

MONTANA PILOTS' ASSOCIATION



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Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday, April 30, 2011
Helena, MT – Montana Aeronautics Building

Opening: President, Jon Hudson, brought the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. Jon discussed his goals for the MPA. Introductions were made.

Announcements: Lunch served from Pizza Hut.

Present:

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| 1. Jon Hudson, President | 8. Wade Cebulski, Immediate Past-President |
| 2. Steve Rossiter, W. Vice-Pres. | 9. Mary Newpower, Newsletter Editor |
| 3. Pete Smith, E. Vice-Pres. | 10. Harold Dramstad, Pres. Vigilante Hangar |
| 4. Jim Younkin, Treasurer | 11. Frank Flynn, Sec/Treas Vigilante Hangar |
| 5. Scott Newpower, E. Director | 12. Ron Normandeau, Rec. Airstrips Chairman |
| 6. Chuck Jarecki, W. Director | 13. Chris Merker, Central MT Hangar |
| 7. Geanette Cebulski, Secretary | 14. Peter Gross, Flathead Hangar |

Minutes: MPA Board Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2011 were approved as presented as moved by Steve Rossiter. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Jarecki moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and discussed by Jim Younkin, Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Fund balances as of April 30, 2011:

General Fund Accounts	12,955.66
Jr. Pilot Fund	6,427.71
Recreational Airstrip Fund	11,414.99
War Chest	9,072.51
Hangar Rebate Fund	215.66
Cash	52.17

Standing Committees & Appointments:

- **AOM-** Plan to hold the 2013 MT Aviation Conference in Butte. 2012 is in Bozeman.
- **Membership** – Geanette reported 607 members to date
- **Newsletter** – Mary announced the next Heading Bug deadline is May 18th.
- **Website** - Willie Stene– report attached –*Steve Rossiter moved to establish a policy regarding the mass emailing feature of the MPA website, which would establish wording that only aviation related information and issues of a non-commercial nature are allowed and for use by members only. The board members will be asked to vote electronically when the policy is prepared. Motion passed unanimously.*
- **Recreational Airstrips** – Ron Normandeau discussed Missouri Breaks work party tentatively scheduled for September 17 this year. Spotted Bear is May 28th Benchmark scheduled for June 4 and Vigilante Hangar will

furnish the lunch. Ron is putting together a raffle of a headset to be drawn at the 2012 MT Aviation Conference. The proceeds will go to the Recreational Airstrip Fund.

- **Seaplane Committee** – Peter Gross reported. RAF (Recreational Aviation Foundation) will be working with the Seaplane Organization to protect their waterways.
- **Conference Committee**–Harold Dramstead reported.

Old Business:

- **Proposed Powder River MOA Expansion** – Announcements will be made in the fall.
- **Tuck Barrett/ GTF** – Memorial may be an approach waypoint named "Barrett"
- **UAV letter / issue date** – Discussion – facts and fiction. Frank Flynn will email the Board regarding remote control airplanes and UAV's. MPA will send a letter of concern to our representatives to keep them aware and asking them to keep us informed.

New Business:

- **Membership Drive** – *Pete Smith moved to send an informational mass mailing out in September about the MPA. The mailing would go to a portion of the FAA mailing list with expenditure up to \$2000. Motion Carried Unanimously.*
- **Budget** – was discussed along with the addition of the expenditure for a membership drive. *Wade Cebulski moved to approve the budget as amended to include the membership drive. Motion carried unanimously.*
- **Bylaw Committee** – appointed committee members are Steve Rossiter, Chuck Jarecki and Jon Hudson.
- **Recreational Use Statute Committee** – appointed members Chuck Jarecki, Ron Normandeau and Jon Hudson.
- **Idaho Aviation Conference** – May 20 and 21st. Booth \$250. Steve Rossiter moved to rent a booth at the Idaho Aviation Show. Motion approved unanimously.
- **Russian Flat Dedication** – to be held August 6 at 10 am. Dignitaries, News Media to be on hand.
- **US Forest Service Draft Planning Rule** – Deadline for comments is May 16th. Chuck Jarecki will mass email members for comments. Copy upon request.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Next Meeting: October 22nd, 2011 at 11:30 am.



Jon Hudson, President



Geanette Cebulski, Secretary



MPA Website Report

I apologize for being unable to make the board meeting this weekend. Look forward to seeing many of you through the summer months during the work sessions, etc.

Here are some project updates with regards to the website and stats.

1. Airport Database: I've been provided a lot of feedback from our members. Currently working on assembling a list of all feedback from members to make corrections and add missing information to the airstrip database. This is a continuing work in progress. Please provide feedback so the final product on this offering is of high use for our members and fellow MT aviators.
2. Website Stats: Attached for March and April (Available upon request)
3. Currently 278 of the current 606 members have logged onto the website.
4. Members continue to add photos.
5. Continue to assist members on uploading information to the website.

Respectfully submitted

Will Stene

Webmaster

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Traffic and Activity Summary

During the Month of March, 2011:

- A total of 5,319 distinct visits were made to the site.
- The average visit lasted 7 Minutes and 29 Seconds.
- 98 distinct web pages were viewed a total of 21,882 times.
- The average visit contained 4.08 page views. People spent an average of 1 Minute and 50 Seconds viewing a page.
- Downloadable files were requested 1,304 times. On average 0.25 files were downloaded per visit.

Six Month Historical Comparison

Usage Breakdown	Feb 2011	Mar 2011	Apr 2011	May 2011	Jun 2011	Jul 2011
1. Visits	6,264	4,324	5,888	7,047	5,335	5,319
2. Page Views	18,809	12,173	20,098	38,598	16,978	21,882
3. Page Views Per Visit	3.16	2.82	3.54	5.62	3.19	4.08
4. Time Spent Per Visit	00:08:50	00:07:00	00:09:45	00:10:12	00:07:47	00:09:58
5. Hits	47,880	34,500	60,029	111,041	49,450	65,638
6. Downloads	958	883	1,848	2,321	1,183	1,303
7. Bandwidth	1.20 GB	860.69 MB	1.77 GB	2.83 GB	1.45 GB	1.82 GB

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During the Month of April, 2011:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of 6,048 distinct visits were made to the site. The average visit lasted 7 Minutes and 29 Seconds. 90 distinct web pages were viewed a total of 19,735 times. The average visit contained 3.91 page views. People spent an average of 1 Minute and 54 Seconds viewing a page. Downloadable files were requested 2,015 times. On average 0.40 files were downloaded per visit. 	

Six Month Historical Comparison

Usage Breakdown	Jan 2011	Feb 2011	Mar 2011	Apr 2011	May 2011	Jun 2011	Forecast
1. Visits	4,324	5,068	7,047	5,326	5,318	6,048	Forecast 6,203.96
2. Page Views	12,173	30,869	38,588	16,978	21,692	19,735	Forecast 22,856.83
3. Page Views Per Visit	2.82	3.34	5.62	3.18	4.39	3.91	Forecast 3.81
4. Time Spent Per Visit	00:07:00	00:09:42	00:10:17	00:07:47	00:08:38	00:08:10	Forecast 00:06:16
5. Hits	34,600	80,023	111,641	49,400	65,606	51,970	Forecast 67,194.36
6. Downloads	583	1,845	2,321	1,193	1,303	2,016	Forecast 1,511.34
7. Bandwidth	690.99 MB	1.77 GB	2.83 GB	1.46 GB	1.82 GB	1.24 GB	Forecast 1.81 GB

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Montana Pilots Assoc.-Geanette Cebulski, Sec.

From: "Will Stene" <will@steneaviation.com>
To: <mpasecretary@blackfoot.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2011 7:57 AM
Subject: Reminder: USFS Comment Period
Montana Pilots Association call to action

To all pilots who want continued access to National Forest lands and waters:

This is a reminder that you have only until May 16th to comment on this important issue.

The United States Forest Service is in the process of revising its entire land management planning process. This has not been done since 1982. The USFS has held round table meetings throughout the country to gain public input. RAF representatives have attended most of these sessions. Following extensive public input, a draft plan (RULE) was published in the Federal Register on February 14, 2011, Vol. 76, No. 30, page 8480. Following a long preamble, the actual draft RULE begins on page 8514. To read the entire document and to learn more on the process, go to: www.fs.usda.gov/goto/planningrule

Following this publication of the draft RULE, a series of public meetings were again held throughout the country to answer questions from the public and provide information on how to comment on this draft plan. Specific "for the record" comments were not accepted at this second series of meetings. However, the USFS is now accepting public comments on the draft RULE and they must be received by May 16, 2011.

What can you do? Read over the draft RULE to get an idea of what is going on. Take particular note of page 8519, paragraph 219.10 *Multiple uses*. Recreation gets the short end compared to timber in paragraph 219.11 Recreation is being combined with numerous other uses, even including utility corridors. Also, look at the definitions on page 8525, where the closest thing to recreation is "sustainable recreation". That is why the RAF is suggesting more definitions. At least we got "dispersed recreation on land, water and air" inserted as this was the major message from the RAF at the initial public meetings.

Talking points you may consider are:

- 1) Recreation on USFS lands is a growth "industry" while timber harvest is declining. Over the next twenty years the USFS will experience increased demands from the public for a variety of recreational opportunities and must have a rule making process in place that can rapidly respond to these demands. Therefore, recreation must be specifically addressed as a stand alone component of the plan.
- 2) The RULE should address in more detail all the various multiple use categories as each has unique characteristics and potential for growth. Recreation should be one of these broad categories.

- 3) It is the intent of Congress that recreational aviation and backcountry airstrips on public lands be given specific consideration as evidenced by U.S. House Resolution 1473, passed on September 20, 2010.
- 4) Recreation access methods should be enumerated and include aircraft landing sites on land and water in order to facilitate dispersed recreation with internal trailheads.
- 5) Recreation facilities should not be included with general transportation systems (which would include railroads and interstate highways) and utility corridors. They are generally unrelated to each other and require different management strategies.
- 6) In order to gain national uniformity in Forest Service plans, language in the RULE should give specific direction and not use words such as "may" and "could". The use of these types of verbs in the RULE will lead to excess flexibility between various line officers, where planners may easily interject their own personal biases.
- 7) "Social" and "Economic" issues should receive the same consideration as "Ecological" issues.
- 8) The Planning Rule should state that people writing Travel Management Plans shall adhere to the Planning Rule.
- 9) Suggest that this re-write of the RULE give the individual citizen the freedom to recreate on USFS lands unless specifically denied that freedom in specific areas for good cause as determined periodically by the Forest Service. The USFS is thus not granting permission in this re-write as much as it is withholding this liberty for a good specific reason in specific areas. It puts the responsibility on the USFS to make a good case in each instance of limiting access.

Comments can be submitted electronically to: <http://www.govcomments.com>.

Or mail to:

Forest Service Planning DEI

c/o Bear West Company

132 East 500 South

Bountiful, UT 84010

FAX: 801-397-1605

Be sure to put the words "planning rule" on the first page or on the cover sheet.

The Recreational Aviation Foundation (RAF) and Montana Pilots Assoc. (MPA) members have been attending these planning meetings, beginning with the first one in Washington, D.C. Upon review of the draft RULE, the RAF and MPA have determined that the draft has significant short comings in regard to recreation and access for recreation purposes. The RAF has developed a detailed comment that includes suggested specific wording changes and additions to the draft text. However, it is important that individual pilots and other aviation organizations send in comments that are original (in your own words) and help the planners make a decision. All form letters will be considered as one comment. Do

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not just vent your frustrations.

Chuck Jarecki, Western Director, MPA

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This was sent by the Montana Pilot Association website "E-mail members by hangar" function