Notes from the Morris Chair:

It is New Years Day and I am sitting here, in my parents den, in a chair that belonged to my great grandfather. His son, my mother’s uncle, learned to fly in 1918 in a biplane. He was trained by the Army Air Corps. After he soloed and received his wings he went on to flight instruct until it was time to ship out to fight the war in Europe. The story is that while he waited on the docks to ship out Peace was declared and the war ended. It is believed that he was so ticked off that he never got in an airplane again.

It is hard for me to imagine experiencing something so awe inspiring and then giving it up and I am reminded that it is a passion for flying that brings us together in this, the Original Women’s Flying Club. There are those of us who are not current right now, but that should not keep any of us from sharing the joy and passion of “breaking free of these earthly bonds.” So I am suggesting that we all make a resolution in this new year to fly; fly to airmarkings; fly to pancake breakfasts; fly to fly-ins; fly, fly fly! Whether it is time to get current, practice short field landings, or it’s just a sunny day, make an excuse to call a friend and GO FLY! Think of it this way; if you fly with a friend the fun is doubled and the fuel cost is halved! Even at $5.00 a gallon Avgas is a lot less expensive than lattés!

Happy New Year to all,

Berta

P.S. If you’re on ski’s I can meet you right in my front yard and I’ll trade my $3.00 lattés for 100LL anytime – hint, hint!
**Calendar of Events**

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**Chapter Website** (www.ak99s.org)
For website updates and additions, e-mail Caren della Cloppa at: habataku@att.net

**National Website** (www.ninety-nines.org)
The national site includes news updates, scholarship opportunities, mentor connections, applications and more.

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**Flypaper Facts**

Deadline for the **February 2008** Flypaper is **February 1, 2008**. 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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**January Program**

The 99s have had a long history at Merrill Field. Many of our chapter founders have flown at Merrill for more than 40 years and have seen many changes. Others keep their aircraft stored at Merrill and almost all of us are airport users in some form.

Jim Amundsen, the project manager at DOT&PF for the GLENN HIGHWAY 5th AVENUE upgrades and expansion, will give a presentation regarding the 5th Avenue Glenn Highway upgrades that are going to be taking place over the next summer.

Please note: Our thanks to Heather Hasper for arranging this speaker.
The regular monthly meeting of the Mat-Su Chapter will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2008, at Mat-Su Title office at 1981 Palmer-Wasilla Highway in Wasilla. There will be a business meeting. The program will be an aviation-related video. The specific subject has not yet been determined.

Please feel free to attend and bring your "brown bag" dinner.

Aviation Fun Under the Midnight Sun - August 6-9, 2008. Our online registration is open for you to register for the International Conference! Check it out www.ak99aviationfun.org. You can also pay online using your credit card! We are the first conference to go electronic. We're looking forward to your help with the Conference. We'll have more information at our meeting in January and in the coming months.

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

Dec 2008 Convention Committee Report

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Secretary Patty Livingston (746-2919)
Treasurer Toni Merrigan (373-6569)

December Dinner/Party

There were approximately 28 people at the Christmas party on December 12. Dinner was great and we had lots of fun with the Chinese Auction. Our thanks to the Marriott for a great party.
You Know You’re an Alaskan if . . .

Someone mentions “Super Cub” and you do not envision a tiny bear wearing blue tights and a red cape.

Your relatives/friends think you live too far away for them to come visit you, but keep asking you to come see them more often.

You have ever called a 1-800 number you found in a catalog, and then were told, “Alaska? Oh, we don’t ship outside the USA.”

You know bunny boots aren’t wirb by bunnies or made out of bunnies.

You know a tail-dragger is an airplane, not a bad day at the office.

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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