Notes from Fairbanks, Princess Riverside Lodge

There is a definite nip in the air as Autumn rushes us on the way towards winter, and I am loving it!

I am here in Fairbanks for a Soroptimist Conference and am just getting a taste of what I missed out on by not being able to go to Boulder for the 99s International Conference in September. Too much traveling, sitting and not stretching resulted in my back going out and so your illustrious Conference Committee contingent headed off to Boulder without me. I had no doubts that they would be able to handle the mission which was to pitch the Invitation for the 2008 International Conference. I was not disappointed! If you have not yet seen the recording of their performance, then just get in touch with one of the committee members--Heather was generous enough to burn copies of the DVD for the committee -- thanks again Heather!

By September 22, I was recovered enough to head on down to Kenai for the remarking. Angie drove down with me and then hitched a ride home with Clarissa, who had a seat available in her plane. All in all, we had three aircraft, ten volunteers, one Ford Explorer, coffee and muffins, a Border collie and 55 gallons of paint. (The Border collie did not count as one of the volunteers!) It was a pretty rough surface, with lots of cracks and tar, but the remark was done in two hours and those who had the time stayed and had lunch before heading home. The foliage was beautiful, whether you were flying or driving; the company was great; and the remark looked wonderful; what more could you want from a Saturday in September?

And as for your Saturdays in October, there is just no excuse for sitting home with nothing to do. October 13th is the AASF Fall Safety Seminar, followed by the Airmen’s Open House. The weekend of October 20th is the Aviation North Expo in Fairbanks, and October 27th is our Flying Companion Seminar held at UAA’s Aviation Tech building. Read on for more details, and I will look forward to seeing you at one or all of the events!

Happy Flying.

Berta
We will be hosting a Flying Companion Seminar on Saturday October 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm at UAA Aviation Technology Center on Merrill Field. We already have 11 people expressing interest in the event. We can use help with "hospitality" and presentations. Angie will have a sign up sheet at the meeting.

If you can’t attend the meeting, please call Melanie at 694-4571 and let her know that you’d like to help. REMEMBER: This is always a good review of basic flight fundamentals AND it’s lots of fun!

Our guest speaker for the October meeting will be Sam Maxwell.
Sam is a longtime Alaskan pilot.
He will talk mostly about his experiences flying with the Iditarod.
2008 Convention Committee Report

We are already getting reservations for the Hilton hotel - 278 room nights have been reserved to date! They’re coming! Your planning committee has been working hard and meeting every two weeks. It is time for you all to think about stepping up to help us get sponsor and donors. Watch for more info at our October meeting.

The Mat-Su 99s will have a business meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 6:00 pm at Mat-Su Title in Wasilla. We have quite a lot of business to discuss, so everyone is encouraged to attend and share their ideas. Brown bag, as usual.

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AASF Fall Safety Seminar
“Everything You Wanted to Know About Winter Operations”

The Alaskan Aviation Safety Foundation is hosting their annual Fall Safety Seminar at UAA, Merrill Field. It will be held on Saturday, October 13, starting at 8:30 a.m. Topics featured will include Accident profiles and Statistics, Accident Analysis by a panel of Alaskan Experts with James La Belle (NTSB), Arthur D. Tilgner MD, Jack Barber (AK Air Taxi), Will Johnson (Yute Air Taxi), meet the new FAA Regional Administrator Michael A. Cirillo, Flying for the Iditarod Air Force, Ski Flying, Winter Maintenance, and more.

This event is for everyone interested in Alaskan aviation and how to become an even safer pilot. We have 9 informational booths set up at the UAA. These will include FAA weather cams, Alaska Airmen’s Association, AOPA, Seaplane Pilots Association, Iditarod Air Force, Medallion Foundation, Ninety-Nines, Alaska Air Carriers Association and the Civil Air Patrol.

Speakers: Mike Cirillo, Joe Pendergrass, John Norris, Bart Stone, Cliff Bellleau

Location of Event: UAA Aviation Technology Division
2811 Merrill Field Drive, Anchorage, AK 99501
Atrium and Lecture Hall - First Floor

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Thanks to everyone for their hard work. The last airmarking of the season took place at Kenai on Saturday, September 22. We had a total of 10, 8 flew down and 2 drove. Below are a few photos.

We are planning to have lots of work for next spring and summer. More information will appear in the Flypaper in the Spring as plans are confirmed.

99s getting ready to start a badly needed repaint at Kenai.

Patty Livingston puts the final touch on the Kenai airmarking.

Surveying a job well done! Photos Courtesy of Berta Degenhardt
Jacquie Biloff, a member of the Mat-Su 99s, has a website called bornoflygraphics.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.

From the Women in Aviation Connect Newsletter . . .

**“WAI Awarded Accolades by Ninety-Nines**

Boulder, Colorado - This year, at the 2007 International Conference of The Ninety-Nines, Women in Aviation, International, co-founded by Dr. Chabrian and Bruce Baty, was honored with the prestigious Inspiration Award for an individual, group or organization or agency whose participation, achievements or activities has had a significant impact on The Ninety-Nines, the world aviation community or the art and science of aviation or aerospace.

Jacque Boyd accepted the award for WAI, stating, “Both of our organizations serve unique purposes and provide opportunities for our respective members, making it attractive for them to belong to both!” An important part of the mission of WAI is to provide opportunities for people (but especially women) to reach their aviation dreams and goals. Whether they want to earn a private pilot certificate or seaplane rating, receive advance training as an A&P on a more sophisticated engine, or a type rating on a 777, the notion of providing scholarships was always a factor. Thanks to many of our corporate members (now totaling more than 150) the WAI scholarship program has awarded more than $5 million in 12 years. And many of those winners have been Ninety-Nines! This year WAI is offering its membership the opportunity to apply for more than 30 different scholarships backed by its individual and corporate members. Check them out online at: www.wai.org.”

## Raffle Quilt

Tickets will be available at the October meeting for purchase and also to check out to sell. Tickets are $2 each, or 3 for $5. It is a queen size quilt suitable for use as a bed quilt or to hang as decoration. We are expecting to receive professional photos of the quilt soon.

### Surfing the Web?

Here are a couple of websites you might want to check out and maybe forward to friends outside Alaska:

- alaskamagazine.com
- Chatalaska.com

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