

# VFR Alaska to Russia 2019!

## Group Trip Information Meeting

A GROUP FLIGHT DEMONSTRATING AVAILABILITY OF RUSSIAN VFR OPERATIONS TO U.S. GA PILOTS PROPOSED FOR JUNE 2019

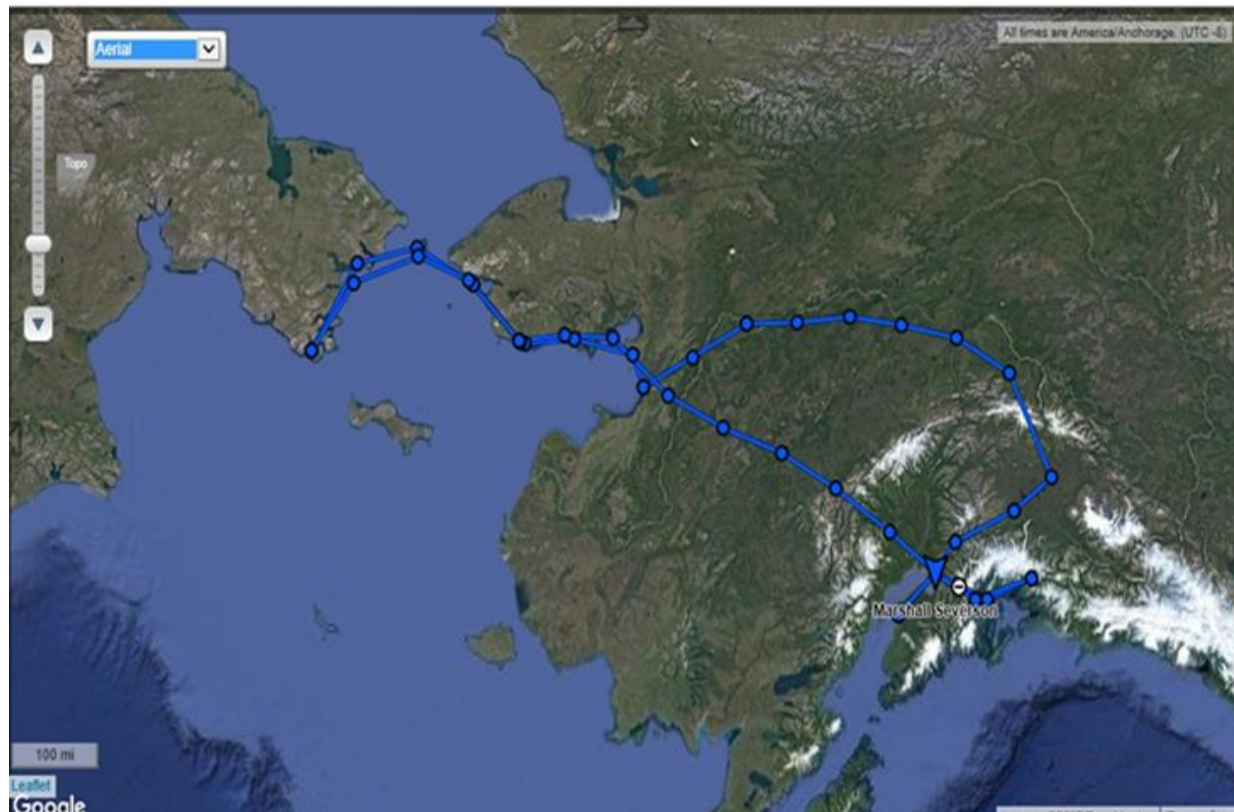
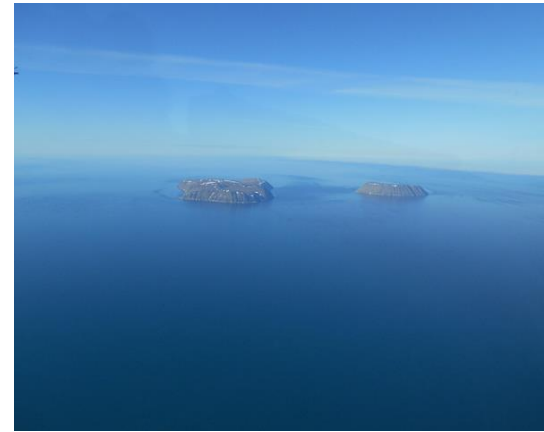
EXPANDING DIRECT AND POSITIVE RELATIONS WITH OUR NEIGHBORS IN THE RUSSIAN FAR EAST

June 23-27, 2019



# Background

- Marshall
- Dan
- Russian VFR Route B369 History/Legacy



# Background

- Tandy

Tandy Wallack and Circumpolar Expeditions have been working in Chukotka for over 25 years. Our work has helped keep the border open between Alaska and Chukotka. We will be making the ground arrangements with our local people to house, feed and guide you during your trip to Chukotka. We also we be arranging for the Special Chukotka Permission.

Chukotka is a bucket list place to visit. This trip is a rare opportunity to view this remote area of Russia.

# 2004 Departure from Provideniya



# Purpose of Group Flight

- Enjoy an adventure with the added fellowship and safety that traveling with multiple aircraft will provide
- Demonstrate & Validate that the B369 VFR Route Remains Operational
- Maintain and expand direct and positive relations with our neighbors in the Russian Far East
- Friendship Flight: Act as Goodwill Citizen Ambassadors for GA and Alaska

# Group Flight Proposed Itinerary Weather Permitting!

- Depart Nome to Provideniya, Sunday, June 23 (Monday in Russia)
- Day 2 – Visit local areas such as museum, banya if open
- Day 3 – Visit Native Village of New Chaplino (road trip)
- Day 4 - File Flight Plans, return to Nome, note: there is no avgas sold in Provideniya (UHMD)
- The airport is closed on weekends!

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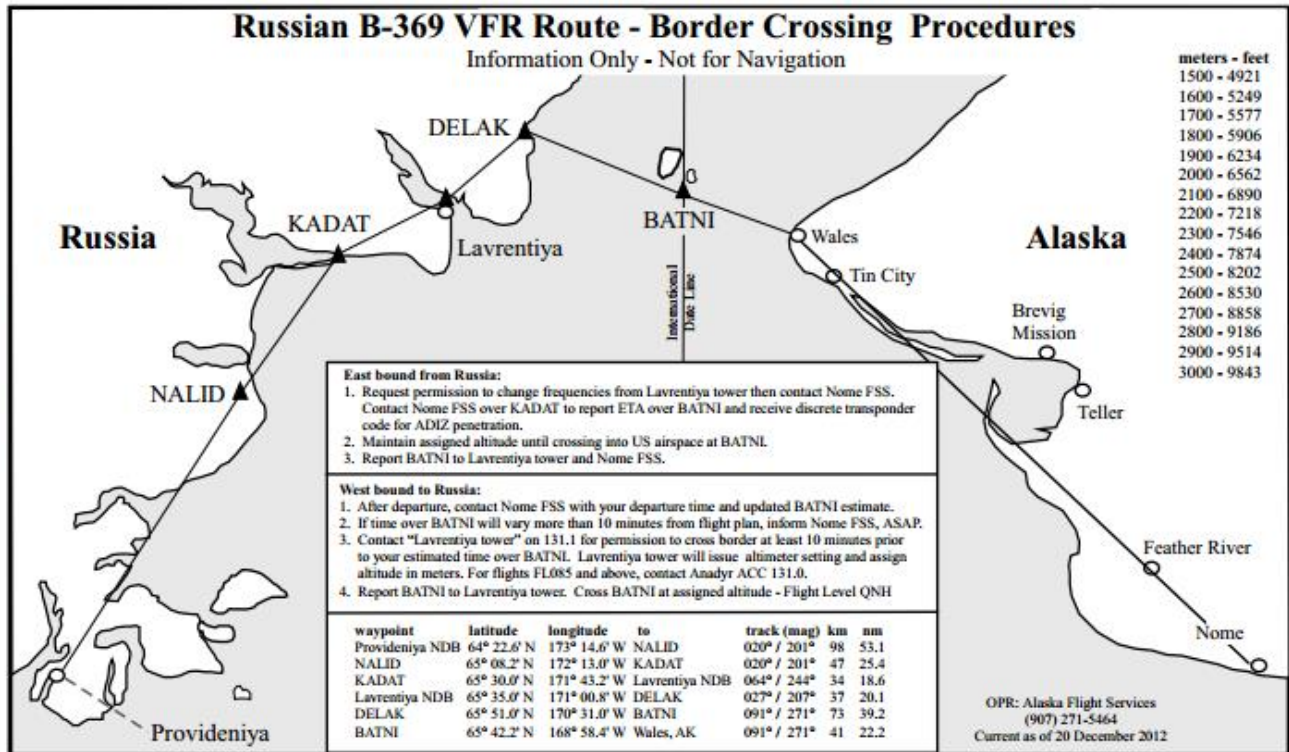
- The group will have translator/guide.



# Group Flight Responsibilities

- The Pilot in Command or designee of each aircraft will be responsible for ensuring all coordination, permissions, regulatory compliance and direct costs as well as, of course, individual go/no go decision making.
- Marshall, Dan and Tandy are available to advise and consult with interested flyers needing information. We are preparing a booklet: How to Fly to Russia. The Russian AIP is available online and governs the Russian portion of the flight.

# Bravo 369



# Bravo 369

- Visual Flight Rules (VFR) Corridor 10 kilometer (KM) wide/1500-3000 meter altitude
- No Russian Navigator Required
- Shortest Route over Bering Sea-60 nautical miles (NM)
- 270NM Nome to Provideniya
- Operations are metric, and ICAO, we recommend using a radio log (we will supply and provide flight plan examples)
- Provideniya is 20 hours ahead of us...tomorrow!

# Provideniya Airport



Somewhat Gnarly!

# How We Got There in 2017

- Airplane – Cessna 172



# Added Value In 2017

- Keeping the Border Open
- We provided input to FAA on Services
- We succeeded with FAA Aeronautical Charting Forum Proposal to re-chart route to Provideniya lost with end of CC-8 WAC. Effective June 20, 2019.
- We worked with SPOT on Globalstar coverage issue – earth station transfer failed from Wasilla to Seoul Gateways

# Navigation/Com Equipment

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Messages

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We identified Gateway transition issue between Wasilla and Seoul earth stations.

# Sustainment of VFR Ops

(No subject)

From Трикопа Виктор Петрович

To severso [severso@cs.com](mailto:severso@cs.com)

Wed, Jun 21, 2017 7:11 pm

Hello, Mr. Severson.

I'm very pleased to hear you have completed your journey and been satisfied with the services and support provided. We always try to do our best to provide ATS and sustain VFR operations. Hope you can fly to our country again sometime.

Best regards,  
Victor Trikopa



**NO IVORY PURCHASES!**



# Russian Weather Support

RE: About of the METAR/TAF UHMA and UHMD

From АМСГ Анадырь

To 'Marshall Severs on' [severso@cs.com](mailto:severso@cs.com)

Wed, Jun 14, 2017 12:54 pm

Dear Marshall Severs

Thank you for information about departure time.

Last e-mail I forgot to write a profile in chat client – [uhmasin@mail.ru](mailto:uhmasin@mail.ru)

I send to you recently TAF/METAR UHMD and UHMA:

METAR UHMD 142030Z 19002MPS CAVOK 08/03 Q1012 RMK QFE758/1011=

METAR UHMA 142030Z 11006MPS 9999 OVC013 05/03 Q1012 NOSIG RMK MT OBSC  
QFE754/1005=

TAF UHMD 142000Z 1421/1503 18004MPS 9999 BKN033=

TAF UHMA 142000Z 1421/1521 12008G13MPS 9999 SCT010 BKN020 TEMPO 1421/1521  
15007G12MPS BKN010 BKN030=

I wish you a happy journey!

Kind regards,

Anastasia Stepanova

Director of the NE branch Aviamettelecom Rosgidrometa



# Safety

- Think about:
  - Helmets
  - Dry Suits
  - Raft
  - Satellite Trackers – Flight Service eSRS program
  - Redundancies and Back-ups
  - VFR and your personal minima
  - Cellular Communications in Russia
  - DVFR Codes (Keep from getting shot down!)



# Preparations – Permissions – Paperwork

- We recommend use of Skyplan for Flight Handling in Russia.
- Recommend use of Redstar in Seattle for Visa/Invitation- Multi entry
- Circumpolar Expeditions will arrange for ground coordination.
- Insurance Required.
- We will clear U.S. Customs in Nome, you must use eAPIS both ways!



# Preparations – Permissions – Paperwork & TIMELINES!

- If you do not have a passport or if it expires before end of 2019, apply/renew ASAP.
- Chukotka is a closed area, permission to enter must be applied for at least 60 days in advance. Passport/Visa (detailed app) needed to get this!
- Prepare for flight permission with flight plans two weeks before departure thru Skyplan, expect approval on day of flight
- Insurance Required. Radio Licenses. PIC Medical.
- Customs Forms include General Declaration.
- Recommend you make a commitment decision by March 1 (next week! with Circumpolar.)



# Summary of Costs

Individual costs will vary/not all inclusive/rounded.

- The Alaska Airmen Association lobbied years ago to reduce Russian air traffic fees to sustain General Aviation ops between Alaska and Russia (for example: earlier charges were based on 50 metric ton minima per kilometer) to minima more realistic for light aircraft.
- Russians some time ago had reduced the rate and we validated this on the trip, N386 IL was charged at 1.1 metric ton/100 km x \$10.60 enroute, and for terminal area (Tower) Air Traffic service \$12.60. Total was \$55, but there are many other costs.
- By way of comparison, in the U.S. Avgas is taxed at 19.4¢ a gallon federally and 4.7¢/gal state tax to finance services, +8¢ at MRI.

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- Commercial Flight Handling services cost the bulk of the fees and included Air Traffic services as well as Landing fee, Security, Parking & Marshaling. (ca. \$1500 via Skyplan)

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BOOK 1

AIP  
RUSSIA

Form "N"

## APPLICATION

for non-scheduled (single) flight operation in the airspace of the Russian Federation

1. a) Name of the airline:	Not applicable
b) Three - letter ICAO designation:	Not applicable
c) State of registry:	United States of America
2. Aircraft identification (flight number) not more than 7 symbols:	Not applicable
3. a) Aircraft type or ICAO classification: (basic and alternative)	Cessna 172

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- Russian Rubles (60 to 1\$)      \$? Crisp bills!
- Insurance (Plane, evac)      \$500+
- Chukotka Border Permit      \$100ea
- Passport      \$110
- Russian 3yr Visa/Invitation      \$450ea
- AVGAS 190 gal. approx      \$1400
- Locator devices/Nav. subs      \$ ?
- Lodging      \$?

  
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4. Администрация Провиденского городского округа

В соответствии с Соглашением № 132 о взаимодействии межлв



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Pop Tarts! (Emergency Gear)	Priceless!
U.S. Customs Decal	\$27.50
FCC Radio Station License	\$170
Russian Local Services (Tandy)	\$600
(Guides/Translator, Lodging, etc)	



Federal Communications Commission  
Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

## RADIO STATION AUTHORIZATION

LICENSEE: SEVERSON, MARSHALL G

ATTN: MARSHALL SEVERSON  
SEVERSON, MARSHALL G  
3125 MADISON WAY  
ANCHORAGE, AK 99508

FCC Registration Number (FRN): 0011258795

FAA Number/FCC Call Sign	Radio Service	File Number	
N 3861L	AC - Aircraft	0007739132	
Type of License	Number in Fleet	Classification	
Regular		Private Aircraft	
Grant Date	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Print Date
04-15-2017	04-15-2017	04-15-2027	04-15-2017

Waivers/Conditions:

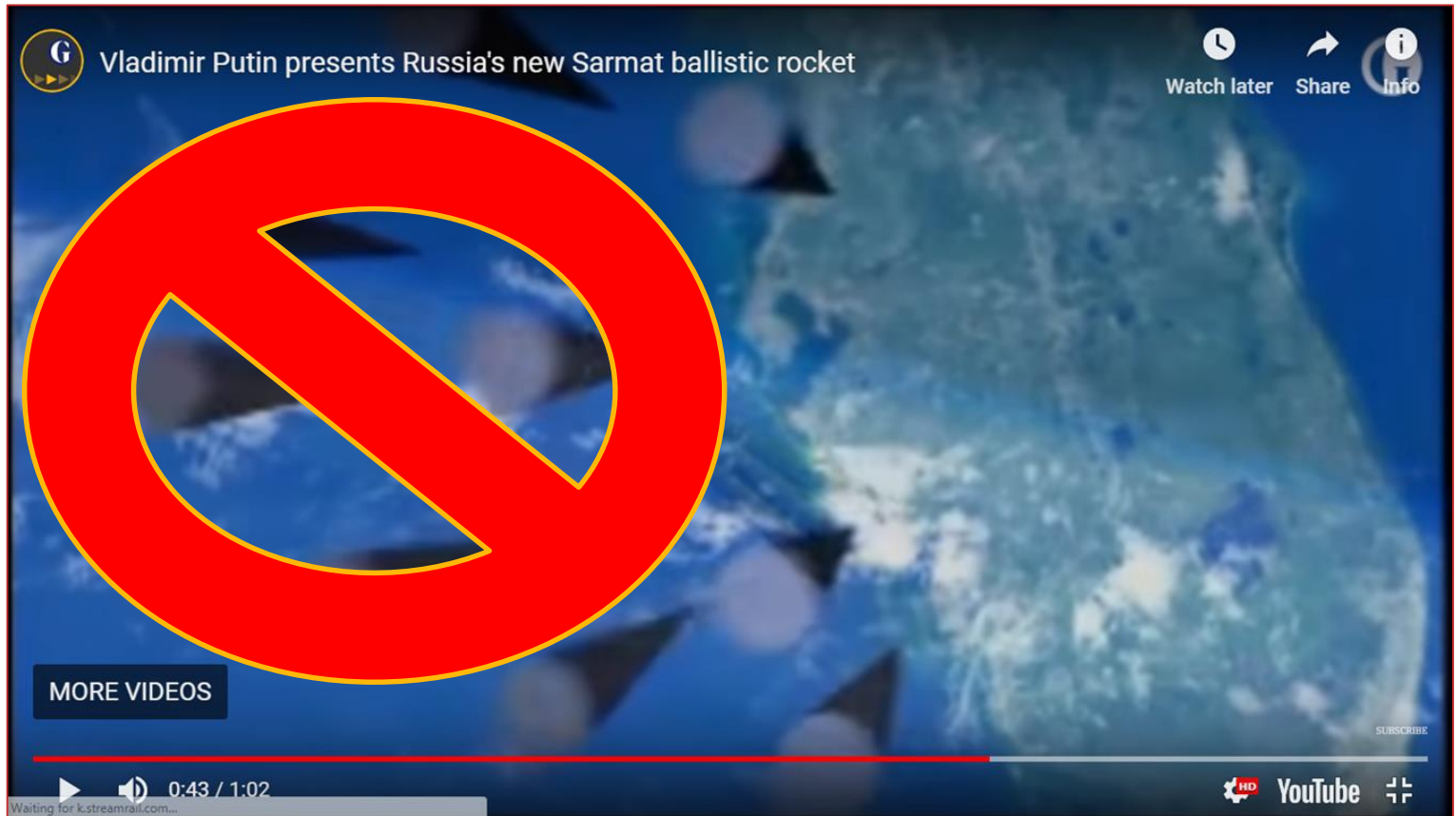
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# Summary

- For most private pilots this would be a once in a lifetime trip and worth the adventure.
- No attitudes. Mutual Respect.
- We demonstrate the air route is operational, and will be maintained.
- Positive Relations: We are neighbors/relatives...free trade - at least in hugs!
- Bush economy hurting, add to air tourism.
- Weather Observation/Forecast (METAR/TAF) distributed again as of August 2017. Access via AVCAMS Plus.
- Legacy goals – Anadyr, Magadan...what about China? (Anadyr 2018 - Approval Received!)

# Lastly



State Department Russia Travel Advisory December 10, 2018 Russia - Level 2: Exercise Increased Caution due to terrorism, harassment, and the arbitrary enforcement of local laws. Some areas have increased risk.

# Thank you!

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