I remember a Cathy Cartoon from years back that struck a note with me. Cathy was standing by the mailbox holding a handful of mail and the bubble caption said “The first of the month sure does come around a lot faster when you have credit card bills.” At the time I was still relatively ‘young’ and experiencing the world of revolving credit, and I could relate.

Now my life has changed, I have better control over the revolving credit thing, and I certainly have more earning power, but I have taken on new responsibilities, one of which is Chairing this Chapter of the 99s. Let me tell you, when you have to start being responsible for the “Notes from the Chair” and Melanie is hot on your trail for your contribution... the first of the month sure does come around a lot faster!

This weekend was full of events that kept me busy, and then there were the typical technology problems which were frustrating, but in the end it all turned out for the best. Due to the delays I experienced I was late getting these notes to Melanie, but it allowed me to revise them to include more current events and photos. Our own Sandi Sumner had flown into town from her new home in Colorado to participate in the Author’s Fair at the Loussac Library. Sandi, and forty or so other Alaskan authors and illustrators, were on hand for readings and book signings as part of the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the library. Margo Cook offered to host an impromptu reception in her home, and a photo of that is included here. If you were not able to attend or did not get the notice in time we apologize, but it was a delightful evening, and a great chance to visit with Sandi (who looks wonderful by the way!)

I know that December will be full of special events for everyone as we celebrate all of the upcoming holidays and the end of another year, but I hope you will make time to join us for the Alaska Chapter 99s Holiday Party on December 13th, 6 p.m., at the Anchorage Hilton. Look for the details in the following pages, and please get your reservation to me as soon as possible. I will be giving the numbers to the Hilton on Monday the 11th. I really look forward to seeing everyone there!

As we look towards yet another New Year I want to express my wishes for health and happiness, blue skies and tailwinds, sunny days and the warmth of friendship to you and your loved ones.

Berta

Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 13, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.,
Chart Room, Hilton Hotel
500 W. 3rd Avenue, Anchorage
RSVP to Berta (274-5168) no later than noon on Monday, December 11
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99s at reception for Sandi Sumner at Margo Cook’s home on Sunday, December 3, 2006.

Back row: Margo Cook, Sandi Sumner, Ellen Paneok and Lavelle Betz.
Front row: Berta Degenhardt, Mathea Doyle and Angie Slingluff.
Annual Christmas Dinner Party

You’re all invited to come celebrate the holidays with us at the Chart Room in the Hilton Hotel on Wednesday, December 13. Cocktails will be available for purchase beginning at 6 p.m. followed by dinner (menu below) at 6:30 p.m. As usual, spouses and guests are welcome. The price is $30 per person which includes the gratuity. (Please make your check out to “Alaska 99s,” If you have not already mailed your check, please bring it to the dinner. The more the merrier! Please RSVP to Berta (274-5168) no later than noon on Monday, December 11.

After dinner we will have a Chinese/White Elephant type auction. If you want to participate in the auction/gift exchange, just bring a wrapped gift ($10 - $20 value) for each person participating and wait for the fun to begin as the gifts are chosen and unwrapped. (Rumor has it the infamous “Whirley Boobs” will make an appearance. Don’t miss your chance to take home that piece of Alaska 99s aviation memorabilia!)

Holiday Dinner Menu
(Price is $30.00 per person Inclusive of Customary Service Charge)

Citrus Caesar Salad (Romaine, Croutons, Parmesan, Orange Segments & Pine Nuts)

Rolls and Butter

Chicken Cranberry Cove (Boneless Breast of Chicken Filled with Sun Dried Cranberries and Bread Morsels and Served with a Light Veloute Sauce)

Chef's Accompaniments (vegetables & rice or potato)

Warm Banana Bread Pudding (A Country Favorite of Caramelized Bananas Layered with a Fluffy Bread Pudding Served with a Dark Chocolate Drizzle)

Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee and a Selection of Premium Teas

Cash Beverage Station

Domestic Beer $4.50  Imported Beer $5.00  House Wines $6.50
Soft Drinks $2.00  Juices $2.50  Bottled Water $3.00
Please join the Mat-Su 99s at their Christmas Potluck on Tuesday, December 12. The party will be held at Judy Foster’s home (directions below) at 6:30 p.m.

Bring a side dish or dessert. The chapter will provide the meat. We will also be having a Chinese Auction. If you wish to participate, please bring a wrapped gift (maximum value $15) and be ready to have lots of laughs as the gifts are opened!

Directions to Judy’s home:

Take the Glenn Hwy. to the Parks Hwy. Exit onto Trunk Road. Drive straight through the stop light at Palmer-Wasilla Hwy. (Three Bears and Mom & Pop on the corner). Drive to stop sign and turn left on Bogard Road. Drive approx. 1/4 mile and turn right onto Engstrom Road (fire station is on the corner).

Drive 2 1/4 miles and turn left on Beechcraft Road. Judy’s house is the eighth driveway on the left. Park in the driveway or on the shoulder of the street.

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Chair Gayle Kase (746-5273) Secretary Patty Livingston (746-2919)
Vice Chair Judy Foster (746-0991) Treasurer Toni Merrigan (373-6569)

2008 Convention Committee

The Colorado 99s have begun to accept registrations for their Conference in September 12-16, 2007. (http://www.ninety-nines.org/conference.html) We, the Alaska chapters, should be preparing our formal invitation to the 2008 convention to be given at the 2007 convention. Come on, girls - save those airline miles - so we can have a LARGE delegation attend their conference and excite them all to come to ours! Convention planning meeting are held on the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Peggy's Restaurant. Dec. 7 is the next meeting.
To all Members: We would like to hear from you with suggestions for speakers or program topics for our monthly meetings. If you have an idea for an interesting speaker or topic, please suggest it. Perhaps, you have an aviation expertise or interest that you would like to share with the other 99s. Please let us know and we will arrange for you to be the speaker at one of our monthly meetings. To volunteer or offer suggestions, contact Diane Erickson, 694-4221 or dianeerickson@gci.net

Ideas for speakers/volunteers:

- Toby Foster, Chief Pilot, Take Flight (“Philosophy and Flight Instruction”, humorous talk.)
- Aimee Moore, Helicopter reindeer herding
- Dick Busbee, Reeve Air
- Kristine Nelson, Center Weather Service Unit (Offered tour of facilities when she spoke in September)
- Scrap booking sessions with old photos, news articles, etc. for the 99s.

February 3, 2007

Women in Science & Technology Day sponsored by the Girl Scouts. The 99s will do a series of "Girls With Wings" workshops throughout the day. The Girl Scouts would like to have some women pilots (mechanics, ATC, etc.) talk with the girls over lunch. Contact Roberta or Angie to volunteer.

February 10, 2007

Careers in Aviation Day - from approximately 10 a.m. to 2 or 3 p.m. The day is under development but if you feel excited about YOUR aviation career and want to share it with girls and parents, contact Angie at 271-5228.

New Horizons

We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to Kristen Schultz Labrecque whose husband, Dan, died accidentally in November. Kristen’s address is:

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