



# The Flypaper

The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s  
March 2010



## Notes from the Chair

This issue of the Flypaper is chock full of events and opportunities!

On Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup> join us at the Loussac Library on 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue at 1:00pm where we will learn how to best use the resources available in the Alaska Collection to continue uncovering the amazing stories of Alaska women pilots.

Catch the excitement of the soon to be here summer flying at the Spring Safety Seminar on Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup>. Follow it up at the Alaska Airmen's Trade Show May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> ...an event not to be missed!! Then fly or drive to Valdez for the Fly-In the following weekend of May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Your Alaska Chapter is supporting this event again this year with a Bronze donation.

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Elections are just around the corner, both for your Alaska Chapter, and International. We will be soliciting nominations for officers and board members. At the March meeting there will be information on each position. This is a great opportunity for you to expand your experiences as well as give back to your Chapter. As a newbie in any kind of official capacity, I can assure you that it is very much a group activity, that you will be an important part and that your contribution will be appreciated, but you won't be alone. You will have the support and experiences of other members to rely on. If you would like to give it a try, don't feel shy or awkward...you'll love it!

Plan to attend the March meeting on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> for more information, events, and opportunities!!

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## Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

6 p.m. at Peggy's Restaurant

(across from Merrill Field)

Program: How to Get the Most Out of  
the FAA Alaska Weather Cams

# Calendar of Events

Wed. March 10	Regular Monthly Meeting
Sun., March 14	1 p.m., Loussac Library, learn how to use the Alaska Collection for research
<u>March 31</u>	<u>Paper Pilot Certificates Expire</u>
Sat., April 17	Spring Safety Seminar
May 1 & 2	Alaska Airmens Conference and Trade Show
May 7 - 9	Valdez May Day Fly-In
Sat., May 15	Flying Companion Seminar, UAA Aviation Complex
May 29-30	Tentative Fly-in to McCarthy
Sat., June 5	10th Annual Kenai Peninsula Air Fair
July 5 - 9, 2010	International Conference, Kona, Hawaii
July 24 - 25	Palmer Event (Short Field Clinic)
July 31 - Aug. 1	Elmendorf Air Force Arctic Thunder
July or Aug.	Tentative Fly-In to Prudhoe Bay/Barrow

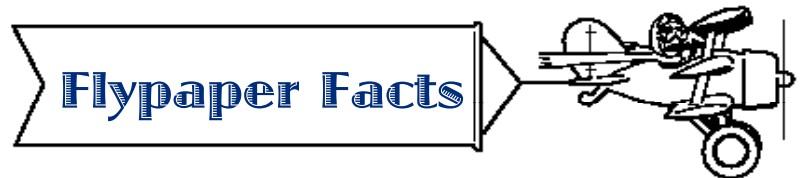


## 99s Online

**Chapter Website** ([www.ak99s.org](http://www.ak99s.org))

**National Website** ([www.ninety-nines.org](http://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](mailto:flyquilt@mtaonline.net). (Ads are placed in The Flypaper for members at no charge.)

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# March Program

## How to Get the Most Out of the FAA Alaska Weather Cameras

The FAA Weather Camera program offers pilots a powerful tool to obtain supplemental weather information from locations across Alaska. Pilots can access this information directly over the internet, at kiosks in selected locations, and by calling Flight Service either via phone or over the radio. This seminar will show you how to get the most out of the website, including some tips for power users, and how to provide feedback to the program. It will also bring you up to date on cameras added in the past year, and discuss the prototype kiosks that have been deployed for evaluation. This presentation will help you get the most out of the system for your preflight and inflight decision making when you fly.

Nancy Schommer has been with the FAA for 15 years. Nancy has worked on the Capstone Program for the past 5 years and is the new Program Manager for Weather Cameras. Nancy's background is in business, planning, and project management. Nancy is a certified project management professional.



No meeting is scheduled for March.

### Mat-Su Chapter Officers

Chair	Toni Merrigan	373-6569
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"If school results were the key to power, girls would be running the world."

Sarah Boseley,  
British Journalist

**WASP - WWII  
CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL CELEBRATION**



**The Women Airforce Service Pilots  
(WASP-WWII), travel to Washington,  
DC to receive the Congressional Gold  
Medal on March 10, 2010**

Please help HONOR THE WASP by supporting this Congressional Gold Medal Celebration with your tax deductible donation. 100% of the funds raised will be used for the cost of the WASP individual medals, the costs of meals, transportation and other logistical support. Your help will go a long way toward making this event successful.

Nearly 70 years have passed since America fought in World War II. In those critical days over a thousand courageous women pilots took to the skies in military aircraft for the United States Army Air Forces to relieve desperately needed male pilots for combat duty. These women pilots paid their own way to enter training, took up a collection to help pay for the expenses of burial when one of their peers was killed, and, when they were disbanded in 1944, they had to pay their own way back home. There were no honors, no benefits, and few thanks.

This is America's opportunity to say thank you to the WASP!

Dear Friends that Get Things Done,

Of timely importance, due to legislation drafted by the first female Thunderbird, Major Nicole Malachowski, the Women Air Service Pilots are being awarded the Medal of Congress, the highest civilian award on March 10, 2010 in Washington, D.C. There is a concerted effort on the part of WAI, military aviators, and women pilots, in particular, to send these women en masse to Washington D.C. receive their just honors.

Please visit the website [www.flygirls.org](http://www.flygirls.org) for more information

As a member of the 99s, I am respectfully requesting each chapter make a small but meaningful donation! I also encourage each of you to share this information with colleagues and friends, as well as the news media...especially if there is a WASP in your local area to support. These women are in their 80s and 90s and a true joy to share in their experiences and honor their commitment.

**Pelosi, Reid, Boehner, McConnell  
to Hold Congressional Gold Medal  
Ceremony to Honor the Women  
Airforce Service Pilots of WWII**

Washington, D.C. - Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, House Republican Leader John Boehner, Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, and Members of Congress will hold a Congressional Gold Medal ceremony on March 10, 2010 in the Capitol to honor the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) of World War II.

The WASP was a pioneering organization of civilian female pilots employed to fly military aircrafts under the direction of the United States Army Air Forces during World War II. More than 60 years ago, they flew fighter, bomber, transport, and training aircraft in defense of America's freedom. Through their actions, the WASP eventually were the catalyst for revolutionary reform in the integration of women pilots into the Armed Services.

Legislation to support the WASP Congressional Gold Medal was co-sponsored by: Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen (R-FL), and Representative Susan Davis (D-CA). On July 1, 2009, President Obama signed this legislation.

"This Congressional Gold Medal honors the remarkable accomplishments, courage, and sacrifice of a distinct group of women in the United States military," said Congresswomen Ros-Lehtinen and Davis, and Senators Hutchison and Mikulski. "The Women Airforce Service Pilots of WWII will be remembered for their dedicated efforts and unwavering service to our country in the fight for freedom."

Pat Bening

## Scholarships Announced

The applications for the Alaska Chapter and Mat-Su Valley Chapter 99s scholarships 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 scholarships for \$1,000 each and one advanced rating scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. The scholarships are open to female Alaska residents over 16 years of age. Applicants for the Student Private Pilot scholarships must already have soloed.

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 99s meeting to report on the progress toward her goal, or to submit a written report if unable to attend.

2010 Scholarship applications must be received no later than the 3rd Friday in March (March 19, 2010).

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

### 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](http://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/](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/](http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/certificate_replacement/)



## Special NOTAM for Alaska's Ninety-Nines Chapters

You should have or should be receiving your 2010 Ninety-Nines Official Ballot in the mail. Usually most of us just bless the proposed candidates or throw our ballots away with the thinking that, "I don't know these women and it doesn't affect me". The Alaska Chapter with input from the Mat-Su Valley Chapter is suggesting that you don't do that this year and that you do vote and do consider taking the time to write in some able candidates who are willing to take on the tasks of leadership.

**There is a members movement underway to enhance The Ninety-Nines, Inc. by electing some forward looking women who want to do some strategic planning to enhance and update the organization.** (At the 2008 Ninety-Nines International Conference, held here in Anchorage, we, and hopefully that included you, had the opportunity to become acquainted with many of these women as well as the existing leadership at the time.)

Some of you may be aware of or participate in the active "grass roots" e-mail discussions about the organization. The e-mail discussions are coordinated by Laura Smith of the Bay Cities Chapter. There have been many issues, perceived problems and proposed solutions discussed via e-mail concerning the organizational status quo by members and past members geographically through out the organization.

The discussion has produced a list of suggested candidates for us to consider for both on-the-ballot candidates and for write-in candidates who come from diverse regions of the US and Canada. If only a few individuals write in a candidate or two that they personally feel would be an effective leader, the votes will be scattered among many. If we follow the suggested write-in names (below), there is a larger chance of success; Perhaps not to actually elect one of the write-ins but to at least send a message to the existing leadership that the body of the membership sees need for some changes in the organization to update it. Whatever your choices, remember the return envelope must be postmarked by May 1, 2010 or the ballot will not be counted.

President:

Write-in Donna Moore

Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum Trustee:

Candidate Janet Yoder

Vice President:

Write-in Joy Parker Blackwood

Nominating Committee:

Candidate Sandra Hawkins

Write-in Ann Kieffer

Secretary:

Write-in Elaine Morrow

Write-in Dorothy Pooley

Write-in Leila Baroody

Write-in Jennifer Graham

Treasurer:

Write-in Marilyn Patierno

Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund

Trustee:

Write-in Marina Saettone

Directors:

Write-in Tamra Sheffman

Write-in Gretchen Jahn

Endowment Fund Trustees:

Candidate Andrea Chay

Write-in Malinda Caywood

Write-in Laurie Reeves

Museum of Women Pilots Trustees:

Candidate Jennifer Cress

# 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

## *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.

## *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.

## *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.

## *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

Please pass this information on to a pilot friend. For itinerary and price quote reply to:

Bertie Duffy, 11761 Laurelcrest Dr., Studio City, CA 91604-3816.

## An Insider's View of the Olympic Luge Track

Since graduating from UAA in 2005 with degrees in aviation and journalism, Michelle Bartleman has traded gymnastics and track -- the sports she competed in for the Seawolves -- for the fast track. She's the seventh-ranked women's skeleton racer in Canada and her goal is to make the 2014 Winter Olympics team. We asked Bartleman about the high-speed track at Whistler, which made news at the start of the Olympics when a Georgian luger skidded off the track and was killed. Bartleman, who has made some 150 runs down the track, was there when the fatal accident happened. Here are some of her thoughts:

"Ask any slider -- bobsleigh, skeleton or luge -- and they will tell you things do not come out of the track. Ever. The mere thought of this is almost beyond comprehension, because it simply does not happen.

"Obviously, it would be completely inappropriate to put the blame wholly on the Georgian luger, as there was a multitude of contributing factors that converged in a completely unprecedented way, including low experience, driving errors and a purely unpredictable combination of physical factors, such as trajectory, steering forces, G-forces and equipment reaction, to lead to what can only be described as a tragic ending.

"Some people have asked how this event has affected me. The plain truth is that, as an athlete, it has very little. This is not to say that it does not affect me on a

human level. I was there at the track when it happened -- no one walks away from such circumstances unaffected.

"However, my reaction as a slider must take reason into consideration, or my career would effectually come to a halt.

"First, luge and skeleton are very different sports with very different dynamics. Some of the factors contributing to the luge accident likely wouldn't happen on a skeleton sled.

"Second, and most notably for me, is that I have confidence in myself, in my training and in my skills as a skeleton athlete. I come from one of the top nations in my sport, with a proficient development program and world-class coaching.

"If this had been an accident involving the mistake or malfunction of another person or system, such as a track worker on the ice, a misplaced barrier or a clearance security breach, then its effect on me would have been vastly different. Those are situations where my trust is placed in someone else, and where the circumstances are beyond my control. However, I have progressed through my sport in a calculated and concentrated way, and when I stand on the starting block, I am not scared. There was a time when I was, and that was not a time in my career when I would have, or even could have, faced the Whistler track."

### REQUEST FROM VISITING 99

Now that I've finally got my summer job in Alaska squared away with [Wrangell Mountain Air](#) out of McCarthy, I'm currently looking for a reliable small plane in which to build hours on my days off. You will probably recall that I am currently a student pilot (trained on a 172, with about 30 hours solo and 90 hours dual time) but plan to have my PPL before heading north in May.

I have gotten some wonderful advice from various 99s up there and am now wondering if any of you might have a lead or suggestion as to where I could find a Cessna 150/152 to lease for 4 or 5 months (May through September)? I currently have renter's insurance

with AOPA and will make sure I have a valid policy for leasing in Alaska (or be added to an already existing policy and share the costs)

As always, I am grateful for any input--it's great to hear from you remarkable women who fly in the most spectacular area of the continent! And YES, I am still planning to come up in March. I'll probably be in ANC Mar 12-14 and the Mar 19-21 or something like that.

Thanks very much,  
Ali Morse, Silverton, CO  
970-903-1701



# Items of Interest . . . .

## Update from Sandi Sumner . . .

After five years, it's time to update my book, "Women Pilots of Alaska". If you know someone who has an interesting Alaska aviation history, or is working as a pilot now, who should be included, please feel free to pass on my contact information: [sandisumner@att.net](mailto:sandisumner@att.net) phone in Colorado is 719-748-8012 (website: [www.sandisumner.com](http://www.sandisumner.com)) I plan to be in Alaska for the Airmen's Expo in May, and hope to meet more women pilots during my two week stay. At the Expo, you can find me helping out at the 99s' booth.

*Alaska Women's Hall of Fame*  
celebrating the women who shape alaska

*You are invited to join us for the Alaska  
Women's Hall of Fame 2010 Induction  
Ceremony on Friday, March 5, 2010  
at the BP Energy Center.*

*Doors open at 5:30 p.m.*

*Ceremony begins at 6:00 p.m.*

*Admission free (donations welcome)*

*Refreshments will be served.*



## 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](mailto:sandisumner@att.net)  
or Phone: 719-748-8012

## 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](http://www.AirSpaceDoc.com).  
Come by and see the new office!

## WOMEN IN AVIATION CONFERENCE - 2010

I have spent the last 3 days at the Women in Aviation International conference in Orlando (WAI). Almost 3000 attendees, very strong military presence and many, many young women. Although, interestingly enough, the number of mid and senior ranking women military participants really drives home how far we have come...they are no longer "firsts" or even the "first 100" women aviators in the military are just an accepted way of life. I guess we have to thank Mr. Clinton for the enabling legislation.

I wore my 99s bracelet that Dorothy Fowler gave me, it will always remind me of the support I have had from women friends and the need to pass that gift along! The conference awarded almost \$700,000 in scholarships, type ratings, etc.

Below are a few photos taken at the Conference. The older woman is the much renowned Wally Funk. She is an icon of sorts, was one of the original "Mercury 13" women that were tested for the astronaut program along with Gene Nora Jessen, many hours, flew for the FAA and eventually an accident investigator for the NTSB. Teaches, mentors, and trained with the Russian cosmonauts. Still hopes to be the first woman civilian in space and is currently working with a group out in Mohave.

Love, Pat



Angie Slingsluff, Pat Bening and Audrey Cole Ricks



Wally Funk and Audrey Cole Ricks



Wally Funk and Pat Bening

## MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 13, 2010 MEETING OF THE ALASKA CHAPTER 99S

The January meeting of the AK 99's chapter was called to order at 6PM by Melanie Hancock, Vice Chair standing in for Chair Lani Kyle.

As a means of introduction, everyone present was asked to answer one or both of the following questions: Do you have a program topic for a future meeting or do you have a suggestion for a "fly-in" destination this summer? Eight 99's and six guests were present. Suggestions for fly-ins included: Prudoe Bay/Deadhorse, air-marking in Tok & Dawson, McCarthy, Skagway and Glacier Bay.

Program recommendations: Dan Carey - rebuilding airplanes in Alaska and a speaker from the NTSB.

Treasurers report by Brenda Staats. We have 2 CD's - \$15,000 and \$5,000, there is a balance of \$15,293 in our checking account and the museum saving's account balance is \$833.81 after museum donations and expenses. The museum saving account was opened to facilitate separate accounting for funds designated to the museum fund. Brenda Staats recommended this could be more easily accomplished by using a "line item" accounting procedure in the checking account. There was a discussion regarding the merits of this method, after which Angie moved to close the museum savings account and move the funds to the general checking account. The motion was seconded by Gloria and passed by unanimous voice vote.

A fascinating program about flying C130's in Africa for SAF Air delivering items for the U.N. was presented by ATP, Allison Moore. She described adventures - the exciting and frightening ones, showed slides and answered questions.

Helen Jones reported the Alaska Chapter and Mat-Su Chapter Scholarship application deadline is March 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are two \$1,000 student private pilot scholarships offered by the Alaska Chapter and the Mat-Su Valley Chapter. In addition the Alaska Chapter will be offering a \$1,500 advanced rating scholarship.

Melanie is soliciting articles to be included in the February newsletter - the deadline for submission is Feb 2nd.

There were no minutes from the December Christmas Dinner meeting. A brief meeting was called to order to vote on six proposed amendments to the International By-Laws that had been distributed to members during the November meeting. A unanimous approval by quorum of members in support for the amendments was documented and submitted as required. Gloria reports that the status of our submission is unknown at this time.

New Business - Events and Dates:

- The Alaska Airmen's Trade Show is May 1<sup>st</sup>
- The Valdez Fly In will be May 8th
- Kenai airmarking will be the following weekend of May 15<sup>th</sup>
- The Flying Companion Seminar to be scheduled - Gloria will follow up with date and location.
- The "Palmer air event" will be July 24th
- The International Convention is in Kona, Hawaii July 5-9.
- Northwest Section Meeting in 2011 will be held in Vancouver, BC

Angie reported that the girl Scouts - "Women in Technology" education seminar will be held on Feb 6<sup>th</sup> at UAA. Volunteers are needed to assist teaching the fundamentals of flight to this young group of potential future flyers - "girls with wings" program.

Melanie mentioned the notice from FAA regarding the decommission of the NDB at Fire Island.

At 19:40 Gloria moved that the meeting be adjourned and the motion was seconded by Brenda and Melanie.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jay Laxson, Secretary

## MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2010 MEETING OF THE ALASKA CHAPTER 99S

The February general meeting of the AK 99's chapter was called to order at 6:08 pm by Chair, Lani Kile.

Each member and guest introduced themselves with a comment about their favorite airplane. Most indicated it is the plane they are flying presently, but a few interesting comments: "I'd like to build a kit-plane", "a C-130 because it has a galley and I can sit back and have a cup of coffee", "a helicopter is my present passion" and several members mentioned "Beavers" for their all around capabilities for Alaskan adventures. There were 13 members present, two guests and our speaker for the evening's program.

### Chapter Program:

Robert Forgit is the Alaska Area Manager for FEMA Region X. He spoke enthusiastically about his experience with the rescue and recovery efforts in Eagle, Tanana and Stevens Village. His primary message was that individuals then communities are critical and must be aware and prepared as they are the first responders in any event/disaster. As assessments are made regarding extent and need for greater assistance by the Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management a recommendation whether to declare a state disaster designation is determined. FEMA will be consulted at the invitation of the state to assist in evaluating the need for Federal aid and the governor can request a "Federal Declaration" from the president if state resources are not sufficient. Cooperation among the different agencies during the 2009 Ice Flood Jams was enhanced by the ICS (Incident Command System) utilized by all agencies and departments involved.

### Chapter Business:

The NW section news letter "Fancy Props" will be linked to the AK Chapter 99's web site.

Minutes from the Alaska Chapter BOD meeting were approved as submitted.

Angie Slingluff moved that the minutes from the January 13<sup>th</sup> general meeting be approved as submitted and the move was seconded by Gloria and approved by voice vote.

Education Outreach Program of the ASF taped Angie for a session of Hanger Flying (Channel 7), this will be aired on Friday March 5<sup>th</sup> 12:30-5:30

Gloria reported that the spring Flying Companion Seminar has not been scheduled yet. The preference is to hold it in the UAA Aviation Complex. Lani will check on availability of dates, rooms and associated fees.

Lani had packets at the meeting with information that has been gathered, names of women that need to be looked up, and basic guidelines for "biographies project".

Gloria and Mio talked about scholarship applications that have been sent out in both hard copy and electronically.

There was a sign up sheet for volunteers to help at the Alaska Air Carriers 44th Annual Conference and Trade Show.

There was also discussion on a 491/2 installation in April or at the summer picnic/potluck.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jay Laxson, Secretary