



# The Flypaper



The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s  
October 2012

Sadly, we report that two women who have in the past been associated with the 99s have gone on to New Horizons: Ingrid Pedersen and Emma Walton. More information on both of these exceptional ladies appears on Pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter. They will be missed.

Fortunately, we don't have snow on the ground and have been experiencing reasonable weather if it would only stay dry for a while. The Fall Safety Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, October 13, 2012 at the UAA Aviation Technology building from 8:30 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. More information on the schedule and registration times are on Page 4.

We have secured a place for our Annual Christmas Dinner Party--Sushi and Sushi. More news will be available in the November newsletter.

Our October meeting program will be on disaster preparedness. Actually, September was Disaster Preparedness Month. Considering the "unnamed" high-wind storms we've had recently, and length of time some people experienced power outages, reviewing some guidelines is a good thing. Hope to see you at the meeting. Please bring a friend or prospective member.

*Melanie*

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## NEXT MEETING

Wed., October 10, 2012, 6 p.m.  
Peggy's Restaurant  
(across from Merrill Field)

PROGRAM: Disaster Preparedness  
-- Are You Ready?

Presented by Angie Slingluff

# Calendar of Events

- Wed., Oct. 10 Regular Monthly Meeting
- Sat., Oct. 13 Fall Safety Seminar (details on page 4)  
Celebration of Life Service for Dr. Emma Walton (Page 7)
- Thur., Oct. 18 Regular Meeting of the Mat-Su Valley 99s (Page 3)
- Mon., Nov. 5 Alaska Chapter 99s Board Meeting (Denny's, Debarr across from Costco)
- Wed., Nov. 14 Regular Monthly Meeting, Denny's on Debarr across from Costco)
- Wed., Dec. 12 Annual Holiday Dinner Party, Sushi & Sushi at 3337 Fairbanks Street



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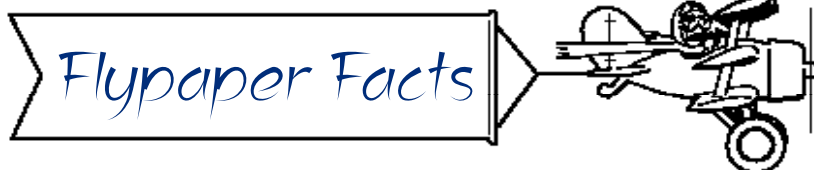
Fly-Ins, Scholarships, Airmarking, Aviation  
Museum Display & Publicity Committees need  
volunteers.

## 99s Online

Alaska 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.



The deadline for the Nov., 2012 Flypaper is Nov. 6, 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](mailto:flyquilt@mtaonline.net). (Ads are placed in The Flypaper for members at no charge.)

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# October Program

## Disaster Preparedness

September was Disaster Preparedness Month.

Did you notice?

Are you prepared?

What are the minimums you should consider having on hand in case of emergencies?

Our recent windstorms reminded us that in Alaska, it is not "if" but "when"!

Angie Slingluff will review some of the "minimums" and ideas to help keep you prepared for unexpected situations.

Bring a friend and join us!

## Mat-Su Chapter News



The next meeting of the Mat-Su 99s will be held on Thursday, October 18th at 6 pm. at Denali Restaurant on the Parks Hwy. about mile 47 (coming from Wasilla it is past Church Rd., across from Church on the Rock, on the left).

### Mat-Su Valley Chapter Officers

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**LIGHTSPEED**  
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Once again, LightSpeed Aviation Foundation is accepting votes for your favorite organization to be the recipient of one of five \$10,000 grants. The Ninety-Nines is again on the list.

If you haven't cast your vote yet, please do so at:

<http://www.lightspeedaviationfoundation.org/content.cfm/Voting/Vote-Now>



# Fall Safety Seminar

Saturday, October 13, 2012  
 University of Alaska Aviation Technology  
 2811 Merrill Field Drive, Anchorage, Alaska

## Schedule

- 0800 Registration Begins
- 0830 Program Begins: Safety Briefing  
 Introductions - Robert Lewis, FAA  
 Mike Yorke, ANC FAAS Team  
 Mark Madden, AASF and UAA
- 0845 Roger Patch, "Static Electricity and Proper Fueling Techniques"
- 0945 Dr. Peter Olsson, Alaska Experimental Forecast Facility, "What the AEFB does and Winter Weather"
- 1045 Maintenance Panel Q & A - John Abernathy, UAA Maintenance Faculty  
 More panel members to be added.
- 1145 Mark Madden, UAA Aviation Professor and MCFI - "Bush Flying Basics" and "Off Airport Performance Software"
- 1200 Lunch - UAA's Alpha Eta Rho, International Co-ed Professional Aviation Fraternity fund raiser.
- 1300 Maj. Karl Westerland, Alaska Air National Guard 11th Rescue Coordination Center, "What happens after the 121.5 ELT, 406 MHZ ELT, PLB, SPOT, or Spidertracks is activated and why you need to know the difference."
- 1400 Dr. David Swartz, FAA Senior Aerospace Engineer and Al Wilson, FAA Flight Test Pilot, Aircraft Certification Service, Small Airplane Directorate, "Low level accidents: How to avoid them, how to survive them and airbags in general aviation aircraft."
- 1500 Don Lee, Featured on NatGeo's "Alaska Wing Men" and owner/operator of Alaska Floats and Skis, Talkeetna, AK, "Winter Ski Operations and Flying Denali".
- 1600 Door prize drawings.



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# NOTES OF INTEREST

## *Boots, Bikes and Bombers: Adventures of Alaska Conservationist Ginny Hill Wood*

IWASM (International Women's Air and Space Museum in Cleveland, Ohio) Event: Boots, Bikes and Bombers: Adventures of Alaska Conservationist Ginny Hill Wood. Thursday, October 11, 2012, 7-8:30 pm. Meet author Karen Brewster, Research Associate with the Oral History Program at the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska Fairbanks. Karen will discuss her book entitled Boots, Bikes and Bombers: Adventures of Alaska Conservationist Ginny Hill Wood. Ginny was not only a WASP, Class 43-W4, but also co-founded and operated Alaska's first eco-tourism lodge, Camp Denali, and was one of Alaska's first female wilderness guides. Karen will be autographing copies of her book which will be available at the museum the night of the event or online at [www.iwasm.org](http://www.iwasm.org). This event is FREE and open to the public. Coffee and dessert will be served.

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## *Charitable Contribution Tax Deductions ??*

MEMBER QUESTION: I attended the 99s Annual Conference in Providence this summer and would like to know what expenses are deductible for next year's tax return.

ANSWER (from Kris Irvin-Herron, Tax Committee Chairman, CPA & Past 99s International Treasurer): As long as you were a designated delegate from your Chapter or Section (this should be so stated in your Chapter/Section minutes) and you attend the business meeting, the typical expenses that you could take as charitable deductions are your registration costs, airfare or mileage, tolls, parking, baggage fees, lodging, and meals. Generally, you can only claim a charitable contribution deduction for travel expenses necessarily incurred while away from home performing charitable services if there is no significant element of personal pleasure, recreation, or vacation in the travel. Therefore you should not deduct lodging and meals for days that you are taking tours or engaging in other recreational activities. Other expenses such as the cost of tours, guest expenses, and personal items (including conference clothing purchases) should also not be deducted. Disclaimer: Any advice contained in this email (including attachments unless expressly stated otherwise) is not intended or written to be used for purposes of avoiding tax penalties that may be imposed on any taxpayer. Be sure to discuss and confirm with your own tax professional.

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## *Mentoring Opportunities*

I would like to encourage 99s to consider mentoring a student in the schools or in girl scouts. Schools are always looking for volunteers to help with after school activities and we need to encourage girls to engage in Science, Technology, Engineering, Aviation and Math (Let's go full "STEAM" ahead!). Future women pilots need role models. Check out [www.girlswithwings.com](http://www.girlswithwings.com) for some inspiration.

Angie Slingluff



# New Horizons

## Ingrid Pedersen

*April 17, 1933 - September 11, 2012*



Ingrid Pedersen, a longtime Anchorage resident, passed away Tuesday, September 11, 2012. Born April 17, 1933, in Stockholm, Sweden, to Maud and Sivert Liljegren, Ingrid grew up with initial ambitions to

become a school teacher. Following her formal education, Ingrid worked as a typist at the Criminal Institute of Stockholm, where she quickly advanced to transcriber. Having a strong interest in travel, Ingrid left for London, England, at the age of 18, where she stayed a year to work and improve her language skills.

Upon returning to Stockholm, Ingrid was hired by Scandinavian Airlines (SAS) to work in the Cockpit Simulation Division. Here she met her future husband, Einar S. Pedersen, who recognized her spirit for adventure and suggested she become a pilot. In 1957, Ingrid received her private pilot license, becoming only the thirteenth woman in Sweden to do so. This achievement was to be the stepping stone for a lifelong profession.

In July, 1963, with Ingrid as pilot in command and Einar as navigator, the duo set out on the adventure of a lifetime, flying a single-engine aircraft from Fairbanks, Alaska, over the geographic North Pole to Nord in northern Greenland, where they refueled, before continuing to Bodo, Norway. This accomplishment earned Ingrid international attention, as she became the first woman to pilot an aircraft over the North Pole. The feat ultimately led to her receiving the prestigious Amelia Earhart Award for outstanding achievements in the field of women in aviation, presented by the Alaska Chapter 99s.

The trans-polar flight sparked a long career as an aviator that included ferrying aircraft from the U.S. to Europe over the North Atlantic, obtaining her Airline Transport Pilot rating, contracting with the Norwegian government to place scientific instrument buoys on the drift ice in the Arctic Ocean, and flying as a commercial pilot on Svalbard.

While stationed in Anchorage on several occasions during the 1960s with her husband through Scandinavian Airlines, Ingrid's love for Alaska grew and eventually the family emigrated to the state in September 1979. Ingrid continued her work as a flight instructor in Anchorage, making occasional trans-Atlantic ferry flights, and piloting sightseeing trips out of Skagwa. She also became the administrative director for the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum and went on to author a book on her lifetime adventures.

Ingrid, along with her husband, enjoyed the outdoors and loved Alaska (a love that was instilled in their sons); she was a dedicated fisher woman, camping and fishing all over the Kenai Peninsula and Susitna Valley in search of salmon, which she masterfully prepared in meals all winter long.

Ingrid was preceded in death by her husband Einar S. Pedersen; her father Sivert Liljegrenand; stepmother Elsa. She is survived by her sister, Siv Waters, and her husband Greg of Anchorage; sons Einar Jr. of Trondheim, Norway; Gunnar S. and wife Shayla of Anchorage; step-son Sverre and wife Fran of Fairbanks; her grandchildren and niece and nephews.

A memorial potluck was held at the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum on Sunday, October 7.





# New Horizons

## Dr. Emma Lu Walton

October 8, 1932 – September 29, 2012



Dr. Emma Lu Walton, 79, passed away on September 29, 2012, surrounded by her loving family at Providence Hospital in Anchorage, Alaska as a result of a massive stroke.

Emma was born in Forgan, Oklahoma to Charles and Betsy Suttle on October 8, 1932. Emma was the youngest of three children. She graduated from Forgan High School, University of Oklahoma, Bowie State College and obtained her EdD from the University of Southern California in 1982.

She got her Private Pilot's License in 1972 or 73 and flew our C-150 and our Cardinal for about 150 hours until she started working on her Doctorate in 1978. She decided she could not stay current with flying and do what she wanted to do with her career. Even so, she was Jim's co-pilot for nearly 60 years.

Emma was a lifelong educator with particular expertise in science teaching, science materials, and professional development. She taught High School Science for 10 years, served as a science supervisor for 19 years, and spent 4 years as a program director at the National Science Foundation. In "retirement", she was elected National Science Teachers Association President, served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Challenger Learning Center of Alaska, the Imaginarium, and the Campbell Creek Science Center. She was involved with the GLOBE program, worked with [NASA](#) education programs

including the Explorer Schools program in Alaska, and with several National Science Foundation projects.

In 2011, Emma was awarded the Robert H. Carleton Award, the highest honor bestowed by the National Science Teachers Association.

As NSTA President, she formed the Blue Ribbon Commission, which was tasked with reorganizing and streamlining the governing structure for the association. Through her guidance and leadership, NSTA moved forward into the 21st Century. In addition, she has dedicated much time and effort to supporting the Alaska Science Teachers Association. Her work activities extended worldwide, as exemplified by the award she received for her work with schools on the tiny island of Saint Eustatius, Netherlands Antilles.

Emma is survived by her best friend and beloved husband of almost 60 years, Jim C. Walton. She is also survived by three sons, a daughter, 14 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held at East High Auditorium on Saturday, October 13 at 12:00 p.m. with a reception to follow. Emma's favorite colors were red and bright blue. In lieu of flowers, Emma's family requests that donations be made to:

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The John Glenn Center for Science Education  
In honor of Dr. Emma Lu Walton  
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