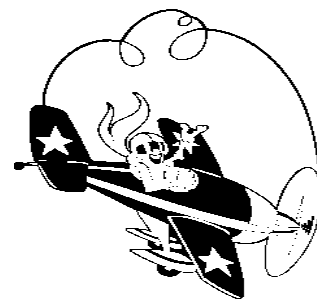




The Flypaper

The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s
April 2010



Notes from the Chair

Look inside the Flypaper for details on a ton of summer activities that are already on the books! Starting in April with the Spring Safety Seminar, there are aviation activities planned clear through August. Check them out! Hopefully with this advanced notice, you'll be able to arrange your schedule to join in!

It is Election Time!! Make sure you have your voice heard!! Vote!! Better yet....volunteer to be on the Board of Directors, and help chart the course for your Chapter!

Thanks to the combined scholarship committee of the Alaska and Mat Su Chapters for their diligence in choosing this year's scholarship recipients. The Mat Su Chapter has awarded a \$1,000 student pilot scholarship, and the Alaska Chapter two scholarships for advanced ratings in the amounts of \$1,000 and \$1,500. Congratulations!! The winners will be announced at the April meeting.

Enjoy the Promise of Spring!

Lani

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Next Meeting



Wednesday, April 14, 2010
6 p.m. at Peggy's Restaurant
(across from Merrill Field)
Program: Begich Middle School
Build-A-Plane Program

Calendar of Events

Wed., April 14	Regular Monthly Meeting
Sat., April 17	Spring Safety Seminar
Tues., April 20	Regular Mat-Su Valley Chapter Monthly Meeting,
May 1 & 2	Alaska Airmens Conference and Trade Show
May 7 - 9	Valdez May Day Fly-In
Sat., May 15	Flying Companion Seminar, UAA Aviation Complex
May 29-30	Tentative Fly-in to McCarthy
Sat., June 5	10th Annual Kenai Peninsula Air Fair
July 5 - 9, 2010	International Conference, Kona, Hawaii
July 24 - 25	Palmer Event (Short Field Clinic)
July 31 - Aug. 1	Elmendorf Air Force Arctic Thunder
July or Aug.	Tentative Fly-In to Prudhoe Bay/Barrow



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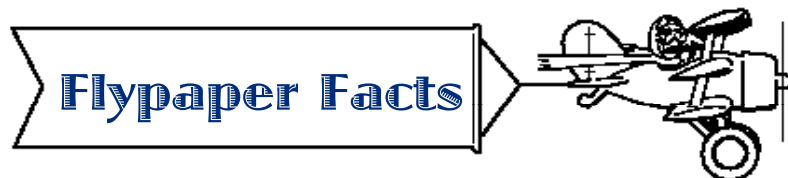
Fly-Ins, Airmarking & Publicity
Committees need volunteers.

99s Online

Chapter Website (www.ak99s.org)

National Website (www.ninety-nines.org)

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



Deadline for the **May 2010** Flypaper is **May 3, 2010**. 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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April Program

Remember when you built model planes?
These kids build actual planes!

The plane was donated via a nonprofit organization called Build A Plane, which acts as an "adoption agency" to find donated airplanes good homes with schools and other youth organizations around the country.

It's helping create a whole new generation of mechanics, pilots, aerospace engineers, and indeed all aviation oriented careers. Build a plane today, design an airport tomorrow! The students find they are having fun building or restoring a plane, before they realize they're actually learning science, technology, engineering and math!

Hooper Bay High School, the first Alaskan Build a Plane project, is building a Thorp T211 from scratch. It was donated by IndUS Aviation. Su Valley High School also is about to embark on an ambitious aviation curriculum, pilot training and Build A Plane endeavor.



The next meeting of the Mat-Su Valley 99s will be held on Tuesday, April 20. Program and location have not been announced. For more information, contact Toni Merrigan.

Mat-Su Chapter Officers

Chair	Toni Merrigan	373-6569
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Treasurer	Patty Livingston	746-2919

Jacob Hanson, 13, (left) and Dylan Rubey, 14, students at Begich Middle School look over the workmanship of a Pietenpol Aerial biplane that was donated as a Build a Plane project for the school's Aeroclub March 2, 2009. Students at the school work Saturdays to finish building the plane. Photo/Rob Stapleton/AJOC



The Spring Flying Companion Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, May 15. We currently have enough teachers, but could use a few general "helpers" and some help on Friday evening setting up. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Gloria Tomich at 279-1560 or gtomichak@yahoo.com.

Please feel free to pass this flyer on to someone who may be interested in attending.



The Ninety-Nines, Inc.
International Organization of Women Pilots

***** Spring *****
Flying Companion Seminar

When: Saturday, May 15, 2010 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Where: UAA Aviation Technology Building
Merrill Field, Anchorage, AK

Course fee: \$99 includes continental breakfast, lunch, aircraft simulator exercise, radio exercise, and all supplies

Presented by Alaska Chapter and Mat-Su Valley Chapter 99s

This seminar is designed for the spouse, friend, or frequent passenger who would like to learn more about flying to make them a more comfortable, helpful passenger, especially in an emergency situation.

Participants will receive instruction in the following areas: basic navigation and navigation instruments, basic flight controls, use of aircraft radios and terminology, emergency procedures and survival. In addition participants will receive hands-on experience with a flight simulator and hand-held radios.

All instructors are licensed local women pilots with both instructional and flying experience.
A Certificate of Completion will be presented at the end of the course.

***** PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE *****
*** Seating is limited to 30 participants ***

TO HOLD YOUR RESERVATION --- (Please register by May 8th)
Mail registration slip AND check (payable to Alaska 99s) to:
Alaska 99s, PO Box 91962, Anchorage, AK 99509
(There will be a \$10 cancellation fee.)

For more information call: Gloria Tomich, 907-279-1560 or Patty Livingston, 907-746-2919

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Yes, I want to register for the Flying Companion Seminar to be held on May 15, 2009.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Day/Evening _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

I heard about the seminar from: _____

Update from Sandi Sumner . . .

Where did my love of airplanes and flying come from? I went flying with my Uncle in Northern California when I was eight, and peered out the window, from my dad's lap. I still remember the patchwork quilt covering the valleys below. And the reservoirs we fished in that looked like backyard swimming pools from the air.

And I'll never forget grabbing the yoke of a friend's 180 Commanche when he passed out in my lap, and I wondered how I would land the airplane. It still makes my heart skip a beat when I think about it. Some will remember me saying, "When I run out of fuel, I'll put it gently down in a reservoir." And I remember all the gasps from the 99s when I told this story.



But on March 12th this year, the puzzle has finally been solved. I found my biological father's son and daughter, one on each side of the coast. The son is a pilot with American Airlines, formerly an Air Force pilot who trained at the Academy here in Colorado where I live now. Our father was an aircraft mechanic at the end of W. W. II and worked for Conair, and if his sister in Massachusetts has it right, he was also a test pilot. Once he married and had his own son and daughter, he took them to airports and airshows every weekend to check out the airplanes. If only I could have been with them, but his genes are obviously part of me because I love everything to do with flying, even when Dee Rice kidnapped me in March 2006 and we flew in a whiteout to Tanana, down the frozen Yukon River to land in Ruby and back to Fairbanks in time to see Pearl Chamberlain receive her Master Pilot Award from the FAA.

I'd do it again in a heartbeat!

Sandi

*A woman is like a tea bag - you never know how strong
she is until she gets in hot water.*

- - Eleanor Roosevelt

Our Newest Members

There are six new 99s in Alaska:

Stephanie Anderson
Homer, Cook Inlet Chapter

Jessica Cherry
Fairbanks, Midnight Sun Chapter

Jamie Klaes
Bettles Field, Midnight Sun Chapter

Lynda Klaes
Fairbanks, Midnight Sun Chapter

Tanya Lindeen
Anchorage, Alaska Chapter

Melissa McInelly
Fairbanks, Midnight Sun Chapter

Welcome aboard!

Election of Officers

It's time to think about chapter officers for the next term (June - May). If you are interested in running for one of the positions (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary or Treasurer) plan to attend the April meeting and make your intentions known. If you don't feel up to one of the officer slots, consider serving as a member of the board of directors.

Ballots will be mailed to all members listed in the international directory no later than Friday, April 16.

If you will not be able to attend the meeting, please contact Melanie Hancock (694-4571 or flyquilt@mtaonline.net) to be included on the ballots no later than 6 p.m. Thursday, April 15.



Women Pilots of Alaska

by Sandi Sumner, author and
Honorary Member of the
Alaska Chapter of the 99s.

The first biographical history of women pilots in Alaska, this book explores the challenges faced by women as they pursued roles in aviation in the Last Frontier. Beginning in 1927 with Marvel Crosson and reaching to the present day, 37 adventurous and personal tales are included in this "must read".

Contact Sandi Sumner at: sandisumner@att.net
or Phone: 719-748-8012

Aviation Medical Services Moves to New Office

Aviation Medical Services, the office of Dr. Petra Illig and her AME partners, has relocated, but is still in the same building on the corner of Spenard and International Airport Rd. in Anchorage. The office moved to the second floor, Suite # 205. Lake Hood Pilot Shoppe has closed, but the medical practice is open 6 days per week. Phone number for appointments is still 245-4359.

The web site is www.AirSpaceDoc.com.
Come by and see the new office!

The Alaska Airmens 2010 Trade Show & Conference

The Alaska Airmens Trade Show will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2, at the Fed Ex Hangar at Ted Stevens International Airport. The Alaska Chapter will have a booth at the Show. The schedule will be available at the April meeting. If you are interested in working at the booth, but won't be at the meeting, please contact Lani Kile, 696-5453, to be added to the schedule.

2010 Conference Schedule

SATURDAY MAY 1st

0900 - 1800 TRADE SHOW OPEN

0930 – "A Question and Answer Forum: The Bottom Line to Float, Mountain, and Super Cub Flying Techniques," – Vern Kingsford, Scenic Mountain Air/Alaska Float Ratings

1100 - "Who is PIC and Why it Matters," Robert F. Hedrick, Attorney, Seattle, Washington

1230 - "Tales of Alaskan Bush Pilots," - Holger "Jorgy" Jorgensen, author of "Jorgy", Gary Bakewell, author of "Clouddancer" and others. Listen to stories told by the authors themselves, sometimes called "Hangar Flying!"

1400 - "How to Be an Old, Bold Pilot: Medical Aspects," – Dr. Randle Corfman, Review and discuss common health issues that are pertinent to staying healthy and keeping a valid medical certificate.

1530 - "ALASKA AIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING," - Adam White, President, Alaska Airmen's Association.

1630 - "AOPA Alaska Airport Advocacy" – Joey Colleran, State Legislative Affairs, Frederick, Maryland

SUNDAY MAY 4

1000 - 1700 TRADE SHOW OPEN

1030 "Compatible Land Use Planning and our Community Airports," - Pat Oien, FAA Airports Division. An overview of Compatible Land Use Planning goals and tools available to communities.

1200 - "Cirrus Vision SF50: Cirrus Vision for the future," - presented by Dave Rathbun, Chief Engineer SF50

1300 - "NextGen in Alaska," J. C. Johns, Director, FAA Navigation Services

1430 - "Flying Denali National Park: Balancing beauty and sound - Tom George, Alaska Regional Representative, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association

1500 - "Barnstorming," View this award winning documentary that premiered at Oshkosh in 2009. It is an American story – an adventure, a testament to our communities and, a celebration of the joy of flight.

1645-"Alaska Airmen's Association Annual Airplane Raffle"
- Dan's Aircraft Repair, New Rebuilt PA-18 160 Super Cub!!

Coming Aviation Events

THE 2010 ALASKA STATE AVIATION TRADE SHOW AND CONFERENCE

May 1 – 2, FedEx Maintenance Hangar, Stevens International Airport. Schedule on page 8

VALDEZ MAY DAY

FLY-IN & AIR SHOW

The Valdez May Day Fly-In & Air show isn't your ordinary Fly-In! Come to Valdez May 7 - 9 and experience the most unique bush plane competition in the Western United States. It is truly the only one of it's kind and it's waiting for you!!! Some of the activities are Short Field Landings and Take-offs, Flour Bombing Contests and a Poker Run on Saturday morning. Awards are made at the banquet Saturday evening. There are aviation exhibitors and an air show, so please put the dates on your calendar.

POSSIBLE MEMORIAL DAY

FLY-IN TO MCCARTHY

Contact Melanie Hancock (694-4571 or flyquilt@mtaonline.net) to let her know you're interested in information about a fly-in to McCarthy on Memorial Day Weekend, May 29 and 30. McCarthy is the site of the famous Kennecott Copper Mine which was operational during the early 1900's.

KENAI PENINSULA AIR FAIR

The Kenai Peninsula Air Fair is scheduled for Saturday, June 5. The morning begins with registration and an EAA Breakfast at the Soldotna Airport, then off on a poker run, finishing at the Kenai Airport with static displays, a Military Appreciation event and a barbeque.

For more information, call (907) 283-7951 or (907) 262-4672.



2010 Ninety-Nines International Conference

Grab your suntan lotion and your grass skirt and get ready to head to Kona on the Big Island for the Ninety-Nines International Conference July 5 - 9, 2010. Register online at:

<http://ninetynines.net/hawaii2010/>
Early registration ends May 1, 2010.

ARCTIC THUNDER

Arctic Thunder is Elmendorf Air Force Base's open house and air show. Historically, Arctic Thunder has been the largest two-day event in Alaska. The base hosts Arctic Thunder to demonstrate its appreciation to the Alaska community for its support of the military, to educate the public about the military's mission, and to recruit people interested in joining the service.

The next Arctic Thunder air show takes place July 31-Aug. 1, 2010. The U.S. Navy's Flight Demonstration Squadron Blue Angels and the Canadian Forces Snowbirds Demonstration Team are scheduled to perform.

Pastor helps teens take flight

Rural students offered opportunity to take flight lessons for credit

By Alex Demarban | *The Tundra Drums*

With the help of son Barney Funk, 20, and Ryan Walker, the teacher in Chevak, Funk's creating a new nonprofit to put flight instructors in village schools across the state.

AVSTEM International - short for aviation, technology, science, engineering and mathematics - will seek financial support from tribes, Native corporations, school districts and anywhere else, he said.

Learning to fly improves math and science skills and gives students career choices in an industry that buzzes overhead daily, he said. "And it promotes healthy lifestyles, because you can't mix drugs, alcohol and flying. Once that happens, you're out," he said.

The three villages are located in the lower Yukon River area northwest of Bethel. Like scores of villages off the state's road system, unemployment is high, approaching a third of the work force in two of the villages, according to the last Census.

Meanwhile, statewide demand for pilots and other airline positions is predicted to grow, especially for flight mechanics needed to install new, satellite-based navigational equipment, said Angie Slingluff, aviation and space education coordinator for the FAA in Alaska.

But aviation programs are rare in rural high schools. Funk could name just one - the vocational charter school in Galena nearly 300 miles up the Yukon River. Funk, Covenant Church pastor in Hooper Bay and 53 years old, is watching his efforts pay off. A certified flight instructor, he's taken students to national air shows. This summer Hooper Bay and Chevak teens will visit the industry's top show in Oshkosh, Wis.

In Hooper Bay in recent years, three students, including Barney, have become certified flight mechanics. Two high school graduates are earning private pilot licenses at flight schools and two more are preparing to go, he said.

Also, the Thorp 211 light sport aircraft that Hooper Bay students are helping build should be ready to fly in May, he said. Assembly began three years ago. Funk, working with the Build A Plane nonprofit in California, arranged to have donated sections of the plane shipped to the village. But delays arose when the Dallas-based manufacturer went out of business, he said.

Student motivation sagged during the waits. So Funk fabricated some parts or scrounged up components from supply companies, spending more than \$10,000 of his own money. Now all the parts are in. Students are adding finishing touches, such as wiring up the instrument panel before wings are attached. When it's ready, he'll fly students around. Eventually, he hopes to let licensed graduates fly themselves.

In Chevak, students will also build a plane with help from Walker, who moved to Alaska to help Funk. The partnership started after the 26-year-old Walker, who grew up flying his dad's Super Cub in Colorado, met Barney Funk at a small Michigan flight school.

Walker heard stories about Barney's dad and rang him up, offering to help. Two years ago, he and his wife, a teacher, moved to Chevak "sight unseen." Walker, a certified flight instructor and mechanic, spent the last school year "commuting by snowmachine" about 20 miles to Hooper Bay, volunteering in Funk's classes.

At Chevak's high school last fall, Walker began teaching elective aviation courses, including an advanced class to prepare students for a private pilot written test. "Flying is such a vital part of life out here and it's a real opportunity for these kids to make a living and help their communities in Western Alaska," he said.

He's planning to buy a Rans S-19 kit plane students can build. The two-seater sells for \$60,000, but the manufacturer's dropping the price for Walker, he said. He'll buy the tail section this spring, and might take out a loan for the rest, he said.

He's hoping air freight companies donate space to fly sections up from Hays, Kan. Ryan Air, formerly Arctic Transportation Services, has volunteered to ship sections from Bethel to Chevak, Slingluff said.

Slingluff recently organized a steering committee to support the project. It includes aviation experts in Alaska and a Build A Plane representative, she said. "We're tickled pink," she said of Walker.

**UNITED STATES CIVIL AIR PATROL
YUKON COMPOSITE SQUADRON**



**GENERAL AVIATION FLY-IN
GALENA, ALASKA**

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010 10:00AM-3:00PM

OPENING CEREMONY AT 12:00 NOON

Galena's Yukon Composite Squadron will be hosting a Civil Air Patrol-sponsored fly-in. We extend an invitation to ALL pilots, any interested in general aviation, and CAP Airmen!

Events include:

- Static Aircraft Displays
- Short presentations of local Aviation activities
- Meet and visit with great Pilots and those interested in Aviation
- Coffee and doughnut breakfast – Barbecued hamburger and hot dog lunch

For more information:

Lt. Col. Noel Frisbie
Galena City School District Aviation Technology
1 (907) 656-4589 – nfrisbie@yahoo.com

Funds generated from this GENERAL AVIATION FLY-IN will benefit the Yukon CAP Cadet Squadron and other local CAP activities.

Thank you for your support!

Due to hideous high winds and generally nasty weather, I have had to postpone my checkride for the 3rd time and rescheduled it for this Thursday, 10 AM (which is forecasted to be sunny and calm, which is exactly what I hope to be). If you think of it, I'd sure appreciate any good thoughts you can send my way. I believe it can help and coming from you would be very special indeed.

Thanks very much and have a terrific week!

Ali Morse
Silverton, CO (soon to be in McCarthy, AK!)

Minutes of the March 10, 2010 Meeting of the Alaska Chapter 99s

The March general meeting of the AK 99's chapter was called to order at 6:06 pm by Vice Chair, Melanie Hancock.

Each member and guest introduced themselves with a comment about why they attend the AK Chapter 99's meetings. Comments were generally related to the companionship and camaraderie and/or the information presented in the meeting programs. There were 11 members present, 3 guests and our program speaker for the evening.

Announcements from the Vice Chair:

Sign up sheets - 4 upcoming events, volunteers needed.

Sunday March 14 from 1pm to 3pm Loussac Library research assistance in the Alaska Section for the purpose of digging up history on women pilots in Alaska for the Aviation Museum project.

Spring Safety Seminar Saturday April 17th at the UAA Aviation Building volunteers needed to assist with registration at 08:00

AviationTrade show May 1st and 2nd - volunteers needed for the 99's booth

Valdez Fly-In May 8th and 9th - If there is interest, we'll staff a booth.

Another event / volunteer opportunity mentioned by Angie:

Starbase is going to have an ACE (Aviation Career Education) Academy Program for kids June 21st to 25th at the BP Energy Center - presenters and volunteers willing to work with kids welcome. DoD STARBASE is a premier educational program, sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. At DoD STARBASE students participate in challenging "hands-on, mind-on" activities in aviation, science, technology, engineering, math, and space exploration. More information will be available in the April newsletter.

Kenai Air show Saturday June 5th. A fun opportunity and more information in next newsletter.

Treasurers Report by Brenda Staats:

Checking Account balance is \$2,040.43

Two CD's (\$15,000 and \$5,000) - interest rolled back into the account

Savings account balance is \$1234.00 (earmarked for museum)

Checks out:

1. Alaska Aviation Heritage Foundation
2. Patty Pane - for jewelry
3. Mat-Su chapter reimbursed for Fairbanks Frequent Flyer

Minutes from the January 13th and the February 10th meetings - included in the March Flypaper. Motion to approve by Angie, seconded by Heather

Program - Nancy Schommer : "How to get the most out of the FAA Alaska Weather Cameras"

Purpose of the weather camera program - to improve safety, a low cost solution to assist VFR pilots. Presently there are 119 cameras (3 to 4 per site) installed near or at airports and along high traffic routes/passes. A total of 221 cameras are planned by 2014. Access the web site -

<http://akweathercams.faa.gov/>

Scholarship - Toni & Brenda volunteered to review applicants (unknown how many)

2 student pilot training for \$1000, 1 advanced rating for \$1500. Total of \$3500

Information on the web site. Limited knowledge of and competition for these scholarships - more awareness needed.

Newsletter - Melanie

No charge for e-mail newsletters, let Melanie know if someone wants to be on the email list.

Deadline for submissions to the April Flypaper is April 2nd (first Friday).

Minutes of the March 10, 2010 Meeting of the Alaska Chapter 99s, cont.

Flying Companion Seminar - Angie

Posters available for distribution, posting
 Gale Kase available as simulator instructor
 Presentation on powerpoint - easy to present,
 instructors notes with each slide
 Equipment - 3 table top simulators (model 510),
 2 radios

Fly-Ins:

Calgary Stampede - July 9th through July 18th
 (over 2 weekends - July 10-11th & 17-18th)

Events include a rodeo, stage shows, animal
 exhibits/demos.

Patty and Brenda will follow up with more
 information if there is any interest in
 traveling as a group.

McCarthy - Memorial weekend (May 29th &
 30th) fly on Friday or Saturday. Lodging at Ma
 Johnson's in Historic downtown McCarthy.
 Melanie will check on room availability and
 rates. Sunday meet for a brunch at Long Lake.
 More information in the April Flypaper.

Election of Officers: Nominations in May,
 Elections in June

There will be a print-out of job descriptions.
 Please volunteer as it will spread the work

Applicants will receive support, assistance and
 job sharing as necessary.

49 ½ Installation: No date set.

New Business:

International elections - Mio advocates voting
 for the recommended write in candidates.

Angie - Su-Valley High School in Talkeetna is
 interested in developing an aviation program
 based on the Aero Scholars curriculum.
 Rebecca Fischer, a 99, is willing to donate her
 service as a CFI. Rebecca Fischer is requesting
 the AK Chapter 99's donate money for a DVD
 flight training program (King or Jeppesen) to
 the school library - cost \$199 to \$500.

It was also suggested/requested a Flying
 Companion Seminar be held in Talkeetna.

7:55pm - Move to adjourn by Angie, seconded by
 Mio

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Laxson, Secretary

Late Valentine

Jodi Harskamp is a member of the
 Alaska Chapter (former member of
 the Bay Cities Chapter). Jodi and
 Neal are now the proud parents of
 Tui Jean Stanbury, born on February
 15th.



WASP - WWII CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL CELEBRATION



Hello Mrs. Sandi Sumner,

My name is Rachel Kallander and I have been working on the WASP project here in Senator Murkowski's Washington D.C. office. I apologize for the delayed response to your email regarding the Alaskan WASP pilots.

The list of WASP's we have received is the official list the Women's Memorial Fund keeps. The list of Alaskan WASP's we received includes six women. The three Alaskan women on this list that are now deceased are Ruth Bauer, Celia Hunter, and Gloria Collins. The three WASP's whom we have been in contact with are Ellen Campbell, Nancy Banker, and Ginny Wood. The Senator and I are flying to Fairbanks tomorrow, April 2, to present Ginny and Nancy with their Congressional Medals in person. Senator Murkowski is going to Ginny's home to visit with her and give her the medal tomorrow afternoon and tomorrow evening she will present Nancy with her medal at the Annual Military Appreciation Banquet. Ellen Campbell, the third surviving Alaskan WASP, already received her medal in Washington D.C. at the March 10 WASP Ceremony in the Capitol.

We have been tracking down the families of Ruth Bauer, Celia Hunter, and Gloria Collins and are in contact with them. The Women's Memorial Fund as well as Congressional offices in D.C. are working to ensure that the families of every WASP pilot who is no longer alive receives a medal on their behalf.

I do not have any information on Margo Cook or Pearl Chamberlain, nor were they on the list of Alaskan WASP's we received from the Women's Memorial Fund. It could be that they established residency in other states possibly, and so they would fall under another list. For more in depth information or details you can reach the Women's Memorial Fund at www.womensmemorial.org or via email at pr@womensmemorial.org

Thank you for contacting Senator Murkowski's office and please let me know if you have any other questions.

Best,

Rachel Kallander
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