



# The Flypaper

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## *Anecdotes from Angie*

This year I had to get a waiver for my aviation medical because of a medication I take. Hopefully it will be simply a paperwork thing in the future to keep my medical. If I had been more aware of my medications, maybe I would not have been surprised, or I could have asked my provider to for something different.

Come to our November meeting and learn more about the mysteries of aviation medicine from Dr. Petra Illig. You have an opportunity to find answers to your questions. Should be very interesting.

See you there!

*Angie*

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## **NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday,  
Nov. 9, 2011, 6:00 p.m.  
Peggy's Restaurant  
(across from Merrill Field)

Speaker: Dr. Petra Illig

Program: 15 Ways to Lose Your Medical---AND Get It Back!

# Calendar of Events

Wed., Nov. 9	Regular Monthly Meeting
Tues., Nov. 15	Mat-Su Valley Chapter Monthly Meeting
Wed., Dec. 14	Annual Christmas Dinner Party
Wed. Jan. 11	Regular Monthly Meeting



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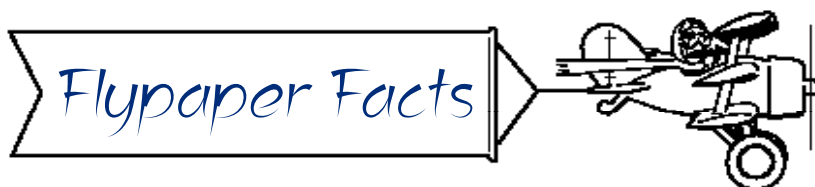
#### Aviation Museum Display

Fly-Ins, Airmarking & Publicity Committees need volunteers.

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

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



The deadline for the Dec., 2011 Flypaper is Dec. 4, 2011. 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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## November Program

Dr. Petra Illig, Aviation Medicine specialist and member of the Alaska Chapter 99s has agreed to present our November program. She will be discussing the FAA's "Special Issuance" process - which allows pilots with disqualifying, but otherwise stable medical conditions to obtain and retain their medical certificates. Her talk is titled "15 ways to lose your medical-- and get it back!"

You may be surprised to learn what can fly these days!

Please bring a friend and join us on Wednesday, November 9. Come With Questions!!

### **SPECIAL NOTE:**

*At every Chapter meeting you attend this year you will have the opportunity to fill out a "raffle ticket" for your attendance. At the end of the year there will be a drawing for a flight physical donated to the Chapter by Dr. Petra Illig.*

## Mat-Su Chapter News



*The Mat-Su Valley Chapter will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, November 15. The program will be announced at a later date. For more information regarding where the meeting will be held, contact Patty Livingston.*

### Mat-Su Valley Chapter Officers

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# ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER/PARTY

The annual Christmas Dinner/Party will be held at Piccolino's Restaurant in Eagle River. Members of the Alaska Chapter, Mat-Su Chapter and friends are invited to join us. The party will take place on Wednesday, December 14.

We will be ordering from the menu, so each person will be responsible for their own bill. We will reserve the lounge/bar for this activity, so attendees will also be able to order drinks if they choose.

We will once again have our Chinese Auction. Each person wishing to participate should bring a wrapped gift (value \$15 - \$20). This is always lots of fun!



## Powder Puff Pilot Releases New Aviation Book for Children

Aurora, Colorado – It's never too early to start ground school for the next generation of pilots, even if they're preschoolers! Denver-based publisher Powder Puff Pilot makes learning about aviation fun with a series of full-color picture books starring Claire Bear, a pink-clad aerobatic performer and mentor for aspiring young pilots. The release of their newest book, *Claire Bear Flies to Oshkosh* is just in time for parents and grandparents to share their love of aviation with the next generation of pilots at Christmas.

In her fourth aviation picture book, author Sue Hughes describes a visit to EAA's AirVenture, "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration," held every summer in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. She implements her characteristic lyrical rhymes to follow Claire Bear as she flies to the event and performs in the world's greatest airshow.

Anyone who has used the special flight procedures implemented during AirVenture will relate to Claire when she rocks her wings and lands on the green dot at Oshkosh's Wittman Regional Airport. These are just a few of the unique arrival procedures that enable air traffic controllers to handle more daily air traffic during the 10 days of AirVenture than Atlanta's Hartsfield, Chicago's O'Hare, or New York City's JFK airports.

The Claire Bear series is the brainchild of Sue Hughes—a pilot since 1996 and a current flight instructor and aviation technical writer—whose goal is to introduce the thrills and exhilaration of aviation to a new generation. With her latest title, Hughes describes the enormity and excitement of AirVenture, "although it's difficult to convey how big this event really is, and how special it is to aviation fans," explained Hughes. "I've been to Oshkosh five times, and can't wait to go again."

Hughes credits illustrator Linda Terentiak for really bringing the Oshkosh experience to life. The two met at Oshkosh in 2010 and later, when Hughes needed



an illustrator for her next book, Terentiak rose to the top of her wish list. "This project took longer than usual," said Terentiak, "because the drawings were based on actual photos, and we took great pains to get them correct. It is so exciting to see it come together!"

EAA Communications Director Dick Knapinski vouches for the accuracy of the new release, saying, "The book was definitely written by someone who had flown the Oshkosh approach before." He added, "Love the book and I hope it does great!"

The first in Hughes' picture book series, *Claire Bear Presents... The Pilot Alphabet*, now in its fourth printing, was published in 2008. It teaches *Alfa, Bravo, Charlie*, and the rest of the words that pilots and air traffic controllers use to communicate clearly over the radio. In 2009, Hughes published her second picture book, *Claire Bear's First Solo*, which accurately depicts a pilot's first solo experience—an exhilarating flight that every aviator vividly remembers. Last year she released her third book, *Claire Bear Explains... What Pilots Fly*, which offers an overview of the wide variety of missions and aircraft that pilots fly. All three titles have been named by USA Book News as National Best Book finalists.

## Alaska Chapter 99s - General Membership Meeting Minutes of October 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Chair Angie Slingluff. Attendees were welcome and introduction made.

Emily Gros gave the Treasurer's Report: Checking account \$17,000; Raffle account \$1001 (with payments yet to be made to CAP and Mat-Su Chapter); two scholarship CD's for \$18,183 and \$5,018.

Minutes for the August and September meetings have been published in the newsletter.

Angie made a few announcements and committee reports were made:

- Begich Middle School is looking for anyone interested in donating a little time to stand in at student-teacher meetings on November 3 and 4. These people would stand in for parents unable to attend these meetings with their children. Contact Angie for more information if you can help.
- Airmarking - (1)The Kenai Compass Rose will be painted in the spring when the weather is appropriate. (2)We have had a request from Bethel to redo the compass rose there and the airmarking sometime this coming summer.
- Flying Companion Seminar: Saturday, May 19 is the date for the spring seminar.
- Fly-Ins: There was discussion about having a winter fly-in to Talkeetna November 19. Rebecca Fisher will check at the Roadhouse for lodging in case anyone is interested.
- Sunshine: Jean White will send a card to Rosemary Dunn who has been hospitalized recently.
- Christmas Party: Carole Comeau won't be in the state to do the planning for this year's party. Several locations were discussed. Piccolino's in Eagle River was chosen. More information to follow.
- AASF Safety Seminar: This was held on Saturday, October 1, and was declared a success.

- Program Suggestions: Dr. Petra Illig will be presenting our November program; the Christmas Dinner/Party will be held on our regular meeting night in December; January and February are open; tentatively tony Turinsky will do the March program on Spider Tracks; April is open; tentative May program will be Jason Bond, son of member Barb Spriggs who has just written a book titled "Hammerhead."
- Suggestions for program topics were made: Rescue Coordination Center, Civil Air Patrol, Float Safety 00 water egress, aircraft record keeping; mistakes made on check rides; aircraft recovery & retrieval/offsite repairs; Lake Hood operations and mountain flying; aircraft applications for iPads, etc. These program suggestions will be researched.
- Talkeetna Build-a-Plane Project: Rebecca Fisher reported on the project and thanked the 99s for donating books and money to the project. Eighteen students participated last year and this year there are 30 students enrolled in the program. They are building a Cherokee 6 for resale. MEA has donated hangar space for this project. Snap-On Tools has donated a large tool box with tools for the students to raffle to raise money for the project.

The program was presented by Ruth Kroon from Eagle Enterprises. She talked about survival kits and gear and about some of the new items on the market including water purification, electric bear fence powered by 2 AA batteries, a little tool called U-Dig-It (a fold up shovel). Those unable to attend missed a really good program.

Margaret Ibbotson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Hancock, Secretary