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[MORRIS TO BE 1995 SPEAKER](#)

The 1995 meetings of the Alaska Chapter of the American Statistical Association are now final! The conference is set for **19-20 June, 1995**, in Juneau. **Carl Morris**, from the Harvard University Statistical Department, will be the invited lecturer. He will give us a 1-day short course on **parametric empirical Bayes methods**. Attached to this newsletter is a "*Parametric Empirical Bayes Primer*" hopefully, to pique your interest.

Hal Geiger has reserved a room on the main campus of University of Alaska-Fairbanks-Juneau by Auke Lake, Room 110 in the Hendrickson Building. The cost will be \$60 with sponsorship, \$10 without sponsorship (plus one year free membership to the Alaska Chapter of the ASA if not already a member!), and students may attend free of charge. **Please contact Jay Ver Hoef to present a paper - or, have a discussion of a current problem on which you are working.** All topics are welcome. So far, the agenda looks like this:

Day	Date	Activity
Sunday	18 June	Carl Morris arrives in the afternoon
Monday	19 June	Carl Morris gives a day-long short course on parametric empirical Bayes

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		methods
Monday evening	19 June	social/fish fry at Hal Geiger's or elsewhere
Tuesday morning	20 June	Chapter member's presentations
Tuesday afternoon	20 June	Chapter business meeting
Wednesday	21 June	some early-day fishing then hike to a cabin to spend the night
Thursday	21 June	return to Juneau

Carl Morris will be hiking up and staying in a cabin near Juneau on Wednesday night, 21 June. If anyone is interested in joining Carl, Hal, and Jay on this adventure, please let Hal or Jay know. The trail begins on the outskirts of Juneau, and requires a couple of hours to get to the cabin, located in the alpine areas above Juneau. The cabin is large, so please feel welcome! If many people want to go, some of us can bring tents. You will need to bring your own sleeping bag. It should be a good chance to get to know each other more informally. Summer is a nice time in Juneau. Make a vacation of it! Pile the whole family into the car and take the ferry from Haines, and don't forget your fishing rods.

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OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- On a related topic, in the week previous to our Alaska Chapter of the ASA conference, there is another conference of the Pacific Northwest Resource Modeler's Association in Juneau, from 13 June to 15 June. **Contact Terry Quinn in Juneau for further details.** Terry can be reached at: **e-mail:** jftjq@acad1.alaska.edu or 1-907-465-5389.
- The American Statistical Association Council of Chapters recently (1991) established a Chapter Service Recognition Award. This award provides a special acknowledgment of efforts of Chapter members across the county. It consists of a certificate and an announcement of the recipient at the Council of Chapters Business Meeting during the Joint Statistical Meetings each summer. This year was our turn. However, the name of the designee must be submitted by April 21, 1995. Obviously, we do not have time to complete this process this year. We can wait a year, so we should think about nominating some of our members at our business meeting in Juneau. **Please call Jay Ver Hoef if you have suggestions and will not be able to make the Juneau meetings.**
- There will not be a spring video short course this spring. The Alaska Chapter members of the ASA who work for the state already have to find funding to attend two conferences in the same fiscal year, so we decided to put off the short course until the fall. **Hal Geiger** will be ordering the tape. So far, we have

tentatively picked the "***Measurement Error Models***" course given by Wayne Fuller. If there are other suggestions, we can entertain some discussion on this topic at our meetings in Juneau, or give Hal a call.

- The Alaska Chapter of the ASA will help organize a session at the Arctic Science Conference, to be held this year in Fairbanks, from 19-22 September 1995. The theme of the conference is *GIS, spatial statistics, and ecological modeling*. **Contact Ron Barry or Jay Ver Hoef if you want to present a paper or otherwise get involved.**

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Since the last treasurer's report the chapter received a total of \$89.74 in interest on the chapter's savings account (\$42.06 for the 4th quarter of 1994 and \$47.68 for the 1st quarter of 1995); \$50.00 in course fees for the 1994 annual meeting (all course fees have now been paid); and \$168.00 in member dues. The only paid-out expenses since the last newsletter include \$59.91 for postage to mail out the last newsletter with the chapter directory. Leaving a balance as of 26 April 1995 of \$5,388.95.

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FROM YOUR NEWSLETTER EDITOR

I (Allen Bingham) continue to serve as the newsletter editor. In future issues of the newsletter, I would like to include any and all ***items of interest*** to our members. So if you have any news you'd like to see in print, drop me a line (see my address information near the end of this newsletter).

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CHAPTER DUES ALERT

Please note that the number next to your name on the mailing label is the last year for which we have received dues and the letter represents the type of membership (R=Regular, S=Student). The mailing labels with "ASA" printed next to the name are for National association officers or staff that are sent complimentary copies of the newsletter. If your mailing label has the letters "CMP" or "CML" representing a complimentary copy, then you're on "notice" that you either need to renew your membership or expect to be dropped from the mailing list. **If your address label has the letters "CML" note that this may be your very last newsletter you receive.**

Please renew your membership. Dues may be sent to Allen Bingham, ADF&G, SF-RTS, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518-1599 or included with your membership dues for the national organization. Regular membership is \$10 and \$1 for students, make checks payable to AK ASA, and send to Allen Bingham.

The Chapter needs your dues. These moneys defray the costs of the annual business meetings and newsletters as well as some of the costs of continuing education. Remembering to pay dues is easy when attending the annual meeting, but the Chapter needs your dues whether you attend the annual meeting or not.

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On the inside page to the mailing cover to this newsletter I (Allen Bingham) have reprinted the information that I currently have in the Chapter's address database. I'd appreciate any and all corrections sent to me so I can keep an up-to-date list. Thanks.

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*UNDER CONSTRUCTION - Will add a link here to TEK FILE.
If your too "impatient" then contact [Jay Ver Hoef](#), for a copy.*

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