

# MarkAir makes first run to Barrow

MarkAir, formerly Alaska International Air (AIA), last week started its new intra-Alaska scheduled passenger service with a flight for invited Alaska dignitaries and other passengers, ribbon-cutting ceremonies in An-

chorage and Fairbanks, and a dedication of MarkAir's new terminal in Barrow.

Accompanying MarkAir's Chairman Neil G. Bergt aboard the airline's Boeing 737-200 jet were Lt. Gov. Steve McAlpine,

Anchorage Assembly Chairman Rick Mystrom, Fairbanks North Star Borough Mayor Bill Allen, Fairbanks Mayor Bill Wally, North Slope Borough Mayor Eugene Brower and Barrow Mayor Nate Olemaun.

A special menu for the inaugural flight was prepared by MarkAir's catering consultant, Anchorage Chef and restaurant owner Regina Charboneau. Featured were hors d'oeuvres of lox and shrimp, a Lobster Parisienne entree, and a dessert of Regina's Walnut Chocolate Torte.

April 19, MarkAir will add service to King Salmon and Dillingham, followed by an expansion May 25 into flights to Nome, Kotzebue and Prudhoe Bay/Deadhorse.

Through March 15, as a special promotion MarkAir is offering two-for-one fares: each passenger who purchases a ticket between Anchorage, Fairbanks,

Bethel or Barrow can take along another person free.

Also, when MarkAir passengers connect on to Western Airlines flights, their mileage counts double for Western's Travel Pass II Program. This double mileage offer is effective through April 15.

The company purchased Great Northern Airlines in 1980, and established intra-Alaska scheduled cargo service which now serves 17 communities.

MarkAir has also continued its international charter flying with sales offices in Houston, London, Frankfurt, HongKong, Singapore, Tokyo, Taipei, Seoul and Sydney.