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*The Airtimes is a quarterly newsletter for sharing updates with our partners, neighbors and stakeholders.*

*Our mission: To provide for the movement of people and goods, and the delivery of state services.*

## PenAir

Alaskan Owned and Operated

PenAir is proud of its long Alaska history and considers one of its key successes the long-term commitment of its employees. "We have many employees with 20 to 30 years of service that are very good at what they do. We are a family-oriented business, offering a wide range of jobs with excellent benefits that include profit sharing," said President Danny Seybert.



*Danny Seybert, President*

PenAir is family oriented in more ways than one. Founder and Chairman of the Board, Orin Seybert started PenAir in 1955 in Pilot Point, Alaska with one airplane. Today the company operates 36 aircraft and they recently took delivery of their eighth Saab airplane. "The Saab is the perfect fit for our markets. It carries 30 passengers and has an oversized cargo hold," said Danny.

This past year, Orin officially turned the operation over to son, Danny, who commented, "Dad ran the company the first 50 years, I'll run it for the next 50 years." Danny, who is 45, started his first "paid job" when he became a pilot for PenAir 25 years ago. Prior to that, he was an "unpaid son" helping his father build a business by operating radios, sweeping the hangar floor and fueling airplanes.

Most of the PenAir customer base is the seafood industry and local residents of Bristol Bay and the Aleutian communities, and they now provide charter service to the North Slope for oilfield crew changes. During peak exploration they flew 14 flights a week. Danny stated, "The success of this company has always been the ability to adapt to changing markets. So we will continue to look for areas where we can grow and increase the size of our company."

PenAir flies to 45 communities, carrying over 200,000 passengers annually and is Alaska's largest regional airline. They are a major sponsor of the Iditarod and support many organizations and non-profits. More information on PenAir is available at [www.penair.com](http://www.penair.com).

## Director's Corner:

In 2006, more than 5 million passengers passed through the Anchorage airport. On a weekly basis, an average of 650 wide-body cargo flights land here, making ANC the number one airport in the U.S. for landed weight of cargo aircraft, and number three in the world for cargo throughput.

The key driver of growth at ANC is cargo, specifically in the Asia to North America market where annual international cargo aircraft operations are forecasted to increase 5.2 percent through 2027.

The Airport is working on a new Master Plan updating industry changes, growth, and operating priorities that have taken place since the 2002 Master Plan. ANC must be prepared for future development, which will include more frequencies and a greater proportion of larger aircraft, expanded facilities, and maximum utilization of runways and possibly a new one.

You are encouraged to get involved with the Master Plan process. More information is available online at [www.anchorageairport.com](http://www.anchorageairport.com) or contact Rich Wilson, Development Director, at 266-2694.

Have a great summer,



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# Meet

## Cristin Poole Accountant - Engineering Department



Cristin Poole began working with the State of Alaska 18 years ago, her Airport career began eight years ago in the Accounting Section. Her duties in this position included processing project development authorizations, which led her to the position in Engineering.

In 2002, the Airport finalized an organizational study that recommended having an accountant work directly with the Engineering Department in order to track Airport project funding, which includes substantial federal dollars. Cristin moved to Engineering five years ago and has made many improvements with this new position, including working with complex accounting systems requiring cost and fund accounting and difficult regulatory and reporting requirements.

Cristin says, "I've worked with my supervisor to establish a database that tracks projects, appropriation budgets and expenditures. Airport management can follow each project from start to finish and monitor all funding utilized and/or available. My focus is to manage appropriations and close-out projects; use the appropriate funding authorized for various projects, and ensure older funding is the first to spend."

"I enjoy the variety of work this position offers. The duties are different than those you would experience in normal accounting sections. I've even been able to participate in annual pavement assessments required by FAA." Other duties include, project and/or FAA grant closeouts, processing contracts documents, extensive financial interaction with outside agencies and many other tasks as assigned.

Airport Director, Mort Plumb, says, "Cristin has streamlined a process that prepares complex data and makes it easily understood by departments. She's been a real asset to the Airport's professional accounting system."

When she's not working she is juggling her schedule around kid activities with two active boys, Brendan, 11 years and Joshua 6 years. Cristin has lived in Alaska for 30 years and has been married to Andy for seven years. The family enjoys camping, fishing and the Alaska lifestyle.

# Airlights

## **Era Flies New Routes**

Era Aviation is flying new airplanes to new routes! Era added three new 19-seat pressurized Beechcraft 1900Ds to their fleet. These planes offer a stand-up cabin, leather seating, and a speed of 330 miles per hour. Starting this fall, Era will begin scheduled service to Bethel and Fairbanks. More information is available at [www.flyera.com](http://www.flyera.com)

## **Northern Air Cargo Acquires New Cargo Planes**

Northern Air Cargo recently acquired three new Boeing 737-200 cargo planes. They each carry approximately 30,000 pounds, have eight pallet positions or hard floors, and can accommodate cargo ranging from telephone poles, to snow machines, to igloos. NAC has been serving Alaska's communities since 1956. For more information, visit [www.northernaircargo.com](http://www.northernaircargo.com).

## **Alaska Airlines says Aloha**

Alaska Airlines announces new service from Anchorage and Seattle to Hawaii. Beginning December 9, Alaskans can fly nonstop from Anchorage to Honolulu in the comfort of a Boeing 737-800 aircraft. Additional service via Seattle begins even earlier on October 12. Flights and fares available at [www.alaskaair.com](http://www.alaskaair.com).

## **Pegasus Wins Small Business of the Year Award**

Congratulations to Pegasus Aircraft Maintenance and owners Carlos Nelson and Roy Ardern, for earning the Small Business Administration's "Small Business of the Year Award" for Alaska.

## **New Park & Ride Lot**

The Airport is currently in the design phase for a new Park and Ride lot to be located east of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities Central Region Building. This lot will have approximately 300 parking spots and will be serviced by the Airport shuttle.

*If your airport business has news to include in our quarterly newsletter, please call the Airport's Communications Director at 266-2107.*



## **From The Commissioner**

The mission of the Department of Transportation is to provide for the movement of people and goods, and the delivery of state services. Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport moves over 5 million passengers and billions of pounds of cargo a year. The Airport recently received the 2007 Air Cargo Award of Excellence by Air Cargo World. This award is a result of quantitative feedback from Anchorage's cargo customer base of airlines and airfreight forwarders who ship to or through Anchorage. The Airport was also the recipient of the Balchen/Post award for excellence in the performance of airport snow and ice control during the winter of 2006-2007.



*Commissioner Leo von Scheben, P.E., L.S., M.B.A.*

My hat's off to the men and women that work 24/7 to keep the Airport open and safe so that business can keep moving. Your continued display of excellence is a source of pride for the DOT&PF team.



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## What's New at ANC: Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum



The Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum is located on the south side of Lake Hood. The museum preserves and displays Alaska's aviation heritage in four hangars. Visitors can observe rare aircrafts being restored or pilot a flight simulator. Currently, a 1931 Pilgrim aircraft is being restored and will be made airworthy. The museum has over 20 Alaskan aircrafts, photo exhibits, two theaters, and a unique aviation gift store.

Summer hours, May 15 through September 15, are 9am to 5pm Monday through Sunday. Winter hours are 9am to 5pm Wednesday through Sunday, closed Monday and Tuesday. Admission: Adults \$10, Seniors \$8, Children ages 5-12 \$6. Group rates are available for 10 or more. The Airport Shuttle offers complimentary transportation to and from the museum. RV parking is available and the museum is handicap accessible. The museum is also available to rent for private events after 5pm.

Call 907-248-5325 for more information  
or visit [www.alaskaairmuseum.org](http://www.alaskaairmuseum.org)