



# The Flypaper

The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s  
April 2012



## Anecdotes from Angie

*We did it! We broke a snow record stretching back to the year after the Alaska Chapter was founded! For some folks, it may not be a record worth having. For others who can proudly say "I survived the snowiest winter on record" it brings a sense of pride.*

*Alaska is tracking towards having a very poor safety record for flying. With the Spring flying season upon us we are only one accident away from exceeding the safety goals for FSI (fatal serious incidents). Our speaker this month is from the Rescue Coordination Center and will share with us the important work the RCC does and how we can help with their mission. The 99s are gearing up for a season of assisting with safety seminars, offering our own Flying Companion Seminar (May 19) and looking forward to airmarkings at Kenai and Bethel, and hopefully a fly-in or two.*

*We do what we can to enhance pilot awareness and safety. Whether we are current or not, safety is everyone's concern. I hope you will consider volunteering to help with one of our activities this year.*

*Hope to see you at this month's meeting or at one of the many upcoming events!*

*Blue skies,*

*Angie*

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### **NEXT MEETING**

6 p.m., Wednesday, April 11, 2012  
Peggy's Restaurant  
(on 5th Avenue across from Merrill Field)

#### Program:

Overview of the Rescue Coordination Center

#### Presented by:

Major Karl Westerlund, Director  
Alaska Rescue Coordination Center

# Calendar of Events

Wed., April 11	Regular Monthly Meeting
Sat., April 14	FAASTeam Safety Stand Down Mtg.
Sat., April 21	Alaska Seaplane Seminar
May 5 & 6	Aviation Trade Show & Conference
Mon., May 7	Board Meeting, Alaska Chapter
Wed., May 9	Regular Monthly Meeting
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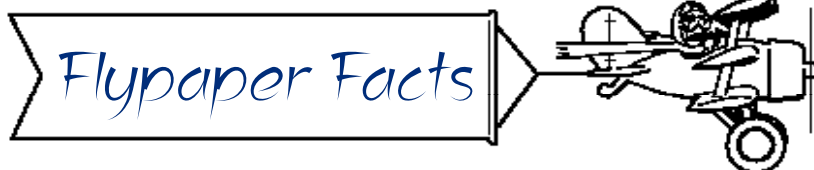
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## April Program

Our April program will be presented by Major Karl Westerlund. He will be giving us an overview of the Alaska Rescue Coordination Center which is located at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson. The RCC operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The center directly ties in to the Federal Aviation Administration's alerting system and the U.S. Mission Control Center. In addition to the Search and Rescue Satellite Aided Tracking information, the AKRCC computer system contains resource files that list federal, state and volunteer civilian organizations which can conduct or assist in SAR efforts throughout the state and neighboring regions.

Maj. Karl Westerlund is the Director of the Alaska Rescue Coordination Center (AKRCC), and a full time HH-60G PaveHawk helicopter pilot with the Alaska Air National Guard. He has more than 3500 hours in military and civil aircraft, and is credited with saves in both combat and civil search and rescue. Karl was raised in Vermont, Arizona, and Colorado, and received his Civil Engineering Bachelors Degree from Colorado State Univ. After formal military flight training, Maj Westerlund flew UH-1N Huey helicopters in Cheyenne, WY, and then transitioned to the PaveHawk. He has been stationed in Iceland, Japan, Georgia, Nevada, and finally settled at his real home in Chugiak, Alaska. Maj Westerlund has operated within Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Indonesia, and the Philippines, as well as other global locations. He is active in the Alaska general aviation scene, a '54 Cessna 170B "battlewagon" in the stable, and he enjoys the many Alaska outdoor activities with his wife, and two young sons.

## Mat-Su Chapter News



**There will be no April meeting for the Mat-Su Valley Chapter.**

### Mat-Su Valley Chapter Officers

Chair/Vice Chair:	Patty Livingston 746-2919
Secretary:	Toni Merrigan 373-6569
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## Board Meeting Scheduled

The next regularly scheduled  
Board Meeting for the  
Alaska Chapter 99s  
will be held on Monday, May 7,  
at 5:30 p.m. at  
Stewart Title Company,  
2601 Denali Street, Anchorage.  
All who wish to attend are welcome.

## Scholarships Offered for Aviation Education

The deadlines have passed for the 99s scholarships and the Airmens' Association scholarships. However, there is still time to submit applications to the Alaskan Aviation Safety Foundation.

### **Alaskan Aviation Safety Foundation**

**DEADLINE: THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2012**

Three Scholarships for students enrolled in aviation-related programs.

- 1) \$1,500 - Tom Wardleigh Memorial Scholarship
- 2) \$1,500 - Ginny Hyatt Memorial Scholarship
- 3) \$1,000 - Ellen Paneok Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship applications are available at <http://www.aasfonline.org/scholarship.html> and must be postmarked by May 31, 2012. Please call (907) 564-6603 with any questions.

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## Welcome to a New Member



*My name is Debra Kinn and I'm a new (1 year old) private pilot with a single engine land rating. My husband and I are both pilots and live in the Anchorage area. We purchased a Cessna 182T last year and I am currently working on getting my high performance rating. We are based out of Merrill Field and I look forward to flying every chance I get.*

# 26TH ANNUAL ALASKA SEAPLANE SEMINAR

AMD Tom Wardleigh Hangar, Lake Hood

April 16, 2011

- 0800 Doors Open-sign in
- 0830 Opening Remarks-Dean Eichholz  
 Seaplane Pilots Association - John Pratt  
 FAAS Team Introduction of Seaplane Wings  
 Alaska 99s on Flying Companion Seminar  
 AMD - Ed Kornfield  
 Region Regional Administrator, Alaskan Region - Robert Lewis
- 0900 Improper Preflight which Will result in your demise  
 Maintenance Panel - Jeff Walker, John Pratt & Cliff Bellau
- 1000 How to make your first turn after takeoff NOT be your last - Frank Miller
- 1100 Waterway Incursions/avoiding the known and the unknown - Roger Motzko
- 1200 Lunch provided (donations accepted)
- 1300 The Preflight Survival Checklist (That you hope to never have to use)- Dave Akers
- 1400 Taxiing/Sailing with wind & Takeoff and Flying Techniques on Floats - Dean Eichholz and Cecil Shuman
- 1500 Open Discussion on "How to minimize the risk we are "willing to take" - Mark Madden
- 1600 End of Seminar

**Sponsors:** Alaskan Aviation Safety Foundation, Seaplane Pilots Association, FAA, Falcon Insurance Agency of Alaska, Alaska 99s, and Aviation Management Directorate.

## Pedal Plane for Raffle Has Arrived

*The pedal plane that we purchase as a fundraiser has arrived. Brenda Staats will have tickets available at the April meeting. If you would like to sign out tickets to sell, you can pick them up from Brenda.*

*The chapter will have tickets for sale at upcoming aviation activities, such as the safety seminars, the Trade Show, etc.*



# NOTAMS . . . . .

## **"2012 National Safety Stand Down"**

Topic: Loss of Control

On Saturday, April 14, 2012 at 8:30 AM

Location: Alaska Aviation Museum - Doors open at 08:00 am  
4721 Aircraft Drive, Anchorage, AK 99502

This year's FAASTeam Safety Stand Down focuses on Loss of Control. Loss of Control In-Flight was the dominant cause of fatal general aviation accidents over the last decade. In addition, locally we are excited to have mountain flying expert Paul Claus to share with fellow Alaska pilots. As a short introduction, this is what others have said about Paul Claus: "Paul combines the terrain-knowledge of the mountaineer with skills acquired growing up in the cockpit, and he is a genius now at glacier landings." – National Geographic Traveler.

[http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event\\_details.aspx?eid=43399](http://www.faasafety.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=43399)

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## **26th Annual Alaska Seaplane Seminar**

Tom Wardleigh Hangar, Lake Hood  
Saturday, April 21, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
details on page 5

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15th Alaska State Aviation Trade Show and Conference  
MAY 5th – 6th, 2012  
For information . . .

<http://WWW.GREATALASKAAVIATIONGATHERING.ORG>

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The Valdez May Day Fly-In & Air Show is scheduled for May 11-13, 2012 at the Valdez Airport. For additional information, visit: <http://199.238.132.174/events/flyIn/flyIn.html>

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FAA Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, June 2, 7-10 a.m. at the New Horizons Hangar at the Palmer Airport.

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The 12th Annual Kenai Peneinsula air Fair is scheduled for Saturday, June 9, 2012. For more information: <http://kenaiairport.com/>

# Flying Around the World for Education . . . .

By Alton K. Marsh (from AOPA Online)

What's the best way to reach kids about careers in aviation, or just interest them in science, technology, engineering, and math? First, draw them into an adventure. Next, fly to where they are. That's the two-pronged approach of Florida resident Judy Rice, who plans a flight around the world in 2013 under the banner of [ThinkGlobalFlight.org](http://ThinkGlobalFlight.org). She's the captain.



Her flight will be under the control of students around the world. There is already interest in China, India, and of course the United States. The students will operate control centers and receive a visit from Rice and her navigator, Fred Nauer. He also has been her flight instructor.

On loan to her for the three-month flight is a Cirrus SR20 from Guidance Aviation in Prescott, Ariz. It will be equipped with an extra tank for longer legs of the flight, some reaching 20 hours nonstop. It is equipped with the Garmin Perspective glass cockpit.

Rice said the name for the adventure came to her and Nauer while discussing the best way to make a difference with the flight. Their answer? Think global.

The flight begins in Honolulu, so she named the aircraft Lulu for the duration of the trip. For now, it remains a hard-working trainer for Guidance Aviation. The flight is yet another victory for women in aviation, too. When young, she was told that piloting was not something proper young girls do. She was of the opposite opinion, and became a pilot.

Her ultimate vision is to be aloft over the Indian Ocean, talking live with students at their control center and—through the center—to other students around the world. If the number of pilots, aerospace engineers, and scientists in general fails to grow, it won't be her fault. She's trying to do something about it.

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- May 19 & 20         2012 Hudson Memorial Fly-In in Talkeetna (page 8)
- Sat., June 2         FAA Palmer Pancake Breakfast
- Sat., June 2         Youth Aviation Adventure Event (page 9)
- Sat., June 9         Kenai Peninsula Air Fair
- Wed. June 13        NO MEETING – Moved to June 19 (below)
- Tues., June 19      Joint picnic with Mat-Su Valley Chapter, Hancock Hangar, Birchwood
- July 28–29          Arctic thunder Air show & Open House, JBER, Anchorage

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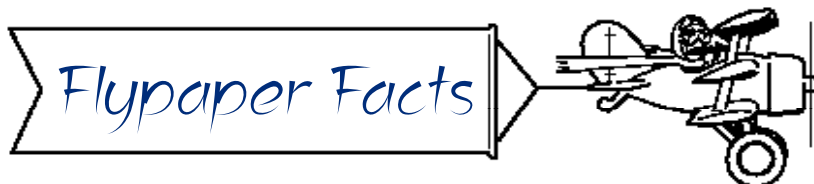
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