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2012-13 Lecture Series

Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center

The Centennial of Flight in Alaska

The annual Cook Inlet Historical Society lecture series for 2012-13 is jointly sponsored with the University of Alaska Anchorage Honors College and will present a retrospective of historical events surrounding aircraft and aviators in our state and region. Named *The Centennial of Flight in Alaska*, the program leads up to the Anchorage Museum exhibition commemorating the 100th anniversary of the first aircraft flight in Alaska, entitled *Arctic Flight*, scheduled for February 1 - August 15, 2013.

Dedication

This year's annual program is dedicated to Brian Davies, long-time board member and vice president, who served the Society and many entities of the Anchorage Museum with distinction. His tireless commitment to the Society and public service in our community will be missed.

The History of Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson Douglas Beckstead

Historian, 673rd Air Base Wing History Office, U. S. Air Force,
Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson
Thursday, September 20, 2012, 7:30 pm

The history of Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson dates back to its establishment in June 1940. Over the following 72 years it played a key role in World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam, and the Cold War.

As the twenty-first century unfolds, JBER continues to be a key player in the Global War on Terrorism and with providing top cover for North America.

Polaris Lecture, Alaska Day

Celebrating 80 Years of Alaska Airlines

Bill MacKay, Former Alaska Senior Vice President
Susan Bramstedt, Former Alaska Director of Public Affairs
Marilyn Romano, Current Alaska Director of Public Affairs
for Alaska Airlines
Thursday, October 18, 2012, 7:30 pm

In honor of Alaska Day, we are pleased to present a trio of speakers who will offer a comprehensive history of Alaska Airlines, Alaska's largest and most well-known airline as it celebrates its 80th anniversary. They will discuss the history of the company and its many accomplishments in Alaska over the years. Romano will discuss future plans of the airline inside and outside Alaska, and the firm's continued commitment to our state.

On the Wings of Eagles: The Airlift of Yemenite Jews to Israel by Alaska Airlines Pilots

Leslie Fried

Curator, Alaska Jewish Museum
Thursday, November 15, 2012, 7:30 pm

The presentation will discuss the development of the Jewish Museum's exhibit about Operation Magic Carpet, the exodus of over 47,000 Yemenite refugees to Israel from 1948 to 1950. The transfer of refugees from Aden to Israel by pilots of Alaska Airlines, some 1,600 air miles over enemy territory, is considered to be one of the most dramatic mass immigration movements of all time.

No December or January Programs

Opening of the Arctic Flight Exhibition

Jeremy Kinney

Curator, Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum
Friday, February 1, 2013, 7:30 pm

Our speaker is co-curator of the forthcoming Arctic Flight Exhibition at the Anchorage Museum (February 1-August 15, 2013). Julie Decker of the Anchorage Museum is the other exhibition curator and will also participate in the lecture, which introduces the exhibition to Anchorage. Kinney and Decker will offer highlights of the project and the importance of the centennial of flight to Alaskans.

Polaris Lecture

Air Age Cartography: How Aviation and the Second World War Put Alaska at the Center of the World

Terrence Cole

Professor of History, University of Alaska Fairbanks
Thursday, February 21, 2013, 7:30 pm

Rapid advances in civil and military aviation in the 1930s and the rise of air power spawned an entirely new discipline of education for the "air age." This torrent of cartographic reform caused a fundamental reordering of popular American cartography based on the supposed superiority of polar projections which portrayed the world as a sphere, not a flat rectangle, as had been accepted in the Mercator or other east-west projections. As a result the prevailing image of Alaska is generally at the far edge of the earth—if not in a box below California—but once there was a time, albeit briefly, when it was the center of the world.

Sky as Frontier: Adventure, Aviation and Empire

David T. Courtwright

Professor, University of North Florida
Friday, March 1, 2013, 7:30 pm

Noted scholar and author David T. Courtwright writes about social forces which have shaped U.S. and world history. At this lecture he will discuss the impact of early American aviation on the social structure of the country in the first half of the 20th century.

Anchorage Aviation History

Norman Lagasse

Alaska Aviation Museum Consultant, Anchorage
Thursday, March 21, 2013, 7:30 pm

Mr. Lagasse will speak on the aviation heritage of Alaska, focusing on the trials and achievements of early aviators near Anchorage and other parts of Alaska.

Wrangell Mountain Skyboys: How Buffalo Bill, Buck Taylor and Bob Reeve Created Alaska's Skyboy Narrative

Katie Ringsmuth

National Park Service Historian, Anchorage
Thursday, April 18, 2013, 7:30 pm

Harold Gillam, Bob Reeve, "Kirk" Kirkpatrick and Merle "Mudhole" Smith are among the famous Alaska flyers who established aviation in the Wrangell-St. Elias Mountain region. The lecture will remember these pilots not only as advocates of modern aviation, but also as rugged as the terrain they flew and as independent as the "tough old Alaskans" they served.

The Visual Flight Rules Route to Russia

Felix Maguire

Aviation Historian, Alaska Airmen's Association
Thursday, May 16, 2013, 7:30 pm

Last July the Alaska Airmen participated in the Russian Federal Air Transport Agency (FATA) General Aviation Cooperation Trip to Alaska. This program is part of the Federal Aviation Administration's continuing flight safety cooperation with the Russian Federation. Given that the Russian military no longer controls Russian airspace, our speaker will explain recent Russian legislation that allows general aviation and more open airspace in Russia and the role Alaskans have played in developing this new aviation opportunity.

19th Annual John Bagoy Memorial Cemetery Tour

Hosts: Audrey and Bruce Kelly

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Summer Solstice, Friday, June 21, 2013, 7:00 pm

Enter Anchorage Memorial Park Cemetery at the Bagoy Gate—
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Unless otherwise noted, all lectures are held on the third Thursday of each month, starting at 7:30 pm in Anchorage Museum Auditorium, with snacks afterward (the annual John Bagoy cemetery walk in June starts at 7 pm). All programs are free and open to the public. Details can be found on the Society's website, www.cookinlethistory.org.