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The Official Newsletter of the Alaska 99s
September 2008

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The Sunshine, Fly-Ins, and Publicity Committees need volunteers.

Notes from the Chair

In the June Flypaper Berta reminded us all of the Ninety-Nines mission. As the new Chair of the Alaska Chapter my goal for the next year is to lead the chapter in activities that support the mission. In order to "PROMOTE world fellowship through flight", members need to connect empty seats with willing passengers for fly-ins, airmarking, and air show events. "PROVIDE networking and scholarship opportunities for women and aviation education in the community" requires money and energy. We need to look at old and new fund raising opportunities to support our scholarship fund. Our monthly programs should inform and educate members and others in the community. The Alaska Chapter is helping to "PRESERVE the unique history of women in aviation" by supporting the Women in Aviation display at the Aviation Heritage Museum. The national museums could also use our help.

I invite all members, spouses, and friends to this coming monthly meeting when Ernie Walker will present an update on the activities of the FAASTeam. The FAA Safety programs are valuable resources for pilot safety in Alaska.

Following this presentation will be the chapter business meeting. We need all thoughts and ideas for fund raising, future monthly program presentations, and budget conversations. The Aviation North Expo will be held October 16-18 in Fairbanks and the Ninety-Nines have been asked to hold a Flying Companion Seminar. This plus a possible seminar in Anchorage are grand opportunities to serve our community and provide funds for scholarships. Any volunteers to help with these events will be most welcome!

We should all look forward to a fun and productive year for the Alaska Chapter.

Gloria

Next Meeting

Wednesday, 6 p.m.,
September 10, 2008

Peggy's Airport Restaurant

Program:
Mr. Ernie Walker,
a FAASTeam Program Manager,
will speak about the
Wings program.

September Program

A member of the FFAST team, Ernie Walker, will be speaking about the FAA Wings Program. Please join us on Wednesday, September 10, at 6:00 p.m. for the program. As usual, guests are welcome.

Board Meetings Announced

Board meetings will be scheduled approximately one week prior to the regular monthly meeting. The date will be announced in the Flypaper. Any interested chapter members are invited to attend.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 30, at 5:30 p.m. at La Cabana Restaurant, 3rd and Cordova. Please contact Melanie Hancock (694-4571 or flyquilt@mtaonline.net) if you plan to attend.

Calendar of Events

Sat., Sept. 6	Merrill Field Airmarking
Wed., Sept. 10	Regular Monthly Meeting and Installation of Officers
Tues., Sept. 16	Mat-Su Valley Chapter Regular Monthly Meeting
Mon., Sept. 29	DEADLINE for submitting information for October Flypaper
Tues., Sept. 30	Alaska Chapter 99s Board Meeting
Wed., Oct. 8	Regular Monthly Meeting
Oct. 16 - 18	Aviation North Expo, Fairbanks
Sat., Oct. 18	Tentative Flying Companion Seminar in Fairbanks
Tues., Oct. 21	Mat-Su Valley Chapter Regular Monthly Meeting



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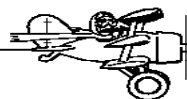
Chapter Website (www.ak99s.org)

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 & more.

Flypaper Facts



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Airmarkings

We will be remarking Merrill Field on Saturday morning, September 6. Plans are to paint only the name this year. The Merrill Field folks have decided not to paint the compass rose until next year. The weather is already too cool for the type of paint they want to use.

Please park/meet at the Merrill Field Manager's office. Overflow parking at MRI maintenance bldg. across the street on Merrill Field Drive. Please plan to be there shortly before 10 a.m. We will have to be ferried across the runway from the south by airport personnel to Alpha Taxiway to paint because the 5th Ave. access is not available at this time. The airport folks want to minimize crossings because the runway will have to be closed for each crossing.

Should we have rain on the 6th, we will try again on Saturday, September 13, same time and arrangements.

Contact Patty Livingston at 907-746-2919 or pattyl@mtaonline.net with any questions.

Mat-Su Chapter News

The next Mat-Su Valley Chapter meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 16 at 6 p.m. Program details and location of the meeting are not available at this time. They will be announced later. For further information, contact: Patty Livingston at 907-746-2919 or pattyl@mtaonline.net

The Chapter's new officers for this year are listed below.

Mat-Su Chapter Officers

Chair	Toni Merrigan (373-6569)
Vice Chair	C. J. Glasser (746-7358)
Secretary	Elaine Base (357-1545)
Treasurer	Patty Livingston (746-2919)

Pearl Laska Chamberlain Receives 99s Award of Achievement

I was honored to personally present Pearl Laska Chamberlain with her 99s Award of Achievement yesterday. Alabama 99 Harriett Hall joined me in the trip to Nashville. Pearl's son and family took us to a wonderful restaurant for lunch (we all walked the two blocks) and I read her the presentation made by Governor Corbi Bulluck at International and gave her the plaque. She was totally amazed to have been selected and to hear the words written by Corbi.

She was a little "bummed up" after a recent fall on her elbow. She had been on a chair (yes, at 99 years old) and then was moving the chair when she fell. Nothing broken but a very swollen elbow. She's still independent Pearl.

She sure misses Alaska and all her 99 friends. It would be great if some 99s would write her a congratulatory note and just keep in touch by mail:

Pearl Chamberlain, 901 Church St., Nashville, TN 37203

Nancy Miller-Borg, Alabama Chapter



2008 International Conference

The 2008 International Conference is now history. Thanks to everyone who made it happen! Following are comments we received and some photos of the activities during the Conference.

Dear Angie & Team,

You did it, as you knew you would. With the backdrop of the Chugach Mtns., Denali and a plethora of bears, 99s from around the world revealed in the warmth of your welcome. You all truly know how to show a bunch of gals a real good time. The finishing touch of Martin Buser, or rather his puppies, was brilliant.

Thank you for your years of hard work, willingness to be flexible at the last minute and dogged determination to make the 2008 conference a resounding success,

You did it!

With great admiration,

Susan Larson

*Rio Grande Norte Chapter
International President*



Conference team and members of Alaskan chapters (Alaska, Mat-Su Valley & Cook Inlet) including Jean White, Cleo Webb, TQ LaClair, Angie Slingluff, Mio Johnson, Mathea Doyle, Gail Rigden, Heather Hasper, Judy Foster, Rosemary Dunn.

My, wasn't that an unexpected finale to an outstanding conference. Bob and I apparently caught one of the last Alaska Airline flights out on Sunday, close to 2:00 PM. About an our and a half into the flight we smelled sulphur, confirmed by the cockpit crew as volcanic. Couldn't help but remember the 747 some years ago that got a little too close to the ash.

You and your crew did a terrific job--and please pass along my appreciation and congratulations to all. You didn't really have to do the surprise whiff of sulphur add-on, but it was a nice touch. And we were glad to do our part by bringing sunshine. Our intention was to leave some behind so hope you are enjoying balmy weather now. Thanks for the fun and adventure!

*Love to all,
Gene Nora Jessen
Idaho Chapter*



Highlight of Saturday evening's "Alaskan party" was Martin Buser, 4-time Iditarod Sled Dog Race winner, and four puppies---who stole the show. Pictured are Martin's wife, Kathy, Martin, Sue Larson and one of the Hilton Catering staff and four puppies from Martin's "Happy Trails Kennel.s"

Angie -

Just wanted to drop you a quick note to thank you for all you done to make my first 99s International conference memorable! I had a fantastic time and will always remember the good times I had in Alaska. I didn't get to meet you personally but did want to let you know how much I appreciate all that you have done for the 99s!

Blue skies and tailwinds,
Marlene Raseta,
Kitty Hawk Chapter,
Southeast Section Treasurer

Celia Vanderpool & I flew her Cessna 180 from Oceanside, CA. all the way to Anchorage in "mostly VFR" conditions. We got really lucky with the WX and with gas (several airports did not have fuel) and lodging and restaurants.

When the Canadian FSS briefer asked if we were "the 747 on floats", I knew we were in for a great time!

What a fantastic trip--42 hours in her heavily-loaded tailedragger. There was "almost" no room for shopping, because we had so much survival gear in the airplane!

Diane Myers. Orange County



Good Morning Everyone! I flew into Auburn/Lewiston Maine yesterday afternoon after a very successful trip to and from Alaska. I logged 72 hours and had no trouble with the airplane and saw so many old and new wonderful 99s in Anchorage. I was fortunate enough to have two different pilots fly with me. One on the way up and another on the way home, so I had an opportunity to get to know them better. We had many wonderful adventures and I hope that sometime in the future I have the opportunity to fly back.

There were several airports that were memorable, but one recent one that stands out in my mind is Toronto City Centre. We flew in beside smoke stacks and sky scrapers and next to a huge space needle to land on an island. Right in front of us at the end of the runway was a triple mast schooner! Unfortunately the sun was right behind it and we were both busy, so there are no pictures. However, it will always be a memory. In order to get to the mainland, Denise and I took the 5 minute ferry. We then flew over Niagara Falls for another photo opportunity.

I'm very happy everyone has made it home safely. As usual, I learned a lot!

Mary Build, Katahdin Wings Chapter, Co-Chair, New England Section, Treasurer

Left: Angie Slingluff modeling one of the beautiful furs loaned to us for the Fashion Show by Wild Furs Ltd.

Hi Gloria!

I just wanted to say thanks again for that FABULOUS conference, to you and all the others who worked so hard on it. I am in awe.

Please share this with all!

Candie Oldham,
Eastern New England 99s

The Alaska convention was absolutely wonderful - thanks Alaska girls for a great time!

Many of us from the Eastern PA Chapter extended our stay and traveled around for another week. At one place we visited, we took a great flightseeing tour, and during the conversation with the pilot we told him we were 99s. After we landed, he told us that his mother was a 99, and refused to charge us anything, saying his mother would have wanted him to give us the flight as a gift.

So I want to write a thank you letter to him and include some notes about his mother, but I can't find anything on the web. Can anyone help out? He said she was the first female commercial pilot in California, last name Hughes - that's all the information I have. I imagine she must have been most active in the 1960s and 1970s, but that's just a guess. If anyone knew this lady or has any stories about her, please let me know on this network or at alisonchalker@msn.com.

Thanks!

Alison Chalker, Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter

WELL, WE ARE HOME. I am so thankful that you had the conference, otherwise I would never have seen the most beautiful part of our world.

We have had the pleasure of having hosted a conference here in Los Angeles, so I know the amount of work you did.

I especially want to thank you for the Fashion Show, that was GREAT, the DOUBLE RAINBOW, the DOGS, FOOD...I didn't write the owners name down, his talk was so enjoyable, I almost want to come visit again in your freezing weather.

I could go on and on about the wonderful time and the Incredible job you did. IT WAS PERFECT!!!!

Lilian Darling Holt,
Los Angeles, CA

So it took me six days of flying in a 172XP to get to Anchorage from Maine and two and half days of commercial run-around to get back home again. The flight TO was certainly better than home, but thanks to the sisterhood of the 99s I enjoyed the unscheduled extra day in Anchorage with Martha Ann Hull and Sandy Brown of the New York-New Jersey Section, and Margot Cheel from my own New England Section.

Yes, I was in the three and half hour line to get rebooked on Sunday night, but fortunately I was in line with Martha Ann and Sandy and they graciously let me share the last room at the Super 8 (which was a Marginal 8 at best.) Spent the day Monday exploring the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum, Lake Hood and enjoying lunch on the deck of the Millenium Hotel. We met up with Margot at Lake Hood, and she had a rental car to cart us around. Martha Ann and Sandy turned in early for their flight out at 6 AM Tuesday, but Margot and I had 12:50 AM and 1 AM (respectively) flights out. She and I killed a few more hours in downtown Anchorage and even got to see the top of Mt. McKinley from the decks of The Snow Goose Restaurant. I "enjoyed" a 3-leg trip that departed at 1 AM and arrived at 5:20 PM in Portland, Maine, with stops at Seattle (could see Mt. Rainier at sunrise - beautiful!) and JFK (my "favorite" airport - NOT!!) It was long day to say the least, but the day spent getting to know fellow 99s softened the edges nicely. Thank you girls, for your kindness and generosity!

Lori Plourd
Katahdin Wings Chapter

Right: Fashion Show Luncheon representation of the Past, Present and Future: Jean White, Louise (Gettman) Nutter (in her father's flight suit from WW II) and Mikey, Louise's son. (Note the parka behind the dog sled was one that Ellen Paneok made and wore during her flying career.)

I'm glad to hear that you and the other 99s stranded in Anchorage are getting home safely. Those of us flying our planes home have had to deal with some weather issues. Mary Build and Denise Waters, her co-pilot and I spent 2 nights in Whitehorse, not comfortable heading out in marginal weather. Today we crossed the Canadian Rockies and are overnighing in Fort Nelson BC. If anyone is interested in reading a daily account of my trip so far, I've been posting daily to the flying forum on my web site, www.tbijourney.com I hope to get pictures posted there soon but for now have them on Flickr. Anyone registered there can request to be added to my friends list and view them.

Cheryle Sullivan
Colorado Chapter, flying the
Al-Can Highway home

Dear Angie,

My thanks to you and all the 99s and friends who made the Anchorage conference the best one yet! We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Many happy memories will linger for years to come.

My thanks again for all your efforts and heard work.

Sincerely,
Sarah Ratley, Leawood, KS

Flying our Cessna 182 with my husband, Richard, to Alaska was an amazing adventure! After encouragement from Cindy Pickett during the SW Section meeting in Palm Springs we decided on the journey. Our trip up "the Tracks" to Whitehorse, BC and then on to Anchorage Merrill Field was uneventful with very good weather. Most of the time we had some broken clouds with higher overcast, great BC and Alaska weather. We traveled together with Cindy Pickett and Don, Nancy Maas and Jim, and Kitty Houghton and Bob. Leaving Sunday, Aug. 10th from Anchorage to Whitehorse and on to Smithers we also flew with Jeanne Fenimore and Bill, Paula Sandling and Michael, and 3 other 99s planes landed at Whitehorse. That Sunday there were 7 planes of 99s at Whitehorse. From there we all traveled different routes to our destinations. All I can say is that it was such a unique flying trip, one that I will never forget. I had so much fun being around all my 99 friends at all the conference activities and especially flying together, that was the adventure! Thanks Alaska 99s and all the others who made it so wonderful. I will have some pictures on a website in the near future and will let everyone know its address.

Blue skies,
Judy Yerian, Phoenix Chapter





Janet Oxford at the Saturday Fashion Show modeling the parka she made and a variety of fur hats that she uses when snow machining.

Raffle Quilt Leaves Alaska

The drawing for the raffle quilt was held at the end of the Fashion Show Luncheon. Pictured below is the winner, Linda Leach of Cottage Grove, Oregon. Linda is a member of the Oregon Pines Chapter. With Linda is Melanie Hancock, the quilt's designer/maker.



Dear Angie,

I want to tell you and all your chapter what a great job you all did on the 99 Conference. Everything went so smoothly and if there was a problem - like the AWTAR party - you handled it so very well. Thank you one and all for the wonderful job of making the 2008 conference so very special.

Happy flying,

Barbara Evans

San Joaquin Valley Chapter

Dear Alaska 99s and Angie and Mio,

Congratulations on a most successful 99 International Conference August 7-9 in Anchorage, AK! It was a very good meeting, and my husband, Bill, and I had a great time with all the extra activities.

Thank you for all your efforts. I truly know what is involved in hosting an International Conference as well as multiple section meetings, so you are especially appreciated. Come to Oklahoma again in 2011!

Please relay appreciation to all who volunteered in helping with this conference.

Sue Halpain,

Bonanza N99SB

Oklahoma Chapter

I made it home safely to Longmont, Colorado about noon today. Yesterday I had to spend the day in Wyoming waiting for IFR weather to lift in southeast Wyoming and the Front Range of Colorado. This morning I did some airport hopping, getting closer to home while the ceilings were lifting from the north downward. I sat about 30 minutes in Pine Bluffs Wyoming and another 15 in Cheyenne then was able to get into Longmont. The trip was fantastic, 57 hours on the plane since leaving on 7/28. It's great to be home.

Cheryle Sullivan,

Colorado Chapter

There are two albums on my website with photos from the 99s International Conference in Alaska, you are welcome to check it out if you are interested.

<http://web.mac.com/smithlaura>

Happy Aviating!

Laura Smith, Bay Cities Chapter

Alaska Chapter Meeting Minutes - July 9, 2008

The meeting, held at Peggy's Restaurant in Anchorage, Alaska, was called to order at 6:15 p.m. There were 26 members and guests in attendance.

The program was presented by Diane Erickson. She showed slides and talked about her trip to Papua, New Guinea, with Habitat for Humanity.

Old Business:

Minutes of the June 11, 2008 Meeting: Motion made by Helen Jones to accept as written. Seconded by Mio Johnson and passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Checking Account: \$5,348.98;

Museum Savings Account:
\$1,227.12;

Scholarship CD (approximately \$13,000 - current statement not yet received).

The two 2008 scholarship recipients (Sarah Lochner and Suzanne Clark) were in attendance and introduced by Helen Jones.

Announcements:

The August picnic was canceled. There will be no August Flypaper. The next meeting will be in September. The meetings will probably start about 6:15 rather than 6 p.m.

On August 2 & 3 Sterling Brake Parts will be having a liquidation sale of aircraft parts.

Saturday, July 19, 9 a.m. is scheduled for the Merrill Field airmarking.

Mio Johnson distributed a sheet with questions from a lady wanting information to write a book about a female pilot in 1935 Alaska.

Mio made posters advertising the coming conference. She asked that members take copies and help get them posted around town.

Helen Jones had a request from Fran West (from Australia) who would like to talk about flying in Australia. Gloria suggested she could talk at the Thursday evening get-together at Kincaid Park. This will be discussed at Monday's Conference Committee meeting

The International Society of Women Airline Pilots will hold a dinner meeting on Wed., Aug. 6.

International Conference:

Judy foster has confirmed the speaker schedule.

Jean White brought in a decorated bear for the conference.

We need to get more rooms rented at the Marriott to fulfill our commitment.

We still need sponsors for the goodie bags or donations for same.

Lots of people have registered at the hotels but haven't registered for the conference.

Mio encouraged everyone to take a look at the conference website: ak99aviationfun.org

Gloria has the delegate slips for voting at the Conference Business Meeting. She will sign the slips out to members planning to attend

Gloria sent a sign-up sheet around for people to assist with duties at the Conference.

Miscellaneous

Fund-raising for the chapter will be discussed at the September meeting. In the meantime, we will order mugs with the conference logo to be available or sale at the Conference.

Melanie talked briefly about tickets for the raffle quilt. Some discussion followed regarding donations to the Airmen's Association, etc.

We have had a request from Tom George in Fairbanks. He would like to have us do a Flying Companion Seminar at the Aviation North Expo in Fairbanks in October. Gloria will follow up on this matter.

Our current By-Laws need to be revised. It has been suggested that in addition to the 4 elected officers, the chapter should have 2 - 4 directors included in the Board members. More discussion of this will be held at the September meeting.

Members were encouraged to make suggestions for programs for the coming year.

Gloria asked that everyone be thinking about fund-raising ideas.

Lavelle Betz asked about the status of the name tags. They are ready to be picked up. Gail Rigden will pick up the tags and take them to Monday's Conference meeting at Stewart Title.

Liz Kester made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Gail

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Hancock, Secretary



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Suggestions for Programs, Fly-Ins, Meeting Places, etc.

