



ALASKAN AVIATION SAFETY FOUNDATION



# Newsletter

The foundation has  
only  
one  
mission:

TO PROMOTE  
AVIATION SAFETY  
THROUGH  
PUBLIC  
EDUCATION  
AND  
RESEARCH

## *Chairman's Corner*

The Safety Foundation continues to be reinvigorated and I believe our future is bright. 2011 was a very productive year and a promise of things to come. As an organization, we can count a number of established successes and some new ones. We were able to continue our long standing float seminar in Anchorage thanks to the efforts of many, but especially board member Dean Eicholtz. Our scholarship program was able to reward a number of worthy aviation students thanks to Board members Mary O'Connor and erin Meade. Hangar Flying produced another 52 weeks of interviews and education. Thanks to Carl Siebe and Ed Kornfield for their assistance. Our website has had a makeover and now features past segments of Hangar Flying that can be viewed at your leisure. We were well represented at a number of fly-ins and trade shows. John Hallinan did a masterful job of organizing the fall safety seminar. Thanks to George Frushour we were able to resurrect our newsletter. A team of board members including John Hallinan, Jim Cieplak, Tom George, Mary O'Connor, erin Meade, Pete Brown, and others have spent many hours constructing a strategic plan and review of our By-Laws. That project will continue into 2012.

I have completed my three years as your chairman. I have enjoyed the opportunity immensely and am proud to say that because of you, the membership; and the leadership of your board, the Safety Foundation is strong and getting stronger. And in the end I believe we have made some progress in making aviation safer in Alaska. That makes it all worthwhile.

Fly Safe

Harry Kieling

## Spring Time in Alaska

The dogs have started their run North to Nome. The days are getting longer. There is hope of great Spring flying weather. Where does that leave us?

Have we done a lot of flying through the dark days of winter? Maybe or maybe not.

Spring flying can be spectacular as long as we are fit and our planes are ready. So, what might be of interest with respect to our planes.

Have there been any windy periods through the “dark months”? If so, were our gust locks secure and controls restrained? Probable a good idea to look closely at the hinges, cable, pulleys, etc to make sure nothing is bent, cracked or missing.

Did the tanks sump? If there is fuel and no water in the check—sounds good. If there is nothing from the sump—perhaps there is water frozen in the sump drain. (just a thought)

Kept the plane clean during the winter, and time to fly. Still not a good idea to fly with frost. Need to remove it or let it melt.

Survival equipment still in plane from last summer? Even though the weather is great for spring flying, we may want additional personal survival equipment (above our summer items) for our Spring Flings.

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Bottom Line: We need care above and beyond for the first flight of the season! Enjoy.

## Foundation Notes

- We have a new administrative assistant at the Foundation—Jennifer Simpson. As a part time employee, check with her via email with the AASF, before attempting to call or visit the office (aasf@alaska.net)

- The Board meeting is this month (March) and several changes are expected in personnel, due to resignations and expiration of terms for members.

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## Advisory Circulars

Have you browsed the web recently? Most of us have. One of the areas recently browsed was:

[www.faa.gov/regulations\\_policies/advisory\\_circulars/](http://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/advisory_circulars/)

These “non-regulatory” publications are available on line and provide interesting reads that can “jog” your memory on many issues and in many areas within the FAA area of interest. Three specific publications you may be interested in are:

AC 91-69A (AFS-820) Seaplane Safety for Part 91 Operations

AC 91-62A (AIR-120) Use of Child Seats in Aircraft

AC 91-67 (AFS-820) Minimum Equipment Requirements for General Aviation Operations under Part 91

Whether you are a pilot, maintainer, airport operator, controller, or in some other way associated with aviation, the Advisory Circulars provide information and guidance that we can use to make our operation safer.

# Upcoming Events

- **March 8, 2013: IA Renewal meeting**
- **March 2013 News Letter Publication**
- **March 9, 2013 AASF Annual Board Meeting**
  - **0900-1200**
  - **Tom Wardleigh Hangar—Conference Room**
- **March 13 2013: AACC**
- **April 20 2013 Alaska Aviation Safety Foundation Spring (Float) Safety Seminar**
  - **Tom Wardleigh Hangar—Lake Hood**
- **May 4-5 2013 Alaska Airman Great Alaska Aviation Gathering**
  - **FAA hangar TSAIA**



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