

MONTANA PILOTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 27, 1993
AVIATION CONFERENCE, MISSOULA

The minutes of the Annual Meeting for 1992 were read and approved.

The minutes of the December 5th, 1992 Board Meeting were read and approved.

Vicki Beck ran through the financial statements and treasurers report for the year of 1992. The treasurers report was approved.

Presidents Report

Lisle Wood outgoing President gave a report of the progress of the Montana Pilots Association for the past couple of years. The South Central Hangar has become quite active again, and Stan Monger from Bozeman is trying to get the Gallatin Hangar active again. We are still working on trying to get the Five Valleys Hangar active again.

Lisle gave his thanks to Dwight Holman, Great Falls and Greg Mecklenburg, Bozeman for all their help on the fuel tax legislation. The hearing on the fuel tax will be held within the next couple of weeks. We need to show our support for this legislation to our legislators.

Pat Lipto gave us a report on the Flying Rendezvous they have been having every month. From those rendezvous's that they have had the pilots have donated \$175 for the Jr Pilot of the year.

Nominations Committee

President - Bob Lipscomb
Eastern Director - Donna French
Treasurer - Vicki Beck
Eastern Vice President - Loren Smith
Western Vice President - Dennis DeVivo
Western Director - Jay Billmeyer

It was an unanimous ballot for the slate of officers. Officers were all approved.

Bob Lipscomb gave us a report on the goals he has for the 1993 operating year. He would like to see the membership continue to increase through out the year. He would like to develop programs to get young people involved in aviation and continue to keep them interested in aviation. Bob would like to see the hangars from the western half of the state become more active and more involved in the activities of the Montana Pilots Association.

OLD BUSINESS

John Lowry gave us a report on the progress of Air Currents. We need to gain some more support from advertiser. John was going to talk to the exhibitors and have them write articles in the area of their expertise. The deadline for having things printed in Air Currents is the 15th of the month.

HANGAR REPORTS

Central Montana Hangar - Frank Bass
Dean Koffler is the new President for the Hangar. They hold their meetings on the last Tuesday of the month.

Glendive Hangar - Pat Lifto
They are continuing to hold their Flying Rendevous. The next on will be held on March 13th in Laurel.

Southwest Montana Hangar - Lisle Wood
They are planning another fly-in for August. They are also putting a bid together for the 1995 Aviation Conference.

Flathead Hangar - Bruce McIntyre
Bruce is the new president for the Flathead Hangar. The Hangar is starting to come back to life. Bruce gave us a run down of the programs they will be having at their meetings through the end of the year. They are planning a couple of fly-outs for June and July and they are working on a Airshow at Glacier Park International to be held in August. They hold their meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Outlaw Inn.

Colstrip Hangar - Bailey Egan
Their main project is working on the pilots waiting area. All the construction work on the building has been volunteer.

Vigilante Hangar - Ted Beck
The Vigilante hangar has not been very active the past couple of years. The hangar just elected new officers for the year, so they now hope to become more active.

South Central Montana Hangar - Bob Redding
The South Central Hangar is starting to become active again. They work closely with the EAA. They are working on the 1994 Aviation Conference which is slated for Billings. They are co-sponsoring the conference with the EAA and also MATA. They hold their meetings on the 1st Thursday of the month.

Great Falls Hangar - Loren Smith
The Great Falls Hangar would like to work on getting some programs started to get the young people of Great Falls interested in aviation. They are working on the Benchmark fly-in that they co-sponsor along with the Vigilante Hangar. They are also working on

bid for the 1995 Aviation Conference.

Miles City Hangar - Merrill Percy

They have got the Miles City up and active again. They having a fly-in breakfast on June 5th.

Valley Hangar - Bob Lipscomb

They are planning another canoe trip for this summer, they are going to move the trip up to June 18 - 20 instead of August this year. They hold their meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

North Central Hangar

They are having a fly-in June 18 - 19 in conjunction with the Antiquers.

CHANGE IN BY-LAWS

The Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Aviation Conference. The change was approved.

The procedure for the funds of an inactive hangar has been changed. The new amendment will read as follows: The state MPA will collect the treasury from an inactive hangar after two years of inactivity. These funds would be held in an escrow account for a period of five years, and returned to the local hangar should it be reactivated. If the hangar does not become reactivated within the five years the money in the escrow account would revert to the general fund of the state MPA.

Dave Gates is still the MPA Representative on the AOM Board.

There was some discussion on the amount the hangars receive from each membership received. There will be further discussion on this issue at the next Board Meeting.

Wally Taylor from the Washington Pilots Association would like our help in Boise on keeping the wilderness airstrips open. The meeting will be held March 24 - 26. The MPA will send 2 representatives to this meeting. This action was approved.

The next Board Meeting will be held April 17th, in Lewistown.

The meeting was adjourned.

AMENDMENT TO MONTANA PILOTS ASSOCIATION STATE BY-LAWS

Passed at a General Membership meeting at the 1993 State Aviation Conference in Missoula, Montana; February 27, 1993.

The following paragraph shall be added to Meetings Article II Section 4 of the State By-Laws:

Directors Meetings. The Board of Directors shall meet at least three (3) times each year in addition to the annual meeting. The first such meeting shall be held within (30) days following the annual meeting. Special meetings may be called by the State President by giving two weeks notice, in writing, to all members of the Board. The annual meeting of the Montana Pilots Association will be held in conjunction with the Montana Aviation Conference.

AMENDMENT TO MONTANA PILOTS ASSOCIATION STATE BY-LAWS

Passed at a General Membership meeting at the 1993 State Aviation Conference in Missoula, Montana; February 27, 1993.

The following paragraph shall be added to Local Hangars in Article VI Section 4 of the State By-Laws:

The State MPA will collect the treasury from an inactive hangar after two years of inactivity. These funds would be held in an escrow account for a period of five years, and returned to the local hangar should it be reactivated. If the hangar does not become reactivated within the five years the money in the escrow account would revert to the general fund of the State MPA.

MONTANA PILOTS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
APRIL 17, 1993 LEWISTOWN, MONTANA

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:

VICKI BECK, DENNIS DEVIVO, RANDY SMITH, JERRY MAYALA, TED MCPHERSON, MERRILL PEARCY, BOB LIPSCOMB, CATHY SIMKINS, DEAN KOFFLER

MPA MEMBERS ATTENDING: ALAN BENTLEY, BOB REDDING, JOHN LOWRY, GERRY SMITH, FRANK BASS, FRED BOOTH, TED BECK, WILLY RIMBY, GREG DUNCAN

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held in Missoula were approved as read.

The Treasurers Report was approved as presented.

Dennis DeVivo will check and see if the Dillon Hangar would like to host the Fall Fly-in this year. He will get back to us.

WILDERNESS AIRSTRIPS

Frank Bass, and Lanny Hanson represented the MPA at the meeting in Boise. Mike Ferguson from the Aeronautics Division also attended. Frank gave us a short brief on the meeting. He thought that if the Americans with Disabilities got more organized that they might be able to get more of the strips open. The Forest Service closed the strips in Montana, a forest ranger could open the airstrips anytime he wants but they would rather not take the responsibility. There will be a meeting in Kalispell on April 24, on the Limits of Acceptable Change, Bob Lipscomb will represent the MPA at the meeting.

The MPA will reimburse Frank and Lanny for their fuel and registration expenses for the meeting in Boise. The expenses are as follows:

Lanny Fuel -	\$52.00
Lanny Reg -	\$135.00
Frank Fuel -	\$33.65

Both Frank and Lanny paid for their own lodging and meals.

OLD BUSINESS

John Lowry hand delivered a letter from Mary Ann Lutz concerning the status of the Air Currents. She submitted her resignation as publisher of the Air Currents due to the fact that she was losing too much money each month to continue.

There was discussion on whether to continue with the Air Currents, and if so how would we pay for it. There was discussion on whether to have a dues increase or sell subscriptions to Air Currents.

There was discussion on if the state should take over the newsletter, and if so how would the state finance it, or to pay Mary Ann to continue to do the Air Currents.

Frank made a motion to pay for one more issue of Air Currents and state that this is the last issue. And put to the members a dues increase of \$10.00. And we will go with the majority of the responses received.

The motion was tabled.

Dean Koffler made a motion to have Mary Ann produce the Air Currents for eight months, April - September and an issue in November and also an issue in January. The Air Currents would consist of four pages at a cost of \$400.00 per issue. If more advertising income is received then we can add additional pages.

Motion Carries

MEMBERSHIP

There was some discussion on who should recruit the membership for MPA. Some people thought it should be up to the state and some thought it should be up to each individual hangar. The general concensus was to leave the recruitment up to the individual hangar. It was also discussed that we increase the rebate to the hangars. The hangars now get \$3.00 per member and they receive nothing for associate members. It was discussed to increase the rebate to \$4.00 for full members and \$1.50 for associate members.

It will be discussed at a later date on whether to increase the membership dues and how much the increase will be.

We will revise the membership applications forms to explain what the hangar designation is and what the member at large is, put a space on the form for a subscription to the Western Flyer for \$12.50. The Western Flyer offers a discount to MPA members.

Bob had a mug and a certificate made up to present to Lisle Wood as past president of MPA. MPA will reimburse Bob for the expenses.

President Clinton plans to impose \$100 million dollars a year in new General Aviation Fuel Taxes and also plans on an Annual Federal Registration fee for aircraft that will cost general aviation \$150 million over the next five years. We need to send letters to our congressmen against these issues. Bob sent letters already as President of MPA.

FUEL TAX LEGISLATION

The Senate passed the amendment to HB645 which would exclude the Part 121 carriers from paying the fuel tax increase. It went back to the House and the House defeated the amendment.

Pete Smith came up with the idea of producing MPA belt buckles. Bob checked with Kent at Montana Silversmiths there would be a one time set up fee of \$900. The minimum order would be 100 buckles at \$44.00, 250 buckles would be \$32.50 each and 500 buckles would be \$32.00 each.

We will put article in newsletter and see how many orders we receive.

Motion was made to pass a resolution to the FAA to substitute the actual density altitude figure for the present warning in ATIS broadcasts and airport advisories to check density altitude.

The motion passed.

We are in the process of updating the computer data base for MPA. Nancy Bridges from Helena has volunteered to help with this project.

Bob requested that the board come up with goals that they would like MPA to achieve. We will also put a notice in the newsletter for ideas from the general members.

We will be receiving about 150 Young Eagle Kits from EAA. When we receive them we will be sending some to each Hangar President.

The meeting was adjourned.

CONFERENCE CALL
APRIL 28, 1993

Board Members participating in the call are as follows:
Dean Koffler, Frank Bass, Bruce McIntyre, Stan Monger, Rick Kraft,
Randy Smith, Bob Lipscomb, Jerry Mayala, Vicki Beck, Cathy Simkins

The conference call was concerning the status of the Air Currents
and a dues increase to produce this publication.

Central Montana Hangar - 30 members voted unanimously to
discontinue the Air Currents and not have a dues increase.

Valley Hangar - No due increase.

Bruce McIntyre suggested we go to a quarterly newsletter.
Frank Bass thought that a quarterly newsletter would be just fine.

Bob Lipscomb proposed we go back to the Heading Bug on a trial
basis to determine how often we can afford to publish the
newsletter.

Randy Smith said that when they were in Colstrip, there were about
20 people who wanted to keep the Air Currents and were also in
favor of a dues increase.

Bob Lipscomb after analyzing our financial position stated that we
could not afford to pay \$400 a month to produce the Air Currents.
We would be spending all our income on the newsletter.

Dave Gates brought up that the MPA Board voted to have \$3.00 from
each membership received to be put aside for special projects. Due
to this fact there is no way we can afford to pay for the Air
Currents.

Bob took a poll from the individuals on the call to see what their
opinion was on a dues increase, they are as follows:

Randy Smith -	Yes
Dean Koffler -	No
Frank Bass -	No
Bruce McIntyre -	No
Stan Monger -	No
Rick Kraft -	No
Jerry Mayala -	No
Vicki Beck -	No
Dave Gates -	No

Frank made a motion to accept the resignation of Mary Ann Lutz, the publisher of the Air Currents dated April 17, 1993, due to the fact that the Montana Pilots Association does not have the funds available to support the Air Currents. We will go back to publishing the Heading Bug. The first issue will be used to establish the cost of publishing the Heading Bug to determine how often the Heading Bug will be published.

Rick Kraft seconded the motion.

The vote from the Board on this motion is as follows:

Frank Bass -	Yes
Bruce McIntyre -	Yes
Stan Monger -	Yes
Rick Kraft -	Yes
Randy Smith -	NO
Jerry Mayala -	Yes
Bob Lipscomb -	Yes
Vicki Beck -	Yes

The motion carries. We will maintain the newsletter named the Heading Bug.

Jerry Mayala asked how the advertisers who have prepaid for ads would be handled. Bob stated it was the obligation of the publisher of the Air Currents to refund their money. We will send a follow up letter asking if they are satisfied with the settlement and ask them to advertise in the Heading Bug.

Bob read the resolution to the FAA on the reporting of Density Altitude. He will send it to the FAA on behalf of the MPA.

To all Hangar Presidents & Board Members, I propose the following as being the least expensive way to put out a newsletter 10 times a year, slacking off in a couple of the slower winter months. I will try to do this in the most professional manner as I know how. Please let me know your opinion as quickly as possible.

Cost to purchase a reconditioned TOSHIBA Model BD-7720 copier, capable of producing Ledger sized 11" X 17" copies (same size as AIR CURRENT or HEADING BUG when opened up):

\$1200.00

Cost of ream of WHITE 11"X17" paper = \$ 9.25 or \$46.25 per case of 2500 sheets.

COLORED 11"X17" paper = \$13.90 or \$60.50 per case

Cost of 6 CASES of WHITE 11"X17" = \$277.50 (enough for 30 issues @ 500 copies)

" " COLORED 11"X17" = \$363.00

Cost of SERVICE CONTRACT for 30,000 copies (15,000 double-sided, divided by 500 copies per issue = 30 ISSUES, at 10 issues a year = 3 years). \$555.00

Can buy larger or smaller blocks and as often as necessary

\$1200.00 COST to PURCHASE Copier. One time cost

555.00 SERVICE CONTRACT for 30 issues

277.25 White 11"X17" paper (COLORED PAPER \$363.00)

3000.00 Bulk rate postage @ \$ 0.20 X 500 copies per issue X 30 issues

\$5032.25 TOTAL COST FOR 30 ISSUES (3 years @ 10 issues per year)

\$5118.00 TOTAL COST IF USING COLORED PAPER =

\$5118.00 divided by 30 issues = \$170.60 per issue or \$0.3412 per copy

\$5032.25 divided by 30 issues = \$167.74 per issue or \$0.3355 per copy based on 500

copies each issue. As membership increases, I think that the cost per copy will stay relatively the same. We may want to pay an "Instant Printer" to prepare some photo work for us, but at these projected costs.....we will be able to afford it.

SELECT OFFICE SUPPLY in Glasgow, is willing to set this copier up in my home office for a trial period of several weeks. I intend to show what we can expect if I put this out. I will need help from Cathy by sending mailing labels, pre-sorted by ZIP CODE. May have to box them up and send to Helena to be mailed, since that is where our bulk permit is located.

I understand what a tremendous effort this will require, especially in the beginning.

Both Peg and I are willing to commit to that. Editorial help would be appreciated if available from within our membership

If we can sell just FIVE ADS at \$30.00 per issue = \$150.00, this publication can support itself almost entirely.

Bob,

_____ I agree that your proposal to purchase a reconditioned copier and produce the HEADING BUG newsletter 10 times a year is a good idea. I support that decision and vote in favor of the proposal.

_____ I disagree, and once again you have demonstrated why you like to fly, 'cause you are full of HOT AIR, I do not think that this is the approach we should take. I suggest we look at other ways to produce the HEADING BUG.

I offer the following suggestion for producing the HEADING BUG:

SIGNED _____

REPRESENTING _____

HANGAR

MAIL TO:

BOB LIPSCOMB

RR1 BOX 4546

GLASGOW, MT. 59230

MONTANA PILOTS ASSOCIATION
CONFERENCE CALL
SUNDAY, MAY 23RD, 1993

ROLL CALL: BOB LIPSCOMB, FRANK BASS, TED MCPHERSON, JOHN DOVE,
BRUCE MCINTYRE, PAT LIFTO, LOREN SMITH, MERRILL PEARCY, DARROLD
HUTCHINSON, RANDY SMITH, JERRY MAYALA, DONNA FRENCH, DENNIS DEVIVO,
DAVE GATES, VICKI BECK, CATHY HOYRUP

June 5th - Miles City Fly-In
Fly-In Breakfast, Air Show, Static Display plus other
activities.

Fall Fly-In - Dillon September 24 - 26, 1993

Laurel Airport Day - June 12

Antique Air Tour - June 16 - 18

Benchmark Fly-In - Memorial Day Weekend

DONATION TO THE EAA ACADEMY

At the Aviation Conference in Missoula, the MAMA (Montana
Airport Managers Association) stated that they would match any
donation up to a certain amount.

Frank made the motion to donate \$100 to send a Montana student to
the EAA Air Academy this summer. John seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote - The vote was unanimous to send the donation.

The Air Currents would cost us over a dollar per issue. The expense
of the Air Currents would be more than the income. The alternative
was to increase the dues. At the April 17th board meeting, the
Desktop Publisher turned over her resignation. It was decided that
the state would pay \$400 per issue for a four page newsletter.
There was a Conference Call held April 28, and it was voted on to
discontinue the Air Currents and go back to the Heading Bug. The
Conference Call was not in compliance with the State By-Laws.
Therefore with the two weeks written notice required by the state
by-laws another conference call was set up.

Bob's Proposal is to accept the resignation of the Desktop
Publisher and purchase a Toshiba copier.

Cost of copier - \$1,200

This price includes all consumables up to 30,000 copies.

That comes to about 3 years worth of copies.

There was some discussion on this issue, and the cost of having a
print shop produce the Heading Bug.

Loren made the motion to discontinue the funding of the Air Currents, and if Bob would do the work up for the newsletter and send it to Loren, Loren would print the newsletter free of charge and send it back to Bob to be folded. Loren will commit to this until September 30, 1993. There is a board meeting in July and we can discuss this issue further at that meeting after we have had the chance to see how things are going. John seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: The Vote was unanimous.

Bob will send a letter to the Desktop Publisher and inform them of the results of the Conference Call.

Bob would like to put out the first issue of the Heading Bug right away. He would like everyone to send him the information from their hangars by June 1. After this he would like to receive the information by the 15th of the Month. Bob and Peggy will continue to do the newsletter until the service contract is up.

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING:
MONTANA PILOTS ASSOCIATION
SCHAFFER MEADOWS, GREAT BEAR WILDERNESS, MONTANA**

July 17, 1993

Montana Pilots Association's quarterly Board Meeting was called to order by the President at 14:10 PM. Board members present were Bob Lipscomb, President; Lanny Hanson, designated representative of Valley Hangar; Jay Billmeyer, Western Director; Loren Smith, Eastern Vice President; Dennis DeVivo, Western Vice President. MPA members present: Peggy Lipscomb, Mike Ferguson, Herb Sammons, Larry Larson, Jean DeVivo. The poor attendance is due to the weather, rain and clouds on and off for most of the week.

Minutes of April 17th Board Meeting at Lewistown were read and approved.

Hangar reports:

FLATHEAD HANGAR: Jay Billmeyer reports that meetings are well attended, with a program presented at each meeting. Lots of activity, but weather has prevented a lot of flying so far for the summer. There will be a big Airshow at Kalispell's Glacier Park International Airport on August 28, 1993. Invited all to attend.

VIGILANTE HANGAR: Mike Ferguson reported that the Family Fly-In at Helena over the July 4th weekend had limited success due to the wet and cloudy weather. About 150 Young Eagles Flights were given. He thanked all that worked so hard to make it work as well as it did, and appreciated those who were able to get there in spite of the gloomy weather.

GREAT FALLS HANGAR: Loren Smith reports that the scheduled Fly-In Breakfast at Lincoln would be re-scheduled in several weeks, bad weather got them also. He reported that the Annual Memorial Day Work Session at Benchmark was not well attended. The poor attendance was discussed, and will make a concentrated effort on getting the word out for next year.

DILLON HANGAR: Dennis DeVivo reports that plans are well underway for the Annual MPA Fall Fly-In scheduled for September 24, 25 and 26th. Asked that good coverage be provided in the HEADING BUG.

VALLEY HANGAR: Bob Lipscomb reported that we have been experiencing our share of "non-flying" weather. Would like to gather the Hangar together for a picnic before the end of summer or fall. Reported that the Rendezvous in the Eastern part of the state are keeping people flying and active.

End of Hangar reports.

Lipscomb reported that MPA member **Wally Taylor**, of Spokane, Washington, died recently of cancer. Wally was a familiar face at many of the work sessions at Schafers, and would always be found at the Annual Aviation Conferences. He will be missed.

Lipscomb asked about Fuel Tax revenues. Ferguson reported that as of **1 July, 1993**, the tax was being collected and revenues would be available as provided by the legislation. Bob wanted to thank all who worked so long and so hard to bring this legislation to law.

A discussion was held about the future of Kalispell City Airport. There are plans to develop the airport. Jay Billmeyer gave a talk about what has happened in the past, and some possible plans. It was agreed that MPA would keep informed, and work with Montana Aeronautics, Flathead Hangar and the AOPA to do what we could to protect this vital aviation resource.

NEWSLETTER: The **HEADING BUG** was discussed at length. All agreed on the importance of a monthly newsletter during the high activity flying times of the year. Lipscomb reported that many Hangars are not getting the news articles in unless prompted. Board suggested that if prompting was necessary, then pick up the phone and remind them. Loren Smith reported that he has not been photo copying the **HEADING BUG** as we all thought was the case. He has been sending it to a printer for the last two months, at his expense. Says that it takes up too many man-hours to photocopy, and is tough on the equipment to do that way, and the quality leaves a lot to be desired. There was more discussion. Originally, Lipscomb had suggested that MPA purchase a re-conditioned photo copier. In view of what Smith had to say, it was decided **NOT** to purchase the photo copier at this time, but to get bids from several sources, and directed the President to continue publishing the newsletter in a cost efficient manner. The Board granted him the power to make that decision, and proceed. We will review that decision at the Fall Fly-In in Dillon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussed how plans are progressing for the Annual Aviation Conference to be held in Billings in February 1994. Herb Sammoms agreed to do what he could to secure a keynote speaker for the event. Herb will write to see if there is a possibility, schedules permitting, to obtain Chuck Yeager for the Conference. No promises, but he agreed to try.

J. C. McLaughlin, of New York City, made a **\$500 contribution** to be used for the Schafer Meadows campground. Mr. McLaughlin has been into Schafers for several years, and appreciates the work that the MPA has done to maintain the facility. It was agreed to use this contribution to install a Handicapped Access Outhouse at the Pilots campground. Our sincere thanks to this gentleman for his generous action.

Next Quarterly Board Meeting will be held in conjunction with the MPA Fall Fly-In at Dillon, Montana, on Saturday, September 25th, 1993 at 1 PM.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Billmayer to adjourn the meeting.
Seconded by DeVivo. Meeting adjourned at 15:56 PM.

Robert D. Lipscomb
President, MPA

Montana Pilots Association
Board Meeting
Fall Fly-In September 25, 1993
Dillon, Montana

THOSE ATTENDING:

JERRY MAYALA - HELENA
BRUCE MCINTYRE - KALISPELL
LISLE WOOD - BUTTE
FRANK BASS - LEWISTOWN
BOB REDDING - LAUREL
BOB DAVIS - COLSTRIP

MERRILL PEARCY - MILES CITY
PAT LIFTO - GLENDIVE
BOB LIPSCOMB - GLASGOW
DENNIS DEVIVO - DILLON
JIM PANNELL - DILLON

Approval of Minutes for Board Meeting on July 17, 1993.
Approval of Treasurers Report.

HANGAR REPORTS

Vigilante Hangar - Jerry Mayala

The hangar sold t-shirts and refreshments at the Family Fly-In held in Helena over the 4th of July weekend. The weather was not very good so the attendance was down. They are planning on a another fly-in next summer. The Vigilante Hangar donated \$200 to the Jr. Pilot Award from their proceeds from the fly-in.

Flathead Hangar - Bruce McIntyre

The Flathead Hangar holds their meetings once a month and at each meeting they have an educational program. They helped with the Air Show held at Glacier Park International in August. They are having a mechanics symposium for their September meeting.

Southwest Montana Hangar - Lisle Wood

The hangar is almost dead. They are hoping to become active again this winter.

Central Montana Hangar - Frank Bass

They have a dinner meeting the last Tuesday of each month and also try to have a program at each meeting.

Dillon Hangar - Jim Pannell

They have just reorganized the hangar. They have been keeping busy this summer by putting together the Fall Fly-In. The Dillon Flying Service offered their hangar for their meetings. They have been holding meetings once a month and have been having a program at each meeting. They are hoping to bring in a U2 Pilot for a meeting later in the fall. They will notify the hangars when they know all of the facts.

South Central - Bob Redding

They have been holding activities in conjunction with the EAA they are working together on the Young Eagles Program. They hold their meetings on the 1st Thursday of the month.

Colstrip - Bob Davis

Their pilots waiting area they have been working on the past couple of years is now complete. The waiting area is open 24hrs a day.

Miles City - Merrill Percy

The Miles City Airport Appreciation Day was very successful. On July 6, there was a B17 in Miles City, it was a real crowd pleaser. They have a fly-in scheduled for June 4, 1994 it could be a conflict with the Canadian Air Tour. They are having a rendezvous at the Alvin Hirsch Ranch on October 2.

Glendive - Pat Lifo

They are putting in a pilots lounge. They are holding a rendezvous November 14 10:00 A.M. They would like to continue the rendezvous year round. The turn out for the eastern half of the state has been great.

Valley - Bob Lipscomb

Denney Bridges from the FAA in Helena will be in Glasgow on October 5th to do a program on winter flying. The Montana Flying Farmers are having their convention in Glasgow October 10 - 11. There will be a hangar dance and a barbeque.

Mike Ferguson gave a quick report on the activities of the Aeronautics Division. September is the first month for the revenues from the fuel tax. The Aeronautics Board will be reviewing the rules and policies for the money for airport loans and grants. The board will prioritize the loan applications they receive.

They had a reasonably good turn out for the West Yellowstone Fly-In. Not much attendance from Montana Pilots though. The weather was perfect. They are already planning the fly-in for next year.

Mike was contacted by Terry Surratt's wife concerning setting up a memorial fund in memory of her husband. She would like to partially fund the Winter Survival Clinic in his name. The clinic was dropped due to funding a few years ago. The clinic will probably be held in early March at the Lincoln Airport. It will be the 1st Terry Surratt Memorial Winter Survival Clinic.

We are having problems in getting articles for the Heading Bug. Please send your articles to Bob before the 15th of the month. We need support from the hangars for the Heading Bug.

New Business

Nominating Committee

Lisle Wood Chairman

Send any nominations you may have to Lisle in Butte.