



James K. Coyne to Kick-Off 25th Annual Aviation Conference

James K. Coyne, president of the National Air Transportation Association, will be the featured speaker at the Aviation Conference kickoff luncheon Thursday, March 5. Coyne holds a B.S. degree from Yale and an M.B.A. from Harvard. He has a distinguished career as a Representative in the U.S. Congress, a member of the White House senior staff, successful businessman and teacher. For the past 35 years, Coyne has been an active pilot with instrument and multi-engine ratings.

After leaving the White House in 1985, he worked as a consultant and association executive. He served as president of the American Consulting Engineers Council, founder and president of the American Tort Reform Association, founder and president of Americans to Limit Congressional Terms and wrote two books on Congressional reform. He was the director of numerous private and public corporations including the Association of Former Members of Congress.

Coyne's love for and commitment to aviation has been an important facet of his professional and private life. Two business airplanes helped him to expand his business significantly in the 1970s. He also regularly flew from Washington to Pennsylvania during his term in Congress. As NATA president, Mr. Coyne visited over 800 FBOs and aviation service businesses across the country. He also regularly presents the viewpoint of the industry before Congressional committees, the FAA and other federal agencies.

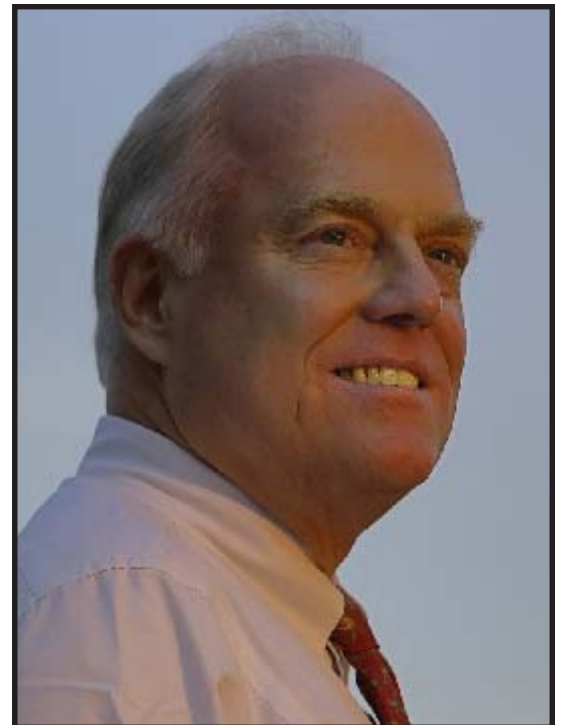
Coyne lives in McLean, Virginia with his wife, Holly, an instrument-rated pilot. He has three children, Sandy (also a pilot), Kate and Michael, and four grandchildren.

Given this is the 25th aviation conference, the committee is making sure it is one to remember. Expect new and exciting speakers. Plus, the exhibit hall will be packed with vendors including the Federal Aviation Administration's Gyro-2, a spatial disorientation simulator.

On Friday, March 6, a spouse/guest tour will be offered after lunch of the Moss Mansion Historic House Museum. The tour captures early turn-of-the-century life as the Preston Boyd Moss family lived it. Visitors see original draperies, fixtures, furniture, Persian carpets and artifacts displayed in the 1903 red sandstone structure. The Moss Mansion was designed by the New York architect Henry Janeway Hardenbergh who also designed the original Waldorf Astoria, Plaza Hotels, Williard Hotel and Copely Hotel. The home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Friday afternoon Rocky Mountain Aviation Department will open their doors for a tour of their facility and the Rocky training fleet. The Montana Pilots Association will also hold their hospitality event during this time. Transportation will be available to the Friday afternoon events.

Friday evening participants can kick back after a Western Roundup Buffet and listen to the talented Ringling 5, they don't count much but the group is somewhere between 5 and 7. None of them are from Ringling, but they like the town. Some of their folks (that they're willing to admit to) came from Ringling country. And, there used to be a circus there. They've always liked Ringling because one time they sang there and no one kicked them out. The fact there's more of them than there are folks in Ringling had nothing to do with it. Needless to say, the group is entertaining.



James K. Coyne

Administrator's Column

Essential Air Service Update: For the past 11 months residents and visitors to Glasgow, Glendive, Wolf Point and Havre had not been able to fly commercially since the demise of Big Sky Airlines in March 2008. The EAS contract was awarded to Great Lakes Aviation of Cheyenne, Wyo., who announced it will begin service between these communities and Billings on February 1. Sidney and Lewistown service to Denver returned on September 3 and Miles City to Denver resumed on October 26. The service will begin with one flight per day in a Beechcraft 1900 aircraft. Sidney will get a third daily flight to Billings in addition to its two Denver flights. The Transportation Security Administration will be ready with equipment and personnel at these four airports. To purchase tickets visit www.flygreatlakes.com or call the Great Lakes' reservation center at (800) 554-5111.

Appointments: Steve Bernett has been named Acting Regional Administrator for the FAA Northwest Mountain Region, replacing Dennis Roberts who has accepted a position in Washington DC. Steve will serve until the FAA completes its hiring process and comes to the northwest from the FAA Logistics Aeronautical Center. Lynne Osmus, of Virginia, has been named by President Bush as the Acting Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration. Lynne is currently the Assistant Administrator for Security and Hazardous Materials at the FAA and has held numerous positions with the FAA. She is the FAA's liaison with the Obama transition team and served as chief of staff to former FAA administrators David Hinson and Jane Garvey. Rep. Ray LaHood, IL has been nominated to serve as Transportation Secretary by President-elect Obama. Rep. LaHood served on the House aviation subcommittee in 2000 and was noted as a strong GA advocate. He also has been a proponent for improving local airports and increasing air service in his home state of Illinois.

TSA Light Aircraft Security Program: The TSA has proposed a new set of rules "aimed" at increasing the safety and security of our airways. The new rules extend to general aviation many of the rules that now apply to commercial airlines. The rule affects aircraft exceeding a maximum take-off weight of 12,500 pounds and would require these operators to: submit passenger names to a third-party provider for screening against the terrorist watch list; and to contract with third-party auditors to assess their security plans. The fear of the gross take-off weight being eliminated in the future together with other concerns has drawn strong opposition to the proposal from the GA community at TSA public hearings in major cities around the country. No hearings were conducted in or close to Montana. To view the proposal and to submit comments, visit: www.regulations.gov; search for Docket No. TSA-2008-0021. Comments are due February 27, 2009 and can be submitted electronically, by mail or fax.

Condolences: Richard P. "Dick" Greil, beloved father of Jim Greil, chief of our Airport/Airways Bureau passed away late last month. Dick was a friend to our entire Aeronautics family. I was always greeted with a large smile, vibrant voice and warm hug. To Jim, his mother Elva, brothers Bob and Tom and their families we at MDT Aeronautics are sorry for your loss and will also miss Dick.



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Calendar

January 16-18, 2009 – Surratt Memorial Winter Survival Clinic, Helena. For further information, contact Jeanne MacPherson, (406) 444-9568 or email jemacpherson@mt.gov.

January 26-27, 2009 - AMAA 2009 Convention -Heritage Inn, Great Falls. For further information, contact Coleen Campbell, (406) 463-2268 or email eccampbell@yahoo.com.

January 29-30, 2009 – Aeronautics Board Meeting, Loan and Grant Allocations. For further information, phone (406) 444-2506 or www.mdt.mt.gov/aviation/.

February 13-14, 2009 - Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic, Wingate Hotel, Helena. For further information, contact Jeanne MacPherson, (406) 444-9568 or email jemacpherson@mt.gov.

February 20, 2009 - Rocky Mountain College Aviation Program Open House—meet students and faculty, get your questions answered, go on a free flight. For more information, call Dan Hargrove, director of Aviation, (406) 657-1060

March 5-7, 2009 – Montana Aviation Conference, Holiday Inn Grand Montana, Billings. For further information, contact Patty Kautz at (406) 444-9580 or email pkautz@mt.gov.

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May 30-31, 2009 – Rocky Mountain West Aviation Expo, Boise, Idaho. For further information or to participate, contact Lee Hudson at (208) 323-4464 or league@idahobusinessleague.com.

June 20-21, 2009 – Fathers Day Fly In Sourdough Pancake Breakfast, Fort Peck Airport. Steak fry Saturday evening and pancakes Sunday morning. Canoe trips down Missouri for those who call and schedule in advance. For further information or to schedule canoe trip, call Lanny Hanson, (406) 526-3535 or (406) 263-1154.

February 1, 2009 is quickly approaching - Are you ready?

The 121.5 MHz and 243 MHz emergency beacons will no longer be monitored by satellite after February 1, 2009. Get the fix ... switch to 406! For more information, go to <http://www.sarsat.noaa.gov/> and read the comparisons for the 121.5 MHz and the 243 MHz emergency beacons.

MDT Aeronautics Division and the volunteers for Montana air search and rescue have been busy tracking ELTS. Please remember to monitor 121.5 before you shut down your aircraft to make sure that your ELT is not transmitting.

We sure appreciate the work of all the air search and rescue volunteers, thank you!

Aviation Conference, continued...

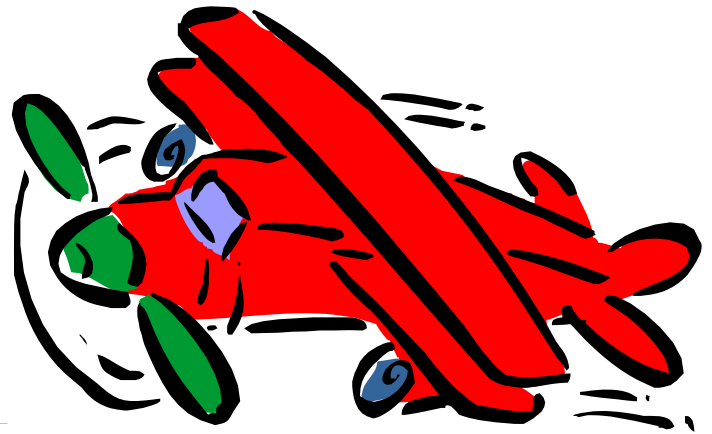
In addition to many outstanding concurrent sessions, there will also be an IA Mechanic Refresher Seminar Friday and Saturday and a MATA PAASS Program offered Saturday morning.

For a conference agenda and more conference information please stay tuned to our web site at www.mdt.mt.gov/aviation/ or phone our office at (406) 444-2506.

Those of you that haven't registered can do so by completing the form on page 7 of the newsletter. Remember after **February 2** prices will increase, and those who preregister are eligible for a prize drawing (need not be present to win).

Rooms have been blocked at the Holiday Inn Grand Montana in Billings at a conference rate of \$70 plus tax. Please call (877) 554-7263 or (406) 248-7701 to make reservations and reference Montana Aviation Conference. Rooms have also been blocked at the following hotels within walking distance: Red Roof Inn, (406) 248-7551; Motel 6 (800) 544-4866 or (406) 252-0093 and the Billings Hotel (800) 537-7286 or (406) 248-7151. Reservations must be made prior to **February 6** in order to guarantee the group discounts.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Surplus Truck is up for Grabs



The Helena Airport Authority has declared a 1985 Quick Response Truck as surplus and would like to donate it to a small Montana airport. The Helena airport will require a letter from the receiving airport that they will maintain and garage the truck appropriately. This truck was purchased new in 1985. It is an F-350 Ford XL, 4 speed, 9370 miles, dual wheels, dual battery, code 3 siren system/light bar, bumper turret, ground sweeps, twin amber lights on rear, 200 gallon water, 20 gallon foam, 350 pounds of dry chemical, 2 hose reels, one for water and or foam and one for dry chemical.

Interested airports, please contact either Ron Hartman or Jeff Wadekamper at (406) 442-2842.

TSA Proposes Rule that Targets General

AOPA is asking the aviation community to make its voice heard with comments on the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) proposed rule that targets general aviation. The TSA has released its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) entitled Large Aircraft Security Program (LASP).

AOPA members have made it clear in a survey and in comments to the Association that they are concerned by the attempt to make GA aircraft over 12,500 pounds flown under Part 91 comply with the same security requirements as commercial carriers. This proposal includes a number of initiatives: flight crew member criminal history record checks, watch list matching of passengers, checking passengers and baggage for dangerous weapons and biennial third party audits of each aircraft operator. In summary, the proposed rule represents an unprecedented intrusion on general aviation because it would apply commercial standards to GA operations. AOPA also is concerned about the proposal because the TSA has provided no justification for setting the aircraft weight requirement at 12,500 pounds. The Association fears it could expand to all sizes of GA aircraft. Equally alarming is a requirement that aircraft operators use and pay for third-party auditors to perform a government function.

The TSA will be holding a series of public meetings to hear how the proposed rule will impact GA. The meetings – which will begin at 9 a.m. local time (with registration starting at 8 a.m.) – will be held at the following locations: Burbank, Calif., **Jan. 23, 2009**: Burbank Airport Marriot Hotel & Convention Center, 2500 North Hollywood Way; Houston, Texas, **Jan. 28, 2009**: Hilton Houston Hotel-North Greenspoint Conference Center, 12400 Greenspoint Drive. Hearings have already been conducted in White Plains, Atlanta and Chicago.

Each speaker will be allowed three minutes to explain to TSA the impact of this rule. A representative from AOPA will be attending each meeting to discuss this proposal with members.

Your voice can make a difference, show up and explain to TSA just how the proposed LASP will impact your flying. If you cannot attend, it is still important that you make your voice heard by submitting comments to the official docket. For more information on the proposed rule or to find out how to submit your comments, visit the AOPA member action center at <http://www.aopa.org/advocacy/gasecurity/>.

Historic Registry Plaque Dedicated at Cut Bank Airport

By: Roy Nollkamper for the Pioneer Press, reprinted with permission

Life is full of coincidental events. When a group of 35 folks met on December 9 to celebrate the historic listing of the Cut Bank Airport and WWII Air Force Base; that fact was brought to their attention by Bob Jacoby, historian for the WWII Airmen's Memorial Museum.

Mr. Jacoby related that Dec. 7, 1941 was on a Sunday. This year, December 7, which is the 67th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, also came on Sunday. On December 8, 1941, war was declared on Japan by the United States. On that same date, the Glacier County Commissioners offered the use of the Cut Bank Airport to the federal government for the war effort. Then, on Dec. 9, 1941, the commissioners received word from General Hap Arnold, accepting their offer. So, it seemed fitting that on Dec. 9, 2008 a gathering was held on that very same property to celebrate the listing of the base and the entire airport compound on the National Register of Historic Places. Guests included members of the WWII Airmen's Memorial Museum, Glacier County Commissioner and airport board member, Ron Rides at the Door, Dennis Seglem, Director of the Glacier County Historical Museum and other history enthusiasts.

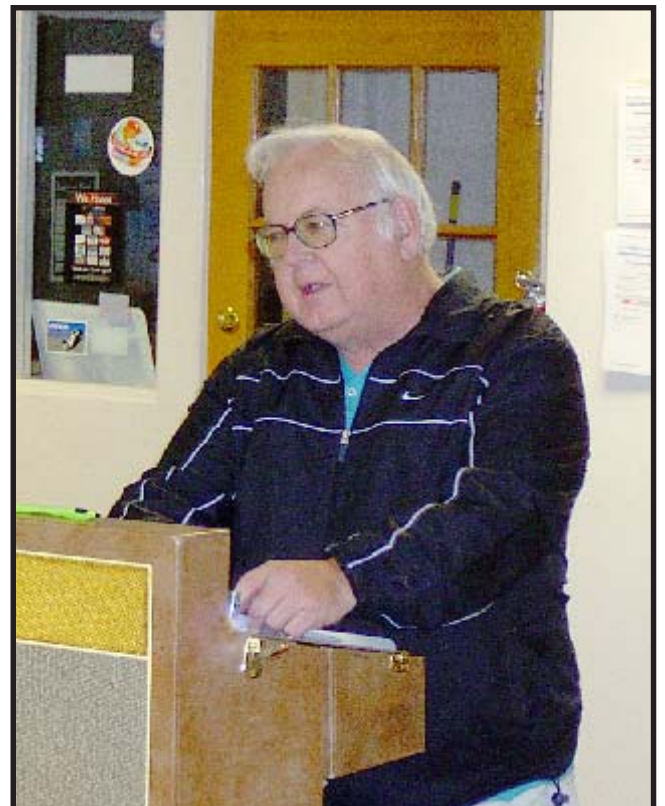
Listing on the National Registry is important to help preserve the history of the location and it could also open avenues of funding to help restore and preserve the remaining historic structures. This is also the first time in the State of Montana that an entire district has been listed on the Registry.

The plaque which is currently inside the administration building will be moved to an outside spot where it can be viewed by visitors interested in the former Army Air Force Base. Signage will also be located on the highway to help direct traffic to the registry plaque and the historic buildings plus the Airmen's Memorial Museum.

Improvements are continuing on the Armament building which sustained wind damage earlier this year, and funding is being sought for both this structure and the Recreation Building which also suffered extensive wind damage. State money has been designated for improvements on the historic hangar which is still in active use today and once housed B-17 aircraft.



This National Historic Register plaque will eventually be located outside overlooking the Cut Bank Airport and Army Air Force Base Historic District.



Airmen's Memorial Museum historian, Bob Jacoby, provides historic information about the Air Base.

Mechanics Seminar & IA Renewal Held in Conjunction with Aviation Conference

The MDT Aeronautics Division is pleased to announce the 2009 Mechanics Seminar & IA renewal will once again be held in conjunction with this year's Montana Aviation conference in Billings.

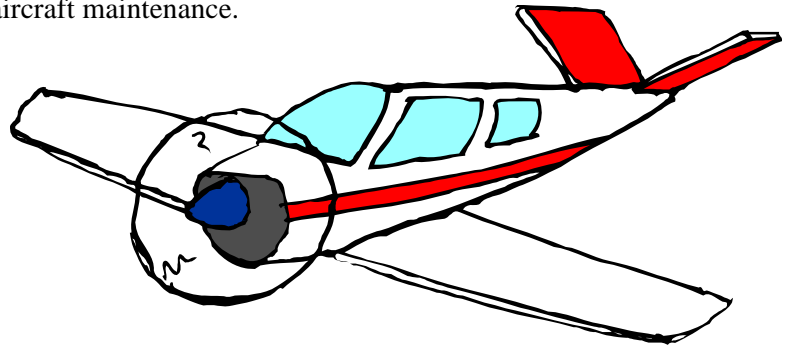
The dates for the conference are March 5-7. The Mechanics Seminar will be held on Friday, March 6 and continue through Saturday, March 7.

We will be offering six hours of training on Friday and a full eight hours of training on Saturday. This has worked out well in the past for those mechanics only wanting to attend on Saturday but still needing the training to update their IA for renewal.

Mechanics attending this year's seminar will be required to register for the Aviation Conference. The registration fee will be \$65 in advance, \$75 after February 2. This allows you to attend all concurrent sessions, morning and afternoon coffee breaks with snacks, Friday dinner/dance and the Saturday luncheon. If only attending the Saturday session, a \$20 day pass may be obtained. Direct any questions to Michael Rogan with the MDT Aeronautics Division at (406) 444-9590 or e-mail at mrogan@mt.gov.

Tentative speakers for the seminar are: Teledyne Continental Motors-Loren Lemen; Colorado Classic Aircraft-Carol Leyner; ACES Systems - Steve Sennett; Diagnostic Solutions (Chadwick)-Jim Ramsay; Flight Resource (MT Propellers)-John Nielsen; AeroTronics-Dewey Gordon; Champion Aerospace-Dick Johnson; North West Propeller - Dick Jacob; FAA Legal Counsel-David Shayne; FAA Safety Team Manager - Steve Jones; FAA Helena FSDO - Bryan Hanson; FAA Helena FSDO - Troy Meskimen.

Make plans now to attend, to discuss and learn the latest in aircraft maintenance.



Aviation Workshop for Montana Teachers Held During Conference

Takeoff with Aviation Education will be held in conjunction with the Montana Aviation Conference March 5-7 in Billings and is designed for teachers. This workshop will include the history of airpower, navigation, weather and the space environment. On Saturday, March 7 the teachers will be given the opportunity to fly in a general aviation aircraft and experience the aviation environment first hand.

The best result for gaining the attendance of teachers is by word of mouth. Please share this information with teachers and educators that you know. *Takeoff with Aviation Education* is sponsored by MDT Aeronautics Division and presented this year by aviation and aerospace educator and enthusiast, Kaye Ebel from Missoula.

Some additional information; 16 renewal credits from the Office of Public Instruction or 1 graduate credit (pending college approval) are available to those who attend this aviation teacher workshop. The workshop is free of charge and scholarships are available to assist with travel or college credit expenses.

For further information, please contact Jeanne MacPherson at (406) 444-9568 or email: jemacpherson@mt.gov.



Teacher Don Morton participated in the 2008 Aviation Education Program.

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Mail Registration Form & Payment to:
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Names of Participant(s) (for badges): _____

Aviation Organization Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

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Phone _____ E-mail address _____

Register Early and SAVE!

EARLY REGISTRATION: BY FEBRUARY 2, 2009

Takeoff to Landing Package	___ @\$120/PERSON	\$ _____
(includes registration & <u>all meals</u>)	___ @\$230/PERSON/SPOUSE	\$ _____

-OR- Registration Fee	___ @\$65/PERSON	\$ _____
(includes registration & <u>free meals</u> – see note below)	___ @\$120/FAMILY	\$ _____

Thursday Luncheon	___ @\$15/EACH	\$ _____
Friday Luncheon	___ @\$15/EACH	\$ _____
**Friday Dinner/Entertainment	___ @FREE	\$ _____
**Saturday Luncheon	___ @FREE	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet	___ @\$30	\$ _____

TOTAL PAYMENT: \$ _____

GENERAL REGISTRATION: AFTER FEBRUARY 2, 2009

Takeoff to Landing Package	___ @\$130/PERSON	\$ _____
(includes registration & <u>all meals</u>)	___ @\$250/PERSON/SPOUSE	\$ _____

-OR- Registration Fee	___ @\$75/PERSON	\$ _____
(includes registration & <u>free meals</u> – see note below)	___ @\$140/FAMILY	\$ _____

Thursday Luncheon	___ @\$15/EACH	\$ _____
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****PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU WILL ATTEND THE FREE FRIDAY DINNER/ENTERTAINMENT AND FREE SATURDAY LUNCHEON WITH NUMBER OF TICKETS REQUIRED. PERSON/SPOUSE AND FAMILY RATE INCLUDES 2 DINNER/ DANCE AND 2 SATURDAY LUNCH TICKETS – ADDITIONAL TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED - \$30.00 DINNER/DANCE AND \$15.00 SATURDAY LUNCHEON. TO ASSURE ADEQUATE MEAL COUNT IF NO INDICATION IS MADE AS TO NUMBER OF TICKETS REQUIRED NO TICKETS WILL BE RESERVED.**

Refund Policy: Full refunds for cancellations will be given until February 2, 2009. From February 2 through February 20 the registration fee less \$50 will be refunded. **After February 20**, no refunds will be given. If you cannot attend, you may transfer your registration to another person in the same registration category.

Don't Forget to Register for 2009!

The Montana 2009 aircraft and pilot registrations are rolling in at MDT Aeronautics Division. Thank you to Montana pilots and aircraft owners for your timely response to aircraft and pilot registration.

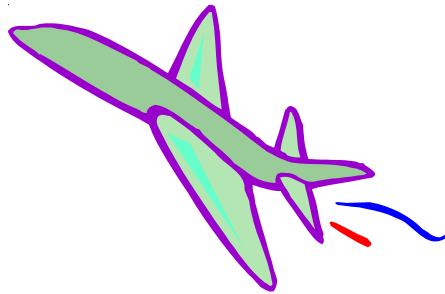
Montana pilot registration provides the Division with valuable information used for air search and rescue, and we are pleased to be able to offer pilots various safety and education programs throughout the calendar year. For a complete description of MDT Aeronautics Divisions functions, please visit our web site at: www.mdt.mt.gov/aviation/.

Montana based aircraft owners; if you have not yet submitted your 2009 aircraft registration, please do so as soon as possible. The Division is mandated by Montana law to account for Montana aircraft no later than March 1 of each calendar year. It is most important to note that according to statute, aircraft that are not registered by the March 1 deadline must pay a penalty of five times the fee, plus the fee. A newly purchased aircraft must be registered within 30 days of entering the state or it is also subject to the penalty fee.

There are exemptions to the aircraft registration. There is no fee charged for an unflyable aircraft, sold aircraft or dealer "inventory only" aircraft.

You must, however, indicate the status of each aircraft on the invoice you receive and verify that the aircraft information is correct by signing and sending it back to us.

Thank you and have a great and safe flying year.



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