



The Flypaper

The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s
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Notes from the Chair

Punxsutawney Phil may have seen his shadow today....predicting 6 more weeks of winter! But here in Alaska the lengthening daylight (we're up to 5+ minutes a day!) makes it easy to feel that Spring is right around the corner! That means that it is time to start planning to participate in the many great 99's opportunities that benefit the community, and provide us with companionship of like minded aviatrixes.

Inside you'll find information on up-coming events, everything from the Alaska Airmen's Trade Show the first of May to a to Prudhoe Bay (or somewhere up North....it's a work in progress!!) Fly-In in July. Make plans now to join in on as many as you can!!

Don't forget to apply for your "new" plastic pilot's certificate as the paper ones expire on March 31, 2010.

Fly Happy!

Lani



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Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 10, 6 pm
Peggy's Restaurant across from Merrill Field

Program: 2009 Post-Flood Recovery Efforts at Eagle, Tanana & Stevens Village
presented by Robert Forgit,
Alaska Area Manager
for FEMA

Calendar of Events

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| Wed., Feb. 10 | Regular Monthly Meeting |
| Tues., Feb. 16 | Mat-Su Valley Chapter Regular Monthly Meeting |
| Feb. 25 - 27 | 21st Annual Women in Aviation Conference, Orlando, Florida |
| March 1 - 4 | Alaska Air Carriers Association Convention & Trade Show |
| Wed. March 10 | Regular Monthly Meeting |
| Tues., March 16 | Mat-Su Valley Chapter Regular Monthly Meeting |
| <u>March 31</u> | <u>Paper Pilot Certificates Expire</u> |
| May 1 & 2 | Alaska Airmens Conference and Trade Show |
| May 7 - 9 | Valdez May Day Fly-In |
| Sat., June 5 | 10th Annual Kenai Peninsula Air Fair |
| July 24 - 25 | Palmer Event (Short Field Clinic) |
| July 31 - Aug. 1 | Elmendorf Air Force Arctic Thunder |
| July 5 - 9, 2010 | International Conference, Kona, Hawaii |

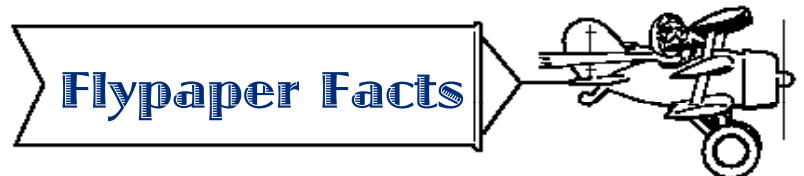


99s Online

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 **March 2010** Flypaper is **March 5, 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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February Program

Robert Forgit, Alaska Area Manager for FEMA Region X, will give a brief summary of the recovery efforts last summer along the Yukon-Kuskokwim River. This joint State/Federal effort included several hundred individuals working together in a race to rebuild the communities of Eagle, Tanana and Stevens Village before the Fall's cold weather moved in.

Robert Forgit is the Alaska Area Manager for FEMA Region X. He is the primary point of contact for FEMA in Alaska and provides immediate emergency management guidance to the State of Alaska for major disasters. Robert also is a Coast Guard Captain in the Reserves and is the Senior Reserve Officer for the 13th Coast Guard District headquartered in Seattle. You may also catch him once and awhile on Channel 2 as a broadcast meteorologist.



The next meeting of the Mat-Su Valley Chapter 99s will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010. Program/meeting plans are not available at this time.

For more information, you may contact Toni Merrigan at 373-6569.

Mat-Su Chapter Officers

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Aviation Medical Services Moves to New Office

Aviation Medical Services, the office of Dr. Petra Illig and her AME partners, has relocated, but is still in the same building on the corner of Spenard and International Airport Rd. in Anchorage. The office moved to to the second floor, Suite # 205. Lake Hood Pilot Shoppe has closed, but the medical practice is open 6 days per week. Phone number for appointments is still 245-4359.

The web site is www.AirSpaceDoc.com. Come by and see the new office!

Alaska and Mat-Su Chapters Announce Scholarships

The Alaska Chapter and Mat-Su Valley Chapter 99s have announced that their scholarship applications are available on-line at:

<http://www.ak99s.org/scholarships.htm>

Three scholarships for a total of \$3500 are being awarded this year: two student pilot scholarships for \$1,000 each and one advanced rating scholarship in the amount of \$1,500.

Scholarship Eligibility

- **Eligibility:** Alaska Chapter 99s and Mat-Su Valley Chapter 99s scholarships are open to female Alaska residents over 16 years of age.
- Applicants for the Private Pilot must have already soloed.

Scholarship Conditions

- The scholarship winner must agree to complete the goal for which the scholarship will be used within 18 calendar months of award. The Scholarship monies will be sent to the recipient's flight school or instructor. If for some reason the Scholarship monies are not used, they will be returned to the awarding 99s chapter.
- The scholarship winner will also be required either to attend a 99's meeting to report on the progress toward her goal, or to submit a written report if unable to attend.

2010 Scholarships applications must be received no later than the 3rd Friday in March, MARCH 19, 2010.

Scholarships will be announced at the April Alaska Chapter 99's meeting and awarded at the May meeting. Meeting dates are the second Wednesday of the month.

Must be Alaska resident!

Paper Pilot Certificates Expire March 31, 2010

At midnight on 3/31/2010 paper pilot certificates will no longer be valid. Pilots must have plastic certificates which can be obtained at www.faa.gov. Pilots need to order a replacement. It's also a good time to remove your social security number if that is your certificate number (that also saves you the \$2 cost). Additionally, since March of '09 the certificate has to have "English Proficient" in the limitations area for it to be valid outside of the U.S. You do get to keep your old certificate as a memento.

To Change your certificate number from your SSN and request a replacement (and get a plastic certificate) go to this website. http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/change_certificate_number/ . To Replace your Airmen Certificate (and get a plastic certificate) go to this website. http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/certificate_replacement/

Coming Aviation Events

Fairbanks "Super Cub Seminar"

Join us **Saturday, February 20** at 8 am, Pioneer Park Theater, 2300 Airport Way, Pioneer Theater, Fairbanks, AK 99707, for a day of Practical Aviation Safety for Alaskans: Accident analysis, Common Cub structural Problems and much more. Featuring Guest Speaker Clyde (The Cub Doctor) Smith - Piper Expert, and FAA Dave Swartz and John Steuernagle.

For more information contact ROBERT WESNER, Phone: (907) 457-9241, robert.f.wesner@faa.gov. Additional Sponsored by FAA FAASTeam, Alaskan Aviation Safety Foundation, Tamarack Air, F. Atlee Dodge Aircraft Services, and Aero Recip.

ACA 2010 Convention & Trade Show, MARCH 1-4, 2010 Hotel Captain Cook, Anchorage

The Alaska **Air Carriers Association Convention is March 1-5**, in Anchorage, at the Captain Cook Hotel.

Volunteers are needed to help as buffet monitors, at the registration booth, as office staff, as speaker assistant, etc. If you are interested in helping out, contact **Kathie Anderson**, kathie@alaskaaircarriers.org and let her know on what days/times would work for you and she will coordinate.

The convention schedule is posted on www.alaskaaircarriers.org.

Coming Aviation Events

THE 2010 ALASKA STATE AVIATION TRADE SHOW AND CONFERENCE

**May 1 - 2, FedEx Maintenance Hangar,
Stevens International Airport**

Over 275, aviation only exhibitors featuring the latest technology, state-of-the-art products, new innovations and comprehensive safety conference.

Indoor & Outdoor Static Displays featuring every type of aircraft - sport, general aviation, vintage, experimental, commercial, corporate and military.

The Alaska State Aviation Trade Show is about flying in Alaska complete with a frontier flair. Discover industry trends. Learn about new products and safety equipment. Enjoy live presentations and demonstrations.

Now in its 13th season, this is Alaska's premier, must-see aviation event with attendance over 21,000 pilots and aviation enthusiasts.

Alaska is the "flyingest" state in the union with more pilots and aircraft per capita than anywhere in the world. The largest aviation trade show in Alaska.

2010 TRADE SHOW SCHEDULE

Saturday May 1st: 0900-1800

Sunday May 2nd: 1000-1700

Valdez May Day Fly-In & Air Show

The Valdez May Day Fly-In & Air show isn't your ordinary Fly-In! Come to Valdez May 7 - 9 and experience the most unique bush plane competition in the Western United States. It is truly the only one of it's kind and it's waiting for you!!!

Some of the activities are Short Field Landings and Take-offs, Flour Bombing Contests and a Poker Run on Saturday morning. Awards are made at the banquet Saturday evening. There are aviation exhibitors and an air show, so please put the dates on your calendar.

Kenai Peninsula Air Fair

The Kenai Peninsula Air Fair is scheduled for Saturday, June 5. The morning begins with registration and an EAA Breakfast at the Soldotna Airport, then off on a poker run, finishing at the Kenai Airport with static displays, a Military Appreciation event and a barbeque. For more information call (907) 283-7951 or (907) 262-4672.

Possible Memorial Day Fly-In to McCarthy

If you are interested in participating in a fly-in to McCarthy Memorial Day Weekend, May 29 and 30, please watch future Flypapers for contact information.

To all Alaska 99s:

You can all be so proud of the opportunities you provide with scholarships for women aspiring to become pilots. The mentoring you give along the way is also invaluable. And, the Flying Companion workshops (which I attended in Anchorage a few years ago), are another way you reach out to the youth. The programs you offer in the schools or through your chapters are educational and inspirational. Who's to know how many young people in Alaska pursued some career in aviation, like my step-son Levi Sumner, who received his aviation management degree at UAA and works at Merrill Field -- I can never remember the name of the air-taxi operator, however!

The reason I had to write a note for the Flypaper is because recently, I went into "Mad Hatter" mode when I received an email announcing the local youth program at The Grange here in Florissant, CO where we are members. The youth program offered knitting, crocheting and needlework classes for girls, and aerodynamics for the boys. All of you know my passion for flying, so I made my feelings known (not in a subtle way) about limiting the girls' participation to home crafts! I suggested people from various careers, including aviation, (and I promised to recruit a female pilot, maybe from the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs), be invited to talk about their choices and their education, to help inspire our youth. At present, the youth program plans at The Grange are being reassessed.

Miss all of you!

Sandi Sumner

Aviator Tour to Germany, June 2010

Do you enjoy traveling but have already seen all the cathedrals and museums? Take a tour to Germany designed by a pilot for pilots. We will actually visit those sights that others see but will enjoy these highlights also:

Attend Berlin Air Show

Go Soaring over the Alps

Meet local pilots

Visit an aviation museum

Travel to: Frankfurt, Berlin, Bayreuth, Munich, and Grassau

If you are not interested in this tour, please give this information to a pilot friend.

For itinerary and price quote reply to: Bertie Duffy, 11761 Laurelcrest Dr., Studio City, CA 91604-3816.

Thank you to Dr. Margaret E. Fisher

Dr. Margaret E. Fisher, a member of the Alaska Chapter, made a bequest to the chapter of \$1,000 from her estate. Margaret was a member of the Alaska Chapter from 1981 through 2002 and she passed away in 2004. She had PhD and JD degrees and was a practicing Psychologist. Her ratings included commercial helicopter and ASEL.

Margaret participated in 99s events in the 1980's and early 1990's and she was remembered to wear jodhpurs to some of the events. She rode with Patty Livingston to the air markings in Nome, 1991 and Dillingham, 1994 and you can see her in the pictures, the smiling blond woman. In her memory the Alaska Chapter will be using her bequest to fund the 2010 Margaret E. Fisher Student Scholarship. The Alaska Chapter appreciates Margaret's contribution to the Ninety-Nines.

Information contributed by Liz Kester, Besty Knobmann, Patty Livingston and compiled by Gloria Tomich.



Margaret at Nome



Margaret at Dillingham



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".

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