many aviation events in June and July. See Mio's email message and the Flypaper calendar for all the dates and details. It's a time to enjoy our great state and all the people within. Be sure to save July 8 for our guest speaker, retired Col. John Dale, who has great stories to tell about flying the "Dragon Lady" aka the Lockheed U-2. He will give his talk at The Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum, so there will be plenty of room to bring your friends.

Hope to see you at some of the June events and especially at our annual picnic with the Mat-Su Valley Chapter on Tuesday, June 16!!

Gloria

Calendar of Events

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| Tues., June 16 | Joint Picnic with Mat-Su Chapter at Wolf Lake |
| Thur., June 25 | Deadline for mailing ballots |
| June 27-28 | Dawson City Fly-In |
| Wed., July 8 | Regular Monthly Meeting at the Aviation Heritage Museum, Speaker: Col. John Dale, Ret. U-2 Pilot |
| July 22 - 26 | International Conference, Chicago, Illinois |
| Wed. Aug. 12 | Regular Monthly Meeting, Installation of New Officers |
| Wed., Sept. 9 | Regular Monthly Meeting |

**NOTE: There will not be a Flypaper published
for the month of July, 2009.**

Regular publication will begin again in August.

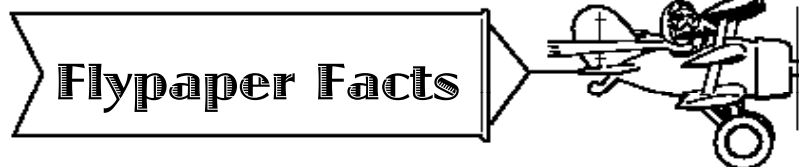
99s Online

Chapter Website (www.ak99s.org)

For website updates and additions, e-mail
Heather Hasper at: 747sp@arctic.net

National Website (www.ninety-nines.org)

The national site includes news updates,
scholarship opportunities, mentor connections,
applications and more.



Deadline for the **August 2009** Flypaper is **Aug. 2, 2009**. If you have an article, ad or information for The Flypaper, please contact Melanie Hancock by phone at 694-4571 or e-mail at flyquilt@mtaonline.net. (Ads are placed in The Flypaper for members at no charge.)

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The Mat-Su Valley Chapter does not have a regular meeting scheduled for June. Instead, they will be have a joint picnic with the Alaska Chapter 99s.

The only schedule we have is socializing at 6 p.m. with dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Mat-Su Chapter will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, buns and condiments. Those attending are asked to bring a side dish and a chair for each member of their party. Everyone is welcome, including your spouse, significant other, friend or your summer company!

Flying directions: Wolf Lake Airport designation is 4AK6. On the sectional it is almost due west of Palmer airport. From Anchorage, fly toward the "V" you see in the mountains (that is Hatcher Pass), and you should be able to see the strobe on the ATT tower very near the airport, and you would almost be on a left base for runway 24. The name is on the runway! We are at the end of the 1st south perpendicular taxiway from the east end (our taxiway is directly across the runway from Judith's house).

Driving directions: Glenn Hwy. to Parks Hwy. Exit onto Trunk Road & turn RIGHT. Drive 2-4 miles on the winding road. Go straight through the stop light (Three Bears and Mom&Pop on corners) and drive approximately 1 mile. At the stop sign, turn LEFT onto Bogard Road. Drive ~1/4 mile. Turn RIGHT onto Engstrom Road (fire station on corner). Drive ~2 miles on the winding road to Hart Lake Loop & turn LEFT. Go 1/8 mile to Phantom Place, turn RIGHT and then an immediate LEFT into Patty's driveway or park on the street.

For more info call Patty @ 746-2919 or Judith @ 746-0991. See you all there!

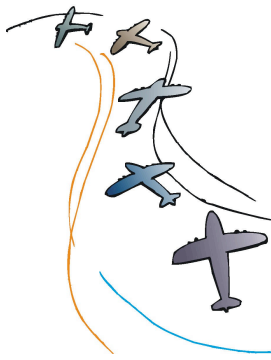
Mat-Su Chapter Officers

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| Chair | Toni Merrigan | 373-6569 |
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Aviation Education Outreach

The Alaska 99s graciously assisted with a Girl Scouts Top of the World Jamboree event on Friday, June 5 and with an FAA sponsored Youth Aviation Adventure event on Saturday, June 6 at Palmer Airport. Thank you especially to Gloria Tomich, Mathea Doyle, Lani Kile, Nancy Amundson, Jamie Patterson-Simes and Jean White.

Angie Slingluff



New Horizons

Our dear friend and pilot, Janet Oxford flew on to new horizons on June 11, 2009. To say that her dauntless spirit and cheerful attitude in times of adversity will be missed is surely an understatement of great proportions.

Janet's artwork graced our major activities on many occasions. While Janet kept her membership in the Mat-Su Valley Chapter, she graciously gave her time and talents to the Alaska Chapter.

Janet was born August 8, 1942 to John and Margaret Hathaway in Albany, California. Her mother later married Herb Rold, who often took Janet flying as a little girl. Janet moved to Alaska in 1976 with her husband and three children, settling in Chugiak.

Janet was nearing her 39th birthday when she decided to make some changes in her life. That summer she took time off to pursue her architectural drafting business, and she also decided to learn to fly. She took lessons at Birchwood Airport, near Peters Creek. Unsure she could ever fly an airplane by herself, Janet recalled what her stepfather said. "Flying a plane is no different than handling farm equipment." However, Janet left home to marry at 17, without ever learning to drive a tractor or a brush hog.



In her third week of training, she began doing touch and go landings. "All of a sudden the joy of it came. I soloed August 8, 1981, and subsequently received my private license, I continued with lessons, obtaining my commercial and instrument ratings. Then I bought a Cessna 152 with a girlfriend, who was also a pilot. We paid off the loan in a year." Obtaining these ratings gave Janet more confidence, but she didn't want to turn her hobby into a business, because her architectural drafting was in full swing.



Janet mentioned in an interview that flying influenced her architectural design work. She explained that flying over the landscape provides her with the "lay of the land, the best views, and if it's a hillside home, how to work with the terrain. I can see in all directions from an airplane, and design a home with sunlight on the shoulders."

Janet became a member of the Alaska Chapter 99s in 1981, and for the next

25 years, continued to design logos for the group. In 1993, she designed an airplane flying out of a gold pan for a 99s Northwest Section Meeting in Fairbanks. In 2002 the group used her logo for the Northwest Section Meeting in Anchorage. She also designed the logo for the 2008 International Conference held in Anchorage. Janet proudly kept a collection of t-shirts and sweatshirts displaying her aviation artwork.

In addition to artwork and piloting, Janet enjoyed adventure and challenge. She was a scuba diver, equestrian and world traveler.

Janet has only taken flight, she will live forever in the hearts of those she touched.



July Program

Our July meeting will be held at the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum, 4721 Aircraft Drive, at Lake Hood. Our guest speaker will be Col. John Dale, Retired. John will be speaking about his experiences flying the “Dragon Lady,” aka the Lockheed U-2.

Finger foods and beverages will be provided by the Alaska Chapter. There will be lots of space available, so please bring a friend or friends and join us for an interesting and entertaining evening.

Airmarkings

Two airmarkings have been scheduled for JUNE, 2009:

On June 6, at 11:00 a.m. after the Annual FAA Pancake Breakfast members of the Alaska and Mat-Su Valley Chapters painted a half-scale compass rose (40 ft. in diameter rather than the usual 80 ft. diameter compass rose) at Sherrod Elementary School in Palmer. A total of 9 people helped: Mat-Su Chapter (Patty Livingston, Lane Base, Toni Merrigan), Alaska Chapter (Melanie Hancock, Brenda Staats, Audrey Cole), 49 1/2's (Doug Staats and Jim Woodley) and Jane Niven (student pilot and teacher at Sherrod Elementary).

On June 20 (time to be announced via e-mail) a FULL-SCALE compass rose will be painted at Merrill Field. The rose is being re-painted to coincide with realignment of runways due to magnetic deviation. For more information, contact Patty Livingston at 746-2919 or pattyl@mtaonline.net



Alaska Chapter Ninety-Nines Biographies of Nominees Running for Office

Your ballot is included with this newsletter. Please mark your ballot being sure to vote on the Bylaws (copy included with this newsletter) and the Officers. Return the postage-paid card as soon as possible, as it must be postmarked no later than **Thursday, June 25.**

(NOTE: Only members listed on the current International roster as members of the Chapter will receive ballots.)

Chair: Lani Kile (in her words)

I got my license with Wilbur's Flight Operations (actually it was at Alaska Piper which they owned & operated) in 1976. I have an ATP MEL, Com/Instrument SELS, CFII ME, and GI Advance/Instrument. I've flight instructed, primarily on MRI...flew charters...and for Evergreen out of Nome, Kotzebue, and Bethel when they were subcontractors for Wein. This will be my 12th year teaching Aviation Technology for the King Career Center. I joined the 99's in 1998 or thereabouts, although I did attend some meetings back in the late 70's. I'm also a member of AOPA and CAP as an AEM (aviation education member). I received a Program of Excellence award from ITEA (International Technology Education Assoc.) I think it was 2001, and a CAP Aerospace Education award in 2003.

Vice Chair: Melanie Hancock

Melanie got her private pilot's license in Alaska in 1991. She did most of her training in Ohio prior to moving back to Alaska in 1990. She grew up in Alaska and went through public school in Palmer and Anchorage (1951 - 1964). She joined the Alaska 99s in 1993 and has been an active member--serving in all elected positions. She currently is Secretary and has been The Flypaper editor for several years. Her vision for the Alaska 99s is that they become a household word and that membership continues to grow. She owns a Cessna 172. She also enjoys gardening and is an avid quilter.

Secretary: Jay Laxson (in her words)

I obtained my private pilots license in 1992 (SEL), but I have only flown solo a half a dozen times since because my husband and I fly a Helio Courier and I haven't been certified - tail dragger, high performance, I fly only as his co-pilot. We've flown from Alaska to the lower 48 through Canada at least 6 times and last year flew through Northern Canada to Stowe, VT and down the East Coast to Vero Beach, FL to visit the Piper Factory. My renewed interest in flying has been sparked by the prospect of getting a Piper Matrix this fall and upgrading to a more complex aircraft. We intend to use it to travel to the lower 48 more frequently now that the kids have flown the nest! I was a member of the Alaska 99's for several of years from 1992 through about 1996, but due to busy work and kids schedules - finally quit attending meetings and eventually let my membership lapse. I held the office of Secretary for one term. I am a Registered Nurse, "retired" from the Providence Emergency Department / MICU after 23 years in 2000. I coached cross-country skiing at

Service High School from 2000 to 2005 and I'm now training year around the (APU) Alaska Pacific University master's nordic program.

Treasurer: Brenda Staats

Brenda has been a private pilot since 2006 and a member of the 99s since 2007. She is currently serving as Alaska Chapter Treasurer and is running for a 2nd term. Brenda was part of the planning committee for the 2008 Ninety-Nines International Conference. Brenda holds a BA in Management Information Systems and when not flying her Cessna 182 she is the President of Stewart Title of Alaska, the Managing Member of United Title Company, and the Treasurer for her hanger association. Brenda is pursuing her Instrument Rating with the help of the Advanced Rating Scholarship given to her in April, 2009.

Director: Mio Johnson

Mio got her private pilot's license in 1997 when she could finally afford it after her kids left home and she had paid off her ex-husbands debts. She has been an active 99 ever since. She sends out our e-mail meeting notices, makes our brochures, is Membership Chair and has previously served as a Chapter officer in several different positions. She is employed at ML&P as Manager of the Engineering Division which keeps her busy and cuts down on her flying time. She has a tri gear Maule.

Director: Angie Slingluff

Angie has been a member of the 99s since 1991. She is a past Alaska Chapter Vice-Chair and Chair. She was also Co-Chair for the 2008 Ninety-Nines International Conference. Currently Angie is the Aviation & Space Education Coordinator for the FAA Alaskan Region and has been involved in many projects to stimulate aviation interest in kids and young adults. Angie helps with the Flying Companion Seminar and Air Markings whenever she can.

Director: Gloria Tomich

Gloria has been a member of the 99s since 1990. She is currently the Alaska Chapter Chair and had served in this position in the mid 1990's. Gloria has also been committee chair for Flying Companion Seminar and Airmarking. She has owned a Taylorcraft BC-12, a PA-18, and currently flies a Cessna 172XP. She is an Associate Professor at UAA in the Medical Laboratory Technology program.

Cessna Seat Rail Repair

“September 22, 2007, Anchorage pilot Howard Holtan was killed, and his wife was severely injured, when the Cessna 180 float plane they were flying crashed immediately after take off from a lake near Whittier, Alaska. The NTSB investigated the crash, and recently issued its report. The NTSB concluded that the accident was caused by the pilot seat sliding backward during the take off/climb out, causing the pilot to lose control of the aircraft. The NTSB Final Report *can be found at www.nts.gov. Click on the Aviation heading, then Accident Database & Synopses, then Monthly Lists, then September 22, 2007, and finally on the report for Whittier, AK, Cessna 180.* The reason the pilot seat slid back was worn holes in the seat rails, which prevented the seat latch pins from properly seating in the rail holes. Long time Cessna pilots and owners will remember this problem being identified in the late 1980's, and a mandatory stopping mechanism (something like a heavy duty safety pin) being added to the end of the seat rails to limit the aft travel of the pilot and front passenger seats. In May 2007, Cessna sent out another Owner Advisory notifying Cessna owners that it was making available a "Pilot and Copilot Secondary Seat Stop" kit available for all Cessnas (Model 170's through 210's). A copy of this Owner Advisory is also attached. According to the Advisory, compliance is mandatory within the earlier of the next 200 flight hours or 1 year. The pilot side kit and installation are being provided at no charge to the owner, so long as installation is completed by May 14, 2009.

Pilots may not have realized this new Advisory and kit was not simply a reissue of the old retrofit safety stop from the late 1980's. Instead it is an entirely new and different system designed to prevent the seat from slipping at all. The plane Howard was flying was fitted with the old safety stop, but it did not prevent the seat from slipping back; it only stopped the seat from sliding beyond the aft end of the seat rails. The new system is intended to prevent the kind of seat movement that can still cause a pilot to involuntarily pull back on the yolk when the seat suddenly slides back in a nose high/climb out attitude.

Cessna owners have until December 17, 2009, to get these new safety stops installed. There are at least two approved Cessna dealers in Anchorage who can do the install: Aero Twin at Merrill Field (Tel: 274-6166) and Seaplanes North, (formerly Floats Alaska) at Lake Hood (Tel: 248-6161). The installs can also be done by your regular mechanic, but you will have to pay up front, and then get reimbursed from Cessna. Also, although compliance for the front passenger is also mandatory, Cessna is not paying for that side. The cost to get the parts for the front passenger side is about \$175, plus about 2 hours of shop labor for the install.

Alabama 99 with a Question. . .

Hello!

I'm a member of the Alabama Chapter and I'll be in Alaska in July for about 10 days. I'm interested in taking a seaplane lesson while we are in port in Juneau. Could you point me in the right direction for someone in your chapter in that area that might have a recommendation? I would really appreciate it! I'll be traveling during July 4th thru July 14th.

Thanks so much for the help -- I'm really excited to be visiting Alaska!

Holly Roe
Alabama Membership Chairman

New Internet Service Available to Locate CFI's Around the United States & Canada

Hey Gals!

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself and my website. Pilot-flight-instruction.com is a comprehensive aviation database and search engine of flight schools and instructors. I am currently referring over 240 new students every month throughout the US and Canada. Flight Students use my aviation-training search engine to find schools, instructors, community and organizations by specialty or zip code. I assist students on the phone as well as on-line and via email. We want to continue our efforts of enabling the students to get fully plugged into their aviation community by adding your Ninety-Nines Chapter to our database. I have set up a default listing for you. Your profile would automatically show up in search results when students from your area register on our site.

Here's your account login information so you can view your profile on our website. My recommendation is to take a moment to check it for accuracy and complete the information I may have missed including a mailing address, zip code or median zip code.

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Username: Ninety-Nines - Alaska
Password: 99509

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions - I'm here to help! Blue Skies!

Michelle (619-466-4688)

<http://www.pilot-flight-instruction.com/login/profile.zhtml?pid=515434>

Thank You Note from Pat Bening

Thanks so much for the thoughts and prayers for the loss of my beloved Max.

Thanks to friends, I have so many beautiful homes, guest houses, lake cabins, and apartments offered to me, I may never pay rent again!!! Pretty much have the best of 10-15 states at my disposal. Feels good to set my boundaries and know the riches are in my friends and true family. I felt so loved by Max and so supported in my independence, the next steps will not be too difficult.

And that is all I need for now.

*Love,
Pat*

Student Scholarship Winner Receives Private Rating

I'm officially a private pilot now!!! I had my check ride Monday, May 25, and it went very well. Ill be starting my lessons for my instrument rating Monday. Moving right along!

Holly Adamson