



# The Flypaper

*The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s*

*September 2013*



Here it is, September already, and like many of you,  
I'm wondering where summer went.  
I'm beginning to see signs of yellow in the trees  
and realize the days are getting shorter.

We've had a busy summer, as usual.  
Our September 11 meeting will be held at Peggy's Restaurant  
on Fifth Avenue, across from Merrill Field.  
Our speaker will be Angie Slingluff.  
She will be sharing information on getting girls involved  
in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)  
through aviation--a subject that is quite important to us.  
Please join us to see how we can become more involved in this program.

2014 will be a big year for our Chapter as it is our 60th anniversary.  
Our Chapter was chartered on January 19, 1954.  
We are exploring ideas for ways to celebrate this anniversary throughout the year.

Please bring a friend or prospective member and  
join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, September 11.

## Melanie

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### **NEXT MEETING**

**6 p.m., Wednesday,  
September 11, 2013  
Peggy's Restaurant on 5th Ave.**

**Program: *STEM=Support, Train,  
Encourage, Mentor***  
**Presented by: Angie Slingluff,  
FAA Aviation & Space  
Education Coordinator**

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# Calendar of Events

Wed., Sept. 11 Regular Monthly Meeting, Peggy's Restaurant, 5th Ave. (page 4)

Tues., Sept. 17 Mat-Su Valley Regular Meeting, Vagabond Blues, Palmer (page 3)

Mon., Sept. 30 Board of Directors Meeting, Denny's on DeBarr

Wed., Oct. 9 Regular Monthly Meeting, Denny's



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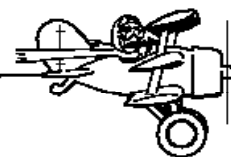
## 99s Online

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.

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# September Program

Angie Slingluff, FAA Aviation & Space Education Coordinator, will present our program for September. The topic will be *STEM=Support, Train, Encourage, Mentor: Bringing women and girls into Science, Technology Engineering and Math through Aviation.*

The 99s have always been about supporting and mentoring women and girls, and preserving the record of other accomplishments. There are many ways to do this. Locally we have been doing this in different ways for years. It's time to re-examine what we are doing and what other ways we might encourage women and girls to join us in the joys of flying. Angie will share some of the things she has learned as the FAA's Aviation and Space Education Coordinator.

## Mat-Su Chapter News



The next meeting of the Mat-Su Chapter is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, at Vagabond Blues in Palmer at 5:30 pm.

### Mat-Su Valley Chapter Officers

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## Get Well Wishes

*Mio Johnson had knee replacement surgery about a week and a half ago. We wish her a speedy recovery.*



## Pedal Plane Winner Announced

The drawing for the pedal plane was held at the Board of Directors Meeting on Tuesday, September 3.

Keena, daughter of Erika Bennett, drew the winning ticket. Jay Laxson will take possession of the plane at the September meeting.



## Alaska Chapter to Celebrate Its 60th Anniversary in January, 2014

The Alaska Chapter was chartered on January 19, 1954. This coming January will be our 60th anniversary. We are working on several different ideas to celebrate this anniversary. We will most likely have more than one event in conjunction with this anniversary through the year.

We are currently exploring the possibility of having a display at Ted Stevens International Airport. One of the suggestions is to have life-size cardboard statues made of a few of our more notable members of the past 60 years for the display.

If you have ideas for ways to celebrate or would like to work on the committee for this, please contact one of the officers.





## Alaska 99s in Cockpit

On August 16 two Alaska Chapter 99s, Emily Gros and Kristin Sprague, got their first opportunity to fly together.

They fly for Empire Airlines. Imagine it's a first for Empire to have an cockpit staffed with two 99s. Congratulations!

## Another Request for Information on Alaska Bush Pilots

Sandi Sumner received the following request. She did not suggest any specific pilots, but did suggest that he contact the 99s, the Museum and the Alaska Airmens Association. No personal information will be shared if we are contacted, but individuals may feel free to contact him if they are interested.

*Dear Sandi Summer,*

*I hope this email finds you well. My name is Paulo Siqueira, I'm a Brazilian photojournalist based in Rome-Italy and married to a beautiful American women called Nadia, who's also a photographer. We travel the world to report on various important issues within many different cultures. Our work is mainly published in magazines and newspapers worldwide. We also sometimes exhibit our work thereafter finishing a project. When you have a moment you can see more of what we do on our websites ([www.nadiashiracohen.com](http://www.nadiashiracohen.com) - [www.paulosiqueira.net](http://www.paulosiqueira.net) - <https://vimeo.com/user19999776> ).*

*The reason for contacting you is your work [Women Pilots of Alaska](#). I have been planning for some time to document Alaska bush pilots and I wonder if you could help me to get in touch with women pilots and maybe let me interview you.*

*Best*

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