

# Woman Flight Engineer

**FAIRBANKS** — The first woman rated as a flight engineer aboard a Hercules aircraft has joined 28 fellow flight engineers flying for Alaska International Air.

Carol Jane Jeffus, of Fairbanks, recently passed her FAA oral and written flight proficiency checks after serving two years with AIA as a licensed dispatcher and flight follower. When she joined AIA, Mrs. Jeffus held a commercial pilot's license with 1,500 hours of both sea and land time.

Originally a math instructor at the University of Alaska where she was associated for 10 years,

she became a pilot for a small airline in Greybull, Wyo. Later, she worked for Viking Airways in Petersburg, Alaska, as both pilot and dispatcher.

She has also worked for Frontier Flying Service of Fairbanks, as a pilot, which included flying fire patrol for the Bureau of Land Management.

Mrs. Jeffus holds a B.S. degree in mathematics and physics as well as a M.S. degree in mathematics.

She is married and her husband is a pilot and a licensed A&P (airframe and power plant) mechanic.

According to Jerry Church, AIA's director of flight operations, "AIA is pleased to have the first woman rated Hercules flight engineer. We know she'll exhibit the same competence and ability in her new position that she has consistently demonstrated in her previous responsibilities with Alaska International Air."

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"The repair on the wheel will probably take at least two hours," informed the pilot. On the way to the runway, the plane had run into a runway light.

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We finally got back on the plane where we had a Japanese-style dinner. On landing in Fairbanks, we encountered the hottest weather all through the nearly three weeks of traveling.

Back of us were nice things to remember about Halifax, a clean, smallish city of 120,000 people, friendly participants at the seminar and a fabulous gourmet meal of lobster — not one but two famous crustaceans that was given by the summer school personnel of the St. Mary's University.