



# The Flypaper



The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s  
January/February 2013

I'm sorry to miss the January and February meetings. Sounds as though we had a good program in January and are set for another interesting, informative program this month. Pilot Paul Anderson will be talking about his position with the National Park Service and showing pictures. Be sure to join us (and feel free to bring a guest) on Wednesday, February 13, for the meeting and program.

Please pass the word to any women student pilots and licensed pilots you may know. Our scholarships for 2013 have been announced and applications are being accepted. The deadline for filing is March 29.

For more information, please check our web site:  
[ak99s.org](http://ak99s.org) and click on the scholarship tab.

Blue Skies and Safe Flights,

*Melanie*

## Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 13, 2013, 6 p.m.

Denny's Restaurant

3950 DeBarr Road

(across from Costco)

**Speaker:** Paul Anderson,

Pilot for National Park Service

**Program:** Adventures of a Pilot

Biologist in Alaska

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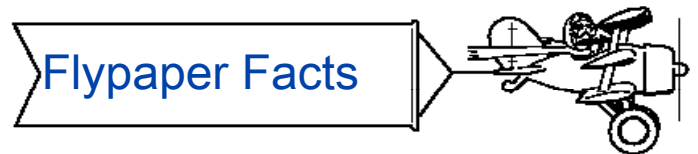


## 99s Online

National Website ([www.ninety-nines.org](http://www.ninety-nines.org))

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

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



The deadline for the March, 2013 Flypaper is March 4, 2013. 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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Fly-Ins, Scholarships, Airmarking, Aviation Museum Display & Publicity Committees need volunteers.

## February Program

### “Adventures of a Pilot Biologist in Alaska!”

Our speaker for February will be Paul Anderson, currently with the National Park Service. He will talk about his previous experiences as a pilot biologist with the with US Fish and Wildlife Service. He will share photos and talk about the planes he has flown and the places he's been to in Alaska.

## 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

## Mat-Su Chapter News



At this time, there is no information regarding a meeting of the Mat-Su 99s. For further information, please contact one of the officers listed below.

In February, the Mat-Su Chapter made a donation of \$250 plus six maintenance manuals to the Talkeetna Build-a-Plane project.

### Mat-Su Valley Chapter Officers

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## 2014 Northwest Section Meeting to be Held in Alaska

The 2014 NW Section meeting will be held in Alaska. Tentatively, the group is considering Chena Hot Springs, September 5 - 7, 2014. More information will be published as available.

## **Scholarships Available from Alaska Chapter & Mat-Su Valley Chapter Ninety-Nines**

*The Alaska and Mat-Su Chapters of the 99's are offering flight training scholarships to women.*

### **Scholarship Eligibility**

- **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.

### **Scholarship Conditions**

- 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.
- Application must be received no later than MARCH 29, 2013.

Applications are available Alaska 99s' website: <http://www.ak99s.org/>

## **WOMEN OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY DAY**

THANK YOU to all the AK 99s who helped with the Girl Scouts Women of Science & Technology Day on Saturday, February 2: Brittany Blain, Janet Hohn, Sonya Hood, Denise Saigh, and Erika Bennett. We grow the women pilot population by inspiring young women to share the dream of flight!

Angie Slingluff

## *Shelly Szepanski Memorial Flight Training Scholarship Available*



Shelly Szepanski was born in Minneapolis on February 4, 1967, and lived in Juneau, Anchorage, McGrath and Fairbanks for most of her 41 years. She was a wildlife biologist with the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Fairbanks. A true Alaskan adventuress, she loved being outdoors, hunting, fishing, and especially flying. Flying brought her tremendous joy and it was her greatest wish that her legacy provide other women with an opportunity to experience the same joy that she felt from flying, without the high costs standing in the way.



The Shelly Szepanski Memorial Flight Training Scholarship, a fund of The Alaska Community Foundation, honors Shelly's wish by providing an award of up to \$5,000 to help female science students earn their private or commercial/instrument ratings, including a float rating. The deadline for applications is April 15, 2013.

Established in 1995, The Alaska Community Foundation is a statewide platform for philanthropy. Holding over \$55 million for the benefit of Alaskans, ACF grants \$5-6 million each year to charitable projects and nonprofit organizations across the state. The Alaska Community Foundation is comprised of more than 280 funds and endowments, including nine Affiliate community funds, the Alaska Children's Trust, and many others. The ACF mission is to grow philanthropy by helping individuals, organizations, and communities create funds that provide financial resources to improve the quality of life in Alaska now and forever. The Alaska Community Foundation connects people who care with causes that matter. For more information, visit [www.alaskacf.org](http://www.alaskacf.org) or call (907) 334-6700.

For more information about eligibility requirements or to apply online, visit [www.alaskacf.org/scholarships](http://www.alaskacf.org/scholarships). Please contact Program Associate Anna Dalton with questions: 907-274-6710 or [adalton@alaskacf.org](mailto:adalton@alaskacf.org)

## ARCTIC FLIGHT: A CENTURY OF ALASKA AVIATION

Hi Aviators,

I wanted to let you know about our upcoming exhibit Arctic Flight: A Century of Alaska Aviation. We've piloted a program with our most recent traveling exhibit, Body Worlds: Vital, in which we have "experts on the floor." This program has been very popular with both museum visitors and volunteers. Essentially, as you might imagine, we have experts in the subject matter on the floor in the exhibit to answer technical questions visitors might have and help them to understand and learn a little more than they would have from the exhibit by itself. In the case of the Arctic Flight exhibit, we are hoping that pilots or other aviation experts will be interested in volunteering.



You can learn more about the exhibit on our website:

<http://www.anchoragemuseum.org/galleries/GalleryViewer2.aspx?incGal=0&cID=125&LayoutID=1>

You can also learn more about volunteering from our website:

[http://www.anchoragemuseum.org/about/aboutus\\_volunteer.aspx](http://www.anchoragemuseum.org/about/aboutus_volunteer.aspx).

The exhibit will be on display from February 9 – August 11, 2013.

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# Alaska Chapter 99s General Meeting Minutes, January 9, 2013

Held at Denny's on Debarr Rd.

**In Attendance:** Brittany Blain; Lani and Lynn Kile; Angie Slingluff; Mio Johnson; Erika Bennett; Katrina Holstrom; Willow Hetrick; Sonya Hood; Denise Saigh; Nancy Shepard; Lynn Kelly; Jamie Patterson Simes; Patricia Gifford; Petra Illig; Jodi Harskamp (and three late arrivals I neglected to get names from)

## Treasurer's Report:

Gaming \$471.75 (left to purchase new plane)

General \$14,982

Savings \$5,027 CD

Northrim CD \$15,000 (approximately, haven't received 4th quarter statement yet)

- Minutes of November meeting approved

## Old Business

- Holiday Dinner gathering had 35 attendees.
- Vacant committee chairs: scholarship; publicity; airmarking; Aviation Museum display; fly-ins.
- 99s gaming permit still pending; consider asking CAP again in case we need theirs again?
- 2014 NW Section meeting tentatively Sept 5-7, 2014 – Chena Hot Springs.
- FCS on calendar for May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- Donation of \$250 to Talkeetna Build-a-Plane voted upon and passed unanimously.
- Pictures of pedal planes for raffle were circulated and voted upon. Chosen was the grey option that was the least expensive.

## New Business

- Women of Science and Technology Day Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013. Sign up sheet passed around for volunteering.
- Do we want to plan an event for Women of Aviation Week in March? Dates are 4-10<sup>th</sup> of March.
- Volunteer opportunity at Anchorage Museum. Arctic Flight: A Century of Alaska Aviation. Showing Feb. 9 – Aug. 11. Need to apply to volunteer by 24<sup>th</sup> of January.

Harry Keiling spoke concerning Hangar Flying guest recruitment; Alaska Aviation Safety Foundation information and what 20 things would make piloting in Alaska safer. He has been invited back to speak on Unmanned aerial vehicles in the future.

Adjourn: 7:35pm