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## [AACA to Offer Group Health Insurance](#)

AACA will offer group health insurance with benefits starting on March 1, 2010. A large group will allow more reasonable rates for small employers in Alaska.

The recently completed Alaska study on aviation economic impacts indicated over 47,000 jobs in Alaska are in the aviation industry. Of those jobs, 27,000 are located on our airports.

With an industry this large, group insurance is practical and will reduce the cost of health insurance for all interested members.

AACA is gathering the names of entities interested in being part of this group health insurance plan, and anticipates having

between 2,000 and 5,000 members in the group. We anticipate offering at least two potential plans: a high deductible (\$5,000 annual) plan, and a standard health care plan.

You need not be an AACA member to indicate your interest in the plan. If you, and/or your company, would be interested in group coverage through AACA, please contact us at 277-0071 or send an email to [kathie@alaskaaircarriers.org](mailto:kathie@alaskaaircarriers.org).

Initially, for each potential individual, AACA will need name, age, city of residence, and any dependents to be covered. We will not share personal information with health providers, but must gather demographics.

Once these demographics are gathered, AACA shall request rate quotes from health care providers who service Alaska. AACA anticipates having those quotes by November 1.

Rates will be communicated to all who have indicated an interest and enrollment questionnaires for personal information will be distributed to those who wish to enroll.

Membership in AACA would be required to then enroll in the health care group. Annual membership dues start at \$150 for an individual or couple, and are based upon a scale for companies.

## [Hunting Season and Aviation Safety](#)

In preparation for the hunting season, watch **Get Ready For August, The Most Dangerous Flying Month of the Year** on Hangar Flying, Friday evenings at 5:30pm on KAKM. Thanks to AASF & KAKM for promoting and sponsoring these sessions as part of an initiative to reduce aviation accidents in Alaska.

Date	Guest	Topic	Interviewer
July 17	Bart Stone, Av. Mgmt, DOI	Off-Airport Training and Techniques	Harry Kieling
July 24	Terry Smith	Personal Experiences in Off Airport Ops	Carl Siebe

## [FAA Amends Chart Sales System](#)

Thirty locations in Alaska currently sell FAA charts. You should be aware that effective October 5<sup>th</sup>, new Chart Agent criteria from the FAA and National Aeronautical Navigation Services (formerly NACO) will take effect.

The new criteria include annual minimum net chart sales of \$5,000. In Alaska, only the following five Chart Agents will qualify under the new criteria:

- ANC: Northern Lights Avionics  
Lake Hood Pilot Shoppe  
PenAir
- FAI: Tamarack Air  
Frontier Flying Service

For more information, visit [http://naco.faa.gov/index.asp?xml=naco/agent\\_model](http://naco.faa.gov/index.asp?xml=naco/agent_model)

## [Aviation Day at the Alaska State Fair](#)

Aviation Day will be Friday, September 4. This is the first of what is hoped will be many opportunities to share Aviation with Alaska.

The Alaska Aviation Heritage Museum is providing vintage aircraft, Civil Air Patrol will be on site, and the Medallion Foundation will demonstrate their full-motion PA-18 Super Cub Simulator. Children's activities are also being planned.

Organizers are seeking aviation company participation. Contact Roxie at 746-7165 or by email to [roxie@alaskastatefair.org](mailto:roxie@alaskastatefair.org) for more information or to participate!



**Where do you get your charts?  
On October 5<sup>th</sup>  
Alaska will lose 25  
FAA Chart Agents**

## New RNAV Routes

On February 12, 2009, the FAA published in the Federal Register a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to establish twenty three RNAV routes, and revise fourteen RNAV routes, in the State of Alaska. Additionally, this action proposed to remove four existing routes that are no longer required (74 FR 7012).

Fourteen high altitude RNAV routes, and eight low altitude RNAV routes, are established in Alaska under this NPRM. Additionally, one high altitude route and thirteen low altitude routes are revised, and four existing "T" routes are removed.

[http://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/ato/service\\_units/systemops/fs/alaskan/rulemaking/rnav-airways08aal24/](http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ato/service_units/systemops/fs/alaskan/rulemaking/rnav-airways08aal24/)

## Alaskan Airspace Rulemaking

Final and Proposed Rule actions have been updated including:

*Removal and Modification of VOR Federal Airways, Establishment of class E airspace, Chuathabluk, Establishment of Class E airspace, Ooguruk, Proposed Establishment of class E airspace, Quinhagak,*

Charting changes can take up to a year in some cases. Controlled airspace changes are also published in the Alaska Supplement's Notices (Section C) under Aeronautical Chart Bulletin updates. This section updates the pending changes to the VFR Sectional Charts.

To review all recent actions, visit:

[http://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/ato/service\\_units/systemops/fs/alaskan/rulemaking/](http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ato/service_units/systemops/fs/alaskan/rulemaking/)

## Scam Targets Air Charter Companies

The following scenario is being used on air charter companies.

A person contacts the charter operator via email to schedule charters and ask for a quote. Once the quote is provided, the "customer" (who is presently out of the country) explains that the ground travel coordinator, who booked his car and accommodations, did

not accept credit cards and due to his location he is unable to pay.

The customer then asks the charter operator to charge his credit card for the full amount of the proposed charter plus an additional \$6,000, which the charter operator is to send to the ground travel coordinator. In most cases, the customer's

payment ends up being fraudulent and the charter company is out the money forwarded to the third party.

Be suspicious of any customer who asks you to forward money to someone else. If someone attempts to scam you, save all communications from the scammer and report the incident to local law enforcement.



**Three new sites:  
KING SALMON  
KASIGLUK  
NENANA.**

<http://akweathercams.faa.gov/>



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<http://www.alaskaaircarriers.org/servlet/download?id=251>

## USAF Proposal to Establish Delta MOAs

July 7, 2009: The USAF has requested the establishment of the four Delta MOAs located along the Alaska and Richardson Highway corridors near Delta Junction, Alaska, for activation during the Major Flying Exercises known as the 11th Air Force's Red Flag Alaska, and Alaskan Command's Northern Edge.

If approved, these MOAs would be activated in the same manner and use restrictions as they have been employed as Temporary MOAs the past three years.

See the Notice of Proposal via this link: [http://www.faa.gov/about/office\\_org/headquarters\\_offices/ato/service\\_units/systemops/fs/alaskan/notices/delta-moa-08aal22nr/media/08AAL22NR-MOAnoticeofproposal.pdf](http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/ato/service_units/systemops/fs/alaskan/notices/delta-moa-08aal22nr/media/08AAL22NR-MOAnoticeofproposal.pdf) (PDF, 1.95 MB

– ten pages.) Color graphics of the areas affected by the proposal can be viewed at <http://www.alaska.faa.gov/at> in the Public Notices section.

The FAA is soliciting comments that will be considered prior to a decision to approve or disapprove the proposal.

Please review the proposal and state any aeronautical objections prior to September 1, 2009. Comments may be submitted to the FAA by email to [9-aal-530-comments@faa.gov](mailto:9-aal-530-comments@faa.gov), by telephone to Gary Rolf at 907 271-5898, or to:

FAA, AAL-530  
ATTN: Alaska Flight Services  
Information Area Group  
222 West 7th Avenue #14  
Anchorage AK 99513-7687.



Bill Holland has joined the Crowley Petroleum team as Manager, Sales. You can reach Bill at 777-5579 or by sending an email to [William.Holland@crowley.com](mailto:William.Holland@crowley.com)

"I'm thrilled to join a group of innovative thinkers that serve the daily needs of AACA members and others. I've enjoyed about eight years in the Alaska aviation arena with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Northwest Airlines Cargo and Village Air Cargo. As I bring these experiences to Crowley, I look forward to supporting the aviation community with the specialized services of Crowley Petroleum Distribution."