



The Flypaper

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Notes from the Chair

The October 16th Flying Companion Seminar was a great success! A big THANK YOU to all who made that success possible by contributing your time and presence! Look inside to see some of the great responses we got from the participants. Is there someone you would like to encourage in aviation.....???? Think about inviting them to the next FCS in the Spring of 2011.

This past month has been a busy one, with lots of activities in the aviation community. October 29th saw the Aviation Safety Seminar which featured the Alaska Air Carriers and Medallion Safety Dinner and Awards.

The Alaska Airmen Association brought the opportunity to hear an extremely motivating speaker, when they sponsored Jessica Cox's visit to Alaska as part of their youth outreach. I hope you all had the opportunity to hear this extremely determined pilot speak at one of her many appearances in Anchorage. And if you were one of the many who sponsored a table that made it possible for Anchorage students to attend her dinner at the Lucy Cuddy Center...THANK YOU!

Even if your active flying is curtailed in the winter you can still participate in the numerous aviation related activities that abound year round!

Have a great November!

Lani

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Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 10, 2010

6 p.m. at Peggy's Airport Restaurant

at Merrill Field

Program:

Destination Machu Picchu and Lake

Titicaca, presented by Gloria Tomich

(more info & photos on page 3)

Calendar of Events

Tues., Nov. 9	<u>Public Hearing, Municipal Aircraft Tax Proposed to Double</u>
Wed., Nov. 10	Regular Monthly Meeting
Tues., Nov. 16	Mat-Su Regular Monthly Meeting
Thur., Nov. 25	Happy Thanksgiving
Wed. Dec. 8	Annual Christmas Dinner/Party, Bella Vista Restaurant, Peters Creek
Sat., Dec. 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!
Sat., Jan. 1	Happy New Year!
Wed., Jan. 12	Regular Monthly Meeting
July, 2011	International 99s Conference, Oklahoma City, OK

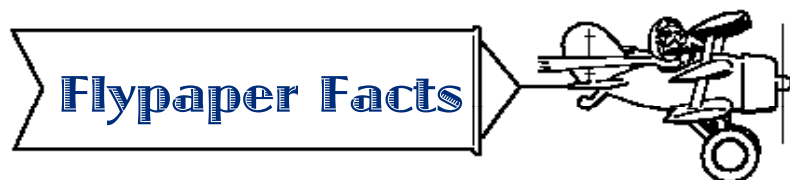


99s Online

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 **Dec. 2010** Flypaper is **Dec. 2, 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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Committees need volunteers.

November Program

Destination Machu Picchu and Lake Titicaca

Presented by Gloria Tomich

On my bucket list for a very long time was a journey to Peru to see the Inca ruins at Machu Picchu. A colleague of mine, Heidi, said she would go with me and we decided since we would be traveling a very long distance, we should also journey to Lake Titicaca in Bolivia, the highest lake in the world. As expected Machu Picchu was the highlight of the trip with its unforgettable views that could captivate you for hours. In addition to many other sites, on June 24 we attended Inti Raymi, the annual "Festival of the Sun", a very interesting cultural experience. I invite you to join me in revisiting some of the wonderful sites from this trip.



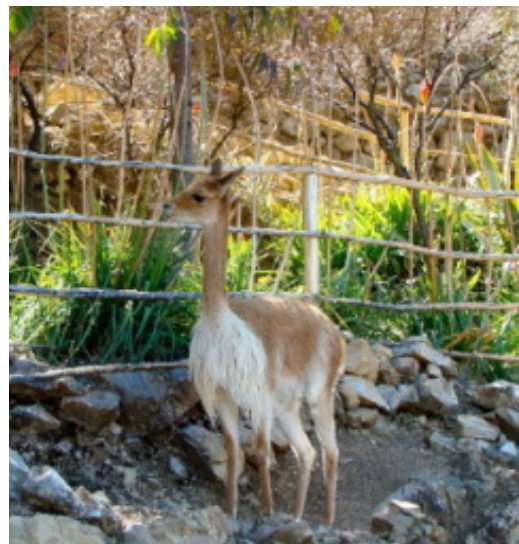
Mat-Su Chapter News

The November Mat-Su Valley Chapter meeting will be a social. The meeting will be at the Coffee Shop in the Valley Hotel in Palmer on Tuesday, 11/16, 6:30 p.m. It will be just a social time. Folks can have a full meal, dessert, or just coffee.

Mat-Su Chapter Officers

Chair/Vice Chair: Patty Livingston
746-2919

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373-6569



NOTAM...

The Alaska Airmen's Association and AOPA are working together to fight the proposed new tax increase on aircraft registration within the Municipality of Anchorage. The proposed Ordinance No. AO 2010-81 that doubles the current aircraft registration tax will be introduced at the Regular Anchorage Assembly Meeting tomorrow along with the proposed budget for 2011. The public hearing will be on November 9th, where the general public will have an opportunity to voice their concerns.

We encourage all pilots to participate at the hearing on November 9th and after a more thorough review of the proposed ordinance and the proposed budget, the Alaska Airmen's Association and AOPA will provide an analysis and discussion points for the hearing.

Please look for a future e-mail from the Alaska Airmen's Association and us on this issue.

-AOPA Government Affairs

Book Review

Penelope Pilot on Her First Day as Captain by Lynda Meeks

Reviewed by Angie Slingluff

Lynda Meeks, founder of Girls With Wings, has published a wonderful book to inspire young girls that they, too, can be pilots. Penelope has always dreamed of being a pilot. Today she is so excited to fly for the first time as the Captain of an airplane. Follow along as she gets ready for takeoff!

Penelope is a commercial airline pilot and the leader of the Girls With Wings™ club with characters representing the primary areas of aviation. She will be introducing us to the rest of the Girls With Wings club members in an upcoming series of books!

She loves to fly, and wants to share her enthusiasm for aviation with girls around the world. The Penelope Pilot Project has been formed to encourage more girls to have an interest in aviation and aviation careers. Visit www.girlswithwings.com to order your daughter or granddaughter, niece or nephew a Penelope Pilot book.

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's about learning to dance in the rain.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER/PARTY

Please plan to join us on Wednesday, December 8,
at 6 p.m. at Bella Vista Restaurant in Peters Creek for our
Annual Christmas Dinner/Party.

Entree choices are New York Steak, Halibut, Ribeye Steak or Chicken. This will
be served with salad, baked potato and a vegetable. The price per person is \$30
(including gratuity). Please make your checks payable to the Alaska 99s.

The deadline for reservations, entree selections and
payment 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,
or by signing up at the November meeting.

As we have done in past years, there will be a Chinese Auction. 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!



CLASSIFIEDS

Searching for a Webmaster . . .

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.

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.



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.

September 8, 2010 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

The September general meeting of the AK 99's chapter was called to order at 6:10 pm by Chapter Vice Chair, Melanie Hancock.

There were 7 members present; Jamie Patterson, a flight instructor teaching at UAA attended as a prospective member. Guest, Bill Laxson.

Chapter Business:

The August 11th general meeting was a hanger party hosted by Margaret Ibbotson and Dean Rickerson. No business was conducted and minutes were not recorded.

Treasurers Report by Brenda Staats: Operating Account (checking account) balance is: \$17,896.96. We have one 1 year CD for \$15,000 - (North Rim CD), interest accrued is \$34.81. The CD for \$5,000, interest accrued is \$2.76 (Brenda - minutes from the April 14th meeting indicate this was moved into a checking account for better interest rates)

ACE academy funds were deposited and withdrawn for expenses.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine Committee by Jean White: Sympathy card was sent to Steven's family after Senator Ted Steven's death in the recent plane crash. She also sent a card to Terry, the pilot's family.

Margo is pretty weak, minimal talking - "yes or no"

Pat Keller is taking care of her mom who has Alzheimer's Disease.

Flying Companion Seminar October 16th - Melanie: To be held at the UAA aviation complex, the rooms have been reserved. Help needed posting flyers. Signed up to assist: Gloria, Lani, Melanie, Mio, Patty, Gayle, Jami; any members welcome to observe and can assist in set-up, help

with navigation, lunch preparations. The discussion about Lap top computer simulators vs repair of flight simulators or purchase of new simulators is continuing.

Old Business:

The Aviation North Expo in Fairbanks scheduled for October has been cancelled due to financial reasons. A link on the web page to a survey soliciting comments and suggestions.

Christmas Dinner - Melanie: Plans being made for this years event. Bella Vista Restaurant has a large meeting room upstairs that is convenient for Mat-Su members. Reasonable fees and menu options make this a favorable location, but other suggestions are welcome.

New Business "Walk-in Items" - Angie: Su-Valley High School is starting their "build-a-plane" course this fall. They are also starting to teach a science elective course in Aviation. They are looking for any instruction books or manuals for the aviation library. Volunteers are being solicited for donations to the library .

International Aviation Art Contest open for students ages 6 - 17 (web site: www.aviationartcontest.org) Last year 2 schools, 5 kids submitted pictures from Alaska. The Theme this year is: 50 years of human space flight. This event is sponsored by Embry Riddle.

Engineering Design Challenge for High School Kids - Friday Sept 17th. Information from the web site (internationaldesignchallenge.org) states the objective: The Engineering Design Challenges are organized around the challenges faced by NASA engineers in developing the next generation of space vehicles, habitats and technology. Each challenge engages students in a classroom activity that leads them through the design, testing, and evaluation process used by engineers in developing new technology.

Sept. 8, 2010 Meeting Minutes, cont.

Inspirational speaker - Jessica Cox, will be visiting Alaska on the invitation of the Alaska Airman's Association in November. She is recreational pilot of an Aerocoupe and has accomplished amazing feats in spite of being born without arms. She will be speaking in schools around Alaska. Google Jessica Cox for more information and videos.

Girls with Wings - is a program that encourages girls to consider careers in aviation; to become pilots, instructors, mechanics, air traffic controllers, etc. Penelope Pilot and her First Day as Captain by Lynda Meeks. Mio suggested we obtain a copy for the trade show, Brenda proposed that the Alaska Chapter by several of the books and donate them to schools. Cost is \$15.95 for the book, available through the Girls with Wings web site.

September Program by Angie: Trip to China - inspired by invitations to visit from international business groups and Warm Showers (long distance biking group). Angie showed slides of her fourteen days in China with Linda visiting Old Shanghai, Beijing, The Olympic Center, Tienanmen Square, markets, gardens, a silk factory and participated in a cooking class as well as a hike/climb of the famous Great Wall. An incredible inspiring presentation with awesome pictures. Thank You, Angie! (Post script: Bonnie Murphy - Fitness Coach, got Angie in shape to do her China visit and climb of The Great Wall. Link to more photos and her travel blog at: <http://www.travelpod.com/travel-blog/akwoman59/tpod.html>)

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Laxson, Secretary

Bumper sticker spotted on woman's car:
Coffee, chocolate, men.....
some things are just better rich.

Flying Companion Seminar

Although this was not a large class, it was a good one. We thought it would be interesting to share some of the comments received from the attendees.

Why are you attending?

- at a friend/spouse request (3)
- interested in becoming a pilot--maybe (1+)
- to be a more helpful passenger (8)
- to learn emergency procedures (10)
- ease fear of flying (4)
- be a more comfortable passenger (5)
- general knowledge of small craft flying (1)

What subject was the most valuable to you?

- landing in simulator & radio scenarios
- simulators, radios, safety, all parts
- radio practice
- everything, work in simulator
- all of it was great. I think the emergency procedures was the most valuable.
- navigation
- instruments
aviate, navigate, communicate" knowing what to concentrate on in an emergency situation and having the basic knowledge to do it myself
- all, especially instruments, emergency plan
- all, felt lucky to use the "fancy" simulator of UAA
- basic controls and simulator

Other comments:

- This is a wonderful class. I was never bored, even the second time around.
- Excellent class! Thank you.
- Outstanding workshop!
- Super, thanks so much!
- Thank you for providing this seminar.