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2023 Aviation Awareness Art Contest Winners Announced!

Congratulations to the winners of this year's Montana Aeronautics Division's Aviation Awareness Art Contest!

This art contest, in addition to other The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) Aeronautics Division programs, helps youth to see and experience the impact aeronautics has on careers, transportation, and the economy. Many past winners of this contest have gone on to pursue successful careers in aviation.

Category I (K-5th grade)

winners:

- 1st place: Derek B. of Clancy
- 2nd place: Lochlainn S. of Missoula
- 3rd place: Addison B. of Great Falls

Category II (6th-8th grade)

winners:

- 1st place: Matthew T. of Great Falls
- 2nd place: Aleya E. of Billings
- 3rd place: Cloee D. of Great Falls

Category III (9th-12th grade)

winners:

- 1st place: Mike R. of Plains
- 2nd place: Cademon C. of Great Falls
- 3rd place: Cierra F. of Colstrip



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You Are Invited: Canyon Ferry Fly-In, June 17

The annual Aviation Career Exploration (ACE) Academy will be taking place at Canyon Ferry. As part of the final day of camp, we will host a general aviation fly-in on June 17 at 9 a.m. This is a great opportunity to show off your aircraft and talk to interested high school students. These students love to hear how you got started in aviation and learn more about careers in the field. We want you to spend some time with us and talk about your airplanes. We hope for a diverse turnout!



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For more information about the ACE Academy, see page 1 of the May newsletter. Please RSVP if you plan on flying in by contacting mdtad@mt.gov or 406-444-2506.

Newsletter Changes Are Here!

Updates have been made to the format of this monthly newsletter. Though the length of the newsletter has been reduced, *Montana and the Sky* will continue to provide Aeronautics Division updates and events to all readers.

If you currently receive the newsletter by mail, please consider opting-in to receive the e-newsletter by email every month.

To sign up for the e-newsletter, please email us at mdtad@mt.gov or give us a call at 406-444-2506.

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- Faster delivery.
- Easily shareable.
- Viewable on phone, tablet, or computer.
- Saves resources by reducing paper waste!

Thank you to those who have already opted to receive the e-newsletter!

Attention Airport Sponsors

As a friendly reminder, airport sponsors who were previously awarded a loan or grant from Montana Aeronautics are required to complete a status update or project closeout form. To be eligible to apply for additional funding this year, the closeout form must be completed first. The loan and grant application period opens on July 1, 2023 and will close on November 15, 2023. For assistance or questions, please contact Stephen Torske at 406-444-9581 or storske@mt.gov.

Airport Work Sessions: *Volunteers Needed!*

There are several opportunities to volunteer at airport work sessions throughout the summer. Please consider flying in to help with annual maintenance and upkeep projects. Many of these airstrips rely on volunteers to keep them in operation. All work helps to improve the useability and appearance of these airstrips. It's satisfying to see the improvements made, but one of the most enjoyable parts of these work sessions is the comradery, story swapping, and relationship building. If you like airplane camping, these sessions are a great opportunity to break out the tent while also lending a much-needed hand.

For more information about upcoming work sessions, please see the calendar of events on page 3.

Free ForeFlight Workshops Kicked off In May

A series of free virtual workshops on ForeFlight was kicked off in May. These 90-minute interactive workshops offer hands-on training on using ForeFlight for flight planning, weather, and in-flight navigation. The virtual workshops will continue on the first Monday of each month through August 2023. Rusty pilot seminars held in Montana have seen significant increases in attendance. If you are interested in learning how to get the most use out of ForeFlight, consider enrolling in this workshop series.

You can register online for the entire series at <https://www.captainschiff.com/>.



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Calendar of Events

June 3 — First Annual Livingston Fly-In. Free pancake breakfast with donation preferred begins at 7:30 a.m. Proceeds promote general aviation access for local youth. Pilot briefing for real-world safe short takeoff and landing performance competition starts at 9 a.m. in the fixed base operator. Engine start at 9:45 a.m., with prizes for the winners (including one for best go-around decision). For more information, contact Austin Timm at 406-220-0611.

June 3 — AOPA Rusty Pilot Seminar. *Polson.* Blue Goose Aviation is hosting an Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association Rusty Pilot refresher course from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Hangar 37 at the Polson airport. Sign up at www.bluegooseaviation.com or call Joe at 719-393-5550.

June 10 — Butte Wings & Wheels. Fly-in or drive to Bert Mooney Airport for the third annual aircraft fly-in and car/truck show! Enjoy a free breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. (donations accepted), Avgas discount at Butte Aviation, and fun for young and old alike, plus prizes! Miss Montana will be there, weather permitting. For more information, contact Walt McIntosh at 406-670-1846.

June 13 — Del Bonita Work Session. Starting at 9 a.m. followed by a hamburger cook-out. Contact Stephen Torske for details at storske@mt.gov.

June 17 — ACE Academy Fly-in. *Canyon Ferry.* See page 1 for more details.

June 17 — Meadow Creek Work Session. Starts at 9 a.m. Bring your shovels to 0S1 and pitch in! Lunch provided. For more information, contact Stephen Torske at 406-444-9581 or storske@mt.gov.

June 17 — Lincoln Airport Fly-in Breakfast. The Lincoln Airport Foundation will host fly-in breakfasts from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month from May to September. Donations will be accepted to support the airport courtesy car. For more information, contact Doug Vulcan at yulcandg406@gmail.com.

June 17 — Twin Bridges Fly-in. Pancake breakfast Starts at 8 a.m. (for a fee) and a free lunch at 1 p.m. hosted by Ruby Valley Aviation. Young Eagle rides available. For details contact Kendra Horn at kendra@rubyvalleyaviation.com

June 20-25 — Flying Legends Victory Tour. *Helena.* Boeing B-17 and B-25 bomber tours and rides hosted by Exec Air at the Helena Regional Airport. Tours: \$15/person or \$30/family, Tuesday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday through Sunday 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Rides available for a fee by booking online at www.flyinglegendstour.com.

June 23-25 — Annual Missouri Breaks Fly-in. *Winifred.* Explore seven airstrips in the Upper Missouri Breaks, based out of Winifred. Restaurant available and some meals will be provided at the airport. For more information, contact Michael Vivion at michael.vivion@gmail.com.

June 24 — Whitefish Fly-In. Come to 58S for a fly-in June 24th for a free barbecue lunch from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donations accepted. For more information, contact Bill McKinney at 406-261-4385.

June 24 — Choteau Fly-In. 6:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Free breakfast, donations welcome. Young Eagles airplane rides available. See and tour Miss Montana! For more information, contact Scott Gasvoda at 406-590-2836.

June 24 — Lewistown Fly-In. Fly in for a cinnamon roll pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., hosted by the Montana Pilots Association Central Hangar. For more information, contact Jeff Martinez at 406-707-0598.

July 15 — Lincoln Airport Fly-in Breakfast. Details above.

July 15 — Schafer Meadows Work Party. Fly to 8U2 to help out. Starts at 9 a.m. Dinner provided.

July 15-16 — St. Ignatius Fly-In. July 15 there will be a free barbecue, and on July 16 there will be a free huckleberry pancake breakfast. Affordable helicopter rides for purchase both days. For more information, contact Michael Kuefler at 406-544-2274.

July 21-23 — Big Sky International Balloon Rendezvous. *Billings.* Calling all hot air balloon pilots! Come gather with other balloon pilots and enthusiasts. There is limited space for balloons. Interested pilots can register at: <https://forms.gle/UcsA76r1WY8R8Ahq9>.

August 4-5 — Montana Antique Aircraft Association Fly-In. *Three Forks.* Breakfast available for purchase on Saturday at 9 a.m. Ping pong ball drop, spot landing contest, flour bombing, people's choice static display award. For more information, please contact Nick Hill at 503-209-1041.

August 12-13 — Yellowstone International Airshow. *Billings.* Experience a two-day lineup of family-friendly aviation excitement featuring the US Navy's Blue Angels flight demonstration team. For tickets and information visit: <https://yellowstoneairshow.com/>.

August 19 — Lincoln Airport Fly-in Breakfast. See details above.

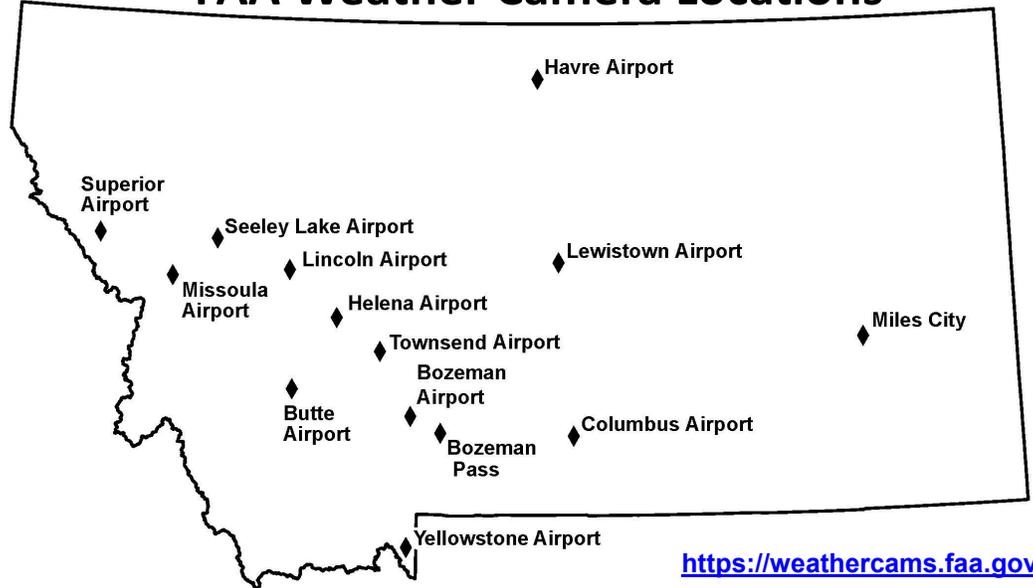
September 9 — Helena Aviation Day. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aircraft static displays, Boeing facility tours, armory and aviation facility open house, events and games for kids. 5K Fun Run at 5 p.m. For more information, contact matthew.d.rowland6.mil@army.mil.

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