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Board Meeting
Oct. 2, 2004
MT Aeronautics – Helena, MT

Meeting called to order: 1:15 PM

Present: President, Chuck Manning; Sec/Treas., Geanette Cebulski; Western Vice-President, Joe Roberts; Eastern Director, Jim Lewis; Western Director, Chuck Jarecki; Immed. Past-President, Lonnie Leslie; Valley Hangar President, Joe Younkin; AOM Rep., Bailey Egan; Great Falls Hangar President, Dan Prill; Newsletter Editor, Art Lindstrom; Mt Aeronautics, Patty Kautz.

Minutes: April 24, 2004 – Approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Financial Reports YTD Sept. 30, 2004, reviewed and approved as presented.

General Funds	\$ 4,426.03
Junior Pilot Funds	6,180.84
Recreational Airstrip Funds	18,047.46
War Chest Funds	10,063.18
Cash	69.17

Informational Reports:

- **MPA President,** Chuck Manning – Sent statements of support for Drummond VOR to be re-commissioned and for Ft. Peck Reservoir expansion of plan for float planes. Correspondence from Steve Jones, FAA Safety Program Manager, thanking us for our support and asking for a list of local hangar contacts. (Attached).

Appointment and Committee Reports:

- **MT Aeronautics Division,** Patty Kautz – (Report attached) Real Estate Disclosure Bill – need to determine legislative sponsor. Title 67, Chapter 5, MACO working on a draft for a land use bill. Galt has asked for a review of public use airports for compliance with Chapter 5. Canyon Ferry airport ownership assumed by Broadwater County a few weeks ago. MSPC (Montana Search Pilot Clinic)-decision not to use Schafer, Meadow Creek this year – used Whitefish, Ferndale and Spotted Bear instead. Fort Peck Meeting in Glasgow at Cottonwood Inn, October 13th at 11:00 am. Canyon Ferry float plane use is authorized but no commercial use. Missouri River, BLM drafting management plan for seaplanes. Missouri Breaks – preferred alternative for 6 of 10 airstrips to remain open. Benchmark – letter sent with recommendation to pulverize and seal pavement. Loans /grants – apps. will go out in October, due in end of November, meeting January. 2005

- Conference Meeting – Rick Griffith appointed Chairman, Dave Fine, Treasurer. Lisle Woods will do artwork and will have an Irish/St. Patrick's Day Theme.
- **MT Aeronautics Board**, Lonnie Leslie reported the possibility that Malstrom may reopen as the Homeland Security location.
- **Aviation Organizations of Montana**, Bailey Egan – (Report attached) Presentations were made for the 2006 Aviation Conference by Billings and Helena. Helena was selected for the conference Feb 23-25, 2006 at the Red Lion Colonial Inn. The 2005 Aviation Conference will be in Butte March 3 – 5. Host groups are MAMA, MPA and MAAA. MPA will sponsor 1 or 2 concurrent sessions during the conference. Possibly a Hangar Officer/Board Member session and a Parliamentary Procedures session by high school students. Inquired about plans for 2005 Lewis & Clark celebration activities. AOM will sponsor the Real Estate Disclosure bill regarding how close property is to the nearest airport when selling. Bailey needs more support on issues such as this as the MPA's representative on the AOM board. **Chuck Jarecki made a motion for the MPA to endorse the concept of a Real Estate Discloser Law around federally chartered airports. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Education / Safety**, Jim Lewis – Will help Patty with a concurrent session for the conference about parliamentary procedures.
- **Membership**, Geanette Cebulski – (Report attached) Reported 696 members as of Sept. 30, 2004 – 469 members on this date last year. Results of Heading Bug membership drive were 101 memberships received on HB forms, 54 of them new memberships. 4700 or 4800 newsletters were sent out twice. Hangars were asked to follow up with names from the mailings and they planned to make contact with these people through hangar activities. Applications also come in from direct mailing of renewals, website forms, and aviation conference, but the most come in through the individual hangars. Last year we decided to centralize the dues collection which we plan to implement this fall by mailing out renewal forms to all current members. This should help out the individual hangars and enable us to process the members for the newsletter mailing list in a timelier manner. It is very important that Hangars continue to follow up on the status of their renewals and with Hangar membership drives since that is how we have received memberships in the past.
- **Newsletter**, Art Lindstrom – Needs information, hangar reports etc. The success of the newsletter is dependent on continuing to receive reports and articles. We are now exchanging newsletter with some of our neighboring states. Patty will send copies of the MT Aeronautics newsletter, MT and the Sky to our out-of-state, at-large members.
- **Recreational Airstrip Committee**, Dan Prill –(Report attached) Missouri River Breaks activities, Meadow Creek water acquisition, Little Belts Travel Plan, new RAF Website, parties showing interest in donating land to RAF and interest in opening an airstrip.
- **Website**, Chuck Manning – Recap of new website proposal. Yoshie Simmons can upgrade our website into the Dreamweaver format for \$1000. for 10 pages. **Joe Roberts made a motion to give Yoshie the go ahead to continue developing the website in the presented (Dreamweaver) format. Motion carried unanimously.**
- **Hangar Reports**: Great Falls, Dan Prill (report attached) and Central MT, Jim Lewis

Old Business:

- **Policy & Procedures Manual** – Ongoing.
- **Fall Fly-in** – Results of Glasgow 2004 were discussed. Glasgow did a great job planning various activities but the attendance was very poor. Plans for 2005 open for suggestions. Some ideas were to involve the communities, give awards at the fly-in instead of the conference, air tours. Joe Younkin and Lonnie Leslie will work on some ideas.

- **2004 State Conference Report** – Financial Report received from the Conference Committee and the 75/25 split between Great Falls Hangar/State MPA finalized.
- **Dues** – At the October 2003 board meeting, the board made the decision to centralize dues collection beginning this fall for the 2005 dues. We should be able to process member's applications in a timelier manner. This fall, a membership renewal form for 2005 will be mailed out to all current members, with a self addressed envelope included. The rate for dues includes an increase of \$5.00 per member which will be rebated to the Hangar of choice or in the case of members at-large, the dues will be earmarked to be used at the discretion of the board or targeted for recruiting new memberships. A sample application form and rate schedule was presented to the board. (attached) The board recommended adding the wording "The Hangar of your choice will receive a \$5.00 rebate from your dues." *Joe Younkin moved to adopt the revised schedule. Motion carried unanimously.*
- **MPA Merchandise** – Discussed ways to streamline the process of orders received on the website and elsewhere. Credit card payments for on-line payments of dues and merchandise were discussed.
- **Hospitality Tent** – Chuck Manning and Bailey Egan promoted the MPA by furnishing a tent, chairs, table and refreshments at several aviation events this summer – Three Forks, Polson and Glasgow. The activity was successful and will plan to continue. *Jim Lewis moved to reimburse Chuck and Bailey for tent, chairs, and table, etc. Motion carried unanimously.*

New Business:

- **Summer Work Weekends** – Volunteer Program with USFS – Notify Chuck Manning or Deb Mucklow, USFS prior to work activity. This covers the worker under the USFS program in case of an injury. Last year there were 361 hours documented at Schafer Meadows, Spotted Bear and Meadow Creek.
- **Schafer Meadows Work Session** – 2004 session filmed by PBS Montana and to be aired on the Backroads of Montana program. The Schafer Meadows Work Session is sponsored by the MT Aeronautics Division and other aviation organizations.
- **Forest Service 100 Years old in 2005.**

Next Meeting: Saturday December 4th or 11th at 1 o'clock pm at the Yogo Inn in Lewistown with a Christmas Party following.

Adjourn: 5 o'clock pm



 Chuck Manning, President

Date 12/11/04



 Geanette Cebulski, Sec./Treas.

Date 12-11-04





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August 26, 2004

Mr. Chuck Manning, President
Montana Pilots' Association
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Kalispell, Montana 59901

Dear Mr. Manning:

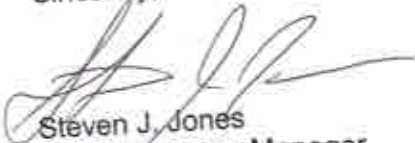
I want to thank you for your continued support of the Federal Aviation Administrations' Aviation Safety Program. I also want to thank the individual local Montana Pilots' Association hangars throughout the State that sponsored our safety seminars.

The Helena Flight Standards District Office has set specific goals to be accomplished in the next fiscal year. The first and foremost goal is to reduce the number of General Aviation fatal accidents in the state of Montana. With the help of the aviation community as a whole, I think we can achieve this goal. We need to make education, proficiency training and the improvement of pilot judgment skills a top priority. We also need to place an emphasis on reducing the number of weather related accident, controlled flight into terrain accidents, and landing accidents.

As I begin planning safety seminars for fiscal year 2005, I hope we can work together to achieve these goals and get the message to those that need it. I would like to include all the local Montana Pilots' Association Hangars in my meeting plans. Could you provide me with a list of the points of contact for the local hangars throughout the state?

Thanks for your help and with your cooperation I'm looking forward to a successful and safe year.

Sincerely,



Steven J. Jones
Safety Program Manager

AOM Report

From: "bailey egan" <tvtranch@rangeweb.net>
To: "MPA Secretary" <mpasecretary@blackfoot.net>
Subject: AOM Report
Date: Saturday, September 25, 2004 9:47 PM

AVIATION ORGANIZATIONS OF MONTANA
BOARD MEETING-APRIL 24, 2004

PRESENT: Tom Wrobel, EAA Tina Pomeroy, CAP
Linda Marshall, MT 99s Bailey Egan, MPA
Marilyn Lewis, MFF Jack Gillespie, MAAA
Rick Griffith, MAMA John Maxness, MATA
Larry Ashcraft, MTSPA Debbie Alke, MAD
Mike Ferguson, AOPA Patty Kautz, MAD
Ron Mercer, MAMA John McKenna, MPA
Cheri Milne. Billings Hotel Cindy Dallas, Red Lion Hotel

CALL TO ORDER: The April 24, 2004 Board meeting of the Aviation Organizations of Montana was called to order at 11:00 AM in Helena, Montana at the Aeronautics Division by President, Linda Marshall. Introductions were made. Presentations were made for the 2006 Aviation Conference by Cheri Milne of Billings and Ron Mercer and Cindy Dallas of Helena. Billings area aviation groups who would help host are the MPA and Rocky Mountain Aviation. Helena groups would be MAMA, EAA, MATA, MPA and AMAA. Helena could also have a static display at the airport, aviation education seminars and plans for an Aviation Hall of Fame.

John McKenna of MPA's Back-Country Airstrips reported that the Missouri River Breaks Monument area may approve 7 or 8 of the 11 airstrips in their jurisdiction. Also every Forest in the state has to redo their plans every 15 to 20 years. There are MPA members working with each forest plan. They hadn't even considered aviation up to this point. The Lewis and Clark Forest had 32 groups attending their planning meetings and have now narrowed that to 6 groups to make the final plans and aviation is one of the 6 chosen. The Fort Peck incident of a pilot landing on the ice has prompted Fish, wildlife and Parks to reconsider their policies. The MPA has notified Travel Montana that 250,000 pilots are within a day's flight of Montana. The Belgrade Airport Authority has given permission to build a 3-sided shelter for pilot usage. We need to tell our story and promote aviation. Thanks John for all the information and dedication.

MINUTES, TREASURER'S REPORT:

Rick Griffith moved we approve the minutes as mailed, Tom Wrobel seconded and the motion carried. The treasurer's report was given. Tom Wrobel moved to approve, John Maxness seconded and the motion carried.
There was no correspondence or bills.

NEW BUSINESS:

Linda wondered if AOM should help fund John McKenna's projects. It was decided to leave up to individual groups and take what has been happening back to the aviation organizations. Larry Ashcraft discussed the plane/boat conflicts on lakes. Landings have been shut down from 3 miles below Fort Benton to Fort Peck. Comments are being taken from the Corp of Engineers (check the MPA website for further information).

Debbie Alke reported they are re-writing Title 76, chapters 4,5 and 6 having to do with zoning heights. Also working on real estate disclosures (how close is the nearest airport when selling property). They may not do anything this next session. Tom Wrobel moved that AOM sponsor the disclosure bill. Rick Griffith seconded the motion and it was carried. Mike Ferguson offered help from the AOPA.

2004 CONFERENCE: There was about \$9500.00 profit. The final report is not in yet.

2005 CONFERENCE It will be in Butte March 3-5, 2005. The host groups are MAMA, MPA (Dillon and possibly Butte) and MAAA. Other groups need to contact Rick Griffith if interested in helping. They are working on speakers.

AOM Report

2006 CONFERENCE:

After some discussion, Larry Ashcraft moved to select Helena for the 2006 Mt. Aviation Conference. Rick Griffith seconded the motion and it was carried. Dates will be February 23-25, 2006 at the Red Lion Colonial Inn. Marilyn will send letters to Helena and Billings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Linda had sent letters to the AOM organizations to get comments from the groups and what they would like to see AOM do for aviation in Montana. Tom Wrobel wondered if there could be a contact to get airport directories. The Aeronautics does this now, if contacted. Debbie Alke announced that Sidney is having an air show Sept. 11, 2004 and they are looking for planes for a static display.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be in Helena, Montana at the Aeronautics Division at 10 AM on October 2, 2004. (We looked at the wrong calendar, as Oct 1 is a Friday).

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Lewis, Secretary

Don,
I thought you might want some of this info for your Membership Report.

Our current membership is 696 which includes 2 complimentary. Last year at this time we had only 469 members. Increase of 227 members, @ \$20.00 each is \$4540. (Some were associates and free solo students, though)

Here is how I plan to send out the renewals: I plan to mail out a renewal to all 2004 members which includes a letter w/ Hangar Contacts on reverse side, business card, brochure, membership form and self-addressed envelope. When they send me the form and check back, I send them their 2005 membership card (w/ website password printed on it?), another business card and brochure to pass on to a friend and a thank-you letter. I planned to have these in the mail right after the board meeting, but we may be looking at November 1, now.

We spent \$5000. this year canvassing for new members. We really can't drop the ball on the renewals when it is so easy to accomplish. You will see below that most of the forms come in from the hangars themselves. My plan is only to give them a bit more of a boost. They still need to have their own membership drives for new members and help me follow up on renewals too.

If this Hangar Dues thing is still an issue, I hope someone stands up, makes a motion to raise the dues by \$5.00 across the board and we will rebate each hangar \$5.00. And hopefully just let the at-large portion go into the general fund or conference fund. It seems like it has been discussed at many meetings and that we all agree that it should be raised across the board, but we just can't seem to come to a complete agreement. I just hope it can all be decided in a satisfactory manner and promptly. I think we still need to list the names of the individual Hangars on the form so people know what is out there. We have had more At-Large members switch to hangars since we've been listing this info than the other way around. The majority of pilots are in this for the social aspect and \$5.00 hangar dues is not an issue

Membership Applications forms:

1. Hangar Forms - 292
2. Heading Bugs - 101 (54 new)
3. Direct mailing renewals - 59
4. Website Forms - 47 (mostly new)
5. Aviation Conference - 15
6. Not documented - 180
7. Of those documented there are 182 renewals and 153 new

- Feb 2004 - 4803 mailed \$2866. (8 pgs)
- Apr 2004 - 4700 mailed \$3006. (8 pgs + insert)
- Jun 2004 - 569 mailed \$448. (8 pgs)
- Aug 2004 - 630 mailed \$484. (8 pgs)
- Total to date 9/14/2004 \$6804.

Hangars were asked to follow up with the names from the two large Heading Bug mailings last spring. They planned to get address in their areas from me and try to make some contact with these pilots. Lists that were requested are as follows:

1. Lake County
2. Mineral County
3. Missoula County
4. Central Montana Hangar
5. Great Falls
6. Ravalli County
7. Vigilante Hangar

Memberships by Hangar are as follows:

1. At-Large - 155
2. Central - 34
3. Colstrip - 15
3. Flathead - 65
4. Gallatin Valley - 55
5. Glacier - 24
6. Glendive - 20
7. Great Falls - 60
8. Miles City - 17
9. North Central - 38
10. Roundup - 5
11. Sanders Co. - 16
12. South Central - 56
13. Southwest - 40
14. Valley - 25
15. Vigilante - 64
16. Mission Valley (proposed)

Cost of Communication to Members:

1. Website (website & webmaster) - \$1154. this year to date (9/14/04)
2. Newsletters:
 - Dec 2003 - 486 mailed \$265.

Great Falls Hangar
Report for October 2, 2004 MPA Board Meeting

Since the Aviation Conference the Hangar has sponsored the following events:

March Meeting--Wings Seminar

May Meeting—Wing Seminar

June 19—The Great Falls Hangar sponsored its annual poker run and then had a barbeque in Jon Blomendahl's hangar.

July Meeting—Wings Seminar

July 29—Dan Prill sponsored a barbeque at his airstrip for members of the Great Falls Hangar and the local Chapter of the EAA. Thirty-five people attended the barbeque.

July 21—Chuck Jarecki made a presentation on his flying tour of Australia.

September 25—The Hangar sponsored the first fly-in picnic in the Upper Missouri River Breaks National Monument. The picnic was held at the Cow Creek airstrip. Nine airplanes and 11 people showed up for the picnic. The weather was great and the Breaks are really beautiful this time of year.

Lou Ronnau has been working with the Great Falls Airport Authority on the construction of a new aircraft wash station. The Airport Authority has asked for volunteer labor to help keep the costs down.

Jon Blomendahl is the chairman of the nominating committee to nominate new Hangar officers for the coming year. Elections will be held in December.

Lou Ronnau and John Sheffels are the membership committee and we are just starting a fall membership drive.