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For Web site updates and additions, e-mail Caren della Cioppa at habatuku@att.net.

National Web site
www.ninety-nines.org

The national site includes news updates, scholarship opportunities and mentor connections.

From the Chair

We had a great time at the Trade Show! Thanks to everyone who helped by manning the booth, setting up, taking down or just stopping by to say hello. I did get to go to McCarthy and then on to Long Lake for the Memorial Day weekend breakfast on Sunday. The Park Service is doing a great job of renovating the buildings at the Kennicott Mine, so there are new things every year.

It's going to be a busy summer. Keep your eye on the calendar. Here's what's up and coming.

FAA Pilot Safety Seminar on Sat. June 11, at Take Flight Alaska, Merrill Field. Subjects to be covered are operations at controlled airports, VFR operation in controlled airspace, Merrill Field arrival and departure procedures - FAR 93, and an overview of the Medallion Program. As space is limited, you are requested to register online at faasafety.gov or call Tony Fischer at 271-2006.

The Ultralight Flyers of Alaska Summer Solstice Fly-in and BBQ will be held at Birchwood Airport **June 23 - 25**. ULFA invites all ultralight and light sport aircraft to this event. Activities include a Friday evening potluck BBQ, field events and a poker run. Intro flight lessons will be given with all proceeds going to the EAA museum's special ultralight wing and in honor of Mike Jacober, founder of Arctic Sparrow Aircraft. For more information, contact ULFA president Bud Gish at 333-2148.

The annual Mike O'Neill Dawson City Fly-In will be held **June 24 - 26**. There will be a traditional no-host get together sponsored by the Airmen's Association on Friday, June 24, at the El Dorado Hotel (1-800-764-3536). Get in on the Saturday Night Midnight Golfing event, gamble at Diamond Gertie's and more. Room reservations need to be made by June 4. Call the Anchorage Airmen's office at 245-1251 to make reservations and get additional details.

The Airmen's Association has relocated their office to the Old Ketchum Hangar, 4201 Floatplane Drive. They will be having **an open house and BBQ on Saturday, August 13**, from noon to 6 p.m.

Hope to see you at some of these events **AND** at our meeting on Wednesday, June 8. Until then, remember to do random acts of kindness and **FLY SAFELY!**

Melanie



Chapter News

NEXT MEETING

When: Wednesday, June 08

What: Chapter elections

Where: Peggy's Cafe

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Melanie and Clarissa are willing to continue in their present positions as president and vice-president. However, we need people to fill the Secretary and Treasurer positions this year. Please consider seriously if you might be willing to run for one of these positions. If you are interested, please contact Melanie at 694-4571 or flynquilt@alaskalife.net ASAP.

Flypaper Facts

The submission deadline for the July issue is June 30, 2005. If you have an article, ad or information for the Flypaper, please contact Michelle Bartleman by phone or fax at 868.4736 or by e-mail at michelle@loscher.ca. Ads in the Flypaper are free for members.

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A PIECE OF HISTORY

Merrill Field celebrates 75 years!

On July 16 Merrill Field General Aviation Airport will be hosting an open house to celebrate 75 years of service to Anchorage and the state of Alaska.

The event will be held at Merrill Field from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. And is open to all members of the public. The day will include a pancake feed sponsored by the Alaska Airmen's Association, historic memorabilia, an airport open house with tower tours, vintage aircraft and static displays as well as several guest speakers and a commemorative ceremony.

Established in 1930 one mile east of the city on 436 acres, Merrill Field was Anchorage's first true airport and home of the first aviation beacon in Alaska. Because of its geographical location, the airport would not only serve the needs of the city of Anchorage but also served the needs of commercial aviation and even offered a temporary military base for use by the Army and Navy in Alaska.

In 1940, the 4th infantry, Eleventh Air Force and the Alaska Defense Command began building a new military base. Until

construction was complete on Fort Richardson in 1941, their planes flew from Merrill Field.

The airport was known as The Aviation Field until 1932 when it was dedicated to and took on the name of early Alaska aviation pioneer Russell Hyde Merrill. Russ Merrill was the second pilot to fly up to Alaska from the Lower 48 and the first to make a flight across the Gulf of Alaska. In November 1927 he was also the first pilot to cross the Alaska Range and fly over the Kuskokwim River. In an attempt to navigate through Rainy Pass he discovered a second pass farther south, now known as Merrill Pass.

In September 1929 Merrill disappeared on a flight to Bethel. Several years later, on Sunday, Sept. 25, 1932, a beacon was erected and Merrill Field was dedicated in his memory and honor.

If you are an aviation vendor or own vintage aircraft and would like to participate in the event, please call 907-343-6303. For more information and schedules of the days activities logon to: www.merrillfield.com.



WED JUNE 08

6 PM

Alaska 99s meeting @ Peggy's Café (across from the Merrill Field Tower).

Pilots and non-pilots are always welcome!

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SAT JUNE 11

The Birchwood Airport Association will hold its Member Appreciation BBQ in the afternoon.

JUNE 17-18

All day

Girl Scout encampment at the Palmer Fairgrounds, Ninety Nines are running an aviation program. Call Angie 337-0253 or Judith 746-0991 if you can help out.

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All day

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JULY 2-4

All day

Fly-in to be organized.

SAT JULY 16

8:30 AM—4 PM

Merrill Field 75th Anniversary Celebration. See left.

TUES JULY 19

9 AM—6 PM

Annual Picnic—see page 03.

SAT AUG 13

12 PM—6 PM

The Airmen's Association an open house and BBQ @ their new office in the Old Ketchum Hangar, 4201 Floatplane Drive.

If you have an event you would like published in the calendar, please contact Michelle Loscher at 868.4736 or e-mail michelle@loscher.ca.

UPDATES...

Museum Display >>>

Is anyone interested in preserving the unique history of women in aviation in Alaska? We have a primo opportunity to develop, design and see to fruition a first-class exhibit of Alaska Women pilots at the Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum. Forming a committee to oversee the design and implementation of an Alaska women pilots exhibit will be discussed at the next Alaska Chapter meeting. If you can help with this or are willing to chair the committee please contact Melanie Hancock at 694.4571.

NW Section t-shirts >>>

Even if you are not going to the Northwest Section Meeting, t-shirts are still available for purchase. The white and blue shirts are available to anyone - we are reserving the sales of the red ones for our ladies for the event and will sell them to others afterwards. The shirts are polo style with a "Free to Fly" logo on the left breast. They are available in Ladies S-XL for \$20 each, and Ladies 1X and 2X for \$23. Send an e-mail to Patti Payne at pcp56@msn.com to order one. We need to get our order in ASAP, so please don't wait too long!



MAT-SU 99s

News from the Valley**MAT-SU CHAPTER MEETING**

No June meeting.

There will be no June meeting for the Mat-Su Chapter Ninety Nines; our annual picnic with the Alaska Chapter will be held on Tuesday July 19—for more information see top right.

The flying companion seminar had 24 participants and had many favorable comments. The Medallion Foundation brought their simulator in addition to our other usual sessions. Thanks to Judith Foster for organizing this event.

Officers were all re-elected for another year. Contact Denise 745-5867 for any meeting suggestions. Lastly, if anyone has Ninety-Nines business, contact either Judith 746-0991 or Gayle 746-5273.

FUN IN THE SUN...

Annual Alaska 99s Picnic

The multi-chapter annual picnic will be held on Tuesday July 19 at Gayle Kase's **hangar** at Wolf Lake. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided. Bring a side dish to share. Also remember to bring a chair. Invite a friend or potential new member. Families welcome. We will be taking group and individual pictures with airplanes. Wolf Lake gals will have a group picture done with our planes at the Wolf Lake air-marking.

Gayle's hangar is right across the runway from Jill and Judith. For those driving take the Glenn Hwy towards Wasilla, take the Trunk Road exit and turn right. Follow Trunk Road across the Palmer-Wasilla Hwy to the stop sign which is Bogard Road. Turn left onto Bogard. Take the first right onto Engstrom. Follow Engstrom about 2 miles. Turn left onto Hart Lake Loop (airplane sign on hill). Take the first right onto Phantom Place. This dead-ends in one block. Jog left and turn into first driveway onto the right. Driveway has big dip in it and is paved. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

REWARDS...

Scholarships

The Alaska 99s are offering three flight training scholarships to women this year:

One \$1,000 Advanced Rating/Career Scholarship for a female pilot with a private pilot certificate pursuing an advanced rating or career in aviation.

Two \$500 Private Pilot Scholarship for a female student pilot with a solo endorsement pursuing her private pilot license.

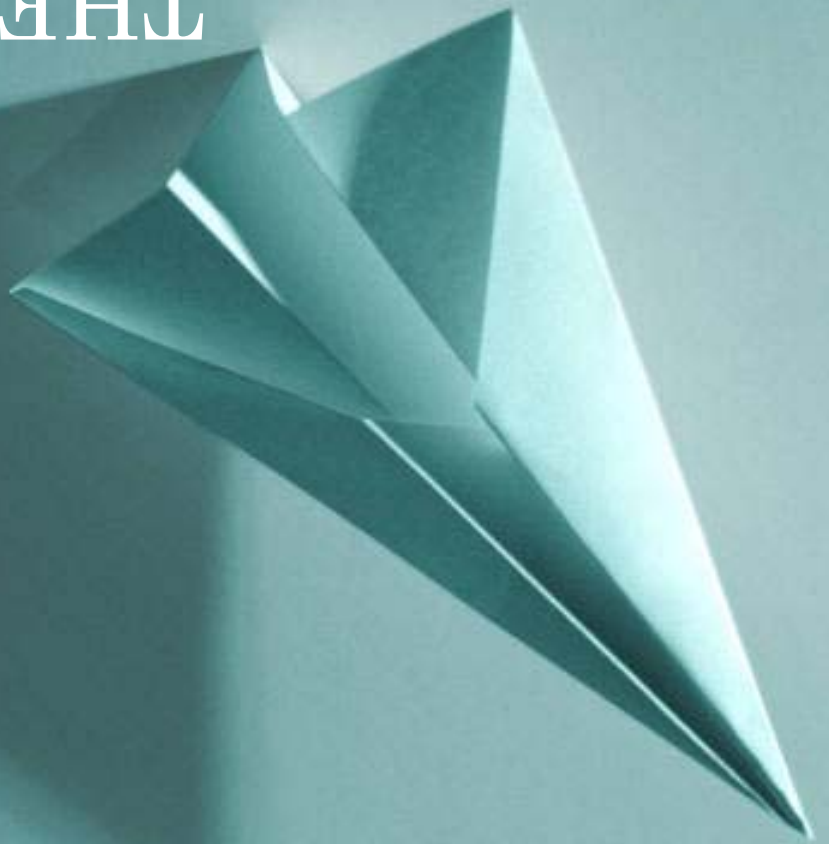
Applications must be received no later than June 30, 2005. Scholarships will be announced Aug. 1 and awarded Aug 10, 2005 at the Alaska Chapter Picnic. Applicants must be an Alaska resident. Scholarship winners must agree to complete the goal for which the scholarship will be used within 12 calendar months of award. She will also be required to attend a 99s meeting to report on the progress toward her goal, or to submit a written report if unable to attend.

For more information or to download application forms, logon to the Alaska Chapter Web site. If you do not have Internet access, contact Helen Jones at 222.9977.

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