



# The Flypaper

The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s  
March 2013



Even though it's snowing as I work on the newsletter this morning, spring really is just around the corner. That means the Alaska flying community is gearing up for summer and lots of activities. Some of those activities are:

- Alaska Airmens "Great Alaska Aviation Gathering" May 4 and 5
- The Valdez Air Show May 10-12
- Flying Companion Seminar May 18
- Palmer Air Fair and Rendezvous and Youth Aviation Adventure June 8

There is a tentative date of April 20 for the seaplane safety seminar (depending on government funding). I have done some checking, but haven't found a date for the Kenai Peninsula Air Fair for June. I'll keep checking that one.

Scholarships are available from the 99s, Alaskan Aviation Safety Foundation and the Alaska Airmens Association. More information may be found on Page 5. ***The deadline to submit applications for the 99s scholarships (both the Alaska and Mat Su Chapters) is March 29, so if you or someone you know may be interested, please check out our website: [www.ak99s.org/Scholarships](http://www.ak99s.org/Scholarships).*** Our main fundraiser supporting our scholarships is the Flying Companion Seminar. The Mat-Su Chapter meeting on March 19 (Page 4) will be a learning/training session to help with the seminar. If you are interested in helping and want to know more about this activity, please try to attend the meeting.

Our March meeting speaker is Clint Johnson, with the NTSB. He has been a well received speaker in the past and we are looking forward to hearing him speak on Wednesday evening. So, please, bring a guest and join us. We'd love to see you.

*Melanie*

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## NEXT MEETING

6 p.m. on Wednesday, March  
13, 2013

Denny's Restaurant  
DeBarr across from Costco

Speaker:

Clint Johnson, NTSB

Program:

Update on Alaska NTSB and  
Changes Taking Place

# Calendar of Events

Wed., March 13	Regular Monthly Meeting
Fri., March 15	DEADLINE for Submitting Scholarship Applications
Tues., March 19	Mat-Su Chapter Regular Monthly Meeting--Flying Companion Seminar Program
Sat., March 23	Alaska Statewide Science & Engineering Fair, East High FAA/DOT Aviation Career and Job Fair, North Terminal, Int'l. Airport
Fri., March 29	<b>DEADLINE for submitting applications for 99s Scholarships</b>
Mon., April 1	Board Meeting, Denny's on DeBarr
Wed., April 10	Regular Monthly Meeting
Sat., April 20	Anchorage's Promise Kid's Day, Dena'ina Center
May 4 & 5	Great Alaska Aviation Gathering, Fed Ex Hangar
May 10-12	Valdez Air Show and Fly-In
Sat., May 18	Flying Companion Seminar, UAA Aviation Technology Building
Sat., June 8	Youth Aviation Adventure Day, Palmer Airport Palmer Air Fair and Rendezvous, Palmer Airport



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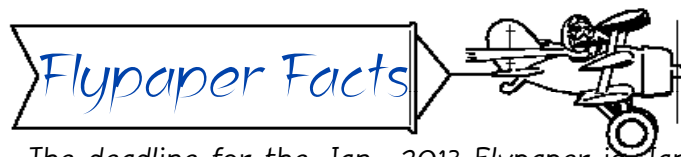
Fly-Ins, Scholarships, Airmarking, Aviation Museum Display & Publicity Committees need volunteers.

## 99s Online

Alaska Chapter Website ([www.ak99s.org](http://www.ak99s.org))

National Website ([www.ninety-nines.org](http://www.ninety-nines.org))

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



The deadline for the Jan., 2013 Flypaper is Jan. 2, 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](mailto:flyquilt@mtaonline.net). (Ads are placed in The Flypaper for members at no charge.)

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## March Program

Clint has been the investigator-in-charge of more than 700 aviation accidents, not only in Alaska, but nationwide and internationally, many times in remote and challenging locations. He was the investigator-in-charge of the NTSB's accident investigation "Go-Team", involving a De Havilland DHC-3 Turbine Otter crash, which claimed the lives of the pilot and four passengers, including the late Senator Ted Stevens. In 2012, Clint received the "Chairman's Award", the highest NTSB award

granted to an individual for their long-term achievements and contributions to the mission of the Safety Board. Prior to joining the Safety Board, Mr. Johnson spent 13 years with Alaska Helicopters, Inc., a subsidiary of Columbia Helicopters, Inc., Portland, Oregon, and held various management positions while with that firm. He operated helicopters in remote parts of Alaska in support of oil and gas exploration, fire fighting, remote logistical support, and tourism ventures.

## Volunteer Opportunities

There are several AVSED events coming up on the same day for which I need to have some additional volunteers. The March 23 events are both career focused and so you do not need any special knowledge, just a willingness to talk with youth about the need and opportunities in aviation. We need to reach out to youth if we hope to have a qualified work force in the future. There are some really smart kids out there who have never even considered aviation as a career path because they don't know how many different jobs there are.

Even if you can only spare an hour or two, your help would be greatly appreciated demonstration of NASA's Air Traffic Control Simulator.

Thanks, Angie ([akwoman86@yahoo.com](mailto:akwoman86@yahoo.com))

### Saturday, March 23

Alaska Statewide Science & Engineering Fair from 0900 - 1600 at East High. I will have a table with career information and offer a demonstration of NASA's Smart Skies Air Traffic Control Simulator. (The Science Fair is also looking for judges. If you are interested in being a judge visit <http://alaskasciencefair.org/judges-volunteers/information-for-judges.html> )

FAA / DOT Aviation Career and Job Fair, from 1000-1500 at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport North Terminal. I will have a table with career information and offer a demonstration of NASA's Air Traffic Control Simulator.

### Saturday April 20

Anchorage's Promise Kid's Day at the Dena'ina Center from 0930 -1600. The Alaska Airmen are sponsoring a booth and volunteers are needed to staff a table and probably have a demo of the NASA ATC simulator. Last year some 1500 youth came through the various venues on Kid's Day.

I will also be looking for help with the Youth Aviation Adventure Day on Saturday, June 8 at Palmer Airport. Details are still being worked out for that event, so look for another invitation to volunteer later.

## Mat-Su Chapter News



The Mat Su Chapter monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19, at 6 p.m. at Patty's Livingston's Hangar (directions for driving or flying follow). Patty will be presenting the Power Point programs and displaying the visual aids for the Flying Companion Seminar. The Mat Su Chapter is inviting anyone from the Alaska Chapter interested in knowing more about this presentation to attend the meeting. It will be a learning/training session to encourage more people to get involved in the seminar as instructors and helpers. THE FLYING COMPANION SEMINAR IS OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER! It helps fund our scholarship program.

We will serve soup and/or chili and have other fixings.

**Flying directions:** Wolf Lake Airport designation is 4AK6. On the sectional it is almost due west of Palmer airport. From Anchorage, fly toward the "V" you see in the mountains (that is Hatcher Pass), and you should be able to see the strobe on the ATT tower very near the airport, and you would almost be on a left base for runway 24. The name is on the runway! We are at the end of the 1st south perpendicular taxiway from the east end (our taxiway is directly across the runway from Judith's house).

**Driving directions:** Glenn Hwy. to Parks Hwy. Exit onto Trunk Road & turn RIGHT. Drive 2-4 miles on the winding road. Go straight through the stop light (Three Bears and Mom&Pop on corners) and drive approximately 1 mile. At the stop sign, turn LEFT onto Bogard Road. Drive ~1/4 mile. Turn RIGHT onto Engstrom Road (fire station on corner). Drive ~2 miles on the winding road to Hart Lake Loop & turn LEFT. Go 1/8 mile to Phantom Place, turn RIGHT and then an immediate LEFT into Patty's driveway or park on the street.

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# OVER \$15,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

Available to Alaska's Aviation Students!

..... that there be a thriving aviation community  
for generations to come!



## ALASKA AIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Four (4) scholarships in 2013!

- \$2500 - John P. Culhane Professional Pilot Memorial Scholarship
- \$2500 - F. Atlee Dodge Maintenance Scholarship
- \$2500 - Bob Reeve Aviation Management Scholarship
- \$500 - Bob Ellis Memorial Scholarship - Southeast

For information on criteria and scholarship application, please visit <http://www.alaskaairmen.org> or call 907-245-1251. Application deadline is March 31, 2013.



## ALASKAN AVIATION SAFETY FOUNDATION

Three (3) scholarships for student enrolled in aviation related programs!

- \$1500 - Tom Wardleigh Memorial Scholarship
- \$1500 - Ginny Hyatt Memorial Scholarship
- \$1000 - Ellen Paneok Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship applications are available at: <http://www.aasfonline.org/scholarship.html> and must be postmarked by May 31, 2013. Please call (907) 564-6603 with any questions.

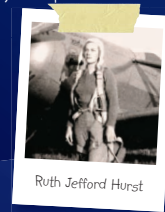


## ALASKA CHAPTER AND THE MAT-SU VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE NINETY-NINES INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS.

Three (3) scholarships annually for Alaskan Women.

- \$ 1,000 - Student Private Pilot Scholarship to be awarded by Alaska Chapter
- \$ 1,200 - Student Private Pilot Scholarship to be awarded by the Mat-Su Valley Chapter
- \$ 1,500 - Advanced Rating Scholarship to be awarded by Alaska Chapter 99s

Criteria and information on local scholarships may be found at [www.ak99s.org](http://www.ak99s.org). The International Organization also awards numerous scholarships for women, information may be found at [www.ninety-nines.org](http://www.ninety-nines.org). Application deadline is March 29th. Please contact: Melanie Hancock: Home 907-694-4571, [flyquilt@mtaonline.net](mailto:flyquilt@mtaonline.net), Brittany Blain Home 559-805-6594, [brittanyblain@gmail.com](mailto:brittanyblain@gmail.com), Jane McNiven Mat Su Chapter [janemcniven@yahoo.com](mailto:janemcniven@yahoo.com) for more information.



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PRESENTED BY THE ALASKA AIRMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
SAT & SUN, MAY 4TH & 5TH, 2013  
FEDEX MAINTENANCE HANGAR  
TED STEVENS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

This annual event is scheduled to take place on Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5, at the Fed Ex Hangar at International Airport. Saturday hours are 9 am - 5 pm and Sunday hours are 10 am - 5 pm.

The Great Alaska Aviation Gathering is about flying in Alaska complete with a frontier flair. Discover industry trends. Learn about new products and safety equipment. Enjoy live presentations and demonstrations. Now in its 15th season, this is Alaska's premier, must-see aviation event with attendance over 21,000 pilots and aviation enthusiasts. Alaska is the "flyingest" state in the Union with more pilots and aircraft per capita than anywhere in the world. This is the largest aviation trade show in Alaska.

More information on this event may be found at: <http://greatestalaskaaviationgathering.org>

## Valdez Fly In and Air Show

Come to Valdez, Alaska, to experience the premier bush plane competition in the Western United States! It is truly one of a kind!! Mark your calendar for 2013! The Fly In will be held May 10-12, 2013.



Activities in the past have included short field take offs and landings; flour bombing, a poker run and fly bys. For more information, go to: <http://www.valdezalaska.org/events/valdez-fly-in-and-air-show>

## "ARCTIC FLIGHT: A CENTURY OF ALASKA AVIATION"

The exhibit "Arctic Flight: A Century of Alaska Aviation" opened February 9 and will run through August 11, 2013 at the Anchorage Museum, 625C Street. Arctic Flight illustrates the state's early aviation history through artifacts including wreckage from the Will Rogers/Wiley Post crash of 1935, a military-issued electric flight jacket from World War II, and the exhibition's centerpiece, a 1920s Stearman C2B biplane.

This exhibition demonstrates how, in just 100 years, airplanes have evolved from frivolous spectacle to crucial part of the Alaska way of life.

You can learn more about the exhibit on our website:

<http://www.anchagemuseum.org/galleries/GalleryViewer2.aspx?incGal=0&cID=125&LayoutID=1> and you can also learn more about volunteering from our website: [http://www.anchagemuseum.org/about/aboutus\\_volunteer.aspx](http://www.anchagemuseum.org/about/aboutus_volunteer.aspx).



### *2014 Northwest Section Meeting to be Held in Alaska*

The 2014 NW Section meeting will be held in Alaska at Chena Hot Springs, September 5 - 7, 2014. More information will be published as available.

### *Mentoring Opportunities*

I would like to encourage 99s to consider mentoring a student in the schools or in girl scouts. Schools are always looking for volunteers to help with after school activities and we need to encourage girls to engage in Science, Technology, Engineering, Aviation and Math (Let's go full "STEAM" ahead!). Future women pilots need role models. Check out [www.girlswithwings.com](http://www.girlswithwings.com) for some inspiration.

Angie Slengluff



## 2013 National General Aviation Award Winners Named

March 7, 2013 - The General Aviation Awards program has named its 2013 national award recipients: Bill Fifles of Honolulu, Hawaii, Aviation Maintenance Technician of the Year; Bruce Lundquist of Willis, Michigan, Avionics Technician of the Year; Dean Eichholz of Soldotna, Alaska, Certificated Flight Instructor of the Year; and Mark Madden of Anchorage, Alaska, FAA Safety Team (FAASTeam) Representative of the Year.

Mark Madden, representing the Anchorage FSDO area and the FAA's Alaska Region, is a professor of aviation technology at the University of Alaska. He has earned the Master CFI accreditation three times.



Madden joined the FAASTeam Safety Program to make a real difference in improving aviation safety in Alaska. He has been presenting safety seminars as a lead representative for the Anchorage FSDO for several years. He has been the organizer and presenter for all the CFI/DPE workshops (FIRC's) in the Anchorage area for more than four years and has presented CFI-specific seminars since 1999. He participated in the spring 2011 FAASTeam National Safety Stand Down as a speaker, emcee, and organizer.

As a member and officer of the board of directors for the Alaska Aviation Safety Foundation (AASF), he promotes safety in all areas of Alaskan aviation. AASF partners with public television and the National Weather Service to produce a weekly TV show in conjunction with the Alaska Weather program.

In the early 1990s Madden was a CFI at P.C. Flyers in Denver, and as pilot training technical writer for Jeppesen Sanderson in Denver. After moving to Hawaii, he worked as a customer service representative for Mahalo Airlines, charter pilot for Paragon Air, aviation consultant, technical writer, and instructor pilot.

Madden holds airline transport pilot (ATP) certificate with airplane multiengine land, and commercial privileges with airplane single-engine land and sea. His instructor certificates include CFI, CFII, MEI, AGI, and IGI, with tailwheel endorsement. He flies as a formation pilot for air-to-air photography missions and owns a Maule M5-2 10C.

Dean Eichholz, who represents the Anchorage FSDO area as well as the FAA's Alaska Region, is an independent flight instructor, designated pilot examiner (DPE), and FAA check airman. He trains and does flight checks in various aircraft suited for the diverse Alaskan environment for Transmountain Aviation, Kenai Aviation Inc., and Talon Air Inc. Eichholz also is employed by Falcon Insurance Agency of Alaska as an aviation insurance broker.



Eichholz graduated from Idaho State University with a B.S. in mathematics then joined the U.S. Navy pilot program. He received his Navy Wings of Gold in 1975, and flew the A-6 Intruder at Whidbey Island, Washington. Eichholz instructed in the T-2 Buckeye at NAS Pensacola, Florida.

After his service in the Navy Eichholz opened a Part 141 flight school, Alaska Flying Network, in Soldotna in 1983 and was appointed DPE in 1987. He has more than 10,000 hours of flight instruction logged and more than 18,000 hours' flight time.

In 1999, Eichholz sold the flight school to become an Aviation Insurance Broker and part time independent CFI. He was named flight instructor of the year for the Alaska Region in 1990 and received a "High Flyer Award" from the FAA in 2000.

An FAA safety counselor, Eichholz is now a FAASTeam representative for the Kenai Peninsula. Since 1991, Dean has served on the board of the Alaskan Aviation Safety Foundation and had served as a regional director for the Alaska Airmen's Association from 1998 until 2003. He is a member of AOPA, the Alaskan Aviation Safety Foundation, the Alaska Airmen's Association, and SPA. For the past three years, he has organized the Alaska Seaplane seminar held each April in Anchorage.



## Alaska Chapter 99's Feb. 13, 2013 General Meeting Minutes, Denny's on DeBarr

In Attendance: Angie Slingluff; Emily Gros; Brittany Blain; Erika Bennett; Mio Johnson; Paul Anderson; Kimber; Petra Ilig; David and Pam Karalunas; Alena Voight; Jaime; Seth Broady; April Earhart; Nancy Shepard; Willa Hetrick; Sonya Hood; Janet Ottn.

- Paul Anderson began his talk about "Adventures of a Pilot Biologist" at 6:30pm.

Treasurer Report: Gaming account: \$470.35; General \$14,917.82; CD#1 \$15,225.38; CD#2 \$5027.42.

Minutes of January meeting approved.

### Old Business

- Angie thanked volunteers for the Women of Science and Technology Event. She estimated 68 girls and their parents. The numbers were down a bit from last year.
- Anchorage Museum representative Alena Voight spoke about volunteer opportunities during the "Arctic Flight" exhibit.
- Pedal plane has been purchased. Brenda has agreed to print tickets and distribute them at the April meeting. The gaming permit may or may not be approved for the 99s by then, so Brenda will also look into borrowing the CAP's permit again this year. Need to verify drawing date to be printed on tickets.
- \$250 check sent to Talkeetna Build a Plane.
- Angie distributed scholarship posters to those able to put them up. This year's info is on the website. Deadline for application is: postmarked by March 29<sup>th</sup>.

### New Business

- Scholarship committee sign-up sheet and Events committee availability sheet passed around.
- A FCS overview will be presented at Patty Livingston's house in Wolf Lake on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Soup and Chili will be served. Fly-ins welcome.
- Erika spoke about meeting with Aviation Museum director Shari Hart. Need to take the time to go through the museum archives and find out what they have. Erika will be soliciting volunteers to help on an ad hoc basis.
- The opportunity to teach a survival course to 20 people was discussed and how much we would charge. We would make it a "mini" FCS and decided to charge half the cost of the full FCS (\$999 for 20 people). Angie passed the offer on to pertinent parties and we will hear back if they are interested.
- We will not be organizing an event for Women In Aviation Week (March 4-10).
- Next General Meeting March 13<sup>th</sup> at Denny's on Debarr. Speaker to be Clint Johnson of the NTSB.