# The Flypaper

*The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s*  
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## Chapter News

We will hold our next meeting at the Ted Stevens International Airport, Petra Ilig, M.D., will be sharing information about her VFR trip (with Alaska Airmen’s Association) from Nome to Providencia, Russia. We will also be unveiling the 99s Women in Aviation Display at the Airport. Refreshments will be served (suggested donation $5 to defray expenses). Please bring a friend and join us.

More information inside The Flypaper on these other activities:

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## Next Meeting

6:00 p.m. Wednesday,  
February 11, 2004  
Ted Stevens International Airport  
(Summit Room  
(near Chees. B. Concourse)
NOTES FROM THE CHAIR:

Is this warm weather a sign of Spring? Is it time to think about reviewing our Spring safety tips?

I want to thank everyone who came to our 50th Anniversary banquet. We had a wonderful time. What a collective wonderful group of women pilots and friends! So much experience and so many stories. Some are yet to be told! All are to be cherished and remembered forever! On your behalf, and in celebration of our 50 years, we sent Tom Wardleigh a Certificate of Appreciation for having taught us so well and for his years of commitment to Aviation Safety. In our letter we assured him that the 99s are dedicated to continuing that commitment to aviation safety and education.

On February 11 we will gather in the Summit Room at Ted Stevens International Airport to behold our exhibit celebrating Alaska Women Pilots Past Present and Future in its place of prominence on Concourse B near the Security waiting line. I am pleased and proud to think that literally thousands of people over the next few months will learn something about women pilots in Alaska! The display will be up through May when the temporary wall comes down.

I want to again thank Lavell Seitz and Roberta Degenhart for the excellent display that has been up at the Loussac Library through December and January. Now we will start working with the Aviation Heritage Museum to develop the permanent exhibit on Alaska women pilots for the museum. It will hopefully be ready by the start of this summer’s tourist season. Be sure to visit the Aviation Museum to see all the wonderful things they have there now.

Stay warm and safe flying!  

Angie

2004 Scholarship News

It’s once again time to think about this year’s scholarships. We have received great news from the Mat-Su Chapter. They are going to be able to give a $500 scholarship this year! Mat-Su Chair, Holly Sheldon, has been in contact with Helen Jones (our Scholarship Chair). The Mat-Su Chapter would like to advertise and give their $500 scholarship in conjunction with ours, so all the information will be given out together. Great work girls!

There will be committee meetings announced at the February meeting and in the March Flypaper. If you are interested in working on Scholarships, please give Helen Jones a call (days at 868-5650, evenings at 222-9977) or contact her via e-mail at hjones@gsi.com

We will be discussing scholarships at the February meeting. Hope to see you there.
Tuesday, February 17
Potluck Dinner and
49 1/2 Installation Ceremony

February's meeting will be a potluck dinner and 49 1/2 installation. Dinner starts at 6:30 - bring salads and dessert as main dish and drinks will be provided. Members without 49 1/2's still come to eat and help honor these men and join in the fun.

Meeting to be held at Denise Kocher's house: take the main entrance to Equestrian Acres, 1st right onto Belmont Ave, follow Belmont around curve to Verde Drive.
The house is blue and on the corner of Belmont Ave and Verde.
Denise's phone is 745-5867.

In other business, we will be offering a $500 scholarship to help some woman in her aviation related endeavors. We will join the Alaska chapter's efforts to advertise and give out this scholarship. Scholarship will be offered as a general scholarship rather than be specified as for e.g. private or a higher rating scholarship.

Volunteers will be welcomed to help CeCe Bale with the FAA at the Girl Scouts Women in Science and Technology Fair held in the valley on Saturday, March 6, at Wasilla Middle School. Three morning and three afternoon sessions are planned, for younger and older girls respectively. Call CeCe at 373-2740/2741 if you can help for part or all of the day.

Rumor has it that Jackie Bileff has been named the CF of the year, locally. Congrats Jackie!

Gayle Kase

Mat-Su Valley Chapter Officers:
Chair: Holly Sheldon (922-3260)
Vice Chair: Judi Foster (946-0931)
Secretary: Denise Kocher (945-5867)
Treasurer: Tami Mervigan (973-6569)

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Gayle Kase (946-5273)
The celebration was indeed a huge success! There were 78 people gathered at the Millennium Hotel on Saturday, January 17, to help us celebrate our 50th anniversary as a chapter of The Ninety-Nines. In attendance were members of three 99s chapters (Cook Inlet, Mat-Su Valley, Midnight Sun and Alaska), 49 1/2% private pilots, student pilots and friends.

Awards and certificates were presented to the three charter members in attendance: Ruth Jefford, Margo Cook and Pat McGee. A special thank you gift and certificate were presented to Pearl Alaska Chamberlain for all her support for the chapter. Each of these very special ladies shared a short story about their past flying history with us.

The Alaska Chapter’s charter date is January 19, 1954. It is the third oldest chapter in the Northwest Section. The Alaska Chapter helped charter the other four chapters that have been organized in Alaska: Midnight Sun in Fairbanks, Cook Inlet in Homer, Mat-Su Valley in Palmer/Wasilla area and the Southeast Alaska Chapter in Juneau.

Special thanks were given to: Janet Oxford for her artistic assistance over the years; Gloria Kragness for her work with airmarkings; Patty Livingston for her direction and work on airmarkings and compass roses; Angie Slingluff for her direction and vision during the last 2 1/2 years in commemorating the Centennial of Flight and the Alaska Chapter’s 50th Anniversary; and Melanie Hancock for her work on The Flypaper in the last 10 years.

Also recognized during the festivities were Ellen Pancook, Ingrid Pederson and Berta Degenhart.

The Alaska Chapter wishes to thank everyone who have helped make this group what it is today and all those who came to celebrate with us.

With everyone’s continued support we can now start on the next 50 years!

“Enjoy reading the Flypaper every month and know that it’s a labor of love for anyone who takes on this thankless job in any organization. Thanks, Melanie.”

Sandi Summer
Proposed National Safety Standards

The FAA is proposing national safety standards to govern commercial air tours (i.e., sightseeing) and also affects flights made by charitable organizations such as Angel Flight and other Part 91 operators that have been active in helping with humanitarian cases. These safety standards are proposed as a result of accidents and incidents involving air tour operators and subsequent National Transportation Safety Board recommendations. The proposed rule is intended to increase the safety of commercial air tours on a national basis by requiring certification of air tour operators and by establishing new safety requirements. The new comment deadline is April 19, 2004. You can review this lengthy document and related comments at:

http://dms.dot.gov/search/searchResultsSimple.cfm
(You have to register on that page to submit your own comments.)

Chickaloon Flats Landing Access

Looks like we will have an opportunity to publicly state our position and opposition to violation procedures at Chickaloon Flats. Scoping meetings are scheduled from 4-8 pm at the following locations:

Feb. 10, Cooper Landing School
Feb. 11, Homer, Islands & Oceans Visitor Center
Feb. 12, Soldotna, Kenai River Center
Feb. 17, Seward, Sealife Center
Feb. 18, Anchorage, FWS Center, 11011 S, Tudor

Email comment address: kenai_plan@fws.gov

 Refuge phone number: 907-262-7021

USFWS has a map they send to pilots who request it, but they would be willing to put it on their web site, or do other things that might help to get the word out. USFWS is starting a planning process to review their "master plan" for the refuge. It will be a traditional EIS, multiyear process, however scoping meetings are planned that will take place over the next two weeks. They need input from the aviation community!

6th Annual Aviator’s Hall of Fame Event

Bob Ellis will be inducted in the the Aviator’s Hall of Fame Event on Friday evening, Feb. 27, at the 4th Avenue Theater in Anchorage. Cocktails begin at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. A silent auction will also be held that evening. Tickets are on sale NOW! Call the office for info (245-1251).

Additional Events in February 2004

13–EAA Annual Banquet, Pikes Hotel, Fairbanks
17–AOPA Town Meeting with Phil Boyer, Juneau
18–AOPA Town Meeting with Phil Boyer, Fairbanks
19–AOPA Town Meeting with Phil Boyer, Anchorage
28–Medallion Foundation 5-Star Part 91 Kick Off Meeting – Anchorage
29–Medallion Foundation 5-Star Part 91 Kick Off Meeting – Fairbanks

99s Around the State

For more information on other 99’s chapter activities, contact the following Index:

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