



The Flypaper

The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s
September 2011



Notes from the Chair

I tried to think of some clever caption for these monthly snippets, "Clips from the Chair" (sounds like a barber); "Anecdotes from Angie" (sounds like I might be long winded), so I guess I'll just be generic with "Notes." There have been an awful lot of accidents this summer. Each time I hear of another mid air I ask if the aircraft were ADS-B (Capstone) equipped. In the latest one in the Bethel area, one plane was so equipped and the other not. Could it have made a difference? I think so. All of us need to be safety conscious, whether in the air, or on the ground. "See and avoid" also means planning ahead, thinking about risk management and mitigation. We need to be prepared for any eventuality. The weather has certainly given folks on the east coast plenty to think about in terms of preparedness. Are you ready? There are a number of web resources to help you think about your own readiness to respond. Here's one: <http://www.ready.gov/america/getakit/index.html>

At our September meeting JR Miller from Palmer Flight Service Station will give us a brief on the current structure of FSS in both Alaska and the lower 49 as well as some of the challenges and future equipment updates we will be experiencing in the near future. This is another opportunity for us to be prepared and to know how to use all the resources available to us.

If you are not actively flying these days, I hope you are talking enthusiastically with young women about the joys of flying and what a thrill it is to be pilot in command. This kind of encouragement and sharing is our preparation for the future of aviation! We want and need new safety-conscious pilots.

Safe flying!

Angie

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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday,
September 14, 2011, 6:00 p.m.
Peggy's Restaurant
(across from Merrill Field)

Speaker: JR "Jim" Miller
Program: "Demystifying Flight Service"

Calendar of Events

Wed., Sept. 14	Regular Monthly Meeting
Sat., Oct. 1	Fall Safety Seminar, UA Aviation Technology Building
Mon., Oct. 3	DEADLINE for Information for October Newsletter
Mon., Oct. 3	Executive Board Meeting, 5:30 pm, Stewart Title, Anchorage
Wed., Oct. 12	Regular Monthly Meeting
Tues., Oct. 18	Mat-Su Valley Chapter Monthly Meeting

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Alaska Chapter Website (www.ak99s.org)

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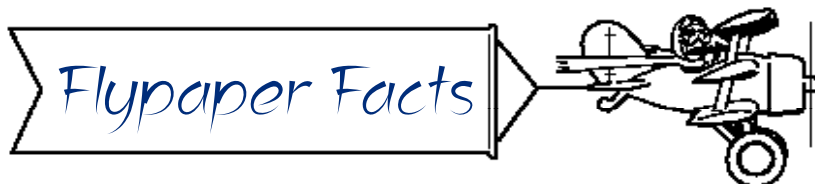
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September Program

Jim Miller of the Palmer Flight Service station staff will talk about what Flight Service can do for you and how you can help them and other pilots by giving pilot reports. Mr. Miller will also talk about the current structure of FSS in both Alaska and the lower 49 as well as some of the challenges and future equipment updates we will be experiencing in the near future. A Flight Service Station (FSS) is an air traffic facility that provides information and services to [aircraft pilots](#) before, during, and after flights, but unlike [air traffic control](#) (ATC), is not responsible for giving instructions or clearances or providing separation.

Jim has been with the FAA for 27 years and started his career as an air traffic assistant at the St. Louis Control Tower. He worked Flight Service in the lower 48, Cedar Rapids Iowa, and moved to Nome in 1987, where he spent 7 years as a specialist, supervisor, and manager of the facility. In 1994 he moved to the Kenai AFSS and worked as a floor supervisor as well as a traveling supervisor and was responsible for supervising the satellite facilities of Cold Bay, Dillingham, Homer, Palmer, Talkeetna, McGrath, Iliamna, Dillingham, and moved into the assistant manager position. In 2007 he transferred to the Fairbanks AFSS as operations manager and was only there for a short time before transferring to Juneau as the air traffic manager of Juneau as well as Ketchikan and Sitka. In 2008 the Centralized Rotation concept was implemented and he was once again transferred, this time to Palmer. He is currently the air traffic manager of the Centralized Rotation and has responsibility for Nome, Kotzebue, Deadhorse, Talkeetna, and Palmer. He has also done a recent detail in the Regional Office as the manager of operations and program support for Alaska Flight Service.

Jim has been married for 34 years and has 3 adult children, all in the Kenai area. He has commercial, instrument, multi-engine and instructor ratings but has not kept current for quite some time.

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 not hold a meeting in September. In October, they will resume their regular meeting schedule of the third Tuesday of the month.

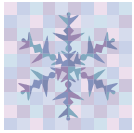
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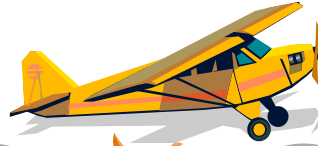
Winner Announced

*The drawing for the pedal plane was held at the Stewart Title office in Anchorage on September 1. Ticket No. 127008 was drawn. It was purchased by Michelle Heun from Palmer, Alaska.
Congratulations, Michelle!*





Fall Safety Seminar



The Alaskan Aviation Safety Foundation will be presenting the Fall Safety Seminar on Saturday, October 1, 2011, at the University of Alaska Aviation Technology Building, 2811 Merrill Field Drive, in Anchorage. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the presentations will begin at 9 a.m. Lunch will be available. This seminar qualifies for FAA "Wings" program credit. For more information contact the AASF at 907-2-43-7237 or online at www.aasfonline.com.

AASF Fall Seminar Program

- 0800 Registration
- 0900 Opening remarks – Harry Kieling, AASF & Rocky Capozzi, UAA
Winter Operations – Bart Stone (DOI / AMD)
Weather Tools for Pilot Decision Making – Gary Hufford (NWS)
Survival & Survivability Part 1 – Brian Horner (LTR)
- 1200 Lunch
- 1330 Survival & Survivability Part 2 – Brian Horner (LTR)
Your Engine (& Airframe) in Winter – Bob Lutz, BJ Custom Aircraft Engines
- 1530 Close

AASF Fall Seminar Presenters

* Bart Stone: Mr. Stone began his aviation career with a 'First Solo' in a J-3 Cub on skis 50 years ago. Today, with ratings in both airplanes and helicopters, with experience on floats, wheels and skis, he is the Chief Pilot responsible for Training Standards and Operations for the Department of the Interior's Alaska Air Operations. Mr. Stone does not look at aviation as a job – you are as likely to find him in his PA-18 Super Cub as a government aircraft – and he still owns the J-3 he originally soloed.

* Brian Horner: Mr. Horner is the President / Chief Instructor of LTR Training Systems - since 1986, LTR has been preparing people to survive in Alaska's arduous environment. LTR courses include initial and refresher programs focused on preparation and skills required to survive aviation accidents or being stranded in remote areas. With a formal 7,000 foot survival training facility in Anchorage, LTR instructors travel worldwide delivering programs to over 2,000 students each year. More information on LTR is available at: <http://www.survivaltraining.com>.

* Bob Lutz: Mr. Lutz operates BJ Custom Aircraft Engines from his shop at the Palmer Airport where he has been Custom Building both Engines and Airframes for more than 26 years (since 1986). He previously operated as a Commercial Air Operator with his own FAA Part 135 Air Taxi Certificate. With experience from a lifetime building, operating and maintaining aircraft used in remote areas during Alaskan winters, Bob has unique insights on the maintenance and care of Alaskan Aircraft in the winter months ahead.

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Kenai Compass Rose



Ladies

I'm sorry to say that the painting of the Compass Rose will need to be postponed until possibly late September.

I don't have enough folks to help the next couple of weekends. Everyone is trying to get in their last "trips of summer".

I'll be gone for 3 weeks in September to the Reno Air Races and other side trips.

Weather permitting [somewhat warm, above 50 degrees, and dry] I will try to do it in late September when I get back to Alaska.

Patty Livingston
Chair, Mat-Su Valley Chapter 99s
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Pat Bening Accepts New Position

Pat Bening has accepted a position with Executive Flight, a corporate jet business, in Wenatchee, WA. She will start on September 12.

It is her dream position, in a preferred location for her, and will certainly be a way for Pat to utilize her new Master's degree from Embry Riddle.

Congratulations, Pat, we'll miss you.

With Deepest Sympathy



We wish to extend our sympathy to Caren della Cioppa (Mat-Su 99s member) for the recent loss of her mother, Christine Virginia Fritz Browning, on August 10, 2011, in Palmer, Alaska.

Alaska Chapter 99s - General Membership Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chapter Chair Angie Slingluff at 6:10 p.m. Introductions were made and miscellaneous trivia and aircraft information was mentioned. There 17 members and guests at the meeting.

Guest speaker, Bud Walters, was introduced and spoke to the group providing many helpful hints and suggestions regarding operating aircraft.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer: It was reported we have sold \$1625 in raffle tickets on the pedal plane.

Aerospace Education: Angie told the group that the Aerospace Education Chair is still open and asked if there were any volunteers to chair the committee. She reported that there were more than 100 boy scouts at the Youth Aviation Adventure and that 87 youth were given Young Eagles flights.

Airmarking: It was announced that the Kenai Compass Rose was scheduled to be painted on Saturday, August 13. Those who were helping with layout were to be there a 9 a.m. and the balance of those helping to paint should show up at 10 a.m.

Flying Companion Seminar: It was suggested that we only plan to have one Flying Companion Seminar a year in the spring. It is much easier and more profitable to do one large class than two smaller classes. It does involve a day's worth of time for most of those helping with the program.

There is a Fall Safety Seminar scheduled for October 1.

Mio Johnson noted that Talkeetna high school has an aviation program. They have expressed a need for basic textbooks for pilot training. The books do not have to be the same or even new. If anyone has any manuals, please contact Mio. They also have a Build-A-Plane project (Cherokee 6) at the school.

Angie reported that the Begich Build-A-Plane project is looking to find storage space to keep their project.

Clark and Central Middle Schools will also have aviation programs this year.

Annual reports are due to International Headquarters.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tentative Programs: Sept. 14 - Flight Service Stations; October 12 - Tony Turinski; November 9 - Dr. Petra Illig (herbal supplements); December 14 - Annual Christmas Dinner Party

Suggestions for programs were made (airplane recovery/salvage and Fed-Ex Captain Tamar Bailey). Lani will look into these suggestions.

Angie announced that we needed a volunteer to organize the Christmas Party. Carole Comeau has tentatively agreed to handle this project.

Angie announced that the Northwest Section Mtg. would be held in Vancouver, B.C., September 15-18. Rooms at the Sandman Inn will be held till 8/15.

An announcement was made that we may have a buyer for the items we received from Ellen Paneok's Estate. More info will be provided as available.

There was some discussion about Osh Kosh. The show covers all aviation phases: pilot training, Young Eagles, maintenance, etc.

Lani Kile asked if anyone knew of a flight instructor in Cordova. We have had a request for that information.

Margaret Ibbotson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jamie Simms seconded.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Hancock, Secretary