



# The Flypaper



The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s  
December, 2007

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**The Sunshine, Fly-Ins, Museum Display and Publicity Committee Chair positions are currently vacant.**

## **Notes from the office chair...**

*As I sit here at my desk, looking out over the ice on Lake Hood, I cannot help but notice that the sun is setting far off to my left in a decidedly southwest direction. I also cannot help but notice that it is only 3:30 p.m.! The good news is that in only 18 more days the days will start getting longer, Christmas will be only days away and 2008, the year of our International Conference, is fast approaching. There is so much to look forward to this time of year!*

*November was a bit slow as far as activities went, but after all we did in October; volunteering for the Safety Foundation Fall Seminar; the Aviation North Expo; and the highly successful Flying Companion Seminar; I think we all deserved a rest.*

*On November 19th I had the pleasure of speaking at the Alaska Military Youth Academy Aviation Day held in the Ft. Richardson Armory Building. It was an honor to be introduced by Governor Palin, and to share the billing with both the Governor and Senator Stevens. I welcome every opportunity to speak with kids on the subject of careers, and a future for them in aviation and aerospace. Oh to be sixteen again, with all of the earth, and perhaps the galaxy ahead of me!*

*If you've read your 99 News magazine you already know that the Ninety-Nines, Inc. and the FAA Safety Team (FAASteam) have signed a Letter of Understanding to promote aviation safety awareness training to all airmen. While most of the duties specified in the LOU are things we have done already, it is nice to make it official, and to have the FAA recognize the 99s on their website. I hope that in the near future you may also look forward to supporting this LOU thru the efforts of Dr. Petra Illig who is working to coordinate Lake Hood's first full service pilot center.*

*Thanks to everyone who helped keep things running smoothly these last two months while I was catching up on personal and family stuff! While I may not have helped "downsize" as much as my Mom may have hoped, I sure did enjoy all of the reminiscing that came with sorting, and particularly loved finding my Dad's first logbook. I'm just not quite sure how I feel about the fact that my first flight in an airplane was 45 years ago! Yikes!*

*I'll look forward to seeing all of you at the Holiday Party on the 12th!*

*Berta*

## Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 12  
Cocktails at 6 pm  
Buffet Dinner at 6:30 pm  
Downtown Marriott  
7th & I Street, Anchorage

# Calendar of Events

Wed., Dec. 12	Annual Christmas Dinner Party
Sat., Dec. 15	Ellen Paneok's Annual Christmas Party
Tues., Dec. 18	Mat-Su Chapter Christmas Party
Tues., Dec. 25	Merry Christmas!
Wed., Dec. 26	DEADLINE for Articles for January Flypaper
Tues., Jan 1	Happy New Year
Wed., Jan. 9	Regular Monthly Meeting



## ☺ ☺ ONLINE

### Chapter Website ([www.ak99s.org](http://www.ak99s.org))

For website updates and additions, e-mail  
Caren della Cioppa at: [habataku@att.net](mailto:habataku@att.net)

### National Website ([www.ninety-nines.org](http://www.ninety-nines.org))

The national site includes news updates,  
scholarship opportunities, mentor  
connections, applications and more.

### Flypaper Facts



Deadline for the **January, 2008** Flypaper is **December 26, 2007**. If you have an article, ad or information for The Flypaper, please contact Melanie Hancock by phone or FAX at 694-4571 or e-mail at [flyquilt@mtaonline.net](mailto:flyquilt@mtaonline.net). (Ads are placed in The Flypaper for members at no charge.)

### Subscription Rates:

Oct. -- Sept. = \$15.00  
Feb. -- Sept. = \$10.00  
June -- Sept. = \$5.00

### Mailing Address:

P. O. Box 91962  
Anchorage, AK 99509

## 2008 Convention Committee Report

Your Committee continues to work diligently to prepare the best conference ever. We have worked out the tours that will be offered and almost have the registration site up and accepting registrations. We're waiting for the OK from the International Board before we go "live". Check out what is there already by going to  
HYPERLINK "<http://mail2web.com/cgi-bin/redirect.asp?lid=0&newsite=http://www.ak99aviationfun.org>" \t "\_blank"  
[www.ak99aviationfun.org](http://www.ak99aviationfun.org).

As of Dec 3 there are 246 days to the big day!

Check out the website at: <http://www.ak99aviationfun.org>

# Mat-Su Chapter News



*You are invited to a holiday party to meet and eat with the Mat-Su 99s. Bring a spouse or a friend. We won't be conducting any business, just hangar flying. The party will be held on Tuesday, December 18, beginning a 6 pm. The meat entrée will be provided. Please bring a side dish of your choice.*

*We will also be holding a Chinese Gift Exchange. Bring a wrapped gift (\$15-\$20) for each person wishing to participate.*

*Directions to Gayle Kase's home at 6231 E. Mountain Goat Circle:*

*Glenn Hwy., turn left onto Parks Hwy. (follow signs to Wasilla at interchange). About one mile past the interchange, take the Trunk Road exit and turn right onto Trunk Road at the top of the exit ramp. Continue straight through the stop light (Three Bears on the left) on Palmer-Wasilla Hwy. Turn left at the stop sign onto Bogard Road. Drive about 1/4 mile and turn right onto Engstrom Road (fire station on corner). Continue a little over two miles and turn left onto Beechcraft Rd. Go to the west end of Beechcraft which curves to the right becoming Mountain Goat Circle. Then immediately turn left into the Kase driveway. It's a long driveway, but a sign will be posted.*

*You may contact one of the following ladies for more information:*

*Gayle (746-5273), Patty (746-2919) or Judith (746-0991).*

## Mat-Su Chapter Officers

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





## December Dinner/Party

*The Alaska Chapter 99s will hold its annual Christmas/Dinner Party on Wednesday, December 14, 2007 at the Downtown Marriott. The no-host bar will open at 6 pm and the buffet dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. The menu is below. Cost per person: \$35 (includes gratuity).*

*RSVP no later than 6 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 9, to Angie Slingluff by phone (337-0253) or e-mail ([akwoman@ak.net](mailto:akwoman@ak.net)). Checks should be made payable to "Alaska 99s" and mailed to: Alaska 99s, P. O. Box 91962, Anchorage, AK 99509-1962. They should be postmarked no later than December 5, 2007. (If that is not possible, please bring your checks with you to the party.)*

*We will once again hold our Chinese Auction. Bring a wrapped gift (value \$15 - \$20) for each person attending who wishes to participate in the gift exchange. It's always fun to see the gifts travel from person to person.*

*We're looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible. REMEMBER, spouses, guests and friends are always welcome to join us.*

*The more the merrier!*

### *Salads*

*Caesar (Romaine hearts, shaved parmesan and herb croutons)  
Broccoli Almond Salad (dried cranberry, sweet onion citrus dressing)  
Baby Meslun Greens with assorted dressings*

### *Entrees*

*Oven roasted chicken (butternut squash cream, goat cheese, and toasted pecans)  
Porcini Crusted Salmon (mustard cream sauce, mushroom ragout)*

### *Accompaniments*

*Roasted Garlic Potatoes  
Wild Rice Pilaf (dried cranberry, toasted almonds)  
Sweet Potato Au Gratin  
Winter Harvest Vegetables  
Artisan Rolls  
Variety of dessert choices*

# Miscellaneous Items

## An Invitation to a Christmas Party with Ellen . . . .

Just can seem to get the thought of winter out of your mind? Never fear! It's time to haul out the holly, brush off your baubles and start dreaming of a Christmas party and open house! I am having my annual Christmas Party.

In keeping with the spirit, there are a few simple rules if you want to attend. Unruly behavior will not be tolerated unless I am involved. You will be asked to spend the night if: (a) you are really cute, (b) you happen to be Santa Claus, or (c) You caused the aforementioned unruly behavior.

The price of admission to the party is a really weird Christmas ornament for the tree—OR bring your favorite potluck fare. Reindeer droppings **MUST** be picked up before you leave!

Please don't cry or shout. I don't want Santa to think it was me who did it! Also, no low-flying aircraft—I don't want it to interfere with Santa's GPS coordinates to my house.

Please plan to attend. Bring yourselves and anyone else unruly.

WHERE: Ellen Paneok's house at 11801 Hilltop Drive

WHEN: Saturday, December 15, 2007 from 5 - 9 pm

QUESTIONS: Ellen's cell at 720-3245 or Roberta's cell at 914-324-1702

DIRECTIONS: New Seward to O'Malley and turn west (toward the ocean for some of you). Then turn south on C Street, Follow C around until you pass a traffic light (Timberlane Drive), then turn left on Hilltop Drive. (If you turn right you are on Tower Drive and I don't have a tower.) Follow Hilltop Drive up to the stop sign (the cross street is Old Klatt). I am on the southeast corner of Old Klatt and Hilltop. The house is gray and has two separate garage doors. The Christmas lights will be on! Come celebrate and meet old and new friends!



*Jacque Biloff, a member of the Mat-Su 99s, has a website called [borntoflygraphics.com](http://borntoflygraphics.com) on which she sells her note cards and various other things, including some of the aviation fabric things that Judy Foster sells. Proceeds from Judy's sales benefit the Mat-Su Chapter 99s. Be sure to check it out when you need these items.*

### Judith A. Foster

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## *Meeting Minutes - Alaska 99s - Wednesday, November 14, 2007*

*Meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Treasurer Brenda Staats. Introductions were made. There were 14 people in attendance.*

*Airmarkings were discussed. Melanie Hancock will check with Merrill Field to get the status of a new compass rose there.*

*Janet Oxford volunteered to help with the Sunshine Committee.*

*Our program was presented by Christina Gheen, the UAA Aviation English Coordinator, and Charlene Derry, Coordinator, International Affairs, with the FAA. The program at UAA is going to start soon and it is scheduled to assist with the ICAO recommendation that all pilots/controllers, etc. be conversant in English as it regards aviation and aviation safety. The program was quite interesting.*

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

*Committee Reports:*

*Historian & Scrapbook: No current chair for either of these committees, but we do need to get the scrapbooks in shape.*

*Flypaper: Melanie Hancock reported that as many subscriptions as possible were being sent out by e-mail. She announced that advertisements were placed in the Flypaper free-of-charge to subscribers. Members were encouraged to send relevant info to her for inclusion in the Flypaper.*

*Web Site: No report.*

*Programs: We will resume programs in January as our next meeting will be our Christmas Dinner/Party. Melanie will check on places to have the meeting and get the info out to everyone.*

*Museum Display: We still need a coordinator for the display at the Aviation Heritage Museum. Norm LaGasse at the Museum does have the info to get into the system.*

*2008 Convention: Angie Slingluff reported the Board has approved our budget and registration fees. Mio said she had found a place (Backpacker's Inn on Eagle Street) for those who needed budget rooms. There will be a link on the website. There are 167 room/nights reserved at the other hotels.*

*December 1 is the deadline for the 99 News article on the convention. The tour information will be available at that time.*

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. *Christmas Dinner/Party. Petra checked with the Aviation Heritage Museum and reported that there would be a \$500 charge to use the facilities. Melanie will check with caterers and with the Marriott to see what our options are for the meeting.*

2. *Scholarship applications and time frame were discussed. Melanie Hancock made a motion to open the application process on February 1, 2008 and close on May 31, 2008, with the scholarships awarded at the June meeting. Janet Oxford seconded and the motion passed.*

3. *Mio Johnson displayed a small, stuffed bear and told us she had letters she would be sending to all the chapters. The letter requests their support of the convention by committing to decorate one of the bears as "Amelia Bearhart." The bears will be used as table decorations and then auctioned off to support the AE Scholarship.*

*Announcements:*

*Petra Illig announced that the Lake Hood Pilot Shoppe now had a large assortment of handmade aviation jewelry and passed around samples.*

*Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Melanie Hancock, Secretary*