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President's Message

Greetings to All,

It seems rather hard to believe but my term as MPA President is coming to an end in the next few weeks. This last two years have been an interesting but satisfying adventure in my life and I hope I have made some impact on aviation in the state of Montana. The other members of the board; Hangar presidents, Hangar officers, webmaster, newsletter editor, the many volunteers, committee members, Montana Department of Transportation, Montana Aeronautics, the U.S. Forest Service, anybody else I may have forgotten and of course my wife Geanette, the secretary, have all helped keep me on course. All of you have helped me tremendously and for that I thank you.

In just the last week I went to Tuck Barrett's funeral. Tuck was a past MPA president from 1973. Prior to going to the funeral I dug into the minutes from about 1970 through 1975 just to get a feel for what Tuck and his crew were going through during his presidency. Lo and behold they were having the same issues we have today, trying to protect our rights as pilots in the state of Montana and national issues. At the time they were working with the Forest Service and state agencies, trying to keep Meadow Creek, Schafer Meadows and Spotted Bear from being closed. Thankfully they were successful in protecting these precious airstrips from closer. I always took the opportunity to talk to Tuck for a while at the Aviation Conference, which was his social event of the year. When I spoke a few words at his funeral I was compelled to say how much I appreciated him taking the time to represent the pilots of Montana for his term of president. Enjoy your last flight Tuck.

Now is the time for someone else to take the reins of this fine organization that has been in existence since 1939. If any of you would have an interest in being our next President for 2011, please contact me or Chuck Flynn, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, so we can get you on the ballot for the election to be held at the annual meeting in March.

With that being said, fly safe and I will be looking forward to seeing everyone at the Conference.

Wade Cebulski, President



MONTANA AVIATION CONFERENCE

The Montana Aviation Conference will be held in Helena March 3 – 5, 2011. Rooms have been blocked at the Red Lion Colonial Hotel at a conference rate of \$89. + tax. Please phone (406) 443-2100 or 1-800-733-5466, reference Montana Aviation Conference to make your reservations. Reserve your room today, reservations must be made prior to February 2, 2011, in order to guarantee the group discount. would like a conference registration form or a conference exhibitor form, please contact: Patty Kautz, Montana Aeronautics Division (406) 444-9580 email: pkautz@mt.gov

MPA Hospitality Hour will be held in conjunction with the Static Display at Exec Air on Friday afternoon. The Hospitality hour is sponsored the Montana Pilots' Association and Peccia and Associates. MPA Hangars are asked to send contributions towards the snacks and beverages which will be set up by members of the Vigilante Hangar in Helena. Buses will be transporting conference attendees between the Red Lion and the Static Display.

The **MPA Annual General Membership Meeting** will be held Saturday morning, March 5. MPA Scholarships and awards will be presented – Junior Pilot Scholarship, Flight Training Scholarship, Hangar of the Year traveling trophy, President's Award and other awards. Election of officers – President, Eastern and Western Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Eastern Director. Please contact Chuck Flynn, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, if you would like to inquire about one of these positions. Nominations are also accepted from the floor.

2010 Pilot of the Year, Mike Ferguson receiving plaque.



Flathead Hangar President, Jim Pierce receiving traveling trophy for 2010 Hangar of the Year.



Did you know??

Speak to your companies....many companies have funds available if you volunteer time to an organization! A few minutes of your time to fill out paperwork could add necessary monies to our scholarship funds.

MPA Website Advertising Support Submitted by Will Stene, Webmaster

MPA offers individuals and business's the opportunity to advertise in it's Heading Bug publication. The publication is printed six times a year and sent to MPA members and posted for the public on the MPA website. This greatly assists with the advertisers ad being seen by aviators as the latest newsletter, Nov. & Dec. 2010, has already been downloaded 956 times since being available on the website for three weeks. <http://www.montanapilots.org/newsletters.asp?menuID=>

MPA will also place the advertiser's artwork on its website under "Links" and the button "Corporate Sponsors". With the current configuration of the MPA website this is the only location where advertising artwork maybe place and supported.

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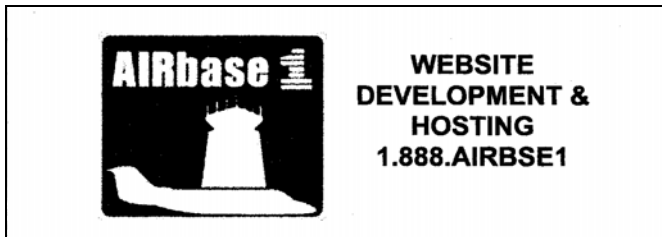
3rd Class Medicals – Submitted by Tim Linn

In the November 2009 issue of Montana & the Sky, Deb Alke's administrators column addressed "Fight against 3rd Class Medical Certificate". Please review David Wartofsky's proposal to replace the FAA's 3rd Class medical certificate with a driver's license for private-use aircraft under 6,000 lbs!

I propose that the MAAA endorse his proposal on the web and get out an E mail to the MAAA membership asking them to review & reply also! I endorsed it myself yesterday on line. Yesterday there were 631 replies. I am going to pass this onto Wade Cebalski of the MPA, John McKenna of the RAF, Bob Taylor of AAA in Blakesburg, Rod Hightower of the EAA, Ken McCullough of the Stearman Restorer's Assoc. & the International C 195 Assoc. & AOPA.

If the MAAA endorses this and we ask our fellow pilots to do so as well, the Proposal replies can grow from 631, to 6 or 60 thousand!?! This could be sent on to our State Senators & Congressman too. Any other thoughts on who else to notify please reply to this e-mail.

I stumbled a bit on getting to it on the Web. The second time around I Googled Regulations . Gov, Then put in FAA 2009-0481 in the Key Word box, Then when that page opened I clicked on View by Docket Folder half way down the page. Then opened the pdf adobe file to review. I also clicked on E mail to get up dated reports on the proposal.



Thank you Rob Duncan at Airbase 1 for supporting our website!

Dave Hoerner – MT Aeronautics Safety Director –Submitted by Jim Pierce

Dave Hoerner has accepted a new position at the Mt Aeronautics Division. The new position is Safety Director/Chief Pilot Mt Aeronautics.

The Safety and Education Program develops, promotes and administers the state's aviation safety and education programs including, the annual college-accredited Aviation Teacher Workshop, the Aviation Career Academy, and state aviation education programs. The Bureau also coordinates the statewide air search and rescue program, trains the program volunteers and coordinators, and maintains an aviation resource library. Additionally, the Bureau administers the statewide aircraft and pilot registration program, conducts and promotes the annual winter survival clinic, the flight instructor refresher clinic, and the mountain search pilot clinic.

This position fits Dave's wealth of experience very well and we want to congratulate him and wish him the best.

Friday, December 10th, there was a sendoff party for Dave at Red Eagle Aviation

Stop in and wish Dave well on his new adventure.

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Thank you Steve and Sherry !

MPA Calendar of Events

March 3-5, 2011 – Montana Aviation Conference. Red Lion Colonial Hotel, Helena. For further information phone (406) 444-9580. **Info:** Patty Kautz 406-444-9580 or pkautz@mt.gov

June 11 –13, 2011 - Missouri Breaks - Winifred, MT - Friday: Early arrival, dinner on your own or downtown for a 2-handed hamburger. Sat 11 June: Flyout or Meet in LWT. PM: Flyout and camp at Cow Creek ... CowCreek BBQ, RSVP TheCubWorks. Sunday: Explore Breaks strips, move camp to Winifred. Dinner by the plate in Hangar. Monday: AM departure...For questions call Ralph @ 406 462 5487

June 25 – Havre – Big Boys Toy Show and Fly-In

August 19 – 21 – Cutbank Fun Weekend

Go to our website – www.montanpilots.org to add your Hangar meetings and events to the Calendar of Events. Any current MPA member can log on to the website with their email address and password to add an event.

MPA Membership Sweepstakes Prize

The MPA Membership Sweepstakes Prize this year will be ***SPOT Satellite Personal Tracker including a complete one year subscription for all services.*** The name of each current 2011 MPA member is included in the drawing. Each member who sponsors a new member also has their name added again for each additional new member they submit.



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Breakfast Fly-Ins – submitted by Loren Smith and Jane Mart

I flew into the Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina Airport, outside of Charleston, and had the usual conversation you are so familiar with. Namely; “where are you guys from?” Anyway, that began about a 20 minute conversation. As it turned out, one of the three pilots sitting there had flown to Benchmark and camped out for a couple days. By the way, he was very complimentary of the Benchmark Airport.

Here’s the idea that they ended up talking about which I thought had merit. You know that I like to enumerate thoughts, hence the following:

1. The South Carolina Aviation community has a calendar of “breakfast fly-ins”; namely 24 each year. They skip a couple holiday periods but, basically, every two weeks there is a fly-in at a South Carolina airport and it is always the same airport and same date each year.
2. The hosting airport puts on the breakfast; they may cater it, they may have it at a restaurant, and sometimes they actually cook it right at the airport. Everyone pays \$6.00 a person and the money is used to pay for the breakfast and, any money left over, goes to their local pilots organization or charity.
3. The pivotal piece of this is: It is on a fixed calendar and they have been doing it since 1938. It turns out, the next day (Sunday) was their turn at the Mt. Pleasant Airport to host the breakfast. They say, on average, they get around 30 airplanes.
4. There are a lot more airplanes and traffic in South Carolina than in Montana. Also, I think that if such an idea were worked up, you would almost have to divide Montana into east and west??

Anyway, just an idea and thought I would pass it along. Your friends in Great Falls, Loren and Jane

MPA Hangar Reports

Central Montana Hangar Report – Submitted by Pete Smith, President

The Central Montana Hangar has 32 paid-up members. We meet the last Tuesday of each month (with the exception of July and August) for a dinner meeting at the Yogo Inn in Lewistown. We typically have 25 +/- members and guests in attendance, get started at 1830 and are usually finished by 2100. All MPA members past and present are always welcome.

We started the summer off with a Fly-in Breakfast at the LWT Airport and served about 280 meals which netted our Hangar just over \$800. This profit is used to help pay for the utilities at the MPA pilot lounge which is open 24/7 and located in the old FSS building.

During the summer several members flew out to state aviation activities including work sessions at different backcountry strips. Our Grand Finale however was the work session and opening of Russian Flat on Aug 21st where we served a pancake breakfast and steak dinner to the hungry participants. About 40 people attended with 19 airplanes.

To end the summer we held our summer picnic at Pete and Margaret Smith's house 5 NE of LWT. Steaks were grilled over an open fire by Jeff Patnode with each one being grilled to perfection. It was a beautiful evening with a light wind out of the west with 5 airplanes and one helicopter flying in along with 31 members and guests.

Our year ended with a Christmas party on Dec 17th at Jack Morganstern's Soda Fountain Filling Station Museum Hangar with 49 members and guests in attendance. It was a potluck dinner with hams ordered in from Helena and desert provided compliments of Jack from his authentic 1950's Soda fountain. The most popular deserts ordered were banana splits and hot fudge Sundays. The most popular drinks were black raspberry sodas and double chocolate malts. Santa aka Jim Lewis ended the evening with treats for all 15 children and even a few of the adults.

Mission Valley Hangar Report – submitted by Larry Ashcraft, President

The fly in on September 11 was a great success and we served close to 350 breakfasts and 48 complimentary breakfasts were served to pilots. We had a great variety of aircraft on display and in the air.

We continue to fly record numbers of kids in the Young Eagle program along with a couple of our pilots going into the schools to teach kids the theory of flight.

Carmine Mowbray and Chuck Jarecki gave a presentation slide show on their C-185 amphibian trip to the Northwest Territories.

Our Christmas Party was a huge success with 60 people joining in the holiday fun. Recognized Mauri Morin for his role as president since the formation of the Hangar. We were happy to have our President Wade Cebulski and his lovely wife Geanette joining us for the evening.

We completed the project of erecting lighted flag poles at Polson, Ronan and St. Ignatius.

Our meetings are every other month on the last Thursday of the month and the off months meetings are conducted by our EAA chapter. Please join us for our meetings as we will have a program at each meeting.

As always drop in at Polson, the friendliest airport in the west, the coffee is always on.

Southwest Hangar Report - Submitted by Alan Eliason, Vice - President

The Southwest Hangar group has been meeting on the third Thursday of every month in an alternating pattern with Butte, Twin Bridges, and Dillon. The meeting is usually preceded by a pot luck dinner. In Dillon, we have moved to the Elks' club and purchased our dinner from the local Senior citizens group who host a weekly dinner on the same night. In Butte, we often meet at the Chef's Garden restaurant.

The Twin Bridges F.B.O. Hosted a Father's Day fly-in and air show performance. The air show portion of the festivities had to be cut because of weather conditions, but the evening barbeque was excellent and attended by approximately seventy-five to a hundred pilots and local community folks.

Our September meeting was in Twin Bridges and our October meeting was in Dillon. The November meeting was in Butte at the Silver Eagle lounge and restaurant at the Butte airport and was fairly well attended with ten or twelve pilots present. Ms. Kristy Dunks gave an interesting program on her work with aircraft accident investigation. She spoke briefly about the plane accident that happened in Butte last spring, but said the final report was still not released.

The December meeting was a Christmas party at the Twin Bridges F.B.O., and it attracted about a dozen pilots and \$10 gift exchangers. The dinner was a pot luck affair, and the liquid refreshments were provided by the F.B.O.

For the most part, our hangar is experiencing difficulty in getting pilots out to our meetings and staying active in supporting the S.W. Hangar. Some meetings have had as few as five members including the secretary attempting to conduct business. We will be beating the bushes and trying to get some more support in the coming months with more programs, fly ins, and social activities.

Welcome New MPA Members

Brian	Carroll	Townsend	MT	Vigilante
Jim	Allbright	Big Sky	MT	Gallatin Valley
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Jim	Davies	Eagle	ID	At Large
Greg	Sullivan	Helena	MT	Vigilante
Harold	Dramstad	Helena	MT	Vigilante
Scott	Payne	Twin Bridges	MT	Southwest
Philip	Hanson	Somers	MT	Flathead
Richard	Spencer	Wilson	WY	At Large
Doug	Kaercher	Havre	MT	North Central
Richard	Conrad	Chinook	MT	North Central
Lary P	Johnson	Kalispell	Mt	Flathead
Ray	Sibra	Big Sandy	MT	North Central
Curtis	Cebulski	Fairbanks	AK	At Large
James B. Reid		Kalispell	MT	Flathead



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If your email address has changed in the last few years and it has not been updated in the MPA website, please email Will Stene will@steneaviation.com or Geanette Cebulski mpasecretary@blackfoot.net, ask them to update it and email your new login password to you. Without updated email addresses we cannot contact you with notifications regarding event changes or cancellations. Please help us out with this. Thank You!

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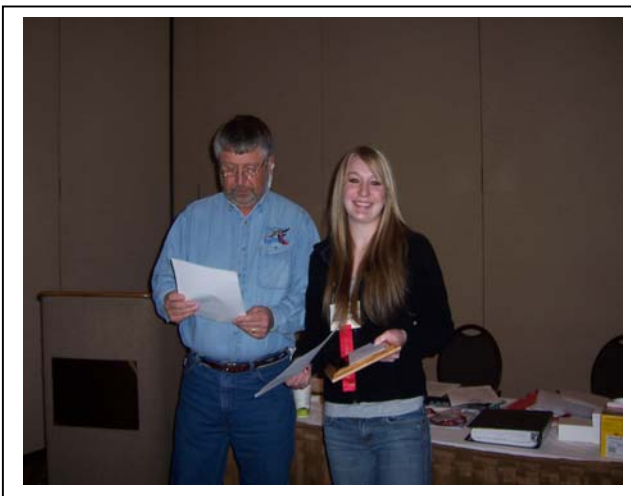
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2010 Jr. Pilot Scholarship recipient, Heidi Heiland receiving award from President, Wade Cebulski.



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MONTANA PILOTS ASSOCIATION - Membership Form

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