



The Flypaper



The Official Newsletter of the Alaska Chapter 99s
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Angie's Anecdotes

I am sitting here in lovely downtown Talkeetna, warm and toasty in the Little Cabin in the Back" of the Roadhouse. The weather says it's -25 outside which is why I am in and not out. My 30 year old bush packs have started to split and crack and fall a part. It was the best \$33 I ever spent in 1975 even though the price seemed like a fortune then! Fortunately I have another pair of boots with me - warm but not so warm as the bush packs which are no loner water proof / snow proof. The gist is always be prepared - as pilots and as women. Are you ready for whatever comes your way?

Speaking of being ready - the Girl Scouts Women of Science & Technology is / was held on Saturday, Feb. 4. Usually several 99s volunteer to help with presentations called "Girls Can Fly." It's amazing in this day and age that there are still little girls who don't know they can become pilots! How will we change attitudes if we don't tell our stories and share our passion for flying? Please consider volunteering the next time a call goes out!

Our February meeting will be a discussion about aviation education with a little hands-on fun. Please come on out for an evening with your friends! See you at Peggy's on February 8 at 6:00 pm.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 8, 2012
Peggy's Airport Cafe
(across from Merrill Field)

Speaker: Angie Slingsluff
Program: Aviation Education

Angie

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Calendar of Events

Wed., Feb. 8	Regular Monthly Meeting
Tues., Feb. 21	Mat-Su Valley Chapter Regular Monthly Meeting (see page 3)
Wed., Mach. 14	Regular Monthly Meeting
Fri., March 16	Deadline for Submitting Scholarship Applications
Wed., April 11	Regular Monthly Meeting
May 5-6	Alaska Airmen's Aviation Conference and Trade Show
Wed., May 9	Regular Monthly Meeting
May 11-13	Valdez May Day Fly-In and Air Show

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Aviation Museum Display, Fly-Ins, Airmarking & Publicity Committees need volunteers.

99s Online

Alaska Chapter Website: (www.ak99s.org)

The local site includes information about current activities, how to contact different chapters in Alaska, local scholarships, meeting info and more.

National Website (www.ninety-nines.org)

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

Flypaper Facts

The deadline for the March 2012 Flypaper is March 7, 2012. 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. (Members may place ads in The Flypaper for no charge.)

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February Program

Our program for February is “Aviation Education” presented by Angie Slingluff, Aviation and Space Education Coordinator, FAA Alaska Region AAL-30.

Why is Aviation Education Outreach important? Why is it one of the missions of the Ninety-Nines? Come and play with us on Wednesday. Angie will offer some hands on, fun activities (challenges?) for you to laugh and share with your pilot and would be pilot friends of all ages. It might even prepare you to be stress free if you want to volunteer to help encourage young people to become pilots in various Girl Scout or Build-a-Plane projects, etc.

Bring a friend and join us Wednesday, Feb. 8, 6 p.m. upstairs at Peggy’s Airport Cafe.

Mat-Su Valley Chapter News



At the current time, meeting information is to be announced for the Mat-Su Chapter. Contact Patty Livingston at the number below for more information.

Mat-Su Valley Chapter Officers

Chair/Vice Chair	
Patty Livingston	746-2919
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Jane McNiven	357-2368

Scholarships Offered

The Alaska Chapter 99s and the Mat-Su Valley Chapter 99s are offering scholarships for 2012: \$1,000 Private Pilot rating and \$1,500 Advance rating.

- Eligibility: Alaska Chapter 99s and Mat-Su Valley Chapter 99s scholarships are open to female Alaska residents over 16 years of age.
- Applicants for the Private Pilot must have already soloed.
- The scholarship winner must agree to complete the goal for which the scholarship will be used within 18 calendar months of award. The Scholarship monies will be sent to the recipient’s flight school or instructor. If for some reason the Scholarship monies are not used, they will be returned to the awarding 99s chapter.
- The scholarship winner will also be required either to attend a 99’s meeting to report on the progress toward her goal, or to submit a written report if unable to attend.
- Scholarships will be announced at the April Alaska Chapter 99’s meeting; meetings are always the second Wednesday of the month.

More information may be found on the 99s website at: ak99s.org. Deadline for filing is the third Friday in March, March 16, 2012.

Report on Talkeetna Fly-In/Drive-In

Five 99s braved the cold temperatures and drove to Talkeetna for a relaxing weekend. We packed for play in the snow gear but at 27 below we huddled around the fireplace in the Talkeetna Roadhouse and enjoyed pleasant conversation instead. Angie and her housemates Lewis and Linda drove up on Friday afternoon and snuggled into the "Little Cabin Out Back". It was a very cozy accommodation with a gas fireplace, a mini fridge and microwave, a queen, a single downstairs and a queen and double mattress in the loft. They even let us bring our little dog, Zoe, a Shih Tzu who is "la contessa" in our house.

Patty and Jim and Brenda and Doug drove up on Saturday and stayed over Saturday night. Patty and Jim had a comfortable room inside the Roadhouse. We spent most of our time near another gas fireplace along the windows. Comfortable seating for conversation. There are work tables where several Talkeetna residents enjoyed the afternoon working on craft projects (at least that's what it looked like to me). Doug and Brenda stayed at their cabin getaway by the airport.

The food was very good, I thought. The "Standard Breakfast" - hash browns, scrambled eggs, bacon or sausage and toast - is way too much food for one person. Lewis had suggested the "half standard" for himself and Linda and I thought that was still way too much food. And they opted for a sourdough pancake on the side! The pancake is the size of a dinner plate and delicious! I opted for the breakfast wrap thinking it would be a reasonable portion. Wrong! It was a very large whole wheat tortilla stuffed with scrambled eggs, hash brown potatoes, bacon and cheese. I ate every bite of it! On Sunday I ordered the pancake for breakfast.

Angie had brought a couple of aviation books and a box of aviation magazines for the students working on the project. (They are always looking for aviation books. Even old training manuals are useful.) Unfortunately some of the folks we had hoped to see in Talkeetna were off to warmer

climes or visiting relatives in Anchorage. We were sorry to miss Rebecca Fisher, Holly Sheldon Lee and Fern, one of the Build A Plane students who is working on her private pilot license. Fern and her sister Robin, who started with the project last year, have over 100 hours put into the plane. You go, girls!

Before dinner we met "Jerry" one of the town characters who helps with the Build A Plane project. He came over to the Roadhouse. and said he could show us the Build a Plane "hangar" - a heated garage the use of which has been donated by MEA. There we saw the almost completed restored fuselage of the Cherokee 6 they are currently working on. They have an area set aside for fiberglass work on the engine cowling. Snap On Tools donated a tool bag to each student and a large tool box equipped with basic tools. The FBOs on Talkeetna airport have been generous in their support of the project. Several of the students had summer jobs and / or rotating internships this year. The project has about 30 students this year, up from a bout 15 last year. Angie asked Larry Rivers, one of the project leaders, how the project has affected the youth. Larry wrote: "It [the project] really has changed lives. We have kids that have gone on to college with Aviation in mind as their major. Several have already determined that they will pursue careers in Aviation. I will see what I can do about getting some interviews on film for you. The kids did a movie early on, I will see if we can get a follow up."

Saturday evening we all had dinner at the Denali Brewing Co. & Twister Creek Restaurant. They have had a Groupon offer of \$30 worth of food for \$15. Brenda was prepared. It was a busy place and again, the food was very good. There was an Oceans Film Festival event. Lewis went and the rest of us trundled off to our respective lodging. He said it was a nice event. Talkeetna is quite a hot bed of cultural activities in the winter. Friendly folks, arm fires and good food made for a fine weekend getaway!