



The Flypaper

The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s
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Anecdotes from Angie

Greetings! I hope you all had a nice Thanksgiving!

I wanted to send you a personal note inviting you to our **Chapter Holiday Party to be held on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m. at Piccolino's Restaurant in Eagle River.** This is our regular meeting night and time. Piccolino's is located in Eagle River at 12801 Old Glenn Highway. You can check out their menu at <http://piccolinos.net/> We will be ordering off the menu and each party will pay their own tab so there's no need to sign up ahead of time. If it's been a while since you've celebrated with us - come join in the fun. We will have a "Chinese Auction" - bring a wrapped gift valued at \$20 or less if you want to participate! Just come as you are if you just want to join in the merriment. I know some of you live far away but I wanted to make sure you were invited anyway - in case you need a dose of Alaskan weather!

I know Mio will send out her usual wonderful e-mails about our activities but here's a brief Notam. We are looking forward to a Fly In / Drive in to Talkeetna on January 28 - more details to follow. There may be a hangar in which we can park some aircraft while we enjoy a day in Talkeetna. Talkeetna Roadhouse is offering a discount to 99s.

Hope we can see you at the Holiday party!

Angie

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Calendar of Events

Wed., Dec. 14	Annual Christmas Dinner Party
Mon., Jan. 9	Tentative January Board Meeting
Wed. Jan. 11	Regular Monthly Meeting
Tues., Jan. 21	Mat-Su Valley Chapter Regular Meeting
Wed., Feb. 8	Regular Monthly Meeting



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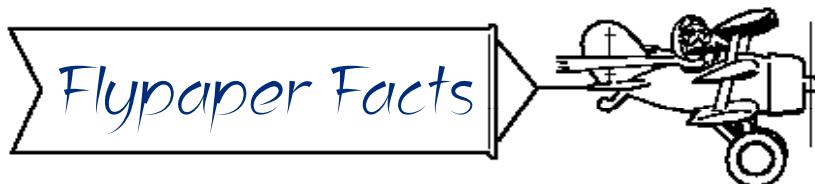
Aviation Museum Display

Fly-Ins, Airmarking & Publicity Committees need volunteers.

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.



The deadline for the Jan. 2012 Flypaper is Dec. 26, 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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January Program

The Alaska Chapter January Meeting topic will be Aviation Apps. If you use an app on you iPad or other mobil e-device - or know someone who does - bring it to our January 11 meeting (6:00 p.m. at Peggy's Restaurant) so we can compare the relative merits of what's out there these days. Be prepared to tell us why you like it or don't, and how easy it is to use - or not, and maybe a ball park figure of how much it costs.



Mat-Su Chapter News



The Mat-Su Valley Chapter December meeting is the joint Christmas party with the Alaska Chapter in Eagle River on Dec. 14. If anyone wants a ride, call Patty at 746-2919.



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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER/PARTY

The annual Christmas Dinner/Party will be held at Piccolino's Restaurant in Eagle River. Members of the Alaska Chapter, Mat-Su Chapter and friends are invited to join us. The party will take place on Wednesday, December 14.

We will be ordering from the menu, so each person will be responsible for their own bill. We will reserve the lounge/bar for this activity, so attendees will also be able to order drinks if they choose.

We will once again have our Chinese Auction. Each person wishing to participate should bring a wrapped gift (value \$15 - \$20). This is always lots of fun!



Congratulations, Audrey

Audrey Cole Ricks has been hired by Alaska Airlines as a First Officer on 737's. She begins her ground school for Alaska Airlines on January 17, 2012. Audrey will miss the Christmas Dinner this year as she is doing her last tour in Bethel next week. Her last day at Grant Aviation is December 31. She promised to keep us informed about her activities.

She wishes everyone a happy holiday season.

Once again, congratulations, Audrey. Well Done!

House for Sale

Just steps from tie-downs at the Talkeetna airport, this is one of the historic FAA homes from the 40's when aviation history was being made on Mt. McKinley. Moved off the airport property some years ago and onto a full block foundation, this home has 2 bedrooms downstairs and 2 gable bedrooms upstairs. Updated plumbing, wiring, and heating, but with original hardwood floors and other charming features, it's located on an extra-large treed lot with plenty of room for a shop or even a rental unit -subdivision is also possible. \$126,950, seller negotiable. 907-590-7997 nadenetd@yahoo.com



36th Anniversary Ceremonies Scheduled in June, 2012 at the International Forest of Friendship

The International Forest of Friendship is a living, growing memorial to the world history of aviation and aerospace. The Forest was a gift to America on her 200th birthday in 1976 from the City of Atchison, Kansas (the birthplace of Amelia Earhart), The Ninety-Nines (International Organization of Women Pilots), and the University of Kansas Forestry Extension.

The 36th anniversary ceremonies at the International Forest of Friendship will be held in Atchison on June 15 and 16 (Friday and Saturday), 2012. Come join us to make new friendships, renew old ones, and have a great time. Honorees will be inducted to join the nearly 1400 individuals who are enshrined along the Forest's pathways.

The Forest's overall theme is "World Friendship through Flying." Candidates for induction can be anyone who has contributed, or is contributing to all aspects of aviation and aerospace. Honorees need not be pilots. In 2012, the specific focus is on: "Flying, Forests and the Future." Candidates are particularly encouraged who:

- have contributed to the promotion of aviation and aerospace, or
- have helped preserve or explore forests and natural habitats through aviation and aerospace (support of state and local units fighting forest fires, aerial resource surveys [domestic or overseas], environmental work, etc.)

One purpose of the 2012 themes is to emphasize achievements by younger honorees, so candidates who are under 35 are preferred, but this is not mandatory.

There will be a special ceremony to honor Dr. Wangari Maathai, who graduated from Mt. St. Scholastica College (now Benedictine College) in Atchison in 1964 and who passed away in September 2011. She founded the Green Belt Movement, an environmental non-governmental organization focused on the planting of trees, environmental conservation, and women's rights. In 2004, she became the first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for "her contribution to sustainable development, democracy and peace."

The Forest would very much like to strengthen its ties with the Ninety-Nines in 2012, and hopes to induct twenty-five honorees sponsored by Ninety-Nines chapters. More information about the Forest, as well as sponsorship, registration and lodging information, is at the www.ifof.org website.

We look forward to seeing you in Atchison.

Alaska Chapter 99s - General Membership Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 18:10 pm by Chair Angie Slingluff. Members and guests introduced themselves with a brief statement about their interest in aviation and the 99's meetings. There were 11 current members – Brittney is our newest member and 2 present expressed an interest in joining – Kiahna and Margaret, plus guests – Bill Laxson, Debra Kinn and Kiahna's mom Minerva.

Treasurers Report by Emily Gross:

Savings Account: \$5018.44 and CD – \$18,183.00

Checking account: \$16039.74

Gaming account: \$1000.70 (\$400 earmarked for a new pedal plane to be raffled next spring).

Minutes for the October 12th meeting were published in the November Flypaper

Announcements from the Chair – Old Business:

Talkeetna Build-a-Plane project:
There was a significant increase in participation in the program this year – 32 students are building a Cherokee 6 that will be sold when completed and profits will be used to fund future projects. Another benefit was the summer employment of 10 students at the airport adding to their aviation knowledge, experience and exposure to career opportunities.

Merrill Tower Air Traffic Control Survey: Sherry Strizak submitted an information gathering questionnaire to build an integrative training program for

Merrill's pilots and controllers. If you are interested, but didn't receive a list of questions, contact Angie – comments can be submitted to either Sherry sherry.strizak@faa.gov or to Angie.

On Wednesday, November 16 at 6 pm there will be a FAAST Safety seminar on Avoiding Mid Air Collisions at UAA Aviation Technology Center, Merrill Field – pre register at https://www.faa.safety.gov/SPAN5/event_publicregistration.aspx?eid=40833 or submit a list of questions. Angie suggested that one topic to be discussed is a common frequency for all passes.

Airmarking: Kenai compass rose painting postponed until Spring due to weather and scheduling conflicts, dates pending. The request from Bethel to redo the compass rose and airmarking has not been scheduled.

Flying Companion Seminar:
Scheduled for Saturday, May 19th – after the Aviation Trade Show, which should increase interest and the number of participants. As usual, volunteers are needed to assist – any and all skills are needed.

Fly-Ins: The winter Fly-In to Talkeetna has been scheduled for Saturday, January 28th and a weather alternate date of Feb 4th was suggested. Rebecca Fisher said the owner of the Roadhouse will offer a discount on lodging to 99's attending. No further discussion on number of planes committed or passenger spaces needed.

Alaska Chapter 99s - General Membership Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2011, cont.

Meeting Attendance Drawing for Dr Petra Illig's donated aviation medical exam was postponed until the Holiday Party on Dec. 14. Those attending today's meeting will have their tickets added to the drawing.

Christmas Party: Will be held at Piccolino's in Eagle River on Wednesday December 14th at 6 pm. The Menu is available on-line (google it). You will not need to pre-order and each guest will be responsible for their own meal charges. Be prepared to participate in the "Chinese Auction" with a wrapped present (\$15 - \$20 is the suggested gift price range).

New Business:

January Meeting Topic: Apps for Aviation. Have you, or do you know anyone who has used an interesting, fun or useful aviation app on their smart phone, ipad or similar device? Bring it to the January meeting and share your favorite app.

No Board of Director's meeting in December. The January BOD meeting will be on Monday, January 2nd at 5:30 pm at Stewart Title. Anyone is welcome to participate, contribute and enjoy a round table dinner (menu varies month to month on the whims of whoever elects to pick something up - a \$5.00 contribution and pre-notification if you will be attending will assure that there is plenty of food).

New ratings: Emily has received her ATP rating - Congratulations, Emily!! Margaret Ibbotson's guest has recently received her private pilot certificate.

Membership:

Mio noted a drop in the number of members. One suggestion is that checks on-line payments are not properly credited to renewing memberships - personal checks or credit cards are the preferred way to renew.

Aviation Safety Foundation: Emily received a notice that our membership is due for renewal. They sponsor Hanger Flying, The Aviation Safety Seminar and many worthwhile programs. A motion was made to renew by Angie, seconded by Jay and passed unanimously.

November Program: 15 Ways to lose your Medical - and get it back, by Dr Petra Illig an Aviation Medicine Examiner and Alaska Chapter 99s member. An incredibly informative program about the FAA medical requirements, the "SI" (special issuance) process, options, alternatives and handouts on the most common medical issues encountered. She explained the value of filing on-line via FAA MedXPress - a huge time saver for you and your medical practitioner. The dozens of float plane pictures at Lake Hood in her presentation were an added bonus!!

The meeting was adjourned at 19:44 by a motion from Emily, seconded by Mio.

Respectfully submitted

Jay Laxson

On behalf of Melanie Hancock