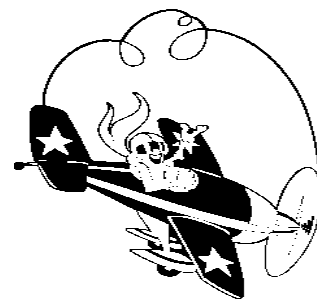




The Flypaper

The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s
August 2010



Notes from the Chair

August....where has the summer gone...??? It has been an old fashion wet summer...but I hope you've been able to get out and enjoy the sunny days that we have had. Let's keep our fingers crossed that Fall will bring with it a glorious Indian Summer!

August's General Meeting (same time...different place) will be a Picnic Potluck at Merrill Field. Make plans to join us at Margaret Ibbotson's hangar and enjoy good friends, good food, and good hangar flying!

Thanks to Heather Hasper for all of her help in setting us up with a new software program that makes it easy to keep our Alaska 99s website up-to-date. We plan to use the monthly Board of Director's meetings as the time and place renew and refresh the website each month. Watch the Flypaper for details as to time and place, and join us with updates...ideas...or photos that you'd like to share with all of the 99s.

Until later....fly friendly!

Lani

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Next Meeting

Wednesday, August 11, 2010

6 p.m. at Margaret & Dean's Hangar,
Slipstream Hangars on the north side of
Merrill Field

Calendar of Events

Wed., Aug. 11	Annual Chapter Picnic
Wed., Sept. 8	Regular Monthly Meeting
Sept. 9 - 11	Northwest Section Meeting, Boise, ID
Tues., Sept. 21	Mat-Su Chapter Regular Monthly Meeting
Wed., Oct. 13	Regular Monthly Meeting
Tues., Oct. 19	Mat-Su Chapter Regular Monthly Meeting
Oct. 28	Fall Board Meeting, Oklahoma City, OK
7/13/11	International 99s Conerence, Oklahoma City, OK

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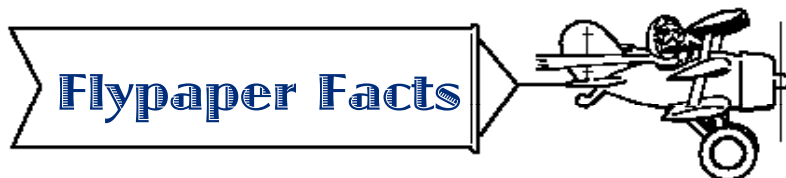
Fly-Ins, Airmarking & Publicity
Committees need volunteers.

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 **Sept. 2010** Flypaper is **Aug. 31, 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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August Picnic

The Alaska Chapter annual picnic will be held at Margaret Ibbotson's hangar at Slipstream Hangars on the north side of Merrill Field on Wednesday, August 11, at 6 p.m. Please join us, bring a friend, a spouse or a hungry stray pilot to this social event-- don't be bashful!

The Chapter will furnish hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments and drinks. Please bring a potluck dish of your choosing, an extra chair or two would be helpful also. All are welcome. We're looking forward to seeing you! When you come to the gate if no one is there call 244-8660, 244-8661 or 317-8132 as your vehicle can't be seen from the relocated gate. Some parking can be accommodated inside the gate – overflow parking will be in front of Take Flight. See map below for directions.

If you're flying in, there is parking at the end of the Hangars.

Mat-Su Chapter News

The Mat-Su Valley Chapter will resume its regular monthly meetings in September, on the 3rd Tuesday, the 21st.

Mat-Su Chapter Officers

Chair/Vice Chair: Patty Livingston
746-2919

Secretary/Treasurer: Toni Merrigan
373-6569



YOUTH AVIATION ADVENTURE EVENT A SUCCESS

The FAA with the help of several 99s put on a Youth Aviation Adventure event on Saturday, July 24 as part of the Palmer Air Fair and Rendezvous. Thirty youngsters attended the event. John Lee of New Horizons Telecommunications Inc. generously provided his time and the use of his hangar at the south end of Palmer airport for the event. Ken More and Art Wikle of Artic's Air Academy provided a 172 for the preflight portion and two instructors – one for the preflight and one for Powerplant presentations.

Starbase Alaska and Shanna McPheters and her staff brought laptop flight simulators for the youngsters to fly.

Youngsters worked their way through 10 stations to learn about Professional Piloting, Powerplants and the work of A&P Mechanics, Airport Operations, Aerodynamics, Instrument Panels and Avionics, Preflight with a real Cessna 172 and finally their Young Eagles Flights.

Christine Dunning provided the Professional Pilot station with information about her career as a professional pilot for UPS. Lani Kile provided valuable insights into the mysteries of the Instrument panel. Judy Foster provided the leg work to help Angie Slingluff get the 99s supplies from Patty Livingston's hangar while Patty and Jim took their new airplane to Oshkosh where it was given honorable mention recognition.

To stay competitive in a global economy the US needs to graduate more scientists, technicians, engineers and mathematicians. China is graduating 4 times the number of engineers than the US. Russia, India, China and Japan are all focused on technology. We went to the moon first, but unless we get kids excited, we may not be the first to go to Mars.

Getting youngsters up in airplanes is the surest way to get them excited about aviation and aviation careers. Aviation requires an understanding science, technology, engineer and math - the STEM subjects. Students who may struggle with math and science find it makes sense when you can show them a real world application of these principles. Let's add a "A" into the equation and go Full STEAM ahead to fulfilling careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, Aviation and Math! EAA Chapter 42 provided 25 youth with Young Eagles Flights to get them started on their flight path. Thank you EAA – Ed White, Jim McCarthy, Rick Henry and Dave Swartz.

It's every pilot's job to share their passion for flying with youngsters. I hope next year the 99s will again support this wonderful program. For more information about YAA visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.youthaviationadventure.org"](http://www.youthaviationadventure.org) www.youthaviationadventure.org EAA sponsored Young Eagles flights are open to kids ages 8 – 18. Check out [HYPERLINK "http://www.youngeagles.org"](http://www.youngeagles.org) www.youngeagles.org to learn more.



Rick & Brooke after flight.



Christine, Brooke & Shanna.

Palmer Air Fair and Rendezvous

The Short Field Skills Assessment at the Palmer Air Fair and Rendezvous on Saturday, July 24th, was a great success as was the entire day of safety seminars, Youth in Aviation, Young Eagles flights, vendor tables, and static displays. The remote controlled F-4 demonstration at noon was really fun to watch! For the Short Field Skills Assessment 7 airplanes participated. This year we had a great variety including a 7GC Champ, an Arctic Tern, an Aeronca Sedan, a PA12, a Wren 460 and Cessnas 175 & 180 practicing their landings and takeoffs on the gravel strip. And the weather actually cooperated until the end!

Volunteer helpers are essential and this year I had a great group to help make it a success. Many thanks for volunteering time and radios to Carole Comeau, Johnathon Painter, Bruce Ryerson, Vicki Soule, Joy Journey, Ali Morse, and Selene Alvarez who were out on the field and to Melanie Hancock and Marty Home who ran the base. Thanks to Sara Maurer, Brenda Staats, and John Steuernagle for the loan of their much needed radios and thanks to Gayle Kase who provided her briefing notes so that I did not forget anything. This is a valuable safety event and there is a request to host more than one during the summer and at other airports in the state. I will be checking in to the feasibility of this during the winter months.



Houston, we have lift off!

Volunteers at the Short Field Skills Assessment on July 24.





Youngsters got to ride Ciff's Kettle Korn Express at the Palmer Air Fair.

GYROCOPTER FOR SALE

Newly built gyrocopter constructed by an A & M mechanic. Has flown one time. Needs an engine and a front wheel. Included is its own hangar and trailer for easy transport. Contact Elaine Base 375-1545.



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
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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!

Member Updates



One of our Alaska Charter members, Margo Cook, is not doing well at the moment. Margo joined the Ninety-Nines in 1941! She is at home and her friend Leah and Hospice are caring for her. Margo's career included WASP training, flying as a test pilot for Stinson & teaching elementary school in Anchorage. If you have the chance to e-mail her a brief message or send a card it would give "lift" to her day.

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"I always print out the e-mails to read to her. She is pretty weak but has rallied and is eating soft foods and drinking her fluids with little trouble swallowing. Who knows about Margo?!!! We do appreciate your notes."

Leah

Caren della Cioppa, Mat-Su Valley 99, raised about \$2,500 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society by riding her bike from Prudhoe Bay to her home in Palmer. She is a member of Team in Training, an organization that raises money and awareness in the fight against cancer.

Read more: <http://www.adn.com/2010/08/03/1394321/team-in-training-group-raises.html#ixzz0vektVArR>

