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

April is always a bit of a challenge here in Alaska. It is a month of transition, from winter to spring, and not a very pretty one I might add! We all love the lengthening daylight, and the feel of the sun on our faces, but oh the melting snow, mud, and then the dust. And what is an aviator to do while waiting for the ice to go out?

I sit here at my desk, facing Lake Hood, and watch my dog splash in the ever increasing margin of water at the edge of the lake. I thought spring was coming early to the lake this year, but now it seems to have slowed to a crawl as each night brings a new layer of thin crusty ice.

It has been over a week since the last daredevil pilot tempted fate and departed on skis, well past the time that most of us thought the ice was still safe, and I wonder how long it will be until I see the first airplane on floats gently rocking in its tie down.

The good news is that we can fill some of the down time with programs and seminars. On April 14th our Chapter staffed the registration table at the AASF Seaplane Seminar. It was a great day, filled with interesting speakers, and the usual wonderful BBQ lunch cooked by the Alaska Airmen's Association. The only thing missing from that day was our own "Pioneer Bush Pilot" Ellen Paneok who was in the hospital. We send our continued good wishes for a healthy recovery to Ellen!

Our April meeting featured another of our members, Angie Slingluff, representing the FAA's Aviation and Aerospace Education department. Now in her "dream job" Angie spoke enthusiastically about the programs available for students, and which qualify as part of the Math Curriculum for both the middle and high school level. She also spoke on the "Build-a-Plane" project. Through the generosity of FedEx (for shipping) and IndUs Aviation in Dallas, Texas (for the aircraft donation,) the students in Hooper Bay will build from, scratch, a Thorpe T211 light

sport aircraft which they will then learn to fly. At the same time they will apply science, technology, engineering and math skills; all part of the STEM program, on which the FAA is now focusing. There is no time like the present to make science fun for our youth so that we can keep up in the world market, and Aviation is about the most fun thing I can think of, so it's a great way to inspire, encourage, and involve them in learning! Who knows, we might even get some future pilots mechanics, engineers, or astronauts out of the bunch?!

Once the ice goes out there will be lots for us to do: The Airmen's Association/FedEx Trade Show May 5-6; The Valdez May Day Fly-in May 11-13; the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Plane Pull May 12; the Mat-Su 99s Flying Companion Seminar May 19; the Long Lake Memorial Day Fly-in on May 26; and the Short Field Clinic in Palmer on June 2. Whew! A lot to look forward too! And if you are interested in volunteering/participating in any of these events please contact me at (907) 274-5168 or at bertahome@yahoo.com. We can always use more volunteers - the more the merrier! You will find more information on these events in the following pages.

Until then I guess I'll just have to find something else to keep my busy. Darn this Spring Fever! I guess I will have to break down and go rake the yard, prepare the beds for planting and listen for the sound of the first float plane. Then I will know that summer has finally come!

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Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 9

at 6:00 p.m.

Peggy's Airport Restaurant

1675 E. 5th Avenue

Calendar of Events

May 5 & 6	Airmen's Trade Show & Conference
Wed., May 9	Regular Monthly Meeting
Tues., May 15	Mat-Su Regular Monthly Meeting
Fri., May 11	Valdez Airmarking
May 11 - 13	Valdez Air Show
Sat., May 19	Spring Flying Companion Seminar, Mat-Su
Sat., May 19	Kenai Peninsula Air Fair
Sat., June 2	99s Short Field Clinic after FAA Pancake Breakfast
June 3	Deadline for Flypaper articles/information
Wed., June 13	Regular Monthly Meeting
Fri., June 15	Deadline for submitting scholarship applications
Tues., June 19	Joint Picnic with Mat-Su Valley Chapter
Aug. 23 - 26	Northwest Section Meeting, Gillette, WY
Sept. 11 - 16	Ninety-Nines International Conference, Denver, CO

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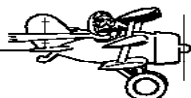
Chapter Website
www.ak99s.org

For website updates and additions, e-mail Caren della Cioppa at: habataku@att.net

National Website
www.ninety-nines.org

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

Flypaper Facts



Deadline for the June Flypaper is **June 3, 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. (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

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June Picnic

We will hold our annual joint picnic with the Mat-Su Valley Chapter 99s in June. More information will be available in the June Flypaper.

Scholarships

The deadline for submitting applications is rapidly approaching. June 15, 2007 is the magic date. If you or someone you know meets the requirements for the scholarships listed below, be sure to get an application submitted.

Three scholarships are available this year. There will be one Advanced Scholarship for \$1,000 (female private pilot seeking an advanced rating) and one \$500 Student Scholarship (female pilot who has soloed) awarded by the Alaska Chapter. One \$500 scholarship (woman who has soloed and is seeking her private license) will be given by the Mat-Su Valley Chapter, the Ruth Jefford Memorial Scholarship.

Award winners will be announced June 30 and the scholarships will be awarded on Wednesday, July 11, at the regular meeting of the Alaska Chapter 99s.

Application forms are available at the Alaska Chapter 99s website: <http://www.ak99s.org/>



Short Field Clinic

The Alaska Chapter 99s and the Mat-Su Valley Chapter 99s will be sponsoring a Short Field Clinic on Saturday, June 2, following the FAA Pancake Breakfast at Palmer. The Safety Briefing will be held at Mustang Air at Palmer Airport. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. followed by the briefing at 11:30. Take-off trials will begin about noon after the briefing.

The clinic is noncompetitive. This is a great chance to practice your short field takeoffs and landings and see just what you and your airplane can do. We suggest you load your airplane as though you were out flying on any given day, or maybe on a camping or hunting trip. The gravel strip at Palmer will be marked so that you will know just how much space you require for safe short field takeoffs and landings. Lunch will be provided for a small fee.

Alaskan Women Pilots to Fly Air Race Classic

Two members of the Mat-Su Valley Chapter 99s (Jacquie Biloff and Charlotte Luckett) have entered the Air Race Classic scheduled to begin on June 17, 2007. The race (formerly known as the Powder Puff Derby, flown by women since 1929), begins at Wiley Post Airport in Oklahoma City, wanders northwest, east, south and then northeast terminating in St. John, New Brunswick, Canada four days later. Jacquie and Charlotte will be flying the race in Jacquie's Cessna 180.

If you would like to help these two ladies with their expenses, you may contact Melanie Hancock (694-4571 or flyquilt@mtaonline.net). Your donations will be forwarded to Jacquie and Charlotte. There will also be a container for donations at the 99s booth at the Aviation Trade Show, Saturday & Sunday, May 5 & 6.

The Anchorage Daily News and The Frontiersman will carry information on the race as events unfold. For information on the race, visit <http://www.airraceclassic.com/>

The Mat-Su Valley 99s will not have a meeting in May as they will be conducting the Flying Companion Seminar on May 19.

There also will be no meetings in July and August. The regular meeting schedule will resume in September.

The joint picnic with the Alaska Chapter 99s will be held on Tuesday, June 19, at 6:30 p.m. at Patty Livingston's home at Wolf Lake. Directions to Patty's home and other details will be available in the June Flypaper.

The Spring Flying Companion Seminar is scheduled for Saturday, May 19, from 8 am - 5 pm.. It will be held at Mat-Su Community College, Mile 2, Trunk Road (between the Parks Highway and the Palmer-Wasilla Highway). Any and all help with the seminar will be appreciated. If you will be available to help, please contact Judy at 746-0991.

Jacquie Biloff and Charlotte Luckett, Mat-Su members, have registered to fly the Air Race Classic this year, June 19, 2007. The race, formerly known as the Powder Puff Derby, has been flown by women since 1929. Please visit Air Race Classic's website at www.airraceclassic.org for more information about the race.

The March/April issue of The Ninety-Nines Magazine contains Ruth Jefford's obituary under "New Horizons."

Mat-Su Chapter Officers

Chair	Gayle Kase (746-5273)
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Member Updates

Ellen Paneok is in the Alaska Native Hospital in Room 504 and will probably be there for a while. You may want to visit or send a card. Hospitals are boring! Ellen has good days and bad. It's a good idea to call her at 729-3854 (direct line to her room) before dropping in.

Pearl Laska Chamberlain, renowned Alaska pioneer aviatrix and instructor, celebrated her 98th birthday April 29th. The Midnight Sun Chapter held a little party for her. If you would like to send her a belated card her address is:

*Pearl Laska Chamberlain
Fairview Manor 3-G-2
1260 Airport Way
Fairbanks, AK 99701*

2008 Convention Committee

Meetings are continuing on the 2008 Convention. The schedule has been changed from the first Thursday of each month to every other Monday evening. The next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday, May 7, at 5:15 at Stewart Title, 2601 Denali Street.

If you are interested in working on or chairing a committee, contact Angie (337-0253 or akwoman@ak.net). There are endless opportunities to be involved with this event, so don't be shy about volunteering to help.

Airmarkings* and Fly-Ins

Our first fly-in/airmarking of the season will be Valdez. The current plan is to go to Valdez Friday morning, May 11, and paint the name "Valdez" at the airport before the annual May Day Fly-In and Air Show starts later that day. The Fly-In/Air Show is scheduled May 11 - 13. More information is available at the Valdez website: <http://www.valdezalaska.org/> (This site contains information on the Fly-In and under Visitor Services the hotels/B&B's in Valdez are all listed with phone numbers & websites. There is also a section of maps, including a street map to help locate the hotels, B&B, restaurants, etc. and a map for driving to Valdez.)

A Schedule of Events for the Fly-In & Air Show has been included in the Flypaper.

If you think you will be available to help, contact Melanie Hancock at 694-4571 or Patty Livingston at 746-2919.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND Fly-In to McCarthy: Some members are planning to fly to McCarthy on Saturday, May 26, spend the day in McCarthy and at the Kennecott Mine, stay overnight and fly to Long Lake (about 15 mins. from McCarthy) for the fly-in breakfast Sunday morning.

Below is some information and phone numbers for lodging in McCarthy:

Kennecott Glacier Lodge (907-554-4441) has rooms ranging from \$99/night with shared bath facilities to \$249/night with private bath. This is located at the mine about 5 miles from McCarthy. They can make arrangements to pick people up at the airstrip.

McCarthy Lodge/Ma Johnson's in downtown McCarthy (907-554-4402) has rooms for one person \$109/night and for 2 at \$159/night. More information on the web at McCarthyLodge.com

** Some of you may be asking "What is airmarking?" Put simply, it is the name of the airport painted on a paved surface at the airport.*