

# TRAPLINE



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# ANNETTE

Amo-la-waan! The time, 3:16 A.M., PDT... I'm on annual leave, The early morning hours are conducive (in my case) for writing, reading, studying & sometimes reminiscing... All is quiet as I look out on Tangass Harbor, faintly catching a reflection of the mountains upon the "still waters", just when twilight gradually begins to make its appearance... A few lights glow in some of the apartment windows (If it were any quieter I could probably hear a neighbor snore!)... Solitude reigns...temporarily...at Annette...

To clear-up a possible further misunderstanding: In mentioning several deaths that have occurred, I mentioned that Phyllis Leschig's sister had passed away & in the same "breath" spoke of Paul Leschig having lost a brother-in-law. Some interpreted my wording as having meant that both Phyllis's sister & the sister's husband had died. Negative!

The Annette Outboard (Inboard) Club is sponsoring a Salmon Derby, evidenced by the up-trend in sales at the P.X. in fishing gear! The city of Ketchikan has an annual Derby with prizes like a house, a cabin-cruiser, fishing gear & all sorts of goodies. Some of the Metkatlans have caught sizeable "Kings" right off the cannery dock, near the newly dedicated cold storage plant, which is now in operation, I understand!

Richard Lynch, mechanic, one of the most talented men I've ever met, has retired from the F.A.A. & immediately started working for the B.I.A. here. He & his wife, Betty, another very talented person, plan to live in Metkatla. "Dick's" leaving the F.A.A., in my opinion, is, indeed, a great loss!

THE COMINGS & GOINGS. "Jim" Brown, Utilities Equipment Mechanic/Plumber & his family transferred here from Cape Yakataga. Howard George, Flight Service Specialist from Kenai, accompanied by his family, as of now, make up the new faces in the new arrivals listing. Welcome to rain country! Both of the afore mentioned families arrived during the week of the 16th of May...

"Jim" Large returned recently from a Station Coordinators Meeting in Anchorage. Saturday, May 22nd, a successful LU-AU was given. Sunday morning witnessed several "aching heads"... (Not a creature was stirring; not even a mouse!)

Jean Collins of Airtraffic Control paid us a liaison visit & Dr. Heppler from AL-300 conducted a Self Help first Aid Session; most who attended concluded that it was very worth-while & well done!

Paul Wayne Worley of the FSS & his family plan to begin their vacations about May 28th. His pockets are heavy & he has an urge to unload them...

John Mc Laughlin, FSS, his family & poodle are moving to Anchorage as a result of his transfer to the Anchorage/Lake Hood towers. As of now, he is reported to be preparing for a trip to the Aeronautical Center for 9 weeks of training. The movers are already in, packing them up for the great push Northward...

"Bob" Wisner, also FSS, is transferring to the Annette Tower, having



already passed his physical. "Bob's" son, "Chip", graduated from high school last week & as a gift his folks bought him a pick-up truck, which he seems to quietly enjoy as he takes to the road. Do you know that we have a paved road here? Yep! it extends from the airport to the town of Metkatla; it is 2 lanes wide... Speed limit, 45 mph...

In the National Weather Services group, "Ernie" Salas is transferring to Twin Falls, Idaho. Harold Lowman left for a supervisory position near his old home town, after 15-16 years here. Charlie Hanas is on leave in Vegas. "Don" Edwards has "a bad knee". Matson caught his first fish, 3 KINGS about 3 weeks ago. "Bill" Simmonds has changed boats & is busy readying the "new" one for the "high seas". Two new comers: "Butch Thielen & a Metkatlan named Booth; Booth, working under the combined B.I.A./F.A.A Programs...

FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES: "Don" Edwards & his family were watching a T.V. program concerning Auto Safety, some time ago. After the Program his son challenged his older sister, "I'll bet you don't know why the man said, 'If you drive, don't drink'?" "Of course", she retorted; says he, "OK, then, WHY?". She replied, without blinking an eye lash, "So that Daddy's glass won't slide off the dash board"!!! SILLY!

Later... BLESS YOU!

Percy J. Faison, Jr.  
Annette FSS

## BETHEL

Ah, spring at last? Maybe. After losing most all snow, a series of storms covered everything with white again. The last appreciable snow occurred on May 15, then we had some more on the 22nd. Ice on the Kuskokwim held fast, however, altho our fellow river dwellers at Aniak desiring to go, were "evaced" under threat of a cold water bath. Bethel ice is still holding as of May 24 and flood is fast becoming a fact of life.

Local activities have taken a back seat while various programs and exhibits have been given at the school as things come to a screeching halt for the "summer" season. The Bethel band and chorus received honors at the Anchorage contests. There is only one grad from the compound this May; the youngest Hyatt, John.

We had two mamas visiting during April and May. Dave Brown's mother, Mamie Booth, babysat with the four young Browns while Dave and Katie took a sashay into the big city for a few days. We also enjoyed meeting Cary Williamson's mother, Elaine.



Two of our college kids, Paul Vick Jr. and Tom Hyatt, will be heading home soon. Tom is anticipating getting to know his new son, Tom Jr. Paul will be working with the Fish and Game Department at Cordova this summer.

A combination event was held on Friday, May 7, when the Bethair Club meeting was followed by a steak feed in honor of Ted and Bea Garrigus, who departed May 15, for Seattle. A pot-luck type feed was held at the club May 18 for an FAA fact finding group from the RO and D.C. We always enjoy meeting with these people who are involved in decisions governing the station, but it would be interesting to know just what (if anything) we contribute to the decisions and policy making.

Rog Mikkelson took a few days TDY in Anchorage but is now back among us. Missed you, Mike. This finds Monte Condry in Oke City for more school. Monte is either awfully smart or awfully dumb as this is about the third trip. (Sorry, Monte, just couldn't resist it.) Alice joins Monte for a vacation as soon as school is out.

Noticed all the boat owners scrubbing and painting this past week end. Don't know if this was anticipation of flood or fish. Whatever - good luck people!

And to the rest of you, too.

Ginny  
Bethel

## BETTLES

Hi all,

It's getting kind of hard to keep track of who's coming and going between "rehab", vacations, school, and transfers, but I'll see if I can get it all straight.

We've been real happy to have Lore and "Pat" Patrick with us while Vi and Will Lossing are spending two months studying in Ok. City. Ed Kiss is also taking a course there, and Karen and the kids will join him for a California vacation when school is out.

Willie and Darryl Logan are transferring to Anchorage so their kids can learn what t.v.'s and taxi's are. We expect to see them back before long.

Lorry and Wes Pollock celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary. Too bad Wes had to spend a week and half in Fairbanks and Anchorage; they had to celebrate hundreds of miles apart.

Anna and Fritz Arendt, our school teacher and husband, are retiring and returning to Forrest Lake, Minnesota. Lorry Pollock is having a tea for Anna. There is also going to be a farewell-end of school picnic with lots to eat and everyone invited.

It looks to me like Lee and Bud Barber are the only ones going to stay put for the summer-unless of course they decide to rehab the trailer -

Spring has officially arrived in Bettles since Edith and Teresa Tomany sighted the two Sand-hill cranes which arrive every year with spring. Dave Unruh said another of our yearly visitors is back - the woodpecker who lives in the RTR building.

Yes spring is here, and cycling has become one of the more popular recreations in Bettles - last count was 2 motorcycles, 17 bicycles and 4 tri-cycles - I never thought I'd see a traffic jam in Bettles!

Yes, spring is here, but somehow Barbra Garton skipped right into summer - she's already been swimming 3 times! Twice she had to rescue Dessa Garton and Wendy Sailors from a small lake formed by break-up, and once when she was trying to see if her new honda would float in a 4ft. deep swamp.

Just one last note- to Susie Miller in Cold Bay - your Gloxinia bloomed. The flower was about 5" long and lasted about 3 weeks. Beautiful! Also - Please tell Timmy that all the kids miss him--especially Mike!

*Pam Unruh*

Pam Unruh  
Bettles

## COLD BAY

For Cold Bay its been a record setting winter. Some contend they are the sort of records we can well do without. March 12th minus 13 degrees with 40 kts. North wind. The bay iced completely over, which happened 17 years ago.

When the ice moved it caused extensive damage to the dock and approach. Also due to the ice, the "Western Pioneer" had to be assisted by our sister service, USCGS cutter "Storis" cut a path thru the ice and stoodby while "Western Pioneer" discharged cargo and again cut a path out to open sea for her afterward. All of us here appreciated the aid of the Coast Guard and the fact that "Western Pioneer" took the risk of coming in thru the ice. We were quite short some supplies, especially the Oly.

Winter has hung on so long this spring that we are a little over quota for "Bushy" ones. The seagulls are out courting on the lake and attempting to build nests in the snow on the islands in Lake Blinn.



May 14th the Volcano Club hosted a dandy departure party for the satellite tracking team, John and Paige Neshiem, (airport manager), and Carter and Sharon Ross, (UEM). Live Music by Gary Hadfield, Rudy Mack, Sgt. Downer, and Amn. Fortier was enjoyed immensely by both the dancers and the dancer watchers. The supper table was for a very short while groaning under a whopping load of roast and barbecued moose, charcoal grilled salmon and other delicacies too numerous and varied to remember, all prepared by the Wives here. Bob Halladay, Bob Schmidt and Carter Ross did the honors at the serving board.

Brittie Dhabolt has organized a Ceramics club which is really getting into production. The available shelf space is rapidly being populated with very colorful bits of ceramic Art Work. Ten thousand years or so in the future the Archeologists should have a field day recovering the shards and wondering how they got to this place. The Club is so popular with the wives in fact that some of the husbands are a bit put out. One ceramics widower was heard to assert that "there must be some very talented person down there named John Ceramics to whom my wife is very much attracted".

The Rod & Gun Club conducted a rifle and pistol shoot which coincided with one of the two good days in May. Match was very well attended and very much enjoyed. Quite a few rematches, challenges, and general bragging ensued, and if the weather will only get a little better we'll see who can back up their claims the best.

Jerry Majestic is organizing the construction of a community swimming pool. The airport manager has assured us of his support in securing a land use permit from the State, George Tilbury of Northern Power and Engineering is furnishing the heat for the pool free, and there have been numerous volunteers for the labor. So the only remaining items are the procurement of Cement, reinforcing steel and the other necessary construction materials. Perhaps some of you people-in-high-places at the Hill Building could contribute some useful ideas as to how we can collect these supplies? Jerry will furnish you a dollar figure next Trapline regarding the amount of dollars collected in cash and promises from Cold Bay's Residents.

Ernest Mack and most of the family are in OKC while Ernest attends Diesel Engine Generator School. Providing there is anyone left at CDB in the Plant crew, Ernest is planning leave after completing training.

Les Dhabolt is attending the Managerial School at Lawton Okla. Les is expected back late in May.

Bob Vickers is attending VNAS school at OKC. Bobs family remains in Cold Bay to enjoy the summer. Both sons, Matt and Glen are in Scouting in a big way here, and there are many activities planned.

Cold Bay's High School Population, which is scattered all over the country because of the Alaska Dept. of Education's policy of building Regional Dormitories should be back home by the end of May. It is nice to have them with you even if it is only for one fourth of the year.

*R. Livingston*  
Cold Bay



# CORDOVA

It's Summer in Cordova; we can tell because it is raining, not snowing.

Cordova missed the first issue of "Trapline" - we got it, we just weren't in it - so I will start by letting you know who is here.

William Brown, FACE/STACOR

"Doc" Goodrich, ATCS

Frank Brown, ATCS

"Nick" Nicolo, ATCS

Glenn Mast, ATCS

Wayne Thomas, ATCS

Earl McCall, Chief AFFO

John Sheldon, Maint. Foreman

Syd Nally, UEM

Bud Garvin, GFET

John Skipper, EEM

Elmer Hedstrom, EEM

John Stone, Carpenter

Ed Maciariello, SET

Lee Phillips, ET

Ken Hunt, ET

Bob Johnson, ET

John McGhee, ET

Also reporting to the Cordova AFFO we have Dave Petersen, ET at Johnstone Point on Hinchinbrook Island and Ed Saito, ET and Irwin Eggebrotten, Plant, ant Cape Yakataga.

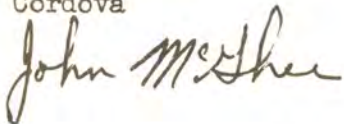
Bob Johnson and his family are presently at Oklahoma City; Bob is attending school and his family is enjoying the weather... When Bob's class is over, they are going on PL 737.

Dave Petersen is also at Oklahoma City, and in his absence we have Bob Dunlap filling in out at Johnstone Point. Bob is a relief tech. out of Anchorage who recently returned to Alaska.

Gary Petersen, ATCS, just left Cordova for Anchorage and we all hope he enjoys "The Big City" after the fairly quiet life at Cordova. Good Luck on the new job, Gary!

It is still raining at Cordova...

John McGhee  
Cordova



# FAIRBANKS

As this is being prepared, all hands are sweating out the forecasted flood.

ATCS Joe Dale must think it is really going to be a smasher because he has been studying manuals on boat handling and navigation for weeks. SATCS

Bob Bloom is whipping his crew into shape for the Great Raft Race to Nenana.



This will be the third trip for Commodore Bloom, and he cannot remember the details of the previous voyages as beer in cases was used for ballast. ATCS Ray Marks, who has cursed the killer cold of Fairbanks for months while he counted the days till return rights, was offered Cedar Rapids, Iowa FSS and then turned it down along with return rights. He is now desperately trying to buy back all his cold weather gear, which he sold. The FAM flying program has been going full blast now that it has warmed up. SATCS Deane Brandon has kept busy flying station personnel to fields and stations in our area which most had never visited. As a result, nearly all have visited Fort Yukon, and some have looked over Bettles, Tanana, and Galena.

ATCS Bradford Levy departs May 30 for Detroit City Airport with a promotion to boot. Last winter the twelve foot snow drift on the edge of the ramp was christened the "Bradford Levy Mountains." Now that the last of it has disappeared, Brad apparently feels it is time for him to melt away, too.

ATCS Doug McCartha bought ATCS Joe Dale's Stinson and is now spending his pay checks on semi-exotic radio gear.

The Barrow crew has been coming and going, Don Dade pulling his two weeks in Fairbanks and happily going back north to pass Lloyd Patrick heading out on annual leave to Florida and way points (ANL/SFO/LAX/LAS/MIA/ORL/SAV/TLH/MSY).

ATCS Dan Truesdell decided he had had enough of the wind-whipped Arctic wilderness of Barrow and bid and got a transfer to the wind-whipped Arctic wilderness of Unalakleet. Good show!



Everybody is wondering when the National Flight Service Station of the Year presentation dinner will be held, the question being "am I going to be on watch that evening?"

Herman Nelson  
Fairbanks Flight Service Station

## GALENA

Action is what we had at Galena this past week-end. Confusion, No! Action, Yes! Contrary to what you may have heard or read, we are still on the map. The village has shifted position, and when people are able to find their house, they may have a different neighbor, but the FAA is still very much in evidence. Three of our personnel who LIVED in the Village got flooded. Al. Yatlin said his house moved 75 feet. Emmett Evans is living in a tent on the inside of the dike. Harvey Strassburg lost his power plant, and his oil tank floated several feet away. His house was high enough to keep his families feet dry on the main floor, but his down-stairs must really be a swimming pool.

We wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Webb, Ralph Westover, and George Fay and everyone who came out to look the situation over.

We also extend our appreciation to everyone in Anchorage that helped the mother's and children when they arrived from Galena. There are not words sufficient enough to express our thanks to the wonderful people in this organization.

Next month we'll try for some news.

Helen S. Russell  
Galena



# GULKANA

I said "Do you have anything you would like me to do---" s0000, it appears that I have been given the honor (?) of setting out May's Trapline for Gulkana.

It was mentioned last month our "Oldtimer" (35 years of service) Leonard Brenwick was due to retire in May, officially on May 2nd. All Station personnel as well as Sector Chief, Dave Long and wife from Delta, turned out for a retirement dinner at Tolsona Lake Lodge. Leonard was presented with his retirement plaque and a rod and reel for that fine greyling fishing this summer.

Speaking of fish, I understand the greyling came in this weekend, at least Bill Coates was spinning fishing tales again, 17 greyling 27" long or was it 27 greyling 17" long?!? One thing we all seem to be in agreement on (even the fishing widows I'll wager) no matter the size and number, a fresh caught greyling or trout sizzling in the pan makes for delicious eating. (Pardon my drooling on the paper.)

Merlin Oyoumick has arrived from Fairbanks and will shortly be joined by his family. While Phil Ahlstedt, wife Katie and girls are still mushing through the lower 48 on vacation, due back the first week in June. Seems Phil has planned his arrival to coincide with the King Salmon! Early one morning a few weeks ago, Chuck Popp and Bill Coates received a call from The White House in Washington, D.C. As their past civil service deeds rushed before their eyes, they were relieved to learn it was Phil who has connections (of the switch board type) in the Capitol. Just calling to say Hi, and letting all know he was keeping an eye on the country!

Other traveling family members were Irene Popp and children Tommy, Debbie and Pooh Bear (an honorary member I believe) who traveled to Circle City to visit family and watch the ice go out, which Irene reports occurred, Sunday May 16th. at 4:00 A.M. All except Tommy are back home again. Tommy is staying to catch fish with Grandpa and has his net in Jenny Slough. (Every where you turn another fisherman!)

The rehab seems to slowly be taking shape, we have even received a few materials, (well toilet paper roll holders are essential !) With Spring timidly peeking out here and there, we expect to wake up any day to find she has arrived in all her beautiful green glory.

My traps are all set, so we'll be back to check them next month.

Keep Smiling,  
Gulkana Anna

# MC GRATH

Hello to everyone from the people of McGrath. Seems the first issue of Trapline caught us a little off guard. We will try to catch up here.

During the months of April and May we had quite a personnel change over at MCG. Both Ed Jones and Cliff Roberson have been transferred to ANC. Frank Babiak left for King Salmon and was replaced by Bert Salzman from ANC center. PoPo Richardson, our wolf hunter, left MCG to become the chief at Northway. We welcome his replacement, a newcomer to the F.A.A., Calvin Stoner.



Jo King had a little disagreement with her snow machine early last winter and lost. She is in Anchorage now recovering from an operation on her knee. She should return to MCG in two to three weeks. Both Bob Todd and Ron Hoffman are also in Anchorage. Dick Forsgren will be going to ANC for the STACOR meeting next week. The Anselments, Bobby and Hedy, are the proud grandparents of a baby girl as of May 12. Bobby is a little taken back by the whole thing. Says he don't know if he likes being married to a Grandma!

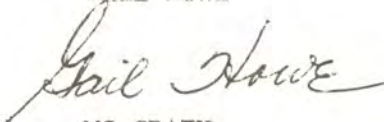
On May 13 MCG was visited by Quentin Taylor from D.C., Director of Civil Rights. He was accompanied by General Comstock and Al Bruck. They were conducting equal employment evaluation.

Spring is finally here at McGrath. The ice on the river began to flow last week. Bert Salzman (head of Electronics and Maintenance) won over \$400 on one of the Minute Pools. Last night we had our Break-up Party. What a BLAST! Plenty of good food and free beer which was supplied by the McGrath Roadhouse. Entertainment was provided by some of the town people and Betty Kruger, F.A.A. Secretary.

Al Abrams and Joe Johnson are waiting impatiently to launch their boats, while the rest of us are still trying to get ship shape.

Well thats it for now, see y'all next month.

GAIL HOWE



MC GRATH

## MIDDLETON ISLAND

Happy news again this month' from the smiles Isle. The coast and geoditic survey found Middleton Island, for the third straight year, just where it should be. however they intend to keep an eye on us till August. this fact will be greeted with sigh's of relief in the sector office. With the survey boys keeping an eye on us, we can't sail away into the sunset.

Anyone who has, or has heard of, a method of outtalking a mississippi smooth talker should contact us post haste. our mississippi smooth talker has routed every other smooth talker pitted against him. Alvin "crip" Brown, alais "that mississippi smooth talker", is also our carpenter. our other island bachelors, "uncle" Orville Englehorn, Bill Lange and Dave "shorty" Salzbura had given up on "crip" and called for reinforcements. Who answered the call but Tom Neville in the guise of resident engineer for the paint contract.

The Finlaysons and my wife Heide went to Anchorage, so Irv and Diane Kreider have been feeding my tape worm this past week. Irv says I'll have to pay half of his commissary bill. but I wish to go on record, that Irv was always still eating when I had finished.



Our part time tech, Al Eggebrotten and wife Sharon, are still missing and last reported heading east from Oakee City on vacation. That suave debonair man about town, Frank Witts, has arrived to fill the gap. Franks frau, Lucille will join him soon to escape the rigors of city life.

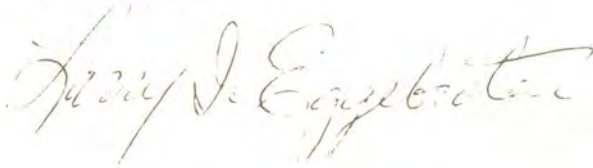
Presently assigned to MDO mr & mrs Rex Boyette, are in Oakee City for several schools. The mod homes are completed so the Boyettes will not have the pleasure of living in our trailers. The Kreiders are moved into one of the mod homes and are happier than a kid locked in a candy store.

We have heard a subtle rumor, that mr Shafer will be honoring us with a visit in june. I guess that means I'll have to change to next winters longjhons a couple months early.

Our small boat harbor had the first visitors of the year last week, two fishing boats out of Prince Rupert B.C.. The coast and geodetic survey ship "hms" Fairweather should be in this week to put ashore a highfix navigation beacon. it will be manned all summer to aid the Fairweather between here and Katella. so there should be some extra activity generated on the island.

Thats all for noww, my wife is due back in a day or so and I'd better get the boars nest cleaned up. Anyway I can't cook any more as all the recipies start "take a clean pan...." and that stops me.

C U Later  
Larry Eggebrotten  
Middleton Island



## NENANA

May has been a busy month in Nenana, beginning with the breakup of the Tanana River and the departure of the tripod. No lucky winners among us--but we're all glad to see the open water and decreasing chances of flood.

A few personnel changes have occurred. Al George, SET, was appointed STACOR; Charles Anderson was selected for the ET spot at North Nenana, though, he travels to Tanana the 24th for a month's relief duty.

With the abolishment of the mechanic leader position, we will be losing the Schmuck's on May 28. Art is taking retirement, so after 16 years in Nenana, Helen is busy packing and readying their trailer, which will be a temporary home for a while. They do plan to stay in this area. A dinner was held in their honor on Monday, May 17, at the famed Tamarack Inn, south of Nenana. Guests attending from Fairbanks included Mr. and Mrs. Marion Figley, Mr. and Mrs. Al Burnham and son Kevin, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Baker.



Rudy and Alice Demientieff welcomed the arrival of a new baby girl on the 11th, named Laverne. The previous Sunday the FAA ladies hosted a shower for Alice.

The town seemed well prepared for the raft race gathering. No local FAA'ers participated in the river trip this year--that long ride doesn't seem too appealing!

Jack Leonard, ATC Chief, left for the lower 48 on the 23rd, a combined PI-737 and shopping trip for a plane. Raymon Naisbitt, wife Janet and two children from Fairbanks have joined us for a month of relief duty.

Two families received honors at the recent Nenana High School graduation. Charles 'Bud' Anderson and Eric Leonard each received scholarships--as they are both planning on college next fall, they were elated, to say the least. The Rudy Demientieff family journeyed to Copper Valley last weekend to attend the graduation of son, Rudy Jr.

As the month draws to a close, plans are underway for a big facility barbecue at North Nenana on Memorial Sunday. Should be away from the mosquitoes at that altitude!!



Norma Kulbel  
Nenana

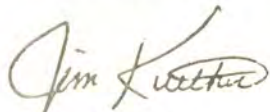
## NORTHWAY

Here at Northway, the powers that be are still wondering when Pat Schultz and family are leaving sunny ORT for the Balmy South. Equally perplexing is the case of Darryl Fentress & Crew. Darryl is getting serious about going to Amarillo as he was seen putting wheels on his two Ski-Doos. The editor is wondering if he intends to tow them behind his VW which is being towed by 1 ea. Ford. Harold Richardson will be leaving next week for some "book learning" at Lawton, Oklahoma and won't be back til July sometime. Don't worry PoPo, there will still be plenty of mosquitoes left when you return.

School will be out soon with two ORT families traveling for Graduation Ceremonies. Rose and Tom Glazier have a daughter graduating from High School at Fairbanks and Vern and Lola Macey have a daughter graduating from Big Delta this year. Congratulations to both. Meanwhile, on the local scene, Sam Long and his family have their new mobile home in place next to the highway. His driveway looks like a dandy place to go skiing next fall. (No beginners please!) Chuck Bruce took his



Super Plymouth into Anchor town this week to see the Big Lights. Bill Clark, our ACE CW sender went rock hounding instead of bringing his friends some nice trout to eat. Yours truly set up his new tent for a dry run and the next day it snowed 3 or more inches on it. Oh well, it was a symbol of Spring. Our green house is smelling like a tomato factory now. Other delicious varieties are popping up too. Again as usual, Rose Glazier is miles ahead of everyone else. Rumor has it she counts her tomatoes. What a killjoy! Well, thats about all this time. I imagine by next press we will be able to report on our ACE pilot Pete Pedersen if he has his plane by that time. 73's til later.



Jim Kuether  
Northway

## SITKA

It is hard to believe the month has passed so quickly and that it is reporting time again. We all enjoyed reading the news of other stations, and hope to see reports of the others on the line this month.

FAA families had five out of the 86 seniors graduating on May 21st. They included Debby Golden, Cristy Jones, Donna Martin, Darby Reid, and Eileen Shute. Our congratulations and best wishes go out to them and their future plans. Donna left for Springfield, Missouri the next day, where she plans on working.

Dan and Margaret Steele have their family home for a few weeks. Their son Clifford and his wife Lynne, and two small daughters, Alison and Jennifer, are here from Milpitas, Calif. Their daughter Ellen from Portland was also able to be here at the same time. Bet their house will seem empty when all return home. Margaret commented that there was never a dull moment with the two granddaughters around.

Henry Bertuleit, Chief AFFO, was in San Francisco for four days this month to attend his sister's wedding, but non heard as much about that trip as the one he made to Duncan Canal. It seems Daniel Boone (Bert) and Morry Hale, our big fisherman, decided to see who could catch the biggest fish, but the fishing was poor, and a black bear proved more interesting. Several shots later the bear was down, but skinning it with a pocket knife took a while. (Skinning the fish would have been much easier I'm sure.)

The retirement party for Ralph Melander (31 years of service) was a howling success - well, guess there really wasn't much howling, but all there had a good time. Special guest besides Mel and his family were Mr. Wilson from Personnel, Lyndol Pruett, Sector Manager; and Dwight Meeks, Assistant Sector Manager.



Dr. Hepler from Anchorage was here May 12 & 13 conducting a medical self help class. Those attending besides a few of the Sitka personnel were Pete LaPlante from Level Island, Bill Lewis from Duncal Canal, and Norm Murray, Harvey Rogers, and Roy Deal from Biorka Island. Ron Terry went to Biorka to relieve all the ET's so they could attend the class.

It seems like the Biorka crew is in constant change. John Martin was there as mechanic for several weeks until Jack Hudson went out May 14 to relieve him. Harver Rogers ET from Biorka has been relieving in town for several weeks, but had to return home since Norm Murray and family from Biorka left on PL 737 for Moline, Illinois, before Norm attends management Training school in Lawton, Oklahoma, beginning 6/26/71.

Ron Terry received a cash award for a Sustained Superior Performance on May 25. It was a big surprise, and I'm very proud. Guess the money will be spent on all those Alaska items we haven't gotten yet, as we leave for a new duty station in Burley, Idaho, July 12.

Visitors at the field office have included:

Karl Schwantes, Gary Brooks and Marvin Poulson from Anchorage to do a power cable rehab at Biorka and install a VASI power cable at Sitka.

Ernest McCullough from Anchorage to inspect the power cable at Biorka.

Dudley Clark from Juneau for several projects at Biorka.

Scotty Rigan and Frank Pagano from Anchorage to sign up interested students in the BIA/MADERA training school.

Jesse Jones from Juneau, to do a VOR inspection at Biorka, and a LCC inspection at Sitka. Jesse remained to see his daughter graduate and to help get the family moved to Juneau.

The weather is still cold and windy - sure doesn't seem like June is almost here. Also coming up in a couple of weeks is the big Sitka Salmon Derby. \$2000.00 first prize. The fishermen are working on boats and sports gear to be ready for the big day. I wonder how our big fisherman will do? Will let you know.

*Earlene Terry*

Earlene Terry  
Sitka



# TANANA

Break-up time . . . the Yukon River finally got tired of winter! Ice started moving and big chunks piled along the bank. We all collected what we had in the refrigerator and gathered on the riverbank in front of the houses for an impromptu break-up party. The Tanyu Club furnished cold drinks and we bar-b-qued everything from hot dogs and hamburgers to caribou. The teachers and members of the hospital's Ft. Gibbons Club joined us around the fire.

We'll be rooting for the home team in this year's Yukon 800 Marathon. The FAA's Junior Evans, along with two from the hospital staff, Tod Kozevnikoff and Tom Johnson, will be aboard the Tana-Gal ( named for Tanana and Galena). Their 24 foot riverboat, being built now in Galena, will carry a 50 horsepower motor and lift. This year's competition will be held Saturday, June 19th. The Yukon 800 Marathon is publicized as the longest race of its kind in the world. Participants take off from Fairbanks, head down river to Ruby where they have a two hour rest, then the long haul back to Fairbanks. Since it's held during the longest days of the year you have a good view of the racers wherever you are along the river. Milly Evans hopes to be in Ruby when the Tana-Gal pulls in there.

Cathy and Bob Denninger arrived April 17th and will be here through the middle of July. Bob is replacing John McIntyre while Mac is on PL 737 and in Okl. City. The Denninger's came to Alaska last Dec. from Long Island, New York. This was Cathy's first trip to Alaska, but Bob spent a year in Bettles ( 1967-68) with the Air Force. They're expecting their first baby the middle of October, and Cathy's busy crocheting baby clothes.

Fay and Jesse Romer have been temporarily assigned to Tanana. They left May 18th for two months school in Anchorage, and plan to be back here during the middle of July. Jess recently joined the FAA from ACS.

Frank Rochelle was out here for three weeks making an inspection of the station plant facilities. Frank was our only short-term visitor this month.

Polly Hyslop left toward the end of May for her home in Northway to attend the funeral of her brother. During this same month Floyd lost his older brother in Michigan. Their son Laverne is still aboard ship-- now in Australia. Vern's next stop should be his home port in California.

Larry Buss has been doing a lot of flying these days. He started May 9th working toward his instrument and commercial ratings at Alaska Aeromarine in Fairbanks.

Al Guthrie and Gus McKenzie have been out on their new trail bikes -- through the mud and over the logs! Those bikes will go anywhere.

The McKenzies leave May 24th for PL 737 in Memphis, Tennessee. Gus plans to be back the last of June, but Emily and Lisa will probably be in Memphis until the middle of July.



Al Guthrie, Jr. graduates this year from the Tanana School. Al is in his junior year, but has earned enough credits to meet state requirements for graduation. He's not sure just what his college plans are for next year, but he's already been accepted at Sheldon Jackson and may attend there.

Peter Moore, Rex Guthrie and Jackie Guthrie are graduating from Junior High and will be going into High School next year.

'Til next month.

*Emily McKenzie*

Emily McKenzie  
Tanana

## UNALAKLEET

Introduction of station personnel at Unalakleet should have been done in the first issue, I guess, but I got long winded instead, so I'll do it now - sorry about that.

Daniel R. Truesdell - ATCS  
Oscar Koutchak - ATCS Trainee  
Brendon Moriarty - SET - STACOR  
Chester Millett - ET (VHF)  
John Norbert - FIERL  
Ed Harvey - ET Trainee  
Joe Curry - ET (TACAN) TDY ANC Attending school  
John Winfree - ET - TDY ANC Attending school  
James Oksoktaruk - EEM  
Henry Otton - GFET - TDY ANC Attending school  
Henry Nashalook - Bldg Maint.  
Monroe Eakon - BIA Trainee

The families at Unalakleet are now in a "HOLD" position for summer, all hoping that the breakup comes soon.

*Daniel R. Truesdell*

Daniel R. Truesdell, ATCS  
TRAPLINE Reporter  
Unalakleet, Alaska



# YAKUTAT

To start off this chapter of Trapline I'd like to mention a few of the oddities that took place during Spring warm-up.

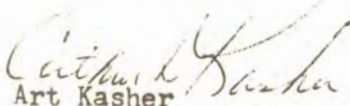
Wouldn't you say it was odd for a guy to work most of the winter fixing, painting and remodeling his boat, then launch it and drift out in to the Bay and find out you forgot to connect the gas line? Then the next time out go looking for underwater rocks that leave nasty holes in the hull of a boat and delay! The start of fishing season several more weeks.

Or how about our local pro....who keeps taking our newly arrived amature out steel heading, oh well I guess he's successful in one way, the amature keeps coming back with a catch. Better not stay on this subject too long because I've still got a lot of work to do buffing snowmobile tracks out of the trunk of my car.

For visitors this past month we've had Mr. Joel Caudle, Juneau Area Coordinator, who briefed Station Personnel on some of the newer activities we can look forward to this year. Also Dr. John Hepler who fooled the weatherman and snuck in Sunday, a day early, caught the sun shining brightly and with fly rod in hand challenged the mighty Situk River.....ofcourse his trade is Doctorering so I'll say no more.

And now to introduce our new Academy Grad. Mr. Franklin Moser, his wife Audry and their two children Donald and Karen. We would like to welcome Frank and Audry into a real coming and going Station, Yakutat.

Speaking of coming and going here's how it looks for Yakutat for the next 30 days. Roy just left, Art's going soon as Roy gets back, John Scrivner's coming back the end of May and Bud Hurley will leave then, Bill Trent is leaving for beautiful Biorka Island, Ron Long should be back so Stan Dale will go to Juneau but if Ron goes back, Stan will come back and Mike is going to start leave on the 3rd.

  
Art Kasher  
Yakutat FAA