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Air Ambulance Base Grand Opening at Yellowstone Airport!



Over 150 people came out to see the new hangar and air ambulance operation on July 25, 2018.

Yellowstone Airport is pleased to announce the grand opening of its new air ambulance base and hangar facility! Air Methods Corporation dba Air Idaho Rescue in conjunction with Aero Mark have teamed up to construct the first hangar ever at the Yellowstone Airport.

Air Idaho has been operating out of Yellowstone Airport for the past two years year-round and seasonally for the previous two years. The new hangar facility will allow them to operate more efficiently and reliably year-round. The hangar can accommodate either one of Air Idaho's rescue helicopters or Pilatus fixed-wing aircraft. The facility also has a crew quarters complete with office space, kitchen, and resting areas.

Stop by the airport during normal business hours for a tour of the facility and aircraft — the crew would be happy to show the public around their operation if not on an active call. Please call to make prior arrangements, (406) 640-2072.

Aeronautics New Outreach Program Kicks Off at Lincoln Airport Fly-In



Safety & Education Bureau Chief Jeremy Gouley, helps Elijah, Simeon and Mark build balsa wood aircraft.

The Montana Department of Transportation Aeronautics Division kicked off its new aviation outreach program at the Lincoln Airport Open House and BBQ on Saturday, July 28th. The program is focused on helping the aviation community understand what Aeronautics does, what services we provide, and how we can best serve them. Aeronautics had the opportunity to meet with local pilots, aircraft owners, and even some out-of-state pilots to discuss the various programs offered by the Aeronautics Division, as well as obtain feedback about those services.

The Open House and BBQ attracted local pilots and aviation enthusiasts as well as people from as far away as Wyoming. The crowd was able to look at displayed aircraft, take part in Young Eagle aircraft rides and have a great barbeque lunch. The kids enjoyed building balsa wood airplanes and had a great time flying them around.

The Aeronautics Division provides a variety of services including Air Search and Rescue, Aviation Education, Aircraft Registration, Pilot Registration, Airport Planning, Loan and Grant Programs, and many others. If you would like to have a representative from the Aeronautics Division attend your next aviation event, give us a call at the office and we will be happy to try to accommodate your request!

Welcome Jeremy Gouley

Jeremy joined MDT Aeronautics Division as the Safety and Education Bureau Chief on July 23, 2018. Jeremy most recently served four years with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) at the Helena Flight Safety District Office as an Operations Inspector. Before working for the FAA, he flew a Falcon 50 Business jet as a personal pilot. His aviation career included acting as Director of Operations for a Part 135 operation, owned and operated a flight school for nine years, flew for a fractional ownership company for five years, flew cargo for a UPS feeder operation based in Michigan and Colorado, and spent three years as a bush pilot in Alaska.

Jeremy is an ATP, CFI, CFII, MEI pilot with over 7,000 logged hours.



*Jeremy Gouley
Photo Credit: Brandie Gouley*



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He is type rated in DA-50, SA-227, BE-300, MU-300, and BE-400 aircraft. Jeremy attended Lane Community College in Eugene, Oregon, studying aviation science. He has also taken many classes at Flight Safety International and graduated from the FAA academy as an Aviation Safety Inspector. Jeremy and his wife, Brandie, have three kids ages 21, 19, and 15.

Meggers Named Montana Pilot of the Year

Roger Meggers was named Montana Pilot of the Year by the Montana Pilots Association (MPA). Every year MPA acknowledges one pilot in the state for his/her support of general aviation. Montana Aeronautics Division would like to congratulate Roger on the award and his hard work and dedication. Roger is the owner of Baker Air Service, Inc. in Baker, Montana. Baker Air does beautiful restoration work on Piper Super Cubs. If you are ever out that way, stop in and see their works in progress. Once again, thanks for all the hard work, Roger, and enjoy your award!



Roger Meggers proudly displays his Montana Pilot of the Year plaque.

Photo Credit: Darin Meggers



Roger Meggers, with Baker Aviation, restored this 2019 AOPA Super Cub Sweepstakes aircraft.

Photo Credit: Roger Megger

Montana Celebrates General Aviation Appreciation Month

Governor Steve Bullock recognized August 2018 as General Aviation Appreciation Month in the state of Montana.

The Governor's recognition letter states that "General aviation and community airports play a critical role in the lives of Montanans. According to the Montana Airports 2016 Economic Impact Study, airports in Montana support 23,849 jobs, an annual payroll of over \$838 million, and generate over \$2.7 billion for the state's economy. Communities of all sizes across the state depend on general aviation and community airports for the continued flow of commerce, tourists and visitors to our state."

Montana has 128 public-use airports which serve 3,817 pilots and 2,385 active general aviation aircraft. General aviation is integral to Montana's response to emergencies and natural disasters, as well as a key component of business travel, tourists, aviation training, and visitors to Big Sky Country.

The Montana Department of Transportation and the Aeronautics Division were pleased and excited to have celebrated "General Aviation Appreciation Month" in August with Governor Bullock.

Cancer Survivor Camp Was “Outrageously Fun”

Article submitted by Janine Schwahn

When Summit Aviation is mentioned, most people automatically picture the unique Diamond Aircraft trainers buzzing around the Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport. Some people are familiar with the name because of the jet charter operations, or maybe you've heard the name in an aircraft transaction. Regardless of how you know the homegrown Montana company, this past week, and the same week for the past five years, Summit Aviation is viewed by cancer survivors as *Life*.

Most of us have been witness to what cancer can do to a human being, and some of us have even waged war on our own bodies with the end goal to *survive*. And that is what we call people who win the battle - survivors. But battles and wars leave wounds, some physical and visible and other wounds just as painful but not apparent to the human eye. Every July, during the annual Cancer Survivor Flight Camp, four young adults, whose past memories are of doctors, surgeries, treatments and sickness, have the opportunity to experience the unmeasurable joy of *living*.

For these individuals, the Flight Camp is a chance to escape limitations and discover new skills and abilities. During the course of the week, the campers learn the basics of flight, how to manipulate aircraft controls, take an awe-inspiring flight over Yellowstone National Park, experience the thrill of a cross-country flight to Driggs, ID and perform their own takeoffs and landings.

The fully donation-funded Flight Camp is powerfully life changing for the participants and goes far beyond aerodynamics. It's about rising above challenges and pain, breaking free of limitations and taking back control. Former camper Morgan shares, "It was outrageously fun... I had this feeling like we had won. We had, in some way, triumphed; went from cancer to flying."

President Ben Walton started the camp in partnership with Eagle Mount and actively participates every day of the camp every single year. His entire focus is on the campers, with himself being the lead flight instructor during the five training days. The passion he has for the Flight Camp is contagious with many Summit employees donating their time to the camp. The campers this year were Darla, Emily, Graham and Brett, all who earned their own unique call-sign throughout training. And while the week has ended, the new friendships made and the life shared between survivors and Summit Aviation will continue long into the future, with the campers moving farther away from the containment of four walls.

Just a few hours after the last camper had left, I asked Ben how he was doing, "I'm exhausted, but I had a blast!" he commented. Fitting, I thought- he had been flying all week with Brett, whose call-sign was "Rocketman."

To learn more about the camp visit www.flysummit.net.



Cancer Flight Campers: Brett Walund, Darla Brown, Graham Tredwell, Emily Kuhn
Photo Credit: Capture Now Studios



Cancer Flight Camper with instructors: Evan Schwarzenbach (CFI), Darla Brown, Emily Kuhn, Brad Groesbeck (CFI), Graham Tredwell, Ben Walton (CFI- President of Summit Aviation), Brett Walund, Austin Larson (CFI)
Photo Credit: Capture Now Studios

Schafer Meadows Work Session 2018

The Schafer Meadows work session was held on July 21 and staffed by a small but motivated crowd. The weather was exceptional with moderate temperatures and good visibilities which were conducive to both flying and working.

If you've never been to a Schafer Meadows work session, it is a highly recommended bucket list item. Volunteers arrived Friday afternoon, set up camp, and took a walk to the nearby Middle Fork of the Flathead River. Scott and Mary Newpower arrived earlier and caught a couple fish. After dinner we enjoyed an evening around the campfire - talking with friends, meeting new people, and swapping stories. As we walked through the trees on Saturday morning, one could see the sun's morning rays penetrating the wisps of smoke from nearby campfires. The familiar aroma created a relaxing atmosphere to start the day's work.

The "traditional" work of cleaning the bathrooms and bear boxes was completed early by a couple enthusiastic volunteers. On Saturday, we had 15 volunteers that split into two groups to accomplish two main goals: install new firepits and move the runway cones.

Thanks to Pete Smith for providing beautiful, custom-built firepits (at cost) that were then purchased and donated to the campground. Special thanks to the Recreational Aviation Foundation members, Willie Hurd, Tom Schoenleben, Mike Vivion, and Montana Pilots Association for their generous donations. The firepit crew went to work removing the old firepits and installing the new. Many hands made light work and all seven firepits were installed within a couple hours.

The runway cones crew was met with a few challenges. After beginning to move the cones to the south, it became clear there were obstacles and uneven terrain on both sides of the existing runway edges. It was decided to leave the cones in their original positions. Hats off to the runway cones crew that rolled with the punches.

Thanks to all the volunteers who pitched-in to keep the Schafer Meadows experience memorable and special thanks to District Ranger Scott Nelson and his staff for their support. Photographs provided by Aeronautics staff.



Teamwork to remove an old firepit.



Do you think that cone alignment will work?



Not everyone stayed long enough for the team photo.



On approach from the east ...

Lockheed P-2 (Tanker 05) Final Mission

Article submitted by Craig Stebbins

On Monday, August 6, Neptune Aviation Services Inc. flew Tanker 05, a former U.S. Navy Lockheed P2V-5, into the Dawson Community Airport, Glendive.

The airplane departed Alamogordo, NM shortly after 8:00 a.m.; winds aloft shortened the trip by nearly an hour. Piloted by Captain Aaron Dux and First Officer Wayne Bailey of Neptune Aviation, Tanker 05 arrived in the Glendive area around 12:25 p.m., performed an orbit around town followed by several passes down the main runway.

She finally touched down for the last time shortly before 1:00 p.m. The West Glendive Volunteer Fire Department welcomed the airplane to her new home with a water cannon salute.



Water cannon salute provided by West Glendive Volunteer Fire Department

Photo Credit: Jamie Ausk Crisafulli, Glendive Ranger Review

the ceremony was a big success.

Later in the day, Tanker 05 was towed to the approximate location on the airport where she will soon be prepped for permanent static display. The residents of Glendive and the surrounding area are proud and happy of the fact that Tanker 05 has landed at a very good home.

Given the fact that Neptune Aviation is extremely busy with the fire season, it was known that there would not be much advance notice regarding the airplane's arrival. Nevertheless, a crowd of approximately 200 people were present to greet both airplane and crew. Upon shutdown, the flight crew graciously invited the public to see the inside of the airplane. Concessions were available, and



First Officer Wayne Bailey (L), Captain Aaron Dux (R)
Photo Credit: Jamie Ausk Crisafulli, Glendive Ranger Review

Aeronautics Board Loan & Grant Application Reminder

As a reminder to loan and grant applicants, the Loan and Grant online portal (<http://www.mdt.mt.gov/aviation/loans-grants.shtml>) will accept FY 2020 applications starting July 1, 2018, through November 15, 2018. If you cannot enter the website, you may have a previous award that needs a closeout form or a status report filed.

Additionally, make sure projects are broken down as required. As an example, asphalt projects should be broken down by runway, apron and taxiway, not as one project lumped together. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Wade Cebulski at (406) 444-9581 or wcebulski@mt.gov.

Calendar of Events

September 8, 2018 – Polson (8S1) EAA Chapter 1122 Fly-In Breakfast – From 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. For more information please contact Joe Kuberka at (719) 659-5052.

September 8, 2018 – MPA North Central Hangar Fly-In Breakfast – Havre City County Airport (KHVR) from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. All you can eat \$8.00 per person, pilot in command eats free. “The second-best breakfast you can get at any airport.” For more information please contact Billie at (406) 945-3646.

September 8, 2018 – Open House Young Eagles Rally & Free Pancake Breakfast – 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Montana Aeronautics, 2630 Airport Road in Helena. Sponsored by Helena EAA Chapter 344, families are welcome to enjoy a pancake breakfast and see the aircraft on display while youngsters 8 to 17 years of age may register for free airplane rides by volunteer EAA pilots. Young Eagles must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. EAA pilots willing to volunteer to fly Young Eagles may contact Lance Seaman (406) 442-8459.

September 15, 2018 – End of Summer Bash - Kalispell City Airport (S27). For more information or to RSVP your interest email office@montanaairadventruer.com or phone (406) 755-2376.

September 15, 2018 – Missoula General Aviation BBQ – 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the EAA Chapter 517 Hangar in the “East LZ Hangar” complex. Everyone in the MSO Airport community as well as fly-in Montana GA pilots are welcome. Come enjoy the famous “MSO burger” and “MSO brat”, prepared by expert chefs (usually our Airport Director, Deputy Director, and Public Safety Chief), along with side dishes, chips, and soft drinks. For more information contact Gary Matson at (406) 370-6584 or email gjmatson@montana.com.

September 15, 2018 – Laurel Airport (6S8) Fly-In & Pancake Breakfast - Join us for breakfast and the commissioning of a new runway from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information contact Brock Williams at (406) 530-9367.

October 6, 2018 – Montana Pilots Association – Fall meeting in Lewistown at 11:00 a.m. For more information contact Mary Newpower at (406) 670-5526 or email mpasecretary1@gmail.com.

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Call for Speakers for Montana Aviation Conference

*Have an interesting story to tell?
Know someone with an interesting story?*

We are opening the call for speakers for the 35th Annual Montana Aviation Conference to be held at the Fairmont Hot Springs Resort February 28 through March 2, 2019. MDT Aeronautics welcomes Montana’s aviation community to offer suggestions of speakers and topics for this year’s conference. Please forward your suggestions to MDTAvConf@mt.gov or call us with your ideas at (406) 444-2506.

Notice to Pilots



PLEASE HELP by signing airport “Pilot Logs” when using Montana’s general aviation airports. These records help ensure that resources can be used where they will benefit the flying public most.

We appreciate your cooperation.

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Vision Zero: A Goal for Everyone

In 2017, there were 187 fatalities on Montana roads.

What does that mean? 187 parents, children, grandparents, friends, siblings, spouses, and other loved ones had lives that were cut short. It also means countless tears and shattered lives for those left with the aftermath of unsafe driving behaviors. Which loved one are you prepared to lose? If your answer is none, then Vision Zero is also YOUR goal.

It will take every one of us to work towards the day that Vision Zero is met, and the fatality total reads "ZERO." Two of the highest contributing factors to traffic fatalities in 2017 were alcohol and no seat belt.

These are behaviors that can be changed! Start by always wearing your seatbelt and planning for sober transportation. Remind your loved ones and those around you to do the same.

-Director Mike Tooley, MDT

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