Greetings!

I just returned from New York and Melanie is ready to head to the printer with this issue of the Flypaper, so I will just take a quick moment to write and touch base with you all.

Despite the rain and inclement weather we had here in Alaska we did manage to have some fun get-togethers, and FINALLY got the airmarking done at Soldotna. Thanks to all of the women who were so flexible with their time as one “rain date” lead to another. In the 23 months remaining before Convention 2008 we will be looking to do more airmarkings, particularly at airports used by those members flying in to Anchorage. Look for e-mails from Patty Livingston regarding dates and locations. If we combine a fly-in with the airmarkings we can have a fun and productive summer next year!

And thanks to Margaret and Dean for opening their hangar to us for the August BBQ – we all enjoyed good food and good company, and the rain let up long enough for everyone to check out the gadgets and gold in the cockpit of Dean’s experimental airplane.

Congratulations again to our scholarship winners and thanks to Helen Jones for her work pulling it together while she was busy traveling or entertaining out of town guests.

As you read on you will see some of the programs scheduled for this year. I think they will be both fun and educational. Diane Erickson is planning the lineup, but can only do it with your help, so if there is anyone or anything you’d like to see at a program meeting just let us know.

I am looking forward to a great year chairing the Chapter and invite you to join me! I’ll look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Cheers!

Berta

Next Meeting

Wednesday, September 13, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.,
Peggy’s Restaurant, 1675 E. 5th Ave.

Speaker: Kristine Nelson Meteorologist (see page 2)
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September Meeting

The September meeting will be held at Peggy’s Restaurant at 6 p.m. Our guest speaker is Kristine Nelson, Meteorologist in Charge of the Center Weather Service Unit located in the FAA Air Route Traffic Control Center in Anchorage. Kristine will discuss what they do and how they help pilots with weather services and information.

Join us for dinner, or maybe just dessert, upstairs at Peggy’s Restaurant on Fifth Avenue. As usual, bring a guest. Everyone is welcome!
The Mat-Su Chapter will resume its meeting schedule on Tuesday, September 19. Kate Dolsky will be their speaker for the meeting. She will be talking about her flying adventures in Africa while working for Air-Serv (a humanitarian nonprofit relief agency). The meeting will start at 6 p.m. Bring your own brown bag dinner. The location has yet to be determined. If you are planning to attend, contact Patty Livingston (746-2919) or Gayle Kase (746-5273) for the location closer the meeting date.

The Chapter also plans to recognize Ruth Jefford for her recent Master Pilot Award. Please join us in this recognition of Ruth’s long flying career.

Our October program will be presented by Fred Keller. He will be doing a hands-on program about radio-controlled airplanes. The meeting will be held at the Teeland Middle School on Thursday, October 19. (Please note this is a change from our normal meeting night.)

Gayle Kase

Top photo: Group of Mat-Su and Alaska Chapter 99s at joint picnic at Judy Foster’s home at Wolf Lake in June.

Bottom: Angie Slingluff and Gayle Kase take a short photo break from their conversation.
Flying Companion Seminar

We have tentatively reserved space at the UAA Aviation Tech facility on Saturday, October 21, for the 99s Fall Flying Companion Seminar. We need volunteers to make the Seminar happen and need to know if this date will work for you. Are you willing to volunteer a few hours of your time for a worthy cause? These things don't happen without effort, this is your chance to do some aviation community service!

For those who are unfamiliar with the Flying Companion Seminar, it is a one-day class covering fundamentals of flight, survival gear & emergency procedures with hands-on simulator and radio work.

If you know someone who would benefit from this seminar send her/his contact information in to be added to the list. Reply to Angie Slingluff at akwoman@ak.net.

Did You Know?

Butterflies taste with their feet.

A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.

Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.

A snail can sleep for three years.

All polar bears are left handed.
Weather Permitting, FINALLY

This summer has not been kind to our fly-in and airmarking schedules. However, we finally got to paint at Soldotna on Sunday, August 27. Eight 99s (Mat-Su Chapter: Patty Livingston, Toni Merrigan, Elaine Base and C. J. Glasser; Alaska Chapter: Clarissa Quinlan, Angie Slingluff, Denise Saigh and Melanie Hancock) and one 49 1/2 (Herb Hancock) were on hand to get the job done.

Many thanks to Steve and Doug at the Soldotna Airport for having the paint and cones/markers available when we arrived about noon.

Right: Group photo of 99s at Soldotna Airmarking (back, left to right: Melanie Hancock, Clarissa Quinlan, Angie Slingluff & C. J. Glasser; front: Patty Livingston, Denise Saigh, Toni Merrigan & Elaine Base)

Left: Aerial view of completed airmarking, Aug. 27, 2006.
We’re looking for . . .

We’re in need of some volunteers to fill chapter positions. Currently open are the Fly-ins, Sunshine and Publicity Committee Chairs. If you aren’t up to chairing the committee, maybe you’d like to help out with one of these activities.

Please contact Melanie Hancock (694-4571 or flyquilt@mtaonline.net) for more information about these positions or to volunteer for the committee or committee chair.

Deadline Approaching

The deadline for submitting scholarship applications for the 2007 Alaska Airmens Association Scholarships is September 30, 2006. If you know of an aviation management, maintenance or professional piloting student, have them apply for one of our three $2500 aviation scholarships.

Applications and criteria are available on our website at www.alaskaairmen.com or by calling our office at 245-1251.

ONLY IN ALASKA . . . .

Alaska Chapter member (and Secretary), Mio Johnson, was able to snap these photos of her plane being given a thorough “preflight” check by an unlikely critter.