From the Chair

Greetings to all. At present, I’m in sunny Arizona, but will be home for the April meeting. I hope to see you all there. Carol Comeau, one of our new members, will be showing slides and talking about her experiences in Antarctica. It promises to be a really interesting program.

The meeting has been scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. to allow everyone time to get a bite to eat before the meeting. We will be meeting at Denali Towers. There will be signs by the elevator to direct everyone to the correct conference room.

We have several activities coming up in the near future:

• May-Day Fly-In at Valdez (April 29—May 1),
• Alaska Airmen’s Trade Show and Conference (May 14 and 15)
• Flying Companion Seminar hosted by the Mat-Su 99s (May 21).

It looks like we’ll have a busy summer again. Hope to see you at the April meeting.

Fly safely and remember to do random acts of kindness.

Melanie
This is a photo of some Civil Air Patrol members taken about 1941. Pictured in the front, second from the right, is Jean White, a Charter member in the CAP and member of the Alaska 99s. The CAP is a private, nonprofit corporation chartered under special Act of Congress on 1 December 1941. Its objectives include providing an organization to encourage and aid American citizens in the contribution of their efforts, services, and resources in the development of aviation and in the maintenance of aerospace supremacy; To provide an organization to encourage and develop, by example, the voluntary contribution of private citizens to the public welfare; To provide aviation and aerospace education and training, especially to its senior and cadet members; To encourage and foster civil aviation in local communities; To provide an organization of private citizens with adequate facilities to assist in meeting local and national emergencies; To assist the Department of the Air Force in fulfilling its noncombat programs and missions.

MAT-SU 99s

News from the Valley

Joel Caldwell of Arctic Barnabas Ministries will be the speaker at our April meeting. His presentation about how their group flies to many of the villages. This will also be a potluck dinner, starting at 6:00. Friends and copilots welcome.

REMINDERS

The Flying Companion Seminar is just around the corner - scheduled for May 21. Contact Judith if you are interested in helping out.

Start collecting moose nuggets for the moose nugget leis for the 2008 convention. With an estimated 20 good nuggets to make one lei that means 20,000 plus that won’t make it through the drying-shellacking-drilling-stringing process. Winter nuggets are the best as they are firmer. Also collect any plastic beads of any shape, color or size to string between nuggets on the leis. Questions? Ask Judith.

CALENDAR

OF EVENTS

WED APR 13
6:30 PM
Alaska 99s meeting @ Denali Towers.

Our guest speaker for the April meeting will be Ninety-Nine Carole Comeau, who recently completed a month-long penguin and wildlife photographic trip to Antarctica. Carole will talk about the history of aviation in Antarctica, show slides of her stay on a Russian Ice Breaker, visits to British and German Research Ice Stations and the continent’s wildlife.

Pilots and non-pilots are always welcome.

For more information, contact Clarissa Quinlan at 248-5530.

TUES APR 19
6 PM
Mat-Su Chapter 99s monthly meeting @ Mat-Su Covenant Church. See left for more information.

SAT MAY 21
All day
Flying Companion Seminar. More information to come.

If you have an event you would like published in the calendar, please contact Michelle Loscher at 868.4736 or e-mail michelle@loscher.ca.
**HELP NEEDED....**

**Girl Scouts Flying Companion**

We need help!

The Flying Companion Seminar for Girls Scouts / Senior High School Girls is scheduled for Saturday April 30 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the UAA Aviation Technology Center.

This date was accepted last spring, not realizing that the Valdez Air Show is the same weekend. Some of the regular organizers would like to go to Valdez - but will be unable if we can’t find help for the seminar. So we are looking for volunteers.

Many of you have already helped before so you know what it's like. For those if you who haven’t and want a chance to share your enthusiasm for flying, here’s your opportunity. We have outlines so you don’t have to figure out what to say. You do not have to be current but you should be a pilot - so you know what you’re talking about and can add anecdotes from your own experience.

If you are unable to help but have another pilot's name to suggest, please do.

To get more information or to volunteer call Angie Slingluff at (907) 271-3422. Thanks!

**Dawson City Fly In >>>**

Dawson City Fly In—June 24-26. Floats or Wheels! Plan on joining in the fun. Traditional no-host get together sponsored by the Airmen’s on Friday, June 24th at the El Dorado Hotel, Saturday Night fun at the Gaslight Follies. Gamble at Diamond Gertie’s, and so much more. This is a really fun event, don’t miss out. Call the Airmen’s office, 907-245-1251 or 800-464-7030 to make your reservation and get additional details.

**Fly-By-Night Fundraiser >>>**

APRIL 19: Tickets for this hilarious event are $25 each ($10 goes to the Airmen's Association, proceeds to benefit the Downtown Parkstrip Aviation Monument). There will be a split the pot drawing and the inimitable Mr. Whitekeys presents the newest Springtime in Spenard. Call the Airmen’s office 245-1251 for tickets.

**99s VESTS >>>**

The second batch of 99's vests are finished. They are $35 and they look great!! If you are not going to be at the April meeting you can call TQ at home and she will make arrangements to get it to you. The phone number is 868-1495.

**NOTAM...**

**2005 Northwest Section meeting**

To: Northwest Section Members and other interested 99s

From: Planning Committee, 2005 NW Section Meeting

We are pleased to announce that the 2005 Northwest Section Meeting in Spokane, Washington on July 1st-3rd is going to be outstanding! Mark your calendars for this exciting event now!

The early registration fee of just $99 includes a full day of seminars on Friday, July 1st, lunch on Friday, a “Pamper The Pilot” dinner event on Friday night, continental breakfast on Saturday, more seminars on Saturday afternoon, and, of course, the Saturday evening banquet.

Our Event Hotel is the Red Lion Hotel at the Park, right on Riverfront Park in downtown Spokane. Our room rates have been guaranteed at $79, single or double, and $89, triple or quad. Contact the hotel at 1-800-RED-LION and mention the Ninety-Nines to get this great rate.

Please consider bringing your families and spending the holiday here in Spokane. The weekend prior to July 4th is packed with activities in Riverfront Park: live music, kids’ activities, vendors and food booths, and (best of all!) the fireworks! You can check out all the exciting activities in the Park at www.spokaneriverfrontpark.com.