



# The Flypaper



The Official Newsletter  
August 2014

## Chapter Update

Summer activities are winding down and fishing and hunting trips are on the upswing. Erika is up north caribou hunting, so here is a quick update on what's happening in the Chapter.

Please join us on Wednesday, August 13, for our regular meeting, which will be held at Hangar.Net at Merrill Field, at 6 p.m. Our special program speaker will be Laurie Smith, one of our recent scholarship winners. Bring a guest, spouse or, better yet, a prospective new member or a new or student pilot who might benefit from the program.

We are finishing up the planning for the Northwest Section Meeting to be held September 4 - 7 in Fairbanks. Please be sure to check our website, [ak99s.org](http://ak99s.org), for registration information and a schedule of events. We will be drawing the winning tickets for our raffle pedal plane and aviation-themed quilt at the Saturday evening Awards dinner. If you are interested in attending and need information on possible transportation to Fairbanks or sharing a room in Fairbanks, please contact Denise Saigh at [katmaien@gci.net](mailto:katmaien@gci.net). Denise will be coordinating transportation and rooms for the meeting. This is a rare opportunity to attend a Section Meeting here in Alaska. It will be another 11 years before the meeting will be held here. We several speakers, interesting talks, various tours and lots of fun and camaraderie. We are expecting 99s from several states to attend. Our keynote speaker at the Awards Dinner will be Dr. Jessica Cherry, who has conducted research at the International Arctic Research Center at UAF relating to Arctic hydrology, climate, snow physics, perm frost and the socio-economic impact of environmental change. We look forward to seeing you in Fairbanks.

## Next Meeting

---

### IN THIS ISSUE OF THE FLYPAPER:

- 1 CHAPTER NEWS
- 2 CALENDAR OF EVENTS; CHAPTER OFFICERS; 99S INTERNET CONTACTS; FLYPAPER INFO
- 3 AUGUST MEETING PROGRAM; MAT-SU VALLEY NEWS
- 4 NORTHWEST SECTION MEETING SCHEDULE, SEPT. 4 - 7, 2014, WEDGEWOOD RESORT, FAIRBANKS
- 5 PHOTOS FROM JOINT PICNIC, 6/11/14

**6 p.m., Wednesday, August 13, 2014**  
**Hangar.Net**

**2400 E. 5th Ave., Merrill Field**

**Speaker: Laurie Smith**

**(2013 Scholarship Recipient)**

**Program: "How I Earned & Used My Advanced  
Rating Scholarship"**

# Calendar of Events

Wed., Aug. 13	Regular Monthly Meeting
Sept. 4 - 57	Northwest Section Meeting, Fairbanks
Wed., Sept. 10	Regular Monthly Meeting
Wed., Oct. 8	Regular Monthly Meeting

## Alaska Chapter 99s Officers

### Co-Chair

Erika Bennett	ebpilot@mail.com
Aimee Moore	aimeem@gci.net

### Vice Chair

Diane Blandino	seaplane913@hotmail.com
----------------	-------------------------

### Secretary

Kathy Trantum	kattrantum@gmail.com
---------------	----------------------

### Treasurer

Willow Hetrick	willowhetrick@gmail.com
----------------	-------------------------

### Committees

### Flypaper

Melanie Hancock	mhancock@mtaonline.net
-----------------	------------------------

### Flying Companion

Melanie Hancock	mhancock@mtaonline.net
-----------------	------------------------

### Membership

Mio Johnson	miojohns@alaska.net
-------------	---------------------

### Scrapbook

Lavelle Betz	akbushwings@gci.net
--------------	---------------------

### Sunshine

Jean White	248-6967
------------	----------

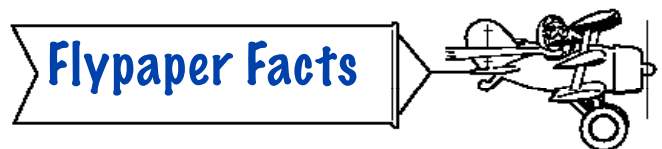
Fly-Ins, Scholarships, Airmarking, Aviation Museum Display  
& Publicity Committees need volunteers.

## 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 **Sept., 2014** Flypaper is **Sept. 1, 2014**. If you have an article, ad or information for The Flypaper, please contact Melanie Hancock by phone at 694-4571 or e-mail at [mhancock@mtaonline.net](mailto:mhancock@mtaonline.net). (Ads are placed in The Flypaper for members at no charge.)

### Subscription Rates:

Free via e-mail  
Paper Copies \$15/year

### Mailing Address:

Alaska 99s  
P.O. Box 91962  
Anchorage, AK 99509

## August Program

Laurie Smith will be our August program speaker. Laurie received one of our 2013 Advanced Rating Scholarships. She grew up in Vancouver, WA, is single with two happy dogs, Emily and Penny. Laurie attended UAF, graduated from Oregon State with a BA in English and a "minor in parties and boys." She taught language arts in Portland, OR for three years. She says she took a few years off to decide if a masters in education or going into academia was right for her. So far, it really looks like it wasn't, but never say never.

Laurie moved back to Alaska 2006 and, on a whim, applied to the FAA and was hired FAA in 2008. She came into Fairbanks FSS in 2011 and Talkeetna FSS 2012. She earned private pilot's license in the summer of 2012 in Fairbanks. This summer she earned tailwheel endorsement and began work on high performance endorsement. THANKYOU, 99s!!!!

Currently she is studying to take the advanced ground instructor exam in August, with the hopes of being able to start teaching ground school this coming year. Her next goals are instrument / commercial / CFI. Laurie's overall goal is to continue promoting and contributing to general aviation through safety, stewardship, education, and outreach. The moral support and camaraderie from being a 99 is a vital part of accomplishing these goals.

## Mat-Su Chapter News



There is no information available about an August meeting at this time. For more information, please contact one of the officers listed below.

### Mat-Su Valley Chapter Officers

Co-Chairs: Sarah Downing (248) 705-8506

Abby Austin (907) 414-9604

Vice Chair: Denise Koehrer (907) 745-5867

Secretary: Jane McNiven (907) 357-2538

Treasurer: Deanna Hracha (907) 8410-6124

*Thank you to Denise Saigh for bringing this beautiful compass rose with the 99s symbol etched in the blue glass as her gift at last year's Christmas Party. (Picture doesn't do this justice.)*



# Northwest Section Meeting

## September 4-7, 2014

### Schedule



<b>Thursday, 9/4/14</b>	Noon - 5 p.m. Evening	Registration in Hospitality Room On your own to explore Fairbanks
<b>Friday, 9/5/14</b>	8 - 8:30 a.m. 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Noon - 5 p.m. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.  1 - 1:45 p.m.  2 - 2:30 p.m.  2:30 - 3:15 p.m.  3:30 - 4 p.m.  4 - 4:45 p.m.  6:30 p.m.	Registration in Board Room in Visitor Center Board Meeting in Visitor Center Hospitality Room and Fly Mart open Registration in Hospitality Room <b>Chena Hot Springs Tour</b> (boxed lunches available for preorder) <b>Tom George (AOPA)</b> — Board Room "New Aviation Initiatives in Alaska" <b>Lisa Asplin, FAA</b> — Garden Room "Equipping You and Your Aircraft for Safety" <b>Ro Bailey</b> — Board Room "UAF's Unmanned Aircraft System Program" <b>Denise Saigh, Alaska Chapter 99s</b> — Garden Room "Alaska's Native People" <b>Jo DiTommaso, Alaska Geophysical Institute</b> — Board Room, "Aurorar Studies" <b>Welcome Reception</b> — Garden Room "Heavy" Appetizers
<b>Saturday, 9/6/14</b>	8:30 a.m. - Noon Noon 1 - 1:45 p.m.  2 - 2:30 p.m.  3 - 5 p.m.   6 - 6:30 p.m. 6:30 - 9 p.m.	<b>Section Business Meeting</b> Lunch on Your Own <b>Diana Moroney, Iditarod Air Force</b> — Ballroom "Flying, Gone to the Dogs!" <b>Patty Mitchell</b> — Ballroom "The 99s Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative" <b>Tours</b> (Accessible via free Trolley - hourly departures) <b>Museum of the North</b> — Admission Fee \$12/person <b>Pioneer Air Museum</b> — guided tour for 3 p.m. Trolley passengers — Admission \$3/person <b>Social Half Hour</b> — Ballroom at Visitor Center <b>Awards Banquet</b> — Ballroom Keynote Speaker — <b>Dr. Jessica Cherry</b> "Flying for Science on Earth and Beyond"
<b>Sunday, 9/7/14</b>	Optional Tours Departures	



## Joint Alaska/Mat-Su Chapter Picnic — June, 2014

The annual joint picnic between the Alaska and Mat-Su Valley Chapters was held on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at the Hancock Hangar at Birchwood Airport. Members and guests from both chapters made the picnic a success!



As usual, there was no lack of food!

Treasurer Emily Gros prepares for announcement of Alaska Chapter elections.



Outgoing Chair Melanie Hancock and Incoming Co-Chair Erika Bennett present Angie Slingluff with flowers and engraved gold pan in appreciation of her years of service as she gets ready to retire and move from Alaska.



Ruth Schommer and Judy Foster (Mat-Su Chapter) and Angie Slingluff (Alaska Chapter) most likely talking about things to do when you're retired.

Patty Livingston (Mat-Su Chapter) and Jay Laxson (Alaska Chapter) in deep discussion.

