



The Flypaper



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

Notes from Seat 2D.....

As you read this I am winging my way back to Alaska after a visit with family and friends on the East Coast. The weather has been beautiful, tho a bit warm for this Alaska Girl. I am looking forward to the clear crisp days of September and October – usually some great flying weather!

*Before leaving on my trip I had the chance to have breakfast with Susan Larson who was visiting from Santa Fe to check out the 2008 Conference sites and to talk with the Conference Committee to review plans. We talked about what our Chapter, and the other Alaska Chapters do and, while we are so proud of all of the work we do in the community regarding aviation safety and education, Susan did remind me of one of the most important aspects of this organization – **We are Women Who Like to Fly!***

This organization was founded in 1929 by women who liked to fly, and who wanted to spend time with other women who liked to fly. While the work we do is important, I realize that it is just as important to keep it fun. We spend a lot of time planning Flying companion Seminars, Aviation Career Education Academies, Short Filed Clinics, Air Markings and more. But there is more to this organization than just planning future events and it's time we are reminded that with aviation as accessible as it is here in Alaska we can occasionally be SPONTANEOUS!

*I will return from the 99s Conference in Boulder on September 16. We will have a contingent of Alaska and Mat-Su members down there to create enthusiasm for the 2008 Conference in Anchorage, and we'll fill you in on all of the details when we return. Remember, our **September meeting date has been changed. It will be held on the THIRD Wednesday, September 19th, so that those of us who are traveling to Boulder will be back to share our tales. (AND perform our skit for YOU!)***

After that I am available! Anyone want to go for coffee? Talkeetna, perhaps? Or maybe Kenai? Willow? Seward? I'm even game for Whittier if someone wants to fly!

Berta

Next Meeting
Wednesday,
September 19
6 pm
Peggy's Restaurant
(across from Merrill Field)

Calendar of Events

Tues., Sept. 18	Mat-Su Chapter Regular Monthly Meeting
Sept. 11 - 16	Ninety-Nines International Conference, Denver, CO
Wed., Sept. 19	Regular Monthly Meeting
Sat., Sept. 22	Kenai Airmarking (rain date Sunday, Sept. 23)
Wed., Oct. 10	Regular Monthly Meeting
Tues., Oct. 16	Mat-Su Chapter Regular Monthly Meeting
Sat., Oct. 27	Tentative Date for the Flying Companion Seminar
Wed., Nov. 14	Regular Monthly Meeting

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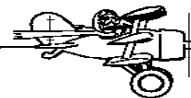
Chapter Website (www.ak99s.org)

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 **October** Flypaper is **October 2, 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.)

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Flypaper Renewal 2007 - 2008

The subscription rate is \$15 per year (October - September). This year we are offering two options for receiving your newsletter:

1. **Traditional U.S. mail** -- this gives you a paper copy in black and white. Electing this option to receive the Flypaper takes 2 - 3 days to get to you. It also is more expensive for the chapter with the postal rate increases and copying charges. (We hope to keep this option only for those who do not have e-mail capabilities.)
2. **E-mail** -- this options moves us into the new century, eliminates mailing and copying charges. You will also receive the Flypaper as soon as it is ready to go to press. An added bonus is that as we publish more photos of our activities, you will get this information and more of the newsletter in color.

If you haven't paid for your 2007/08 Flypaper subscription by October 15, you will not receive the November copy. Please support your chapter and get your subscription renewed.

Mat-Su Chapter News

The Mat-Su Valley Chapter 99s is resuming its meeting schedule this month. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Mat-Su Title bistro area at The Real Estate Center, 1981 E. Palmer-Wasilla Hwy., #100, in Wasilla.

You are invited to attend the meeting and join us for the program. presented by Charlotte Lockett, 'Flying the 2007 Air Race Classic.' Please plan to attend and bring a spouse or friend. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact: Patty @ 746-2919 or Gayle @ 746-5273.

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Mat-Su Chapter Officers

Chair	Gayle Kase (746-5273)
Vice Chair	Judy Foster (746-0991)
Secretary	Patty Livingston (746-2919)
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2008 Convention Committee Report

We are off to Denver in just a few days to issue our formal invitation to the Ninety-Nines to "come on up" for AVIATION FUN UNDER THE MIDNIGHT SUN. If you are going to Colorado help us to make them smile and come bide awhile! (You'll find the text on page 6 of The Flypaper.)

Ninety-Nines Vice President Susan Olsen was here here from August 25 - 29. She has

reported back to the International officers that "this is going to be a fantastic site for our 2008 conference....."

There's still lots to do to get ready for 2008. The attendees at the 2007 Convention in Denver will be reporting on their activities and impressions at the September meeting, Wed., September 19, 2007.



Joe Wilbur, 49 1/2 of Alaska Chapter 99, Anne Wilbur, died following an accident at his home in Girdwood, on August 10, 2007. Joe was 82. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, He moved to Alaska in 1952, working for United Airmotive and Alaska Airlines, before opening his own business. The business grew to encompass not only aircraft repair & flight lessons, but also a commuter airline. The airline, known as the "Family Airline," was to Pacific Northern Airways in 1991. The balance of the business became Flight Safety Alaska. The business was sold in 1995 and is now called Take Flight Alaska. Joe received the Charles Taylor Award for exemplary aviation maintenance. His hobbies always revolved around aviation and family.

Joe and Anne were married in 1961 and between them raised seven children. Joe is survived by his wife Anne, five sons & daughters, nine grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Two of Joe's sons, Kenneth and Bruce, preceded him in death.

An ice cream social and celebration of his life was held at the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum on August 13, 2007.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum, 4721 Aircraft Drive, Anchorage, AK 99502.

We have done three airmarkings to date this year. We are tentatively scheduled to repaint Kenai on Saturday, September 22, 2007, with a rain date of Sunday, September 23. If you are interested in being notified of definite painting dates and times to be at Kenai, please call Patty Livingston at 746-2919.

2007/08 Officers

Our newly elected officers are starting their new positions this month. The officers for 2007/08 are:

<i>Chair:</i>	<i>Berta Degenhardt</i>
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Now is a great time to get active in the Chapter. If there is a committee you are interested in working on or chairing, please contact Berta (274-5168) and let her know. (You will notice on the front page that a few people are wearing many hats. Now is the time to help out.)

If you are interested in working on the Flypaper or would like to be the "editor," please contact Melanie at 694-4571. It's a great way to help the chapter and a good way to get to know other people!

Women With Props and Wings - An Alaska Pre-flight Briefing

(with a nod to Robert Service's "Cremation of Sam McGee")

There are strange things done 'neath the midnight sun

By women with props and wings
The Al-Can trail has its secret tale
And we're here to share some of those things

When you look to the sky, it's North you should fly
But prepared you must surely be
For a well packed plane is the name of the game
It's as easy as One Two Three

First, the FAA has some things to say
About what must always be carried
So here is the list, you'll get the gist,
And packing will not leave you harried.

Rations for a week for each occupied seat
An ax or a hatchet, and knife
A kit for first aid, and two signaling aids
These items might just save your life

The mosquito head net, save your life? Don't you bet
But your sanity won't take a beating
And to fish for your dinner a tackle box is a winner
With fire starters for cooking and heating

The Airmen's Guide, ever by your side
Will prepare you with pictures and text
On that long summer day while you fly the Highway
It's good to know what will come next

Our Milepost, too, has information for you
From Dawson to Delta it's got it
Come by car or by plane, the info's the same
And that fun site, you'll know where to spot it

There are some things though, that you really should know
And aren't found in The Books or The Guide
But that's why we're here, to allay all your fears
And make yours a safe and fun ride

Duct tape is key, in your kit it must be
Its uses are widely well known
As a versatile tool it's a general rule
"Keep a roll in Car, Plane and Home."

That Swiss Army knife might well save your life
Its uses are many, not few
Of course some will say at the end of the day
Most important will be the corkscrew!

The legends aren't lies about Our Mosquitoes Size
At least one you are sure to meet
Spray yourself or your clothes from head to toes
From a can that includes the word DEET!

A pilot's need is a thing to heed
And those bathroom stops are an issue
Porta-Johnny or Jane, the problems the same
Plan your fuel stops or take along tissue

An unspoken rule, that multipurpose camp tool
It's a shovel, a hammer, an ax
For fire pit dousing or latrine delousing
It's invaluable, that is a fact

Now a promise made is a debt unpaid
And our promise today was a briefing
How to fly to AK in a very safe way
And now that we're done we'll be leaving

But remember this as we blow a big kiss
Alaska's the place to have fun
So when North you do venture, we promise
adventure
In the Land of the Midnight Sun!

By Roberta Degenhardt ©2007

Miscellaneous Items

Early Convention

Contributors/Sponsors

*A big thank you to Liz Kester who contacted **Wild Furs Ltd.** and obtained their commitment to provide fur coats and items for our Fashion Show Luncheon during the Convention. Wild Furs is the same furrier who loaned us the beautiful items for our Northwest Section Meeting Fashion Show Luncheon.*

Thank you, Wild Furs, for being one of the first companies to provide support for our 2008 International Convention!

*Another thank you goes out to **Rust's/K2 Aviation** for giving us tickets for 2 people to take a flight and land on a glacier@ Rust's also has contributed some cups which will be taken to the Colorado Convention.*

Raffle Quilt

The Raffle Quilt, Alaska Album," is finished, has been to the State Fair at Palmer and is ready for its long journey to Colorado. The quilt won a First place ribbon and a Division Champion ribbon.

The raffle tickets are being printed so that we can begin selling tickets in Colorado. The quilt will be displayed at the October meeting.



Jacquie Biloff, a member of the Mat-Su 99s, has a website called 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.



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