

1) Introductions

There were 13 members in attendance.

2) Program

Norm Legasse - Executive Director, Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum

a) Bio

- Born and raised in Maine
- College Embry Riddle Engineering Degree
- Air Force – Fort Rucker to learn to fly helicopters with the army
- Assigned to Elmendorf flying the H3 "Jolly Greens"
- Went to Korea
- Fixed wing conversion
- Assigned to Elmendorf and transitioned to F15s (4 ½ years)
- After completing active duty joined Air National Guard out of Kulis
- Went to Langley Air Force Base in a command position
- Retired in 2005, returned to Alaska

b) Museum history

- 1977 – Alaska Aviation Historical Society was founded by Ted Spencer
- 1986 – Decision made to create museum
- 1992 – Hangars A & B were begun and completed in 1993
- 2002 – New multi-purpose facility built
- 2004 – New lease established with state
- 2004 – Rasmuson Foundation provided grant for two full time positions (executive director and director of marketing)
- 2005 – Executive director hired
- 2005 – Dave Morgan hired as the first curator
- "Heck of a museum kit – can't wait to see it put together!"

c) Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum vision

- Has been known as the museum of broken airplanes.
- The vision is to:
 - Establish the AAHM as the Hub of Alaskan Aviation History, which would include aircraft, histories, folklore, films, books and a library.

- Generate sufficient community excitement and enthusiasm; make the museum a desired place for families.
- Spark dynamic exhibits that will keep local families coming back to the museum time and time again.

d) **What have we been doing?**

- **Maintenance and improvements**
 - Building interconnects completed
 - Old building demolished
 - Visitors: 11,137 for 2005
 - Brought fabric airplanes into hangars
 - School program outreach (49,000 school kids in Anchorage)
 - Exhibits and displays
 - New simulator, by summer three more, which are networked. Donated by the Coca Cola bottlers foundation
- **Introducing Technology**
 - Recreate historic flights with simulators
 - Mail routes
 - Polar quests
 - Iditarod serum run
 - Battle in the Aleutians
 - Experience flying challenges of Alaska
 - Landing on a glacier
 - Landing in Dutch Harbor
- **Youth Camps**
 - Boy Scout Aviation Badge
 - Girl Scout Explore Science Badge
 - Jr. Flight Academy
 - Science Academy
 - Aurora Kid's Club
 - School Projects Corner
- **Future goals and visions**
 - Aurora Project – Interactive Theater
 - 40 people
 - 8 meter dome
 - AP Session profiles
 - Helicopter rescue in Bering Sea
 - Day Camps for Alaska Youth
 - Jr. Flight Academy with Medallion Foundation
 - Search and Rescue in AK w/ CAP
 - School Programs

- KCC
 - UAA
 - CAP
 - Vehicle Restoration
 - Advertising and Marketing
 - Use in Rony Parade
 - Attend local airshows
 - Old Merrill Tower Cab
 - "Old Tower Café"
 - Radio Monitoring
- **Conceptual....!!!!** For new site to move down to the other end of the lake. 4.8 acres, doubles the 2.3 that the museum currently sits on.
 - **Questions**
 - Restoration mentoring?
 - Model Airplane building? Junior Bush Pilot Training Zone
 - Getting in airplanes?

3) Meeting

- a) **Treasurers report**
 - \$12,472 Scholarship CD
 - \$7,784 Checking
 - Suggestion of moving Museum display funds to a savings account or 6 month CD.
- b) **Christmas Dinner**
 - Thank you from Janet Oxford for recognition.
- c) **Display Committee Report**
 - Met in early January.
- d) **Scholarships**
 - Get the new forms online, explanation of scholarships
- e) **Web site – looks good! Ak99s.org**
- f) **March at the Museum Of History and Art**
 - Sunday March 5th - Women's History Month. Museum of History and Art. Focus on Women Pilots.
- g) **2008 Convention Report**
 - The official slogan in "Aviation Fun under the Midnight Sun."

- See the Flypaper for more information
 - The Convention will be Aug 6-9, 2008 with a focus on general aviation safety, including:
 - Medallion
 - Capstone
 - Alaska Airmen
 - Cameras in the Mountains
 - Tour of the museum
 - Jean White – Suggested that this is the same year that the Alaska quarter comes out and this might be incorporated.
 - Goody bag – Will be in the style of an Alaska Aviation survival kit.
- h) Women in Science and Technology Day – Girl Scouts at UAA**
- 99s have done a presentation in the past, and are looking for volunteers.
- i) Spring Flying Companion Seminar coming up**
- j) Aviation Trade show**
- Alaska Airmen's has invited us to set up booth at tradeshow. Hopefully get a discount. Booth cost \$400 without discount. The tradeshow is May 6-7, 2006.
 - What do we want to sell this year? A thought is aviation type jewelry, such as earrings, necklaces, charms, bracelets
 - Petra volunteered to ask for discount at the Alaska Airmen's association board meeting.
- k) Valdez Airshow**
- Will be held April 29-30 (not the first weekend in May as usual).

4) Announcements

- a) Petra Illig**
- Tom Wardleigh – correction in the flypaper.
 - Wayne Koecher - Atlas airlines pilot - Wells Fargo, donations, son died in plane crash on glacier.
 - Petra is moving office and plans to have a retail supply shop and 99s shop at her new place which is in the same building as she is now located.
 - First National Bank Calendar – Ruth Jefford is the feature for the month of January.
- b) Norm Legasse**
- Solicitations for charts or artifacts for temporary display

- Petra Illig offered charts from Russia trip
- Angie suggested air marking pictures – the Alaska chapter has done 21 air markings around the state
- Communication logs