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Aerotronics' Master Awards & Halloween Fun!



At this year's Aerotronics' Halloween party, owner Steve Vold hosted over 150 for lunch. The fun-loving Aerotronics' crew celebrated Halloween "Goth" style and were led by Inspector Clouseau (the pink panther) who was also rumored to have previously appeared as *Cher* and belted "I've got you babe!"



Gary Woltermann and Kenny Wendland were surprised as they got both a "trick" and a "treat" as they were honored with the Master Pilot and Master Mechanic Awards.

*Merry
Christmas*

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the MDT Aeronautics Division Staff – Debbie, Tim, Harold, Wade, Ken, Effie, Stefani, Jeff K., Bron and Jeff H.

Administrator's Column

Merry Christmas! It is hard to believe that the holiday season is here. Be sure to take some time out of your busy life to enjoy the magic of the holidays this season sharing with family and friends. Wishing you and yours the happiest of all that the holiday season brings. May your Christmas be merry and bright!

Cheers to Gary and Ken! The Wright Brothers **Master Pilot Award** recognizes pilots who have demonstrated professionalism, skill and aviation expertise by maintaining safe operations for 50 or more years. Recipients are awarded a certificate and a lapel pin and are recognized in the FAA's Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award - Roll of Honor. Recently, two great men from the Billings area were presented the Master Pilot Award by Jeff Vercoe, FAASTeam Program Manager, Helena FSDO. **Gary G. Woltermann's** first flight was on June 27, 1956 in a 1946 Piper J-3 Cub. Gary has the following certificates and ratings, single engine land pilot, single engine seaplane, multi-engine land, rotorcraft-gyroplane, ATP, flight instructor airplane single engine and multi-engine, flight instructor instrument airplane, flight instructor rotorcraft-gyroplane. He is typed in the Cessna CE-500 and the DC-B26. **Kenneth N. Wendland's** first flight was in 1960 in a Champ. Kenny has the following certificate and ratings, commercial pilot airplane single engine land, commercial pilot multi-engine land, commercial pilot instrument airplane, commercial pilot airplane single engine sea and flight instructor airplane single and multi-engine. Kenny also received the **Charles Taylor "Master Mechanic" Award**. This award is for Aviation mechanics who have been actively engaged with aircraft maintenance for 50 years or more. Kenny's maintenance career started on December 31, 1963. His first A&P job was in California. He moved to Billings in 1965 and received his Inspection Authorization (I/A) in 1968. Congratulations to these outstanding aviation role models on a tremendous career. Check out the FAA Roll of Honor at: <https://www.faasafety.gov/content/MasterPilot/RecipientList>. **See photos on page 1.**

Pilot's Bill of Rights Update: An amendment passed recently by a Senate committee brings third-class medical reform one step closer to fruition. The amendment that had strong support from both the aviation and medical professional community would require pilots to have held a valid FAA medical certificate in the previous ten years, and requires pilots to obtain a physical from their personal physicians every four years and to take an online medical safety course every two years. It would apply to pilots flying VFR or IFR in aircraft weighing up to 6,000 pounds and carrying up to five passengers at altitudes below 18,000 feet and speeds up to 250 knots. Once the amended version of the Pilot's Bill of Rights 2 passes the committee, it will go to the full Senate, where the legislation has 69 cosponsors. Similar legislation in the House has 150 cosponsors. After passing both bodies the bill will then go to the president for his signature.

UAS Task Force Report: The UAS Registration Task Force (RTF) Aviation Rulemaking Committee (ARC) has submitted its final report ([which can be viewed here](#)) to FAA Administrator Michael Huerta. The report contains multiple recommendations centered on three specific areas--including establishing criteria for UAS to be required to register, recommendations for the parameters of the registration process itself, and requisite proof of registration (aircraft marking and required certificate information). The consensus of the 25-member task force set the weight threshold that triggers registration at 250 grams or above, which is about a half-pound. The registration requirement would apply to drone operators, not individual drones. The task force noted that there were differing points of view on many of the issues under consideration and consensus was ultimately reached by keeping the recommendations simple and at a high level. The FAA hopes to issue the rules before Christmas.



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2016 Scholarship Opportunities

Montana is very fortunate to have many generous individuals and organizations that believe in promoting aviation by offering monetary assistance to qualified persons. The Aeronautics Division assists in administering these scholarships and encourages participation. The scholarships are offered to Montanans to help defray costs of education (i.e., flight instruction, A&P) and will be presented at the 2016 Montana Aviation Conference in Helena. Scholarship selections are based on a cover letter explaining your reasons for applying, future career goals, past aviation experience, if any, and any outstanding achievements. The same letter can be submitted but applicant must submit one copy addressed to each individual scholarship being applied for. Letters of application must include a mailing address and daytime phone number. If you are selected to receive a scholarship your photo will appear in the 2016 Montana Aviation Conference Program. Please include a photo with your applications for this purpose (only one photo necessary). Letters should be mailed to: MDT Aeronautics Division, PO Box 200507, Helena, MT 59620-0507 or call (406) 444-2506 for further information. Letters must be postmarked on or before January 4, 2016.

A Love of Aviation (ALOA) Scholarship – An anonymous donor established this scholarship of \$250 in 1997 and in 2010 two more anonymous donors contributed an additional \$250 each creating a \$750 scholarship.

Aviation Organizations of Montana (AOM) Flight Training Scholarship – AOM has established this \$500 scholarship to financially assist a student pilot in obtaining their private pilot certificate.

Blue Goose First Generation Flight Scholarship – Blue Goose Aviation is proud to give our First Generation Scholarship to a deserving person in Montana. The scholarship is for someone who does not have another pilot in the family. This year the scholarship will be a \$1,000 value to be flown at Blue Goose Aviation in Polson, MT (either 5 hours dual in our Cessna 182 or 8 hours dual in our Cessna 150). We would like all applicants to follow the application procedures set forth by the MDT Aeronautics Division plus answer these two questions.

1. What aviation certificates or ratings do you have at this time and what type of training would you like to do with this scholarship? (i.e. private license, basic aircraft control, mountain flying checkout, instrument training, etc.)
2. How would this scholarship and training help you towards your future aviation goals?

Bob Redding Memorial Scholarship - EAA Chapter 57 in Billings is offering a scholarship in memory of Bob Redding who was a lifetime advocate of general and experimental aviation. Building aircraft was as important to Bob as flying them and, given his tenure as a college math professor, so was education. Consequently, this \$500 scholarship is offered to those working towards their A & P license, first generation pilot training, or any post-secondary STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) degree.

EAA Missoula Chapter 517 Scholarship - EAA Chapter 517 in Missoula will provide THREE \$1,000 scholarships in 2016. One will be for a post-solo student; one for a second year A&P student; and one to be used for any type of aviation career training.

Edwards Jet Center Scholarship – Edwards Jet Center a full-service fixed based operator and Part 135 charter operator based at Logan International Airport in Billings is offering a \$500 scholarship to help defray the costs of flight instruction.

Montana Antique Aircraft Association (MAAA) Scholarship – MAAA is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to help defray the costs of flight instruction.

Scholarships continued on the following page...

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MPA Air Safety and Education Foundation (MPA ASEF) Flight Training Scholarship – This \$1,000 scholarship is open to an active pilot who has considerable interest in aviation and is seeking advanced flight training or pursuing a profession in aviation. Applicant must be a Montana resident.

Montana Pilots Association (MPA) Junior Pilot Scholarship – The recipient of this \$1,000 scholarship is chosen for outstanding interest in aviation, citizenship in their community and demonstrated academic achievement. The recipient must be a Montana resident and previously soloed. Preference is given to younger applicants who are new pilots or pursuing a profession in aviation.

Parrott Family Scholarship – The Parrott Family offers a \$1,000 scholarship to be used over a one-year period for pilot training programs for students enrolled in the Rocky Mountain College (RMC) aviation program. The funds may be used for tuition in the RMC aviation program, and/or flight training expenses leading to a Private, Commercial, or Flight Instructor Certificate, and may include Instrument and Multiengine simulator training, and the purchase of aviation related materials and related supplies.

Theresa (Nistler) Colley Scholarship – Mountain AirDance Flight Training (Jeanne MacPherson and Bill Gallea) and Vetter Aviation (Brent and Rosie Vetter) offer this \$1,000 scholarship in memory of Theresa (Nistler) Colley who passed away from leukemia in February, 2012. Theresa loved flying and was working toward her private pilot certificate. This scholarship will be awarded to a student pilot who is working on getting their private pilot rating.

Vigilante Hangar Scholarship – the Vigilante Hangar of the Montana Pilots Association is sponsoring the 1st annual Flight Instructor Scholarship. The Scholarship in the amount of \$650 will be awarded to an instrument rated commercial pilot who is pursuing an initial CFI rating.

Calendar of Events

January 8-10, 2016 – Winter Survival Clinic. For further information, contact Harold Dramstad at (406) 444-9568 or email hdramstad@mt.gov.

January 20-21, 2016 – Aeronautics Board Meeting. For further information, contact Tim Conway at (406) 444-9547 or email tconway@mt.gov.

January 25-26, 2016 – Association of Montana Aerial Applicator's Annual Convention and Trade Show. This event will be held at the Best Western Heritage Inn in Great Falls, MT. For further information, contact Colleen Campbell at (406) 463-2268.

February 12-14, 2016 – Flight Instructor Refresher Course (FIRC). For further information, contact Harold Dramstad at (406) 444-9568 or email hdramstad@mt.gov.

March 3-5, 2016 – Montana Aviation Conference, Red Lion Colonial Hotel in Helena. For further information, contact the main office at (406) 444-2506.

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ATTENTION STUDENTS!

Wade Blaine Scholarship



The Association of Montana Aerial Applicators is offering the Wade Blaine Scholarship of \$500 to anyone interested in pursuing an agricultural aviation education. For additional information, contact Colleen Campbell at (406) 463-2268.

Aeronautics Division Aircraft Mechanics IA Refresher Seminar

The Montana Aeronautics Division is pleased to announce the 2016 Mechanics Seminar & IA renewal will once again be held in conjunction with this year's Montana Aviation Conference in Helena MT.

The Mechanics IA Renewal Seminar will be held on Friday March 4th, and continue through Saturday March 5th. Seminar hours are 8:00 am to 6:30 pm Friday March 4th, and 7:00 am to 5:30 pm Saturday March 5th.

Registration for IA's starts at 7:00 am on Friday and 6:00 am on Saturday. Please plan to be there early to register as an IA if you intend to use the training for renewal.

We will be offering a full eight hours of training on both Friday and Saturday. Please plan to arrive early to receive the full 8 hour credit.

For questions please contact Ken Wilhelm with the Montana Aeronautics Division at 406-444-9592 or e-mail kwilhelm@mt.gov.

TENTATIVE SPEAKERS:

Dick Jacobs, *Northwest Propeller*
Roger Fuchs, *Aviation Consulting*
Ben Visser, *Formerly with Shell Oil*
Alan Jesmer, *Precision Airmotive*
Darrold Hutchinson, *Hutchinson Aviation*
Loren Lemen, *LY-CON Rebuilding*
Kristi Dunks, *NTSB*
Cliff Orcutt, *Aircraft Magneto Services*
Bryan Hanson, *Helena FSDO*
Patrick MacQuarrie, *Helena FSDO Manager*
Jeff Vercoe, *FAASTeam Manager*



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



The Yellowstone Airport

The new Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting building is now complete and the contractor is currently addressing the final punch list items.

This welcomed addition to the airport campus is the first new airport owned building facility in over 50 years (since the airport's conception).

Next time you're at WYS stop by for a tour!

2016 Pilot & Aircraft Registration

Montana pilots and aircraft owners will soon be receiving their registration renewal notices in the mail. Montana uses a simple fee structure in lieu of tax for the annual aircraft registration, based on the type and age of the aircraft. Aircraft customarily kept in Montana must be registered on or before March 1st of each year. Late registrations are subject to a penalty of 5 times the fee, in addition to the fee itself. If your aircraft has been sold, is dismantled, or otherwise unflyable, check the appropriate box on your registration invoice and return it to MDT Aeronautics Division before March 1st, 2016.

The annual pilot registration fee of \$10 goes to support the many clinics and programs of the MDT Aeronautics Division, including the Winter Survival Clinic, Aviation Career Education Academy, Aviation Art Contest, and the Aeronautics resource library. Registering pilots will receive a 2016 Montana airport directory and the monthly newsletter, *Montana and the Sky*. The information collected on pilot registration cards becomes invaluable in the event of search and rescue operations. Pilots interested in volunteering as search pilots and spotters may so indicate on their registration card.

For further information or questions regarding registration, please contact the MDT Aeronautics Division's main office at (406) 444-2506.



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Welcomes Effie Benoit!

Effie joined the Montana Aeronautics Division in November as the division's accountant. Effie comes to Aeronautics with a background in small business accounting in the private sector as well as governmental accounting at the University of Wyoming School of Law. Effie and her family have been in Montana for a short time and are enjoying all the outdoor opportunities that Montana has to offer.



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2016 FIRC Registration Form**

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2016 Flight Instructor Refresher Course (FIRC)

Hosted by the MDT Aeronautics Division

Clinic Name: 2016 FIRC

Clinic Dates: February 12-14, 2016

Clinic Location: Helena Regional Airport Terminal Building

Attendee Information

Name:	
Name (2):	
Name (3):	
Name (4):	
Company:	
Address:	
City:	
State/Province:	
Zip/Postal Code:	

Registered MT Pilot? (Yes/No):

CFI Number:

Main Contact:

Email:

Phone:

Special Needs:

Registration Fees

- MT Registered Pilot - \$160.00
- Non-registered MT Pilot - \$175.00

Clinic Fee	
x Number of Attendees	
Total Due:	

Payment

- Check payable to:** Montana Aeronautics
- Cash

For further information regarding the

2016 FIRC

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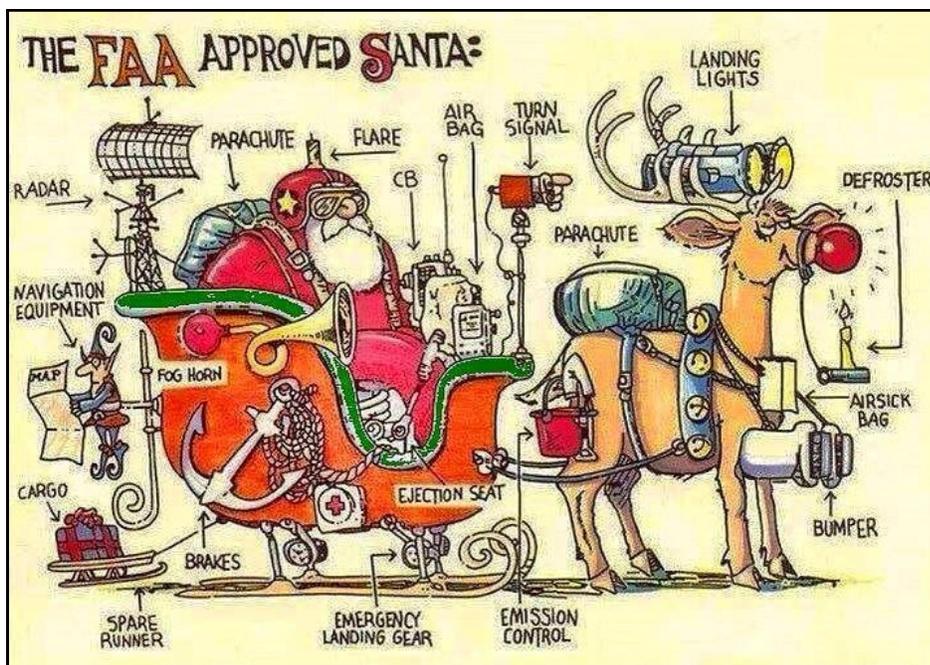
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FAA Removes Redundant NDB & VOR Instrument Approach Procedures

The FAA issued a final ruling on November 10th, 2015 to remove certain underutilized or redundant instrument approach procedures. The 334 procedures slated for cancellation include just two in Montana, the VOR/DME Runway 04 approach at Frank Wiley Field in Miles City, effective December 10, 2015, and the NDB Runway 30 approach to Wokal Field in Glasgow, March 31, 2016. Currently the FAA publishes 5,984 RNAV/GPS instrument approach procedures nationwide, compared to 4,413 instrument procedures based on conventional, ground-based navigational aids.



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