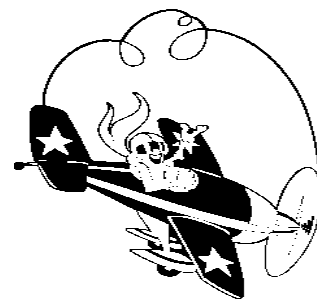




The Flypaper

The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s
May 2010



Notes from the Chair

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who helped out before, after, and during the Aviation Trade Show....and to everyone who stopped by the 99s booth!! It was another great success, and it's that one time a year you're guaranteed to see folks you haven't seen since last year's Trade Show.

We need the expertise of our members to help us maximize the generous bequest the Alaska 99s received from Ellen Paneok's estate. We are now in possession of some very old pieces of fossilized ivory that have been appraised and cataloged, and now we need to find a buyer. If you can help us move these Native artifacts, either through a contact, or your own experience with selling things on Ebay or Craig's List, please let anyone on the Board of Directors know. We will provide you with a detailed list, and digital photos of the items. Since the proceeds are to be used for scholarships, we want to maximize our return on these items, and put them out on consignment only as a last resort. Let us know if you can help!!

Thanks for your participation....

Fly Safe!

Lani

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Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

6 p.m. at Peggy's Restaurant

(across from Merrill Field)

Program: Stories from a Professional Fight

Instructor, by Heidi Ruess, Arctic Flyers

Calendar of Events

May 7 - 9	Valdez May Day Fly-In
Wed., May 12	Regular Monthly Meeting
Sat., May 15	Flying Companion Seminar, UAA Aviation Complex
Tues., May 18	Regular Monthly Meeting, Mat-Su Valley 99s
May 29-30	Fly-in to McCarthy
Sat., June 5	10th Annual Kenai Peninsula Air Fair
Tues., June 15	Joint picnic with Mat-Su Valley Chapter
June 21-25	ACE (Aviation Career Education) Academy, BP Energy Center
July 5 - 9, 2010	International Conference, Kona, Hawaii
July 24	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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Lani Kile	696-5453
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Fly-Ins, Airmarking & Publicity
Committees need volunteers.

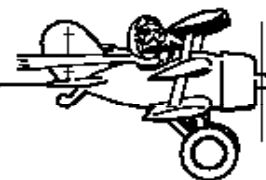
99s Online

Chapter Website (www.ak99s.org)

National Website (www.ninety-nines.org)

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

Flypaper Facts



Deadline for the **June 2010** Flypaper is **June 1, 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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May Program

Our May program will be presented by Heidi Ruess of Arctic Flyers based at lake Hood.

Heidi has agreed to pass on a few of her more colorful stories of teaching people to fly. There will be a question and answer session after a short presentation.

Heidi is an FAA Flight Examiner who has logged more than 30,000 hours of flying experience. She and her son run Arctic Flyers together and provide float, tricycle gear, taildragger, instrument and emergency instruction for private through airline transport ratings.

Please bring a friend and join us!



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://ninety-nines.net/hawaii2010/>

If you are planning to attend or know someone who is attending the International Conference, please contact Lani Kile (696-5453) regarding our proxies for voting.



The Mat-Su Valley Chapter will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, May 18, at 6:30 p.m. at Patty Livingston's Hangar at Wolf Lake Airport (4AK6). The address is 4890 N. Phantom Place, corner of Phantom Place and Hart Lake Loop. For more information, please contact Patty at 746-2919 or Toni at 373-6559.

Nancy Schommer will be presenting a program on the FAA Weather Cams. Please bring a friend or student pilot.

Mat-Su Chapter Officers

Chair	Toni Merrigan	373-6569
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Secretary	Elaine Base	357-1545
Treasurer	Patty Livingston	746-2919

Election of Officers

Ballots have been mailed and hopefully everyone has made their choices and returned the ballots. Election results for the Alaska Chapter will be made public at the May 12 meeting.

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.

It's not too late to register, so 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: _____

Memorial Day Weekend Fly-In to McCarthy

The Fly-In is scheduled for the Memorial Day Weekend. Currently, the plans are to fly to McCarthy on Saturday, May 29, spend the night and return via Long Lake on Sunday. Following is a brief history of the area and 3 options for accommodations there. Each person attending is welcome to make their own reservations. You may contact Melanie Hancock (694-4571 or flyquilt@mtaonline.net) if you would be interested in renting 17 Silk Stocking Row as a group.

McCarthy is 120 miles northeast of Cordova at the foot of the Wrangell Mountains. According to the 2000 Census, there were 42 people in residence.

Copper was discovered in Kennecott Mountain in 1900. The mines and company town of Kennicott were built by the Kennecott Mining Company shortly after the discovery. Because alcoholic beverages and prostitution were forbidden in Kennicott, McCarthy grew as an area to provide services not available in the company town. It soon

became a major town with a gymnasium, hospital, school, a bar and a brothel.

Construction began on the Copper River and Northwestern Railway in 1907 and was completed in 1911 and ore began flowing to Cordova via the railway. The railroad ran 195 miles between Kennicott and Cordova and cost a total of \$23,000,000 to build. The first train hauled \$250,000 of 70% copper on April 5, 1911. It was of such a high grade that it was shipped without being processed at all.

After producing more than \$200,000,000 in copper and \$100,000,000 in profit, the last train left Chitina on Nov. 11, 1938 and Kennicott became an instant ghost town. At its peak, Kennicott was home to dormitories, machines shops, family housing and stores, as well as a tennis court, movie house and a 2-room school where teachers taught 8 grades. There were 50 original Kennecott Copper Company buildings in town, painted in red with white trim.

Seventeen Silk Stocking Row

Nestled within the beautiful Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve, Kennicott, Alaska, we are proud to offer this privately owned cottage as part of your vacation of a lifetime. This historic cabin was once part of the Kennicott Copper Mine that flourished in the early 1900s. This beautifully restored structure is one of the most unique lodging choices in the Kennicott-McCarthy area. #17 Silk Stocking Row was renovated in 1996 to its original charm including the exterior red color that all Kennicott Mine buildings were painted. This quaint cabin is one of the remaining supervisor's dwellings that

once belonged to the mining company. It was built in 1918 and was inhabited until 1938 when the mine abruptly closed, and all employees and their families departed.

Room rates: one room for 2 - \$125/night, 2 rooms for 4 - \$225; entire cottage for 8 - \$375. Phone 907-554-1417 or via e-mail: Susan@17SilkstockingRow.com/. More info at <http://www.17silkstockingrow.com/index.htm>



Ma Johnson's Historic Hotel



Ma Johnson's is located in downtown McCarthy and has been fully restored. Rooms are unique and decorated with interesting artifacts from McCarthy and Kennicott. The bedrooms feature historic artifacts, fabric covered walls, and original had-made quilts.

Most of the rooms have pedestal sinks. The hotel lobby is a faithful period room that is sure to induce a feeling of stepping back in time. The hotel is a non-smoking building. There are no outlets in the rooms but there are electric lights and outlets for CPAP systems and charging batteries throughout the building. This is because the historic buildings did not have outlets for appliances that did not exist in 1920's Alaska!

Room rates: single - \$129; double - \$169, triple - \$179. Phone 907-554-4402 or or go online <http://www.mccarthylodge.com/booknow.php> to make your reservations. When making reservations, be sure to mention that you are with the 99s Fly-In. If the weather does not permit us to make the trip, the hotel will waive the cancellation fees. Pick-up and drop off at the footbridge or at the McCarthy airport.



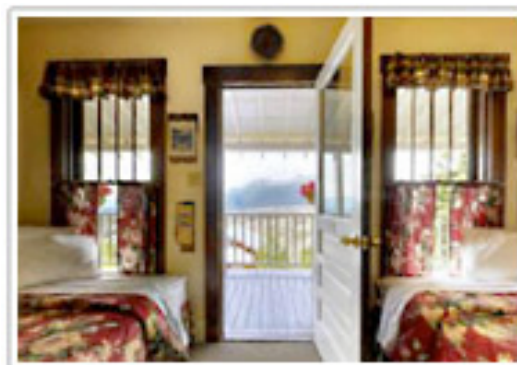
Lobby of Ma Johnson's Hotel

KENNICOTT *Glacier Lodge*

The Kennicott Glacier Lodge is located at the site of the old copper mine. The Main Lodge has rooms on the front side facing the glacier (Glacier View) and on the back side with a view into the forest (Mountain View). Glacier View rooms have 2 double beds and the first floor rooms have front porch access. All Mountain View rooms are on the second floor and most have queen size bed. All rooms in the Main Lodge have shared, private use restrooms and showers.



Mountain View room rates at the Main Lodge are single - \$159 and double - \$169, including transportation to/from McCarthy. Breakfast and lunch are walk-in, but reservations are required for dinner. Contact the Lodge at 1-800-582-5128 or online at <http://www.kennicottlodge.com/roomsRates.html>. Their cancellation policy cannot be waived, but you can check periodically with them for availability, which shouldn't really be a problem. It may be possible to call in the morning before you fly to McCarthy and get reservations at the Lodge.



ACE Academy

Starbase Alaska is offering an ACE (Aviation Career Education) Academy for kids ages 12 and up from June 21 - 25, 2010, at the BP Energy Center. The cost is \$50.

For more information and to sign up, contact Shanna McPheters at Starbase

384-6351 or

shanna.mcpheters@alaska.gov.

Congratulations !

*Alaska 99 Danielle Bassler
passed her check ride for her
private pilot's license on
April 27, 2010.*

Nice job!



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!

Update on the 2010 Scholarship Recipients

Holly Adamson (Alaska Chapter Advanced Rating Scholarship)

Holly lives in Anchorage, and is enrolled at UAA Aviation Technology program. She is majoring in professional piloting, and currently working on her commercial license. She has already spent 3 years working in the business world, with a Bachelor of Business Administration from Eastern Kentucky University, and has decided that her true vocation is to be an airline pilot. Long term goal: To retire from the airlines and teach aviation at a university.

With her business degree she had achieved a lucrative career in sales, but has chosen to give all this up for the love of flying and the realization monetary compensation is no substitute for self actualization. She grew up in a home with flying stories, where her dad was the Assistant Professor in the Aviation Program at Eastern Kentucky University, and it was with his encouragement that she recognized her natural ability to fly. Now she feels she is on the 'right path', even though it will be a long and costly one.

Dorothy Olmstead (Alaska Chapter Advanced Rating Scholarship)

Dorothy lives in Girdwood, and is currently flying with Arctic Flyers. She grew up in Midwestern suburbia and earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Boston, studied abroad in the Netherlands, and worked at a Tahoe ski resort before moving to Alaska. She managed the business Fly Denali and Talkeetna Aero's (FDTA) growing Healy branch.

Her boss gave her an introductory flight in at Cessna 185 and that began a journey to receive her private ticket in Colorado. She has passed the written for instrument and is currently working toward taking the check ride this month. She plans to attain her commercial, multi-engine, tail wheel and floats add-on as well. Then fly the Navajos in 2011 as second-in-command for Talkeetna Aero, and from there Grant Aviation. Her love of flying is an inspiration to her niece.

Jane McNiven (Mat-Su Student Pilot Scholarship)

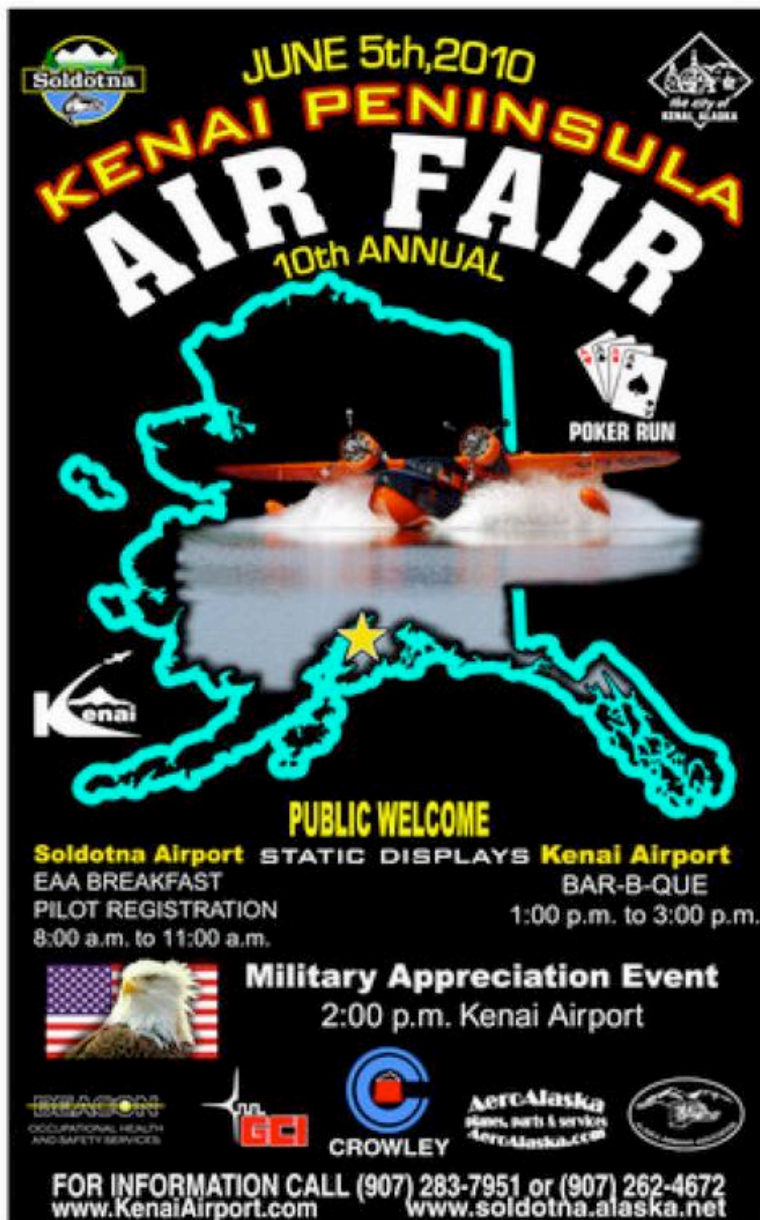
Jane teaches third grade at Sherrod Elementary in Palmer. She has been teaching for 9 years and earned her Master's in Education in 2007. A friend, Al, took her for a ride in his PA-12 bush plane and Jane was hooked. She and Al started dating and they purchased a remote parcel in the Susitna Valley and started building a cabin. They planned to marry and were almost finished with their cabin, or as they called it, their retirement home. In 2006, their life changed drastically when Al had a brain aneurysm and a stroke. They still owned the plan and Jane said she wanted their life back. She called Mustang Air in Palmer and they put her in contact with Bill Billingsley. She started flying lessons in November, 2008.

Jane said she had never been so scared in a plane as she was on her first flight in the front seat. But, determined not to quit, she continued with her lessons. She has financed her lessons out of pocket and occasionally has earned a lesson through helping out at Bill's hangar. She has come to understand Al's love of aviation and it has truly become a lifestyle for her. She saw an ad for a 99s meeting at the airport and decided to attend. She said they were wonderful and made her feel welcome. She is looking forward to the day when she can say "I am a pilot."

Coming Aviation Events

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.



JUNE 5th, 2010
KENAI PENINSULA AIR FAIR
 10th ANNUAL

Soldotna **Kenai**

POKER RUN

PUBLIC WELCOME

Soldotna Airport **STATIC DISPLAYS** **Kenai Airport**
 EAA BREAKFAST **BAR-B-QUE**
 PILOT REGISTRATION 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Military Appreciation Event
 2:00 p.m. Kenai Airport

FOR INFORMATION CALL (907) 283-7951 or (907) 262-4672
www.KenaiAirport.com www.soldotna.alaska.net

Logos: EAA, Crowley, AeroAlaska, Kenai Peninsula Airport, Soldotna Airport, Military Appreciation Event, Occupational Health and Safety Services.

MCCARTHY FLY-IN

The fly-in is scheduled for Saturday, May 29 and Sunday May 30. See pages 5 and 6 for details.

PALMER AIR FAIR AND RENDEZVOUS

Saturday July 24 at Palmer Airport. Events and activities for the whole family. 99s will offer a Short Field Clinic. FAA Aviation Education will offer Youth Aviation Adventure activities. There will be safety seminars for pilots and hunters. More info to follow.

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.

Minutes of the April 14, 2010 Meeting of the Alaska Chapter 99s

The April general meeting of the AK 99's chapter was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chapter Chair, Lani Kile

There were 19 members present, 3 guests and our program speaker for the evening. Each member and guest introduced themselves and answered the question: "Why did you learn to fly?" For some this has been a life long dream, being exposed to family, friends or circumstances from an early age. At the other end of the spectrum this interest was sparked by a boyfriend or husband pilot much later in life. Few 99's considered a career in aviation during their high school or college years. Efforts to remedy the lack of early exposure to careers in aviation in Alaska are evidenced by innovative educational opportunities, "STEM" programs (science, technology, engineering and math) and further described in the program presented this evening.

The program at tonight's meeting was presented by Dan Carey, a Begich Middle School teacher, who is making aviation careers a very attractive choice by getting students involved in the "build a plane project". Build A Plane began operations in 2003 as a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting aviation and aerospace careers by giving young people the opportunity to build real airplanes. Aircraft construction and restoration projects provide an exciting opportunity to motivate kids to learn virtually any facet of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Two villages, Hooper Bay and Chevak have build a plane programs and a distance-learning flight class has been created in Pilot Station 100 miles from Hooper Bay. Students Jacob Hanson, 13 and Dylan Rubey, 14 were present to

Chapter Business:

Minutes from the March 10th general meeting - included in the April Flypaper were amended to correct the operating account balance of about \$16,000. Motion to approve the amended minutes by Angie Slingluff, seconded by Emily Crittendon and passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Treasurers Report by Brenda Staats:

Operating Account balance is about \$16,000 - unchanged from last months report. This "checking account" includes \$1234.00 "earmarked as museum funds". The exact amount will be presented during the next months meeting.

We have one 1 year CD for \$15,000

The CD for \$5,000 was rolled into a savings account due to better interest rates.

Scholarship by Brenda Staats: Toni, Brenda and Helen reviewed the applications - there were 7 for advanced ratings and one for student pilot training. More applications were received this year than ever before due to wide dissemination of information. Mat-Su Chapter awarded the one student pilot training applicant \$1000.

AK Chapter awarded two advanced rating scholarships - one was for \$1000 (in lieu of a student pilot training). Holly Adamson - awarded \$1500 for advanced training and Dorothy Olmstead - awarded \$1000 for advanced training.

Air Safety Foundation Seminar by Lani and Gloria

The 25th annual spring safety seminar Saturday May 17th is offering "wings credit". Gloria will be assisting with registration starting at 07:30am. Gloria bargained for 5 minutes of "podium time" to announce information about the Flying Companion Seminar. Volunteers will be contacted with further information.

2010 Alaska Airman's Conference and Trade Show - Lani

Sign up sheets passed with time slots available for "manning" the 99's display booth. Badges will be given to 4 primary organizers/set-up crew members - Lani, Brenda, Melanie and Jean

Valdez May Day Fly-In May 7th 8th 9th - Melanie

Web site with information posted: <http://www.valdezalaska.org/events/flyIn/flyIn.html>

Minutes of the April 14, 2010 Meeting of the Alaska Chapter 99s, cont.

AK Chapter 99's have been involved in the past and "active participation" is welcome again this year. If you are planning on going, please contact Judy Miller at (907) 339-6452 or (907) 250-7090. In past years 99's have dropped ice cream coupons, assisted with ground traffic control, book sales etc. If there are any Alaska Air-Corps members in the group they will be recognized/honored. AK Chapter donated support at the "bronze level" (\$250).

Flying Companion Seminar May 15th - Gloria

To be held at the UAA aviation complex. Help needed posting flyers. Gloria and Patty will be representing the 99's at the Lyons Rotary luncheon meeting next Tuesday (April 20th) talking about the Flying Companion Seminar. Seven participants have signed up already.

Palmer Short Field Clinic July 24th - Gloria & Angie

Gloria will be circulating sign up sheets to volunteer. Planning continues . . . entertainment, safety seminar, young eagles, short field clinic.

Sunshine Committee - Jean White

Jean visited Margaret Cook at Prov Extended Care facility with a report that she seems to be improving, getting up a bit. She was a charter member of the Alaska Chapter 99's in 1954.

Nomination of Officers and Board of Directors - Melanie.

Nominations in May, elections in June. Please volunteer as it will spread the work.

Mio will send out ballots tomorrow. Lani issued an open invitation for members to attend board meetings.

McCarthy Fly-In Memorial weekend (May 29th & 30th) - Melanie

Fly on Friday or Saturday. Lodging available at Ma Johnson's in Historic downtown McCarthy. Reasonable rates starting at \$129 for single occupancy, there will not be a fee for weather related

cancellations. Also possibly available are rooms for 8 at a refurbished house. Renovations by the NPS at the Kennicott Mine - uncertain of room availability there. Sunday meet for a brunch (starts about 10am) at Long Lake hosted by the Collins Family. Bring something for breakfast. More information in the May newsletter.

Other News/Business - Lani

Julie Oster - flying to Alaska interested in flying with an instructor. Please welcome her to meetings.

Caren Cioppa - biking from Prudoe Bay to Valdez for cancer society donations - see handout. She is the 99 who started our web site.

"The Perfect Shot" - The National 99 web site is looking for great photos for their web pages. If you have a great Alaska aviation picture, display it in the 99's booth at the Trade Show - see handout for details.

Rebecca Fischer is still evaluating Private Pilot training DVD programs for the Mat-Su Valley High School.

Web site update and maintenance - decision postponed pending further research. Heather and Rosemary have experience but might not be willing / able to make the commitment. Price of Adobe Contribute Software is a concern if licensed to multiple users.

Holly Adamson was presented with her scholarship certificate by Lani and photos were taken.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Laxson, Secretary

**If you obey all the rules,
you miss all the fun.**

Katherine Hepburn