



The Flypaper

The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s
December 2013



*There's snow on the ground and Christmas
is coming to all the stores.
That means that Thanksgiving is just around the corner.*

*But, before Thanksgiving, the Alaska Aviation Safety Foundation is
holding its annual Fall Safety Seminar on Saturday, November 23.
See page 3 for the complete flyer.*

*The 2014 Ninety-Nines Scholarships have been determined.
The Alaska Chapter and the Mat-Su Valley Chapter will be offering
a total of \$4,200 in scholarships this year.*

*This has been made possible from funds earned at our
Flying Companion Seminar and the Pedal Plane raffle.
Thank you to all of you who helped with these projects.*

*Plans have been made for our annual Christmas Dinner Party.
It will be held at Sea Galley in Anchorage this year.
(More info on page 4.) Bring a friend and join the fun!*

Melanie

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NEXT MEETING

6 p.m., Wednesday
December 11, 2013
Sea Galley Restaurant
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Calendar of Events

Sat., Nov. 23	Safety Foundation Fall Seminar
Thur., Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Day
Fri., Dec. 6	Medallion Foundation Open House & Christmas Party
Mon., Dec. 9	Alaska Chapter Board of Directors Meeting
Wed., Dec. 11	Annual Christmas Dinner Party, Sea Galley
Wed., Dec. 25	Christmas Day
Wed. Jan. 1	New Year's Day



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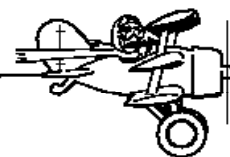
99s Online

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.

Flypaper Facts



The deadline for the **January, 2014** Flypaper is **Dec. 30, 2013**. 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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November 23, 2013

8:30AM - 4:00PM

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

Aviation Technology Division

2811 Merrill Field Drive

Registration is from 8:00am - 8:30am



Join us for an informative day of aviation safety
and preparedness for flying in the Great state of Alaska

SEMINAR TOPICS INCLUDE:

"What went wrong?"

"What if the takeoff goes bad?"

"Preventing loss of control at low altitudes."

"How to walk away from an engine failure."

"Being prepared to spend the night."

"What if?"

"Able Aviator's Awards"

Seminar Sponsored by Alaska Aviation Safety Foundation



The Alaska Chapter will have a table at the seminar. If you plan to attend or will be available to help at the table, please email Lani Kile (champlane@aol.com) and let her know.

Honor Flight

Veteran and Alaska Chapter 99 member, Jean White, (seated, center of photo) was chosen to go on the Honor Flight (which takes veterans to see the Washington Memorials) in October, 2013.





Annual Christmas Dinner Party

The Alaska Chapter 99s has scheduled its annual Christmas Dinner Party for Wednesday, December 11, 6 p.m. It will be held at Sea Galley Restaurant, 4101 Credit Union Drive, Anchorage, Alaska (<http://seagalleyanchorage.com/location.html>).

Dinner will be ordered from the menu.



There will be a "Chinese Auction" gift exchange. Anyone attending and wishing to participate should bring a wrapped gift (value \$15-\$20). Guests, friends, and spouses are welcome to attend and celebrate with us--the more the merrier.



Mark your calendars for
December 11,
bring a guest and
come join us!

Medallion Foundation Open House and Christmas Party



When:

12/06/2013 3:00 pm -
9:00 pm

Where: 1520 Post Rd -

[Medallion Foundation](#)

Medallion welcomes everyone to our Open House and Christmas Party on Friday, December 6th. Come see our new facilities. Meet our staff and board members. Take a turn at the yoke on one of our simulators. Festivities start at 3 pm.

Are You Storing 99s Items?

If you are storing any 99s items (coffee pots, scrapbooks, computer, items for Flying Companion Seminar, etc.) please let Melanie Hancock know what you have. We will be inventorying items and making an effort to get everything stored in one location if at all possible.

You may contact Melanie at 694-4571 or via email at flyquilt@mtaonline.net

Thank you.

Mat-Su Chapter News



The Mat-Su Valley Chapter held their elections and the list below reflects their new officers.

No information is available at this time regarding the Mat-Su Valley Chapter December meeting. Contact Jane McNiven for more information.

Mat-Su Valley Chapter Officers

Chair: Jane McNiven - (907) 357-2638

Vice Chair: Sarah Downing

Secretary: Abby Austin

Treasurer: Toni Merrigan - (907) 373-6569



**Bob Lewis, FAA Regional
Administrator,
Alaskan Region, is Retiring!!**

**It's hard to imagine ... It's hard to believe
Bob has decided he's ready ... To retire and leave!**

SAVE THE DATE!!

Friday, January 10, 2014

Additional Important Information to Follow Real Soon



January, 2014 Marks Alaska Chapter's 60th Anniversary

The Alaska Chapter was chartered on January 19, 1954. This coming January will be our 60th anniversary. We have met with personnel at the Alaska Aviation Museum and have worked out plans to put a display for our anniversary in the Museum. The first display will highlight our activities through our 60-year history.

When we are finished with our anniversary display for the 99s, the display will evolve to include women in all areas of aviation, regardless of 99s membership. The end result will be a dynamic display of women's contributions to the world of aviation. Erika Bennett is heading this activity. If you are interested in assisting, please let Erika know (ebpilot@mail.com).

ALASKA AND MAT-SU CHAPTER NINETY-NINES ANNOUNCE 2014 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Alaska Chapter and Mat-Su Valley Chapter 99s have announced their 2014 Scholarships.

The Alaska Chapter will be offering a \$1500 Advanced Rating Scholarship to a woman pilot with at least a private pilot's rating. The chapter is also offering a \$1,000 Student Pilot Scholarship for a female pilot who is taking flying lessons and has her solo endorsement.

The Mat-SuValley Chapter is offering a \$1,500 Student Pilot Scholarship, also for a female pilot who is taking flying lessons and has her solo endorsement.

The applications will be available on the Alaska Chapter 99s website (<http://ak99s.org/scholarships.htm>). Deadline for submitting completed applications is March 31, 2014.

Please be sure to pass this information on to anyone who may be eligible for the scholarships.

The Scholarships will be included on the Alaska Airmen's Association Scholarship Poster. When the posters are available, members are encouraged to take posters and help get them posted so possible applicants have the information.



New Horizons

Long-time Alaska resident, **L. Jo King** lost her battle with cancer one day after her 84th birthday, October 18, 2013 in Tempe, AZ. Jo was born Oct. 17, 1929 in Rock Springs, WY. She was raised on a ranch in Moffat County, CO. She attended school at Price Creek and went on to high school in Craig, CO where she graduated in 1947.

Jo was consumed with flying at an early age. She and a girlfriend fudged their ages so they could take flying lessons at the age of 15. She went on to earn her private license and became a flight instructor herself. She moved to Alaska shortly after graduation from high school and spent most of her life in the state she loved. Jo was one of the early female bush pilots and loved flying over the diverse landscape of Alaska.

If it meant being around airplanes, Jo would try to make a living at it, even if it meant being a receptionist at an air taxi service until she could talk to owner into lettering her to be one of the pilots; a flight attendant for Wein Air; establishing her own flight training schools at various locations around Alaska including Bethel and Cordova; and co-owning an air taxi flying service in Chitina, AK. Jo eventually went on to become an FAA air traffic controller in Alaska. Because she was a pilot and understood the difficult flying conditions that can occur in Alaska, she received the FAA National Outstanding Air Traffic Controllers Award and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association award for Outstanding Service for saving a pilot and his passenger when she talked them through whiteout conditions and brought him to a safe landing.

Jo lived life on her terms at a time when it wasn't easy for a woman to do so. Along with her friend Lone Janson, Jo wrote a book, "Bird in the Bush" which told her story. She lived a life full of adventure, excitement and heartache. Jo lost her husband, Harley King in 1983 when a man murdered him and 5 other people in McCarthy, AK.

Jo is survived by her sisters, Margie (Virgil) Sheppard, Pat (Earl) Wintermute, brothers Mike (Judy) Shelton, Pete (Judy) Shelton, Vern (Betty) Shelton and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jo was a past member of the Alaska 99s and was, indeed, one of a kind.



Jack Klein, husband of former Alaska 99 Carol Klein, died on October 22, 2013, in a one vehicle accident near Kapolei, Hawaii.

Jack and Carol met in Hawaii when she was learning to fly. They became interested in balloons and they got their commercial balloon licenses in Anchorage and did passenger flights in Anchorage and Fairbanks for many years. They worked for two years as "balloon safari" pilots in Kenya.

In 2012, after a serious illness, Jack returned to Hawaii with Carol and decided to build a custom home with a view of the sea and the mountains. He seemed to sense that this was his last "big project" and worked tirelessly to finish the house while he was physically able to do so. Jack was killed while bringing a load of flooring back to the house.

"Tinker, sky sailor, carpenter, music lover" (in the words of a friend)--not to mention outstanding cook--Jack has left a tangible legacy of beautiful and useful things, for people as well as his beloved cats. His kindness and generosity will long be remembered by all who knew him.