



The Flypaper

The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s
April 2011



Getting ready for summer flying...? Need a Flight Review.....?
Join us at Peggy's Wednesday April 13th at 6 pm for a continuation
of our "refresher" programs and learn from Rick Ruess
tips that will help you in an emergency,
and be there for the drawing of the certificate for a Flight Review.

Make plans next month to join us on Wednesday May 11th at 6pm
at LaCabana where Sandi Sumner will present her new book "Wheels Up"
a sequel to "Women Pilots of Alaska." It will be a fun and festive evening,
and just like her first book, you will be personally acquainted with, or
know of many of these contemporary women pilots.
Dinner will be a Mexican buffet and we will need an accurate head count,
so please RSVP to me at champlane@aol.com or any Board member.
More info on page 4.

Thanks to the combined scholarship committee of the Alaska and Mat Su
Chapters for their diligence in choosing this year's scholarship recipients.
See who they are....inside....!!

Soft landings,

Lani

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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 13, 6 p.m.
Peggy's Restaurant
(across from Merrill Field on 5th Ave.)

Program: Emergency Procedures
Rick Ruess

Calendar of Events

Wed., April 13	Regular Monthly Meeting
Sat., April 16	26th Annual Seaplane Seminar
April 30-May 1	2011 Alaska State Aviation Trade Show & Conference
	NO FLYPAPER WILL BE PUBLISHED IN MAY
May 6 - 8	Valdez Air Show and Fly-In
Sun., May 8	Lifblood of Alaska, An Alaska Pilot Workshop
Sat., May 21	Flying Companion Seminar, Anchorage, UAA
Sat., June 4	11th Annual Kenai Peninsula Air Fair
July, 2011	International 99s Conference, Oklahoma City, OK
Sat., Aug. 4	Palmer Air Fair and Rendezvous

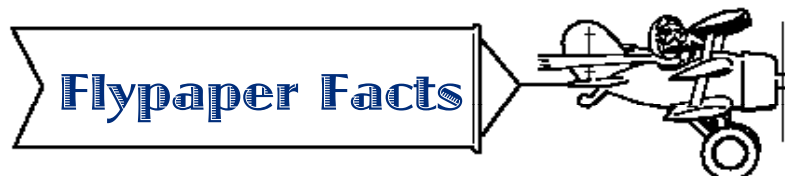


99s Online

Alaska Chapter Website (www.ak99s.org)

National Website (www.ninety-nines.org)

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



NO Flypaper will be published for May.

The deadline for the **June, 2011** Flypaper is **June 1, 2011**. 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

In conjunction with our theme of preparing for a biennial flight review, we have asked Rick Ruess, from Arctic Flyers, to be our April speaker. Rick will be talking about emergency procedures.

Arctic Flyers was established by Hermann and Heidi Reuss and is currently operated by Heidi and her son, Rick. Since its inception in 1969, Arctic Flyers has provided top-notch aviation instruction from its home base at Anchorage International Airport, and the adjacent Lake Hood Seaplane base. Rick has been instructing since 1981. He has more than 26,000 hours both as a CFI and as a commercial pilot. Rick provides float, tricycle gear, tail dragger and emergency instruction.

Rick is also a commercial pilot who in the past has flown a Citation Jet as well as a variety of turbo-prop, multi-engine and other aircraft. He also has an A&P license and can provide biennial flight reviews with complete records check on your aircraft. And you may remember he and a student making a successful but involuntary emergency landing on the Glenn Highway during rush hour traffic a few years ago.

Feel free to bring a guest and join us on April 13.



The Mat-Su Valley Chapter April meeting will be a social get-together. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. at Pandemonium in Wasilla on Tuesday, April 19.

Mat-Su Chapter Officers

Chair/Vice Chair: Patty Livingston
746-2919

Secretary/Treasurer: Toni Merrigan
373-6569



26th Annual Seaplane Seminar Scheduled for April 16

The 26th annual Alaska Seaplane Seminar sponsored by the Alaskan Aviation Safety Foundation will be held on April 16th. It will be at the AMD Building, just past CAP and The Aviation Museum on Lake Hood in Anchorage from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

Subjects will include a maintenance panel on seaplanes; how to make your first turn after takeoff NOT be your last, survival equipment for the pilot and airplane, taxiing and sailing with wind and seaplane flying techniques, and a discussion on how much risk we are "willing" to take. Dean Eichholz of the Alaskan Aviation Safety Foundation will be the moderator.

For additional information you may contact Dean at 907-262-3872 or 907-398-6228.

May Program Presented by Sandi Sumner

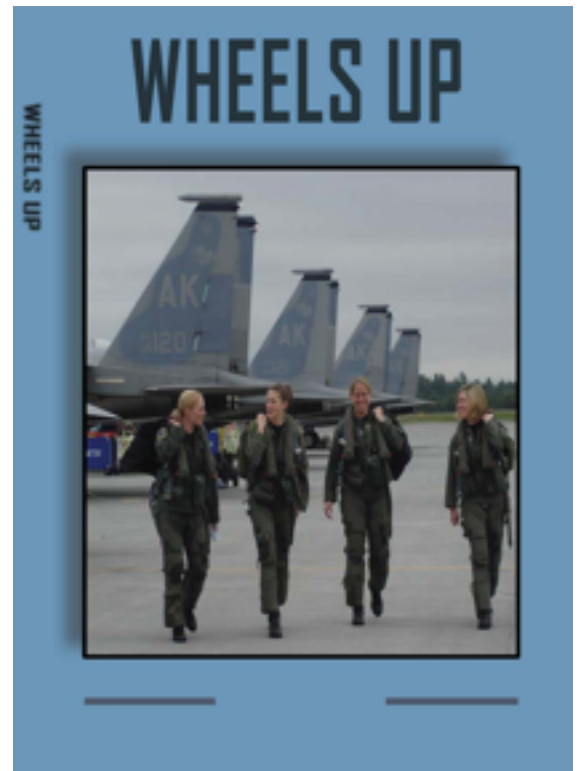
Our May program speaker will be long-time friend and honorary Alaska Chapter member, Sandi Sumner. Sandi is planning to be in Alaska for the Trade Show and stay on to speak at our meeting.

She has two new books coming out: "Wheels Up," the sequel to "Women Pilots of Alaska" and "Alaska Women's Journey," about women climbing Denali. Two of the women also climbed Everest. Both new books are about gutsy women doing what few ever attempt.

We have invited the members of Zonta Club of Anchorage (who also share a connection to Amelia Earhart*) to join us at the meeting, so we will be meeting at La Cabana, 312 E. 4th Avenue, on Wednesday, May 11 at 6 p.m. We will be in the upstairs banquet room. Dinner will be Mexican buffet (cost is \$16.50 per person). [Please RSVP to Lani Kile \(champlane@aol.com\). As usual, guests are welcome.](#)

Hope to see you there!

* In 1938 Zonta Club International established a fellowship in honor of famed pilot and Zontian, Amelia Earhart. The Amelia Earhart Fellowship is awarded annually to women pursuing Ph.D./doctoral degrees in aerospace-related sciences and aerospace-related engineering. The Fellowship of US\$10,000, awarded to 35 Fellows around the globe each year, may be used at any university or college offering accredited post-graduate courses and degrees in these fields.



The important thing is 2011 is the Centennial of women pilots in the USA and that's why the 4 female fighter pilots on the cover. (Lt. Col. Samantha Weeks is the one to the far right) who spoke to the 99s before I left AK and I talked her into an interview for the sequel.



Sandi Sumner



Sandi sent this photo with her comments: This pic was taken in 2006 in Fairbanks when I was there for the FAA 50-year award to Pearl Chamberlain and others. Dee Rice calls me at the hotel and says, "I'll pick you up in the morning, make us some pancakes and we'll just go on a short hop -- that's all I have tomorrow is a short hop. HA, HA. We flew to Tanana in a whiteout then on to Ruby where we landed on a mountaintop and it was 5:45 pm when we landed at Fairbanks again! The banquet was at 6 pm! A great experience getting to fly with Dee. She's masterful.

Alaska Chapter Officers for 2011-2012

The ballots for the election of the 2011-2012 officers will be sent out separately to those members currently on the Chapter's roster as listed by International. As in the past, the ballot will be on a stamped, addressed post card. All you need to do is make your election and drop the card in the mail. Ballots must be received in the mail no later than Monday, May 9, 2011.

On the ballot this year are:

Chair	Angie Slingluff
Vice Chair	Lani Kile
Treasurer	Emily Crittenden Gros
Secretary	Melanie Hancock

Board Members:

Mio Johnson
Gloria Kragness
Jay Laxson
Brenda Staats

The ballot will include a separate lines for write-ins.

NOTE: Board meetings are open to any members who wish to attend.

Watch for your ballot in the mail. Please mark it and return it as soon as possible.



This column will appear as available to introduce new members or acquaint you with other members. This month's new member is:

Kimberly Elkin

I just joined the Alaska Chapter of the 99's. I started taking flying lessons in August of 2010. I just started doing landings and will hopefully do my first solo by the end of April 2011.

I received my Masters Degree in Zoology from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. I currently work as a biologist for the state of Tennessee. I will be moving back to Alaska in July of 2011 where I will continue working as a biologist and continue working on obtaining my private pilot's license. I would love to get float plane certified eventually.

I am married with one son who is almost 7. We are excited about moving back to Alaska. We use to live in Fairbanks and I worked as a biologist for a native organization. I was first exposed to bush planes and float planes in Alaska and I absolutely love it!!!

Scholarship Winners Announced

This year's scholarship winners have been chosen. They are:

Alaska Chapter Student Private Pilot Scholarship: Hannah Hilowitz
Mat-Su Valley Chapter Student Private Pilot Scholarship: Veronica P. Morthorpe
Alaska Chapter Advanced Rating Scholarship: Heidi Chamberlain

These ladies have been invited to join us for our April meeting.

The Scholarship Committee wishes to congratulate these women and to thank everyone who submitted applications.

Aviation: Lifeblood of Alaska An Alaska Pilot Workshop Sunday, May 8, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Hilton Hotel in Anchorage

The morning session will feature a panel of leading Aviation Medical Examiners (AMEs) from the U.S. and Canada. New regulatory requirements, policies and guidelines for pilot medical certification will be presented, as well as an opportunity for an open "Ask the AME" session for audience participants to ask questions regarding medical certification issues.

The afternoon session will review studies on Alaskan aircraft crashes and will focus on what we have learned, how we can prevent crashes and how to improve the odds of survival and rescue.

All pilots, passengers and aviation enthusiasts are welcome to attend. The workshop is free, but you are asked to register at <http://www.asma.org/> or call Mary at (907) 271-1571 for questions or more registration information.

This workshop is being held in conjunction with the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Aerospace Medical Association and is sponsored by the Civil Aviation Medical Association, the National Institute for Occupational Health and Safety, Aviation Medical Services of Alaska, and The Airfield Clinic YYC.



Flying Companion Seminar Scheduled for May 21

The Alaska and Mat-Su Valley Chapters will hold a Flying Companion Seminar in Anchorage on Saturday, May 21. It will be held at the UAA Aviation Technology Building from 8 a.m to 5 p.m.

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 procedure and survival. In addition participants will receive hands-on experience with a flight simulator and hand-held radios.

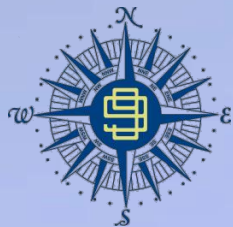


The cost for the seminar is \$99 which includes continental breakfast, lunch, aircraft simulator exercise, radio exercise and all supplies.

If you know someone who would benefit from the seminar, please pass the registration form (on the next page) to them.

If you would like to help at the seminar, please contact Gloria or Patty (contact info on the form). This is an extremely good review for pilots who haven't been flying over the winter. Helpers are always needed to assist participants with charts and supplements and other sections of the seminar.

The photo above is from a previous seminar at UAA Aviation Technology Building. Judy Foster, Mat-Su Valley Chapter, is conducting the fundamentals of flight segment.



The Ninety-Nines, Inc
International Organization of Women Pilots

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

When: **Saturday, May 21, 2011 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 Alaska99s) 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 21, 2011.

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Day/Evening

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

I heard about the seminar from: _____