



ALASKAN AVIATION SAFETY FOUNDATION



The foundation has only one mission:

TO PROMOTE AVIATION SAFETY THROUGH PUBLIC EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Chairman's Corner

Many government agencies focus on the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day as critical to the safety and long term viability of their organizations.

The weather and opportunities for outdoor activities are difficult to resist. People do get out. They do more and they do it more often. Extra activity, uncommon activity, and over exertion can lead to accidents and injury. Many agencies have a campaign with their employees to remind them of potential pitfalls while encouraging them to enjoy their summer activities.

Alaska aviators can also be lured into doing more or operating longer hours than normal. As you enjoy your flying this summer, take a moment to assess your personal, current capabilities (rest, health, etc)

A few years ago the safety organizations joined together to attempt a never before Alaska event—an August without a fatal aviation accident in Alaska. The Alaska aviators delivered on this goal.

Lets do it again and work to expand this to the entire summer period.

Enjoy your summer and:

Fly Safe

Harry Kieling

Preparing To Fly Safely In The Summer



Over two hundred Alaskan aviators participated in the Annual Float Seminar at the Tom Wardley Hangar. Presentations Included: The Season's First (and ongoing) Preflight; Operational Techniques; FAA Float Plane Training Guide; Search/Rescue Response to an Accident; and Communications.

AASF appreciates those who continue to support this event through their attendance and attention.: Thanks goes to the Federal Aviation Administration, Falcon Insurance Agency of Alaska, Alaska 99's, Office of Aviation Services, and Alpha Eta Rho Fraternity (UAA) for their manpower and economic support to this effort



AASF participated in the Alaska Airmen Association Trade show in early May. The Airmen's Association is more than just a gathering of merchants. It encompasses glimpses of the history, and joy of flying in Alaska, while providing a "meeting place" for aviators after the Alaskan winter and before the rush of summer flying..

As much as any other flying organization, they are focused on safety in the conduct of our passion for flight. Witness to that is the full slate of seminars accompanying the show. Included are:

- "Off the Beaten Path," with Paul Claus
- "Aviation Transportation in Alaska," with Steven D. Hatter
- "The Stories Behind the Stories with Tom Haines
- "Fatal and Serious Injury Accidents in Alaska: The Moose Stall..." with Dr. Dave Swartz, and Al Wilson
- "Humanitarian Aviation Opportunities in Africa," with Dave Carlstrom
- "An Hour with Tom Wardleigh, Ginny Hyatt and Friends," presented by the Alaska Aviation Safety Foundation
- "Air to Air Photography," with Paul Bowen
- "How and Why Rockets Fly!" from Kenai's Challenger Learning Center
- "Upset Recovery, and Anatomy of a Spin," with Marcus B. Paine
- "Wheels up," a discussion with Sandi Sumner

Foundation Notes

The AASF Board met on March 24th. Your Executive Committee for the coming year is as follows:

Chair – Harry Kieling

Vice Chair – Carl Siebe

Treasurer - Dean Eichholz

Secretary – Mary O’Connor

Executive Committee Member at Large – Jim Cieplak

For additional information on this meeting, including the revised By-Laws and Strategic Plan, checkout our web site at <http://www.aasfonline.org/>

We welcomed a new administrator to the organization to assist in maintaining progress in our activities—Katie Dahncke. As her days/hours are refined, we will post on the office door and include in the next newsletter

SUMMER IS UPON US

What are some of the key indicators?

More leaves on the trees

More Moose

More tourists

MORE PLANES IN THE AIR:

The private pilot, commercial operator, tour guides, lodge owners, military, etc. With the expanse and distances in Alaska, one could be lured into a belief in the BIG SKY theory. Unfortunately, we proved that wrong last year.

What can help us avoid this again?

1. Think about when people fly: Military primarily during the week (some Guard and Reserve on Weekend). Tour operators 7 days a week (primarily to fit the tourist agenda), Cabin owners/private Friday evening to Sunday evening.
2. Think about the traffic concentration areas: Passes, landing/takeoff areas, I Follow Road (IFR) routes.
3. Think about the weather: where will this push the traffic (lower, east, west, ??)
4. Put these together and then LOOK OUTSIDE. Know where to expect traffic and expect traffic everywhere.
5. Communicate with your fellow aviators—tell them where you are.

Upcoming Events

June 2: Palmer Fly-In/Breakfast, New Horizon's Hangar 0800-1100

June 9: Kenai Air Fair

June 27: Local Runway Safety Action Team Meeting-Kenai

July 19: Local Runway Safety Action Team Meeting-King Salmon

July 28-29: Arctic Thunder



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