



The Flypaper

The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s
December 2010



Notes from the Chair

Winter is upon us and the biggest thing happening right now is the annual Christmas Dinner Party.

Be sure to make your reservations by 10 a.m. Monday, December 6 (details on page 3).

It's always lots of fun! This year's party is at Bella Vista Restaurant in Peters Creek.

We will be joined by members of the Mat-Su Valley Chapter and friends.

There will not be a newsletter published for January. Our meeting program will be a film of Jessica Cox who

was in Alaska recently. Jessica is the pilot with no arms and quite an inspiration to all. If you missed her

presentation earlier, please bring a friend and join us on Wednesday, January 12, at 6 p.m.

at Peggy's Restaurant across from Merrill Field. Guests are always welcome.

The Alaska Chapter Board of Directors wishes you a wonderful Christmas holiday

and a great and safe New Year's celebration.

Lani

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Next Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 8,

6 p.m. at

Bella Vista Restaurant

Peters Creek, AK

Calendar of Events

Wed. Dec. 8	Annual Christmas Dinner/Party, Bella Vista Restaurant, Peters Creek Anchorage Film Festival presents "She Wore Silver Wings" (page 5)
Fri., Dec. 10	Anchorage Film Festival presents "She Wore Silver Wings" (page 5)
Sat., Dec. 11	"Finding Amelia" Airs on Discovery Channel (see page 5)
Sat., Dec. 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!
Sat., Jan. 1	Happy New Year!
Wed., Jan. 12	Regular Monthly Meeting (page 4)
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Sat., Feb. 5	Girls Scouts Women in Science & Technology (page 5)
Wed., Feb. 9	Regular Monthly Meeting
July, 2011	International 99s Conference, Oklahoma City, OK



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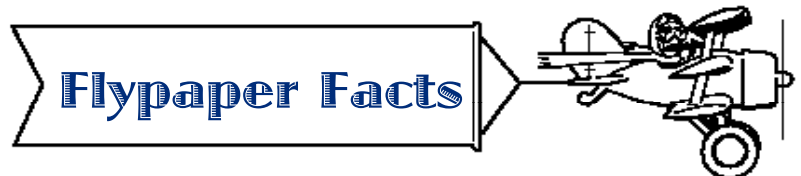
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Committees need volunteers.

99s Online

Chapter Website (www.ak99s.org)

National Website (www.ninety-nines.org)

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



Deadline for the **Feb. 2010** Flypaper is **Feb. 1, 2010**. 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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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER/PARTY

Our Annual Christmas Dinner/Party is this coming Wednesday, December 8, at 6 p.m. at Bella Vista Restaurant in Peters Creek.

The deadline for reservations and entree selections for dinner is Monday, December 6, by 10 a.m.

Reservations may be made by contacting Melanie Hancock at flyquilt@mtaonline.net or 694-4571.

If you have not already paid, the price is \$30 per person (including gratuity).

Please bring your check (made payable to the Alaska 99s) or cash with you on Wednesday evening.

There will be a cash bar available.

Entree choices are: New York Steak Halibut, Ribeye Steak or Chicken. These will be served with salad, baked potato, vegetables and dinner rolls.

We will have a Chinese Auction gift exchange.

Each person wishing to participate should bring a wrapped gift (\$15 - \$20 value). It's always fun to see the gifts travel around the room as they are "claimed" by someone after they have been opened by another.



Put the date on your calendar and be sure to bring a spouse, significant other or friend.

All are welcome--
the more the merrier!



January Program

Jessica Cox is the living example of NOTHING is impossible to a willing heart. Jessica suffered a rare birth defect and was born without any arms. None of the prenatal tests her mother took showed there was anything wrong with her. And yet she was born with this rare congenital disease, but also with a great spirit.



The psychology graduate can write, type, drive a car, brush her hair and talk on her phone simply using her feet.

Ms Cox, from Tuscon, Arizona, USA, is also a former dancer and double black belt in Tai Kwon-Do. She has a no-restrictions driving license, she flies planes and she can type 25 words a minute.

Please join us at Peggy's Restaurant on Wednesday, January 12 at 6 p.m. to view a special DVD presentation of this amazing woman.

As usual, guests are always welcome.

Editor's Note

There will be no Flypaper published in January. The next regular issue of The Flypaper will be published in February.

Mat-Su Chapter News

There will be no December meeting of the Mat-Su Chapter.

Members and friends will join the Alaska Chapter 99s for their holiday celebration at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, December 8, at Bella Vista Restaurant in Peters Creek.

Mat-Su Chapter Officers

Chair/Vice Chair: Patty Livingston
746-2919

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Volunteers Needed for Girls Math Conference and Girl Scouts Women of Science & Technology

The Middle School Girls Math Conference is on Saturday January 22, and the Girl Scouts Women of Science & Technology is on Saturday February 5. Volunteers are need to presentation aviation activities. For the Girls Math Conference it would be nice to have a Weight & Balance, navigation or a flight planning exercise that involves math.

Angie Slingluff is looking for volunteers to assist in these two programs. Contact Angie at 337-0253 for more details and to volunteer.

"FINDING AMELIA"

The Discovery Channel 2-hour special on "Finding Amelia" will air at 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 11 (west coast time). The program is based on the research work done by members of The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery (TIGHAR). The 2 hour program will present the evidence of what happened to Amelia and Fred Noonan on their 1937 attempted around the world flight as found by TIGHAR researchers. You can draw your own conclusion from that evidence. If you are at all interested in Amelia Earhart and what happened to her after she disappeared over the Pacific Ocean in 1937, tune in to this program.

Anchorage International Film Festival presents "She Wore Silver Wings"

The Anchorage International Film Festival presents "She Wore Silver Wings" by Devin Scott, an exciting historical account of the WWII WASP pilots. The film is scheduled to be shown at the Out North Theater on Wednesday, December 8, at 5:45 p.m. and Friday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. A complete schedule of all film showings can be found on the main web page for AIFF, at: <http://www.anchoragefilmfestival.org/2010/film/>

She Wore Silver Wings - Run time: 31 min.

In the 1940's flying was still a mans game. But when Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japanese, the military's need for more pilots became essential. That's when young women pilots stepped up to the call. For the first time in the history of the United States, women pilots were recruited to volunteer their services by ferrying fighter planes, test flying new and repaired planes, and towing targets in the air for live artillery practice. Of 25,000 applicants, 1,800 met the strict requirements for military flight school and just over 1,000 made it through training. Though some of these women were wives and mothers, no exceptions were made, they trained like the men yet had to meet higher standards to be eligible. They were

paid less and had no military benefits. No medical insurance and no burial benefits. 38 women died while serving their country in this capacity, yet the WASPs had to take up collections to send their sister's bodies and clothes home. No flags on the coffins, no gold stars in their windows. Many believe that some of these deaths were due to sabotage within the military and although there was hard evidence (rudder lines cut, sand in carburetors and sugar in gas tanks) official investigations were never launched. These women still held true and were dedicated to the cause. Proud and motivated to do what they could to help. Then one sad day, after having flown over 60 million miles, the WASPs were disbanded. It was less than two years into the program. It happened just like that. She Wore Silver Wings tells the whole story from the beginning to the abrupt end, through interviews and memorabilia of WASP, Jean Landis, as well as original photos and footage. It's a subject that is still not well known but in 2009 President Obama signed a bill to award the WASPs The Congressional Gold Medal. On March 10th, 2010 a ceremony was held in Washington D.C. honoring the WASP for their service. There are approximately 300 WASPs living today who are in their late 80's and early 90's.

November 10, 2010 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Prior to the general business meeting Gloria Tomich gave a slide show presentation of her trip to Peru in June with friend, colleague and fellow adventurer, Heidi. Among the various destinations they visited were Machu Picchu – "The Lost City of the Incas", a 15th-century estate of the Inca emperor Pachacut situated on a mountain ridge in south central Peru and Lake Titicaca located on the border of Peru and Bolivia which at 12,500 ft above sea level is the highest commercially navigable lake in the world, also the largest lake in South America. Gloria indicated a willingness to return and act as a tour guide for anyone interested in visiting this area. Her travel suggestions and recommendations were invaluable.

The November general meeting of the AK 99's chapter was called to order at 7:10 PM by Vice Chair Melanie Hancock.

Members and guests were asked to introduce themselves and a membership sign in sheet was passed. There were 9 Alaska Chapter and Mat-Su Chapter members present, 10 guests including Jourdyn Ruggles, a prospective new member starting her flight training.

Announcements: Melanie Hancock brought attention to an obituary for Ginny Hyatt in the Anchorage Daily News today. She was a past member of the AK Chapter 99's, the secretary and board member of the Alaska Air Safety Foundation. In her work at the foundation, Ginny co-hosted "Hangar Flying," a weekly public broadcast television program devoted to aviation in Alaska, with friend Tom Wardleigh, for more than a decade. Memorial Service will be Nov. 13th At St John's United Methodist Church.

Chapter Business:

Christmas Dinner: The annual Christmas dinner/party will be held on Wednesday, Dec 8th at the Bella Restaurant in Peters Creek at 6 p.m. Melanie passed a sign-up sheet soliciting dinner preferences and collecting the \$30 dinner fee which includes a choice of steak, chicken or halibut and a salad and side plus gratuity.

Treasurers Report by Brenda Staats:

No change in or out - the full account presentation will be postponed until the January general meeting.

Secretary Report by Jay Laxson:

The September meeting minutes are posted in the November Fly Paper any corrections or additions will be discussed in the January general meeting.

Flying Companion - Melanie

During the November board meeting a motion was proposed and passed unanimously that the AK Chapter would purchase the computer simulator program to be used on a lap top computer donated by Brenda Staats. The present desk top simulator is difficult to transport and repairs required are difficult and expensive.

Gloria reported that there were 13 attendees at the Flying Companion Seminar held on October 16th.

This is the major income generating, fund raising activity for scholarship money for the AK Chapter and we need to boost attendance for the upcoming spring FCS. An aggressive advertizing strategy and planning session will be held to address this issue.

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Heather will be gone for 2 years and is asking for someone willing to take over editing the web page, posting and updating. Emily Crittenden is willing to assist and possibly assume more responsibility when her school load lightens this spring term.

New Business - Melanie

When Ruth Jefford died we sponsored a day at the museum in her name. Sponsorships cost \$125 per day. Angie proposed that the Alaska Chapter sponsor a day for Margo Cook and Jenny Hyatt. Discussion regarding a specific date and January 19th was proposed because it is the charter date for this chapter. The motion was seconded by Brenda and passed unanimously.

Fly-In's - Patty Livingston

It's not too early to start thinking about destinations for fly-ins next year. There will be another attempt to fly to the Calgary Stampede from July 8th (Friday) through the 17th (Sunday). Three planes have signed up; there are lots of opportunities, activities and options. It's easy to organize a trip - find places to stay and costs and availability of fuel, etc - so consider proposing a destination if there is someplace you've always wanted to visit.

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Engineering Design Challenge - Angie

The 17 of November is the deadline for High School teachers to apply to the [HYPERLINK "http://www.nasarealworldinworld.org/](http://www.nasarealworldinworld.org/)"[NASA Student Engineering Design Challenge](http://www.nasarealworldinworld.org/) - High school students, grades 9-12, working as design teams, solve REAL problems facing current NASA researchers. Face-to-face, in the RealWorld, students explore and build skills essential for successful careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). Students and coaches will receive a million dollars worth of engineering software and the winning state team gets a free trip to Washington D.C Three schools are currently signed up - Highland Tech, Hoonah and Kake.

Other News:

Angie - Jessica Cox's Alaska visit was very successful. Angie has a video tape of her inspirational presentation and will try to bring it for a program at a future meeting.

Angie is also attempting to obtain a copy of The Anchorage International Film Festival DVD "She Wore Silver Wings" for a future showing to 99's.

Patty Livingston - The proposed aviation tax has been removed from the budget plan indefinitely. Many aviation organization members showed up willing to comment or testify at a public hearing during the Assembly Meeting on November 9th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE:

9MM Walther hand gun, like new, price \$600 new. Sell for best offer or possibly trade for a revolver.

Contact Lane Base at 357-1545.

Webmaster Needed

The Alaska Chapter is in need of someone willing to be our webmaster. Heather Hasper has done a great job in getting us set up and updated. The Chapter was awarded the "Best Website" award at the recent Northwest Section Meeting. If you are interested in working on the website and keeping it current, please contact Lani Kile at 696-5453 for more information.

AIRPLANE FOR SALE

1954 Cessna 180, same owner 31 yrs, hangared 25 yrs, O-470-R, 88" prop, on wheels, includes Schneider wheel skis, Transponder with Mode C, VOR with Glideslope, GPS, 4-way intercom, ADF, audio panel, 3560 TT 525 SMOH, good condition, \$75,000.00. Call Patty 907-746-2919.



Women Pilots of Alaska

by Sandi Sumner, author and Honorary Member of the Alaska Chapter of the 99s.

The first biographical history of women pilots in Alaska, this book explores the challenges faced by women as they pursued roles in aviation in the Last Frontier. Beginning in 1927 with Marvel Crosson and reaching to the present day, 37 adventurous and personal tales are included in this "must read". Contact Sandi Sumner at: sandisumner@att.net or Phone: 719-748-8012.