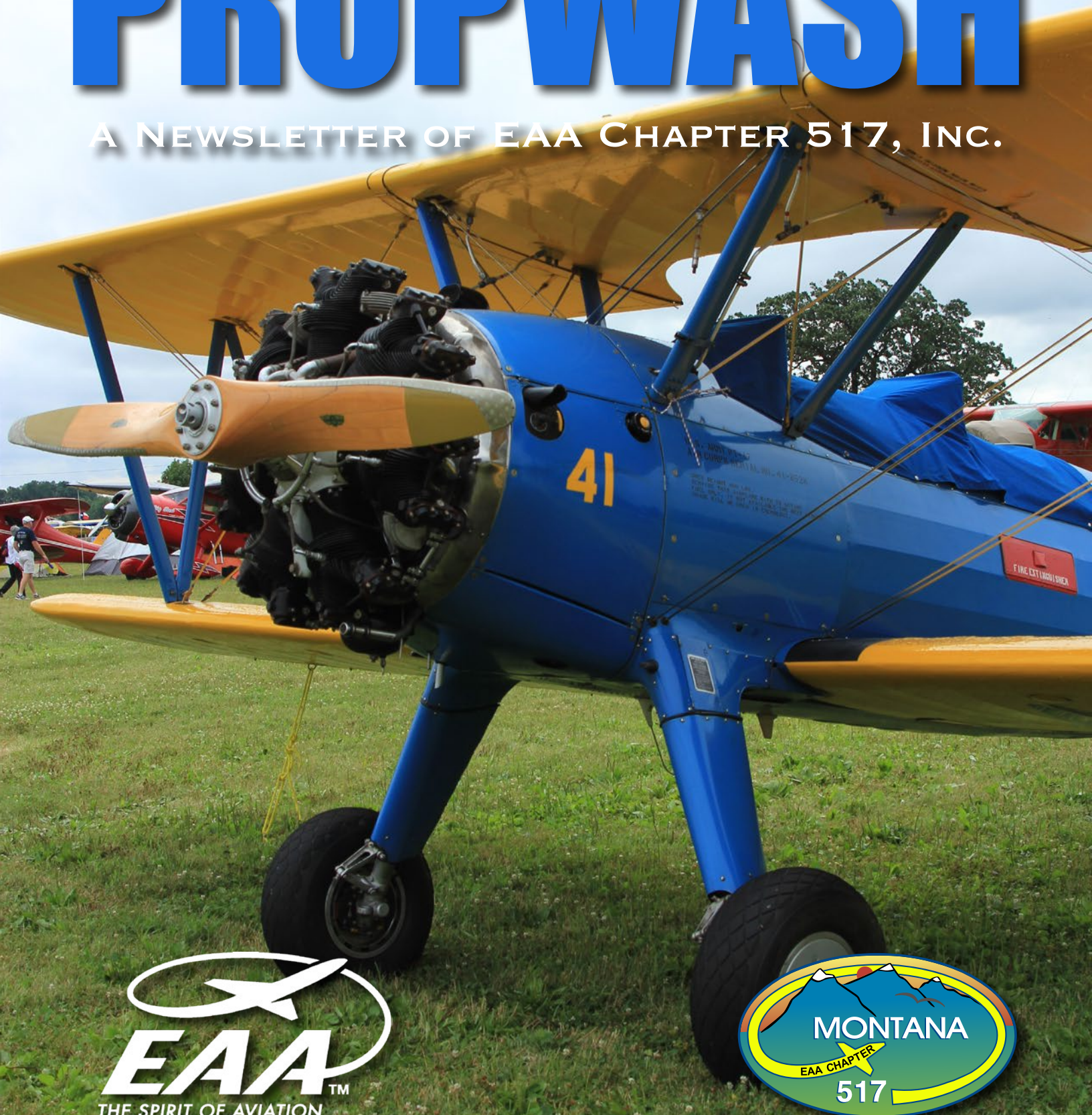


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PROPWASH

A NEWSLETTER OF EAA CHAPTER 517, INC.



From the chapter president



Steve Rossiter

Hooooowdy,

Wow, the last issue of PropWash for 2016, how did that happen? Time flies when you're having fun, or not! For those who have only heard rumors, I was down and out for a period of time in November with health issues, seven days and six nights in the hospital for a blood infection, gall stones and three cardiac stents. I'm on the mend and have only been slowed down a little bit. One last bit of personal news, Sherry and I have shut down American Aircraft Traders, LLC and the Aircraft Exchange Network, our aircraft brokerage operation and website.

Well, the time has come for EAA Chapter 517's Annual Celebration of Flight and Christmas Party with the ever favorite "white elephant gift exchange." Just where will the "antlers" end up this year? As always, it will be on December 17, this year a Saturday night. We will have a catered dinner at the newest completed Homestead Helicopter's hangar across the street from the new EAA Chapter 517 Hangar at the Missoula Airport. Exciting! Heads



up, we will need some assistance with setup and clean up.

I have had no further updates concerning when we will be able to move into our new hangar. It still appears to be February 1, 2017 at the earliest. We do have five individuals interested in aircraft rental space in the hangar and we just may be able to accommodate all of them comfortably. We have an additional tenant wishing storage space and the ability to meet in our facility. We will likely accommodate them as well.

If you will recall, EAA and several other parties have been trying to work with AOPA to have one of their four Fly-Ins in Missoula. We were not selected for 2016 and

just got word it won't be in 2017 either. They say maybe 2018 or 2019. One other idea being kicked around is for the MSO aviation and business community to host a standalone event that might be called "The Annual Missoula Burger and Brew Fly-In and Sleepover." Is this an idea that has merit in your mind? Remember also, in 2018 the Montana Aviation Conference will be in Missoula.

I hope you had a terrific Thanksgiving I wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope to see you on December 17.

Steve

Announcements

Tools for Sale

As many of you know Laurens Ackerman had to sell his Zenith project for health reasons. As a result he has tools that are aviation specific he would like to sell. You can contact him by phone or e-mail to see if he has something you can use. Phone: 406 777-0080

E-mail: lackerman@gmail.com

Additional Maintenance Option

There is a new option for members to get such things as annual inspections done. A-TEC Aircraft Maintenance Center has opened at the Hamilton Airport. Based on discussions, many of you may have already been contacted by the company by direct mail. Check them out next time you are in Hamilton.

Hangar Space For Rent

EAA Chapter 517, Inc. is developing a list of aircraft owners who are interested in renting space in our new Missoula hangar. Our intent is to rent four, possibly five (depending on airplane type and size) spaces in our new hangar. Requirements, the owner(s) must be a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association and EAA Chapter 517, to meet EAA insurance requirements. We expect to offer a rental rate below Missoula market rate. The hangar will be heated, will have compressor, and we expect to have a power tow bar will be available for moving aircraft. Each rental space will have a locker available for the aircraft owners to store limited supplies and tools. If you wish to be considered, please contact Steve Rossiter at: eaachapter517@aol.com or 406 529-1601



Another view of the cover



Displaying your patriotism in paint



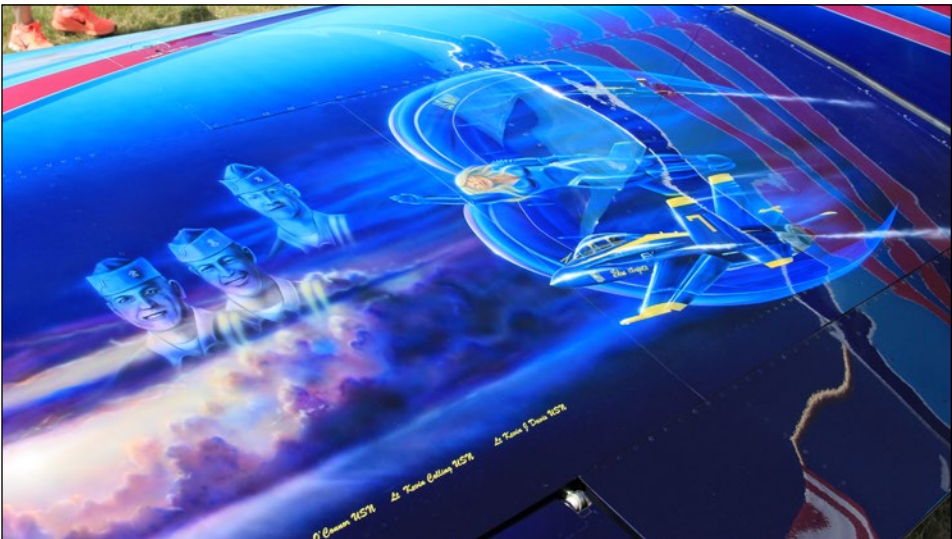
By Clint Burson

Choosing a paint scheme for your airplane is a truly personal choice. As a builder, it's an opportunity to express your personal style for the world to see. You can polish the bare aluminum for a classic look, or variations on the color on a white background theme, or you can do what the owner of this RV-8 did and go full custom.

The sunburst stripes on a light blue and dark blue background would be nice enough for many, but this builder went about a thousand steps further with airbrush portraits and artwork on both wings, the tail, inside the front baggage compartment, wheel pants and even the belly of the plane.

This project shows just how detailed you can get when customizing the look of your plane.





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BUILDER'S REPORT

Cygnet

Don Lorenzen 99%

Glassair

Allen Burruss – FT S-II – 100%
Phase one flight test complete!

Piper Exp.

Brad Condra – Bushmaster 60%
Fabric covering being installed.

RANS

Dan Dixon – S7S Courier – 15%

Rutan

Ed Lovrien – Limo EZ – 50%

Sonex

Larye Parkins – Waix – 30%

Van's RV

John Barba – RV-6

Zenith

Ray Aten – CH-601 – Happily flying!

Terry Philips – CH-601 9%

Duane Felstet CH-750 75%

Builders, please send updates to the newsletter editor at cburson@gmail.com so this list can be kept current.

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By Steve Rossiter

Ooops! In October a “what is this” photo was printed of an airplane seen at the Missoula Airport. Well, in November I failed to reveal the answer. So, here you go.

Softex Aero V-24

This airplane is four place, certified and manufactured in the Ukraine. It is running Rotax 912 engines and there is a Lycoming powered version, yet to be certified, on the way. Web site: <http://www.softex.aero/aircraft-v-24>

Serve the chapter

Membership Committee: Reach out to all national EAA members in our area and entice them to become Chapter 517 members. Reach out to the rest of the aviation community and others interested in aviation, to also become active with the Chapter as members.

Fly the Big Sky License Committee: Reach out to Montana aviation businesses to help support our state wide scholarship program by participating in our specialty license plate program. Reach out for individual participation in the Fly the Big Sky license plate program.

Meeting Program Committee: A group focused on organizing an interesting meeting program for the Chapter monthly meeting. The strongest thing we can do, for membership, is have interesting and engaging meeting programs that make people look forward to our next meeting.

Scholarship Committee: A group whose job will be to evaluate the scholarship applications and select the winners prior to the annual Montana Aviation Conference.