



The Flypaper



The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s
April—May 2014

The spring/summer flying season is in full swing. The Airmen's Aviation Gathering and the Valdez Fly-In and Air Show are now history. This coming weekend the Mat-Su Valley and Alaska Chapters will hold the Flying Companion Seminar on Saturday, May 17 (more details on page 3). The Talkeetna Hudson Memorial Fly-In is also this coming weekend, May 17 and 18 (page 8). This will be followed by a Fly-In to McCarthy (page 6).

In June, there is the Palmer Air Fair, June 7, and the Kenai Peninsula Air Fair on June 14 (page 11). There is an Arctic Thunder Air Show scheduled for July 26 & 27 at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson.

Winding up the 99s summer events will be the Northwest Section Meeting in Fairbanks September 4-7. More information on this in later newsletters. Registration information should be available by June 1.

Our annual joint picnic with the Mat-Su Valley Chapter is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11.

Emily Gros has received a scholarship from International (page 4).

Our Chapter elections are coming up and you should receive your ballot in the next week. More information on the candidates on pages 9 and 10. When you receive your ballot, please fill it out and drop it in the mail right away.

Tony Turinsky will be our speaker for the May meeting (page 3), so bring a friend and come to the meeting at hangar.net, the Freedom Hangar.

Fly safely this summer and may you have calm air and blue skies.

Melanie

Next Meeting

6 p.m., Wednesday,

May 14, 2014 at

[Hangar.net](http://hangar.net), (Freedom Hangar)

2400 E. 5th Avenue

(Merrill Field)

Speaker: Tony Turinsky,

"Better than Spider Tracks"

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed., May 14	Regular Monthly Meeting
Sat., May 17	Flying Companion Seminar, UAA
May 17-18	Hudson Memorial Fly-In, Talkeetna
May 24 & 25	McCarthy/Kennicott Fly-In
Sat., June 7	FAA Palmer Pancake Breakfast
Wed., June 11	Joint Picnic with Mat-Su Valley Chapter
Sat., June 14	Kenai Peninsula Air Fair
July 26-27	2014 Arctic Thunder Air Show, JBER
Sept. 4-7	Northwest Section Meeting, Fairbanks

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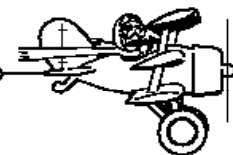
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National Website (www.ninety-nines.org)

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

Flypaper Facts



The deadline for the **June, 2014** Flypaper is **June 3, 2014**. 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. (Ads are placed in The Flypaper for members at no charge.)

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May Meeting

Our speaker for May will be Tony Turinsky. His presentation will be "Better than Spider Tracks."

Tony has lived in Alaska since 1947. He has been an Alaskan pilot since 1970 with the bulk of his flying in Cessna 185s and Super Cubs. His flying has been the typical Alaska flying time on wheels, skis and floats. Tony's flying has taken him to Provideniya, Russia, across the Bering Straits, and to Costa Rica across the Gulf of Mexico in a C-185. His claims to fame are: no bent pieces of any aircraft and being a former Iditarod and Yukon Quest volunteer pilot. Tony is the Alaska Director of the 180/185 club and an active member of the Alaska Airmen and the Alaska Aviation Museum.



As of this date, no information is available regarding the Mat-Su Valley meeting.

Contact Jane McNiven for more information.

Mat-Su Valley Chapter Officers

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Flying Companion Seminar

The Flying Companion Seminar will be held on Saturday, May 17, at the UAA Aviation Technology Building in Anchorage from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Instructors for the sessions have been lined up. However, we can always use a little extra help. If you are available to help for a part of the day or all day, please contact Melanie at flyquilt@mtaonline.net or 694-4571. A sign-up sheet will be available at the May meeting.

The seminar is an all-day session from 8 - 5. It is intended for people who fly in small planes but who are not pilots. The seminar covers fundamentals of flight, basic navigation, instruments, emergency procedures, radio work and some time on flight simulators. If you know someone who could benefit from this seminar, please see that they get the information.

This seminar helps support our scholarships each year. We have a limit of 30 people per seminar. The cost of the seminar is \$99 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

Information is available on our website: ak99s.org. If you know someone who would be interested in attending the seminar, you can refer them to Melanie Hancock (694-4571 or flyquilt@mtaonline.net) for registration. There is still space and if they sign up they can pay at the registration table on Saturday.

Announcements

Congratulations to Emily Gros for her selection for an International Scholarship. She was awarded the scholarship for the 737NG type rating! Emily's comment: "I'm beyond thrilled! Thank you all for your support!"

Our comment: "Way to go, Emily! Good job."

Emily will be moving from Alaska and settling with her family in Colorado. We will miss you, Emily. Good Luck.

New Arrival in the Austin Family

Hi ladies! Baby arrived on 4/2. There was some drama during delivery but we're all happy now. What do you think of the "weird" name we chose? ;)

Sayer Lee Austin, 7 lbs 13 oz & 21 inches

Abby Austin



2014 Raffle Plane and Quilt



The airplane will travel throughout Alaska for different aviation venues. We will need volunteers at these these various activities to help sell tickets.

Brenda Staats has volunteered to sell tickets on the airplane at Talkeetna on Saturday, May 17. She can use some help. We also need people to sell tickets on Sunday.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the May meeting for the different locations and activities this summer. If you won't be at the meeting, but are planning to attend any of the summer events, please call (684-4571) or email (flyquilt@mtaonline.net) and let Melanie low when you can help. **REMEMBER: Ticket sales go to our scholarship fund.**

The pedal plane and quilt (second prize) were displayed at our booth at the Airmen's Aviation Gathering May 3 & 4. Ticket sales went well. The plane and quilt will be on display at the Valdez Air Show and Fly-In May 9-11. If you are there, please stop by Aero Alaska booth and help out for a little while with ticket sales. Profits from ticket sales go toward the Alaska Chapter and Mat-Su Valley Chapter 2015 Scholarships. Members are encouraged to take tickets to sell.

The drawing for this airplane will take place on Saturday, September 6, 2014 at the Northwest Section Meeting Banquet.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who worked at the booth and helped sell tickets. We sold \$1000 dollars worth of tickets. Well done.

Thanks to Abby Austin & AeroAlaska for use of their booth at the Valdez Air Show. We sold over \$350 in tickets there.



At the Aviation Gathering booth on May 4: Diane Blandino, Patty Livingston, Jessica Cox and Nancy Shepard.

Fly-In to McCarthy / Kennicott

A fly-in is being planned for McCarthy/Kennicott for Memorial Day Weekend. We would fly to McCarthy on Saturday, May 24, stay overnight and return to Anchorage on Sunday, May 25. Below is some information on accommodations. Current plans would be to fly over as a group as much as possible and to explore McCarthy and Kennicott as individuals choose, meeting at the Kennicott Lodge for dinner Saturday evening (prime rib served family style for \$35.99/person, reservations required).

If you are at all interested in joining us for this fly-in, please contact Melanie at 694-4571 or flyquilt@mtaonline.net. Updates will be sent to interested parties as they become available.



McCarthy Lodge/Ma Johnson's Hotel (907-554-4402) is located in "downtown" McCarthy. Rooms with double occupancy are \$199. This price includes a continental breakfast. If you mention that you are with the Alaska 99s, you will receive a discount. For more information about McCarthy Lodge, check their website: <http://www.mccarthylodge.com>

17 Silk Stocking Row is a small cottage that has been restored. It may be rented by the room or the entire cottage. The cottage sleeps 8 for \$450 and that rate covers the entire cottage, including use of the kitchen. Reservations for the cottage are handled outside the state, but more info may be found at: <http://www.17silkstockingrow.com>



Kennicott Glacier Lodge is situated about 5 miles from McCarthy at the location of the original Kennicott Copper Mine. Double occupancy room at the main lodge is \$185/night, or \$159/night with a shared bath. They have a B&B special for \$99 per person double occupancy. Saturday night dinner is prime rib served family style for \$35.99. Reservations are required for dinner so we would need to give them a number of people planning to be there for dinner. More information on Kennicott Glacier Lodge at: <http://www.kennicottlodge.com>

Valdez Fly-In & Air Show and Airmarking

The Valdez Fly-In and Air Show took place May 9 - 11. The weather was beautiful, sunny blue skies, no clouds, and warm temperatures. The only drawback was the wind on Friday and Saturday. It did cause some delays to the schedule. The wind calmed down on Sunday and the air show went on without incident.

The air marking (repainting the airport name) took place Friday morning before the fly-in activities were to begin. The biggest challenge was the wind, but the job got done. Four 99s and 2 extra helpers completed the job. Patty Livingston, Sara Downing and Denise Koehrer were there from the Mat-Su Valley Chapter and Melanie Hancock attended from the Alaska Chapter. Ernie Koehrer and Herb Hancock assisted the 99s.



Looking down the air marking from the "Z"—clear skies and beautiful mountains.



Painting the last letter: Sarah Downing, Herb Hancock and Patty Livingston.



Touch up being done by Denise Koehrer, Sarah Downing, Ernie Koehrer and Patty Livingston.



Saturday May 17, 2014

Above Alaska Aviation flights: Kids 12 and under fly free

8-Noon: Poker Run

12 Noon: Booths open

Flight simulator provided by Medallion Foundation vintage static displays and performance fly over

1 pm: Guest speaker Lt. Col Michael G. Russell, USAF, Ret

2 pm: **The Cliff Hudson Story.** Watch a film at the Sheldon Community Arts Hanger

2-3 pm: **Build-A-Plane** facility tour

3-6 pm: **Arial scavenger hunt**

6-9 pm: **Dinner and music at Twister Creek**

9 pm: **Military Appreciation at the VFW**

Sunday May 18, 2014

Flight simulator provided by Medallion Foundation vintage static displays and performance fly over

Above Alaska Aviation flights: Kids 12 and under fly free

9-11 am: **Pancake feed** sponsored by Talkeetna Roadhouse

11 am: **Airplane takeoff and land demonstrations**

12:30 pm: **Build-A-Plane** auction closes

1 pm: **Build-A-Plane** auction winners announced, awards ceremony

2 pm: **Fly Over** followed by **Missing Man Formation Flight**

Free booth space available.



For more information, contact Drew Haag at 907-733-4808, www.abovealaska.com or connect on [facebook.com/HudsonTKA](https://www.facebook.com/HudsonTKA)

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Skwentna Fly-In

On Sunday, March 30, 5 airplanes carrying 12 people participated in the fly-in to Skwentna.

The purpose was to have lunch at the Skwentna Roadhouse and meet the new owners, Cindi and Mark. They have been asking the 99s to come over and have a look at some of the renovations they have made. Many years ago the 99s had an annual fly-in to Skwentna, often referred to as "The Skwentna Bowl". There is even a trophy for the event. Patty Livingston, who had been safe-keeping the trophy, presented it to Donna Branch for being the newest 99 pilot at the event. A good time was had by all.



For more info on activities at Skwentna Roadhouse check out this link: <http://www.skwentnaroadhouse.com/>

Chapter Elections

You will find bios for the women running for officer positions or board of director positions on the following page of the newsletter. Please familiarize yourself with them.

The official ballot will be mailed to you (if you are on International's list as a member of of the Alaska Chapter) the week of May 12, 2014. Please fill out the ballot and return the self addressed, postage paid portion. Please be sure your ballot is postmarked no later than May 31, 2014.

A write-in slot is provided for each officer's position and an extra one for the Board of Directors. Please do not write in a name unless you have checked with that person to be sure they are willing to serve.

Bios for Officers and Board of Directors

Erika Bennett – Co-Chair

I have served as Secretary for the past two years. I have been flying for 19 years and my husband and I own a 1953 Cessna 180. I've been a 99 since 2007. I served for four years on the Airmen's Association Board of Directors.

Amiee Moore – Co-Chair

Amiee grew up in Alaska and learned to fly in California. She has been a member of the 99s in California and Alaska, where she has held the positions of Co-Chair, secretary and Flying Companion Seminar Chair. She has received a Chapter scholarship. She holds both airplane and helicopter ATP ratings.

Diane Blandino – Vice Chair

Ms. Diane Blandino is an FAA Certified Flight instructor, Instrument and Multi-engine instructor with more than 2000 hours total time in airplanes and over ten years of experience in flight education. Ms. Blandino previously worked as an assistant professor and head of the Flight Education program for Hampton University. She was also employed as a First Officer, for U.S. Airways Express, piloting a CRJ-200. She was an active member of the Hampton Roads Ninety-Nines where she served as the Secretary and Aerospace Education Chair. Ms. Blandino earned a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona Beach campus) and earned her Master's degree in Business Administration from Mississippi State University. She is a military spouse and currently spends her time caring for her two young children.

Kathy Trantum – Secretary

I lived in Fairbanks for 10 years, went flying in my boyfriend's pacer and fell in love with flying. I moved to Anchorage 6 years ago. About a year ago I started flight training. Last summer I bought a Cessna 150 and soloed in November. I didn't fly over the winter so I soloed again in March and I hope to be taking my checkride within the next 3 months.

Willow Hetrick – Treasurer

Willow is a life-long Alaskan currently living in Anchorage Alaska. She has her private pilot's license and flies a Cessna 172. She enjoys long overnight camping flights. She's been a member of the Alaska Chapter of the 99's for two years and is a previous scholarship recipient. Her 'day job' involves environmental permitting and baseline studies for oil and gas and mining exploration and production.

Mio Johnson - Director

Mio has served on the Board for multiple years and is the membership committee chairperson. She owns a Maule. Mio sends out the email notifications of meetings and special events. She served as the Co-Chair for the last Northwest Section Meeting held in Alaska and also for the International Convention held in Anchorage in 2008.

Denise Saigh - Director

Joined the 99s in 1983 when I first arrived in Anchorage until I moved to SE AK in 89. After grad school I got involved with AK Mt. Rescue and CAP and finally rejoined the 99s recently. I got my private in 79 and my commercial in 85. I worked in the environmental field for 20 yrs. and now I teach part-time at UAA and am working on my PhD from UAF in AK Native Studies.

Melanie Hancock - Director

Been a member of the chapter for 20+ years. Have held all elected positions through the years. Have worked on the scholarship committee and have been newsletter editor for most of the time I have been a member. Didn't start flying lessons till I was 40 when I had both time & money at the same time. Graduate of East Anchorage High School and Kent State University.

**14th Annual
Kenai Peninsula Air Fair**
June 14th, 2014

Soldotna

POKER RUN

PUBLIC WELCOME

Military Appreciation Day

Soldotna Airport
EAA BREAKFAST
PILOT REGISTRATION
8:00 am to 11:00 am

Kenai Airport
BAR-B-QUE
LIVE MUSIC
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

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www.KenaiAirport.com www.ci.soldotna.ak.us

The 14th Annual Kenai Peninsula Air Fair will take place on Saturday, June 14, 2014.

Start out in Soldotna with breakfast and register for the poker run. Between breakfast in Soldotna and lunch in Kenai, make your flights to the selected airports for the poker run. When you land in Kenai, turn in your cards from the airports to get your hand for the game. Then, have a barbecue lunch and enjoy live music.

We will have the pedal plane and the quilt at Kenai to sell tickets. If you are planning to be there, please sign up to sit at the table for an hour or so to sell tickets.



New Horizons
Margaret Snider



Margaret Marie Snider, 83 of Evaline, Washington passed away at home from cancer on March 24, 2014. Margaret was born on December 13, 1930 in Evaline, Washington to Clara and Edward Hale. She attended Evaline School and graduated from Winlock High School. She then enrolled in Centralia Junior College where she met Robert Snider who she married September 30, 1950 at Westminster Presbyterian Church. In 1964, they moved to Anchorage, Alaska where they lived for 40 years until returning to her grandparent's homestead and childhood home in Evaline.

Margaret loved her family and friends and always enjoyed time spent together. She loved her home and gardens, as anyone who tried her home-grown tomatoes would attest. She truly loved her adventurous life with her husband - flying through the wilderness of Alaska, fishing for salmon and hunting wild game, exploring the United States by motor home, and traveling the world to explore new cultures. She never tired of an opportunity for adventure.

Margaret was a member of the Alaska Chapter Ninety-Nines and will be fondly remembered for her hospitality and hosting of picnics in her lovely yard in Anchorage.

Not only did she have a brave heart, but a most compassionate one as well. Margaret was an avid volunteer and a woman of many interests. In Anchorage she was active over the years in her church-First Presbyterian, The Ninety-Nines, Civil Air Patrol, Holt Adoption Agency, in schools, and with New York Life and Rotary activities with her husband, Bob. When she returned to Evaline she renewed her activity with Hope Grange, where she was a member for 69 years. She became a Master Gardener in Lewis County and was a member of the Circle One Garden Club in Winlock. She worshiped at Westminster Presbyterian Church and rarely missed an opportunity to fellowship with friends and appreciate the presence of God in her life.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents and her sisters, Janet Fisk and Annie Jo Rector (Bill).

She is survived by her husband, Bob; her children, Ken and Jan Snider of Centralia, Becky and Bill Fuller of Cleveland, Ohio, Jess Snider of Anchorage, Alaska, Carol and Jim Phillips of Nairobi, Kenya, and Ted Snider of Anchorage, Alaska; her sister, Lona Lewis (Roger) of Evaline, Washington and brother, Charles Hale (Mary) of Mount Lake Terrace, Washington; her grandchildren, Audrey Hale Phillips of Seattle, Alex and Anna Fuller of Portland, Oregon and Sarah Fuller of Chicago; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were held at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Chehalis, Washington on March 28, 2014.

Memorials in memory of Margaret may be made in donation to: Hope Grange, PO Box 188, Winlock, WA 98596 or The Alaska Civil Air Patrol, Anchorage Polaris Composite, 1950 E 5th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501-2919.