



# The Flypaper

The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s  
October 2010



## Notes from the Chair

The Alaska Chapter has received the "Best Website" award at the recent Northwest Section meeting in Boise. There are 21 Chapters in the Northwest Section, of which 7 have active websites, but it was Alaska's website that won hands-down. Mary Cooke, the Northwest Section Webmaster, specifically sighted our on-line history and pictures, and loved the information about flying to Alaska, and on the other Chapters in Alaska. A big "Thank You" to everyone who has been a part of this success!!

This kind of accolades makes you want to continue....so we're asking for your help keeping the website updated with fresh and interesting information and pictures....and hope that someone will step up and take on the role as Webmaster of the Best Website in the Northwest Section of the 99s. Contact any Board member and let your interests be known.

Until later...fly friendly....

*Lani*

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## Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 13, 2010

6 p.m. at Peggy's Airport Restaurant

at Merrill Field

Program: "The NTSB in Alaska"

presented by Clint Johnson

# Calendar of Events

Mon., Oct. 4	Alaska Chapter Board Meeting, Stewart Title, 5:30 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 13	Regular Monthly Meeting
Tues., Oct. 19	Mat-Su Chapter Regular Monthly Meeting
Oct. 28	Fall Board Meeting, Oklahoma City, OK
Wed., Nov. 10	Regular Monthly Meeting
Tues., Nov. 16	Mat-Su Regular Monthly Meeting
Wed. Dec. 8	Annual Christmas Dinner/Party, Bella Vista Restaurant, Peters Creek
July, 2011	International 99s Conference, Oklahoma City, OK

## Alaska Chapter 99s Officers

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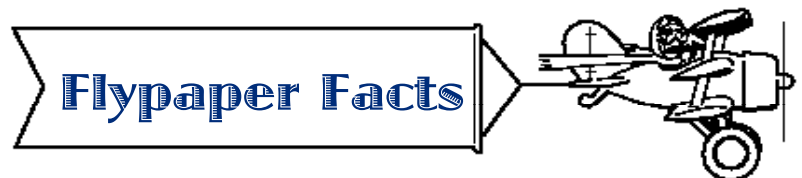
Fly-Ins, Airmarking & Publicity Committees need volunteers.

## 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 **Nov. 2010** Flypaper is **Nov. 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](mailto:flyquilt@mtaonline.net). (Ads are placed in The Flypaper for members at no charge.)

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## October Program

Our program for October, The NTSB in Alaska, will be presented by Clint Johnson.

Mr. Johnson is a Senior Air Safety Investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board's Office of Aviation Safety, and he has served in that position for the past thirteen years. He is currently assigned to the Safety Board's Alaska Regional Office located in Anchorage, Alaska.

As an NTSB Air Safety Investigator, Mr. Johnson has served as the NTSB Investigator-in-Charge over 450 aviation accidents, not only in Alaska, but nationwide and internationally, many times in remote and challenging locations.

Prior to this appointment to the Safety Board, Mr. Johnson spent 13 years with Alaska Helicopters, Inc., Anchorage, Alaska, a subsidiary of Columbia Helicopters, Inc., Portland, Oregon, and held various management positions while with that firm. He has operated helicopters in remote parts of Alaska in support of oil and gas exploration, fire fighting, remote logistical support, and tourism ventures.

Mr. Johnson is a longtime resident of Alaska and a graduate of the University of Alaska, where he earned a degree in Aviation Administration. He and his wife Julie live in Anchorage. They have two children, Zac, 25, and Jessica, 23.

Please plan to join us at Peggy's Airport Restaurant on Wednesday, October 13, at 6 p.m.



The next Mat-Su meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 19, 6:30 p.m. at Patty Livingston's hangar, Wolf Lake Airport [4AK6], 4890 N. Phantom Place. For more information, contact Patty at 746-2919.

### Mat-Su Chapter Officers

**Chair/Vice Chair:** Patty Livingston  
746-2919

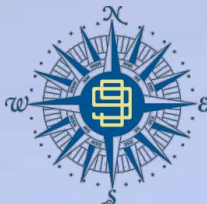
**Secretary/Treasurer:** Toni Merrigan  
373-6569

## 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.

# Flying Companion Seminar

There are still spaces available for this seminar. If you know someone who is interested in attending, but has not yet signed up, please have them contact Gloria Tomich (279-1560) or Patty Livingston (746-2919) to register. The \$99 fee may be paid at the door, but participants must register before Saturday, October 16.



*The Ninety-Nines, Inc*  
*International Organization of Women Pilots*

\*\*\* *Fall* \*\*\*

## *Flying Companion Seminar*

**When:** **Saturday, October 16, 2010 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Where:** **UAA Aviation Technology Building  
 Merrill Field, Anchorage, AK**

**Course fee:** **\$99 includes continental breakfast, lunch, aircraft simulator exercise, radio exercise, and all supplies**

**Presented by Alaska Chapter and Mat-Su Valley Chapter 99s**

This seminar is designed for the spouse, friend, or frequent passenger who would like to learn more about flying to make them a more comfortable, helpful passenger, especially in an emergency situation.

Participants will receive instruction in the following areas: basic navigation and navigation instruments, basic flight controls, use of aircraft radios and terminology, emergency procedures and survival. In addition participants will receive hands-on experience with a flight simulator and hand-held radios.

All instructors are licensed local women pilots with both instructional and flying experience. A Certificate of Completion will be presented at the end of the course.

\*\*\* **PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** \*\*\*

\*\*\* *Seating is limited to 30 participants* \*\*\*

**TO HOLD YOUR RESERVATION ---- (Please register by October 11th)**

**Mail registration slip AND check (payable to Alaska99s) to:**

**Alaska 99s, PO Box 91962, Anchorage, AK 99509**

(There will be a \$15 cancelation fee.)

**For more information call: Gloria Tomich, 907-279-1560 or Patty Livingston, 907-746-2919**

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 Yes, I want to register for the Flying Companion Seminar to be held on October 16, 2010.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Day/Evening

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I heard about the seminar from: \_\_\_\_\_



# New Horizons



Charter member of the Alaska Chapter 99s, World War II pilot and longtime Anchorage resident Margaret Anne Cook flew on to New Horizons Sept. 18, 2010, at the age of 92, after a life that embraced friends, family and adventure in equal measure. Margo died at home, surrounded by family and friends.

Margo was born June 23, 1918, in San Antonio, Texas, to Dr. Ernest Dale Cook and Julia Yost Cook. Her family moved to the Los Angeles area in 1925. After graduating from Occidental College in 1939, she began her teaching career. She came to Alaska 57 years ago to work as a teacher and then counselor at Anchorage high schools until her retirement in 1982.



Margo in Dec., 1943 at Stinson Aircraft, Wayne, MI



Always up for challenges, she also began learning to fly. As soon as the Women's Air Service Pilots (WASPs) was organized to help in the war effort, she joined. An ear injury forced her to leave the WASPs, so she joined Stinson Aircraft Corp. as a test pilot. After the war, she continued flying for Stinson and also did stunt flying for movies.

While working for Stinson, she landed an L-5 at an unfamiliar field. Since she was in a military aircraft, she had to wait for clearance to take off again. Stinson receive a call and confirmed that "Cookie" Cook was indeed authorized to fly the L-5. When she returned to base, the crew met her with a sign saying "Property of Stinson Aircraft. If found, please return to Wayne, Michigan,"

In 1953 Margo decided to come to Alaska. She worked for the Anchorage School District, taught college classes at Alaska Pacific University and continued flying in her new adopted state. She had a lifelong love of travel and, with her late friend Merritt C. (Ole) Olson, led many tours, collecting wonderful photos and souvenirs from all over the world.

She was a charter member of the Alaska 99s and was also active in the WASP, the Pioneers of Alaska, the Retired Teachers Association, the Salvation Army, APU President's Forum, PEO Chapter K, First Presbyterian Church and the Alaska Republican Party.

Margo was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Mary Elizabeth Merriam; and her fiance, Lt. John Hutchinson, killed during World War II.

She is survived by her nieces, Julie Dalrymple (Mark) and Alison Wells (John Marvin); her great-nephew, Connor Wells Marvin; her adopted sister, Leah Hoffman; and a host of friends, all of whom will miss Margo's indomitable spirit, sense of adventure, and fun.

Blue Skies, Margo.



## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER/PARTY

The Christmas Dinner/Party will be held at Bella Vista Restaurant in Peters Creek on Wednesday, December 8, at 6 p.m.

Attendees will have a choice of entrees (New York Steak, Halibut, Ribeye Steak or Chicken) served with salad, baked potato and a vegetable. The price per person is \$30 (including gratuity). Checks should be made 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 after October 27, or by signing up at the October or November meetings.

As has become our custom, we will have a Chinese Auction. Those 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 friend!

## Employment Opportunity

If you know anyone in the aviation industry interested in becoming part of the DoD's (ARMY's) Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) community, our company has several openings for (will train) operators, instructors, and maintenance personnel. This is a great opportunity to become involved in another phase of aviation which is playing a big part in where aviation is going in the future. Of course, it would require re-locating to sunny Arizona and leaving the beautiful state of Alaska behind which is never an easy thing to do, I know; but being on the leading edge of the most advanced aviation technology of our day is very exciting.

Interested: send a current resume to the point of contact below or to me, and I will make sure it gets to the right people. Please act quickly!!!

The primary need will be Maintenance instructors for Shadow (up to 50) Basic Electronics and Basic Aviation Skills instructors (up to 24).

### Point of Contact:

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General Dynamics Information Technology  
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### 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*

### GYROCOPTER FOR SALE

Newly built gyrocopter constructed by an A & M mechanic. Has flown one time. Needs an engine and a front wheel. Included is its own hangar and trailer for easy transport. Contact Elaine Base 375-1545.

## *Won't You Ride in My Little Red Wagon . . . . .*

Fred Keller and Judy Foster (Mat-Su Valley Chapter 99) have been working on a special project for 11 months. In August of this year they finished a great piece of whimsy, a Radio Flyer car. What a great retirement project!

The base of the wagon is a 1976 Mazda pickup truck that Foster inherited from her dad. The vehicle turns heads everywhere they go.

"I think the words I hear the most often is 'awesome' or 'cool' or people go by and give us a 'hi' sign," Foster said.

The wheels are made from hub caps and detergent bottles, and the steering wheel is the actual wheel from a wagon. The handle rises eight feet high.

So, if you see a really BIG red wagon on the streets, be sure to smile and wave.

