From the Chair

It appears the best part of summer may be behind us considering all the rain we’ve been getting. But don’t let that dampen your spirits. Our next meeting on August 10th, which will be our annual picnic and "installation" of officers, will be held at the Hancock Hangar at Birchwood Airport. See page 03 for more details.

From all reports, the Merrill Field Anniversary celebration was a success!

There may still be a few T-shirts left and also a few caps if you’re interested and didn’t get one before. Angie will have them at the picnic as far as I know now.

The joint picnic in July with the Mat-Su group was fun. We had a demonstration of a radio-controlled helicopter rigged with a camera to take aerial photos. Without the camera, the helicopter is able to do loops and all sorts of other maneuvers. If you need aerial photos of activities, property, etc. your answer may be Pat Thorall, owner of "Shoot from Above."

That’s about it for now. Fly safely and remember to do random acts of kindness!

Melanie
JUST FOR FUN...

What’s all the squawking about?

Here are some squawks that have been rumored to have actually appeared on squawk sheets. Enjoy!

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**Problem:** Left inside main tire almost needs replacement. **Solution:** Almost replaced left inside main tire.

**Problem:** Evidence of hydraulic leak on right main landing gear. **Solution:** Evidence removed.

**Problem:** IFF inoperative. **Solution:** IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

**Problem:** Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick. **Solution:** That’s what they’re there for.

**Problem:** Number three engine missing. **Solution:** Engine found on right wing after brief search.

**Problem:** The autopilot doesn’t. **Solution:** IT DOES NOW.

**Problem:** Something loose in cockpit. **Solution:** Something tightened in cockpit.

**Problem:** Autopilot in altitude hold mode produces a 200 fpm descent. **Solution:** Cannot reproduce Problem on ground.

**Problem:** Dead bugs on windshield. **Solution:** Live bugs on order.

**Problem:** DME volume unbelievably loud. **Solution:** Volume set to more believable level.

**Problem:** #2 Propeller seeping prop fluid. **Solution:** #2 Propeller seepage normal.

**Problem:** F/A’s complain of numerous roaches in the galley. **Solution:** Roaches deplaned

**Problem:** 1 roach killed, 1 wounded, 1 got away. **Solution:** Roaches in galley.

**Problem:** Mouse in radio stack. **Solution:** Cat installed in radio stack.

**Problem:** Weather radar went ape-%@#&! **Solution:** Opened radome, let out ape, cleaned up %@#&!

**Problem:** Turn & slip indicator ball stuck in center during turns. **Solution:** Congratulations. You just made your first coordinated turn!

**Problem:** Whining sound heard on engine shutdown. **Solution:** Pilot removed from aircraft.

**Problem:** Pilot’s clock inoperative. **Solution:** Wound clock.

**Problem:** Autopilot drops a wing when fuel imbalance reaches 500 pounds. **Solution:** Flight manual limits maximum fuel imbalance to 300 pounds.

**Problem:** #2 ADF needle runs wild. **Solution:** Caught and tamed #2 ADF needle.

**Problem:** Lower Rotating Beacon half-full of water. **Solution:** Lower Rotating Beacon topped off.

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T-shirts for sale >>>
Hanes 50-50 white t-shirt with the caption, TIME FLIES...AND SO DO WE! plus photos of seven early-day women pilots in Alaska. Anyone interested in purchasing contact Sandi Sumner by phone @ 694-2080, or email her at sandisumner@att.net. Sizes small, medium, large or x-large. $15 each plus $3 for mailing, when necessary.

Slide show and book signing >>>
August 27- Slide show and book signing by Sandi Sumner in Homer, Alaska at the Islands & Ocean Visitors Center, at 7 p.m. sponsored by the Cook Inlet Ninety-Nines and Friends of the Homer Library. "Women Pilots of Alaska" will be available to purchase following the slide presentation.

Merrill Field 75th Anniversary >>>
I am pleased to report that the T-shirt and hat sales at the MRI Field 75th Anniversary were quite a success. We also sold autographed copies of Robert Merrill MacLean’s book.

We sold 194 shirts, 62 hats and 34 books. I have held back the seven shirts that were requested by 99s at our June meeting but have not been picked up or paid for.

Our net profit (not counting those yet to be sold) is $1,667.38 after paying the vendors.

I want to thank Heather Hasper, Barb Spriggs, TQ LaClair, Anne Wilbur, and Kimber Amundson for their help in selling our wares! Well done, pilots!

—Angie Slinguff

END OF SUMMER...

Annual Alaska 99s Picnic

Wednesday, August 10
6:00 p.m. Hancock Hangar @ Birchwood Airport

The Alaska Chapter’s annual picnic and "installation of officers" will take place at the Hancock Hangar at Birchwood Airport, 19710 Birchwood Spur Road.

The Chapter will furnish hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments and drinks. Please bring a potluck dish of your choosing, along with chairs.

Directions: Take the North Birchwood exit from the Glenn Hwy. and follow the airport signs past the Isaac Walton firing range (on your right). Continue following the road. It will change to a dirt road next to the fence with the Civil Air Patrol hangar (tan building) on the left. The first blue hangar is the Hancock Hangar. If you are able to fly in, the runway is 01 Left and 19 Right. The CTAF is 123.00. There may be a few parking spots near the hangar, or there is transient parking near the CAP hangar along the taxiway.

All are welcome, so bring a friend or spouse. We’re looking forward to seeing you!

The Alaska 99s are online too!

Just a remember that you can always find chapter information in cyberspace whenever you want! Log on to the updated site:

www.geocities.com/ak99s