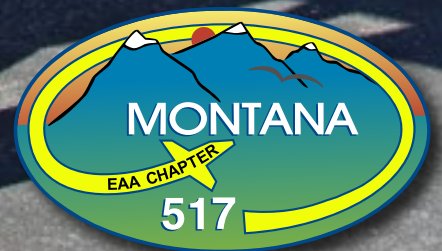
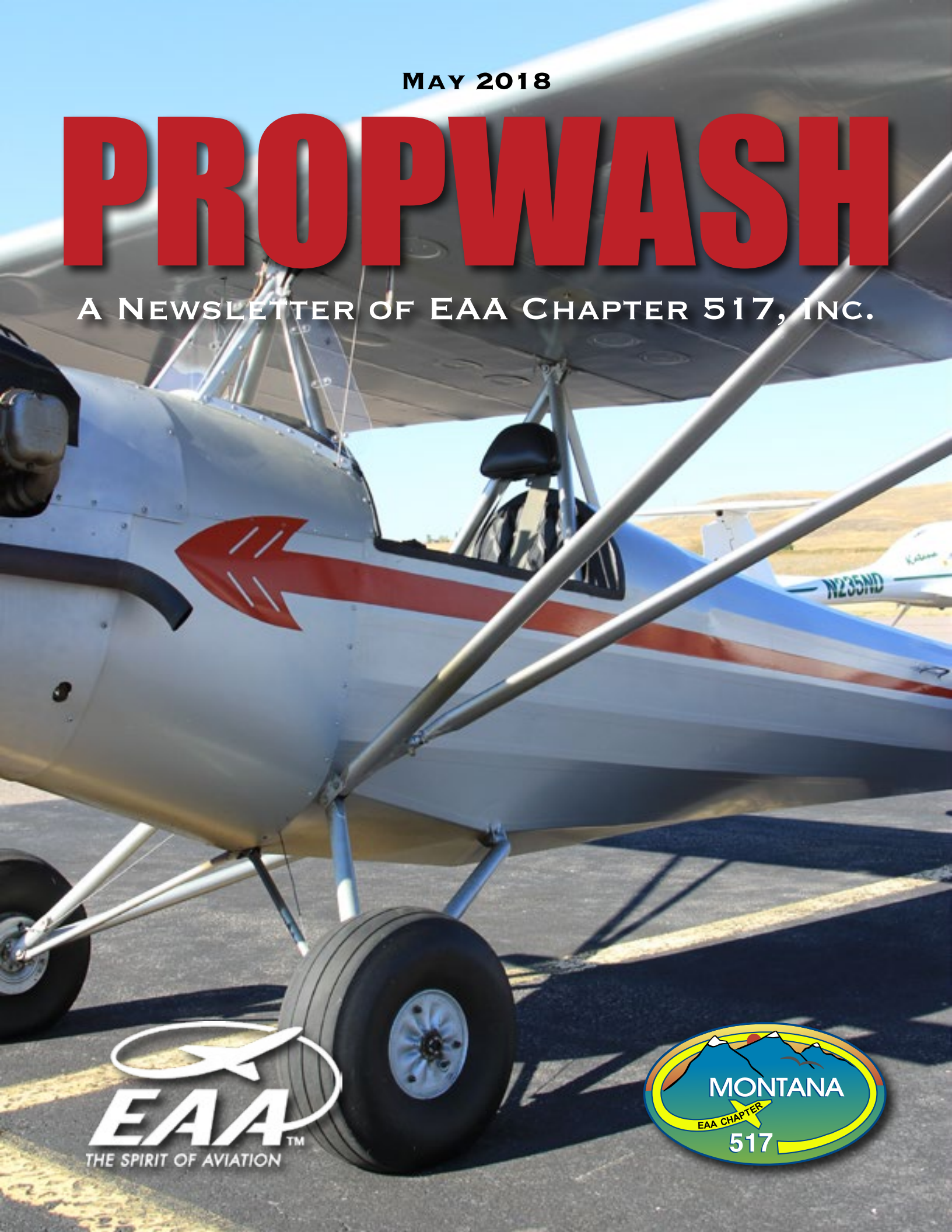


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From the chapter president



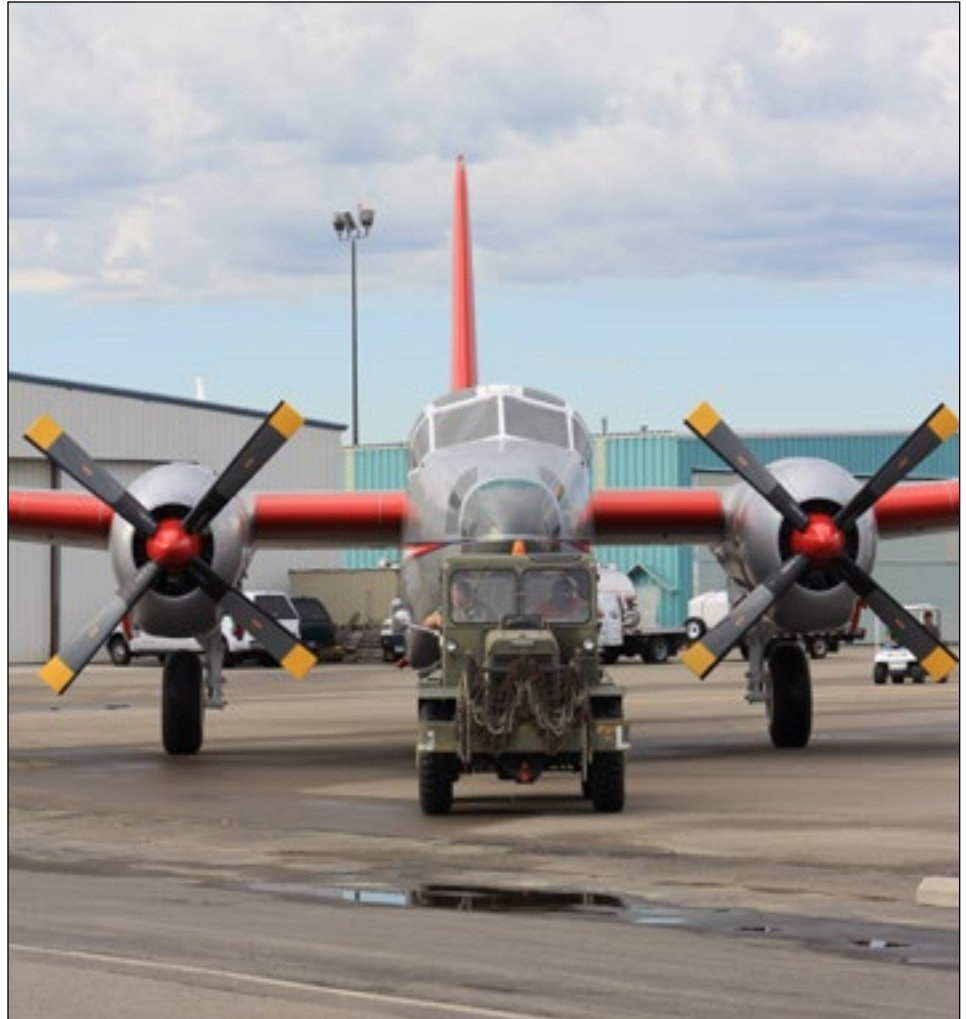
Steve Rossiter

If time flies when you're having fun, I must be having more fun than I can stand. We are already at the beginning of the fifth month of 2018. How can that be? I've noticed this year, that spring time in Montana looks a lot like winter in most parts of the country. Ain't it great?

If you are also an AOPA member, you no doubt saw the May issue of the AOPA Pilot magazine. It appears like they are looking forward to Missoula on June 15-16. I believe this is the most coverage ever given in the magazine to one of their regional fly-ins. Terrific for Missoula and Montana. More later in the PropWash.

We had three successful events in April that were a lot of fun. On the first Saturday we had our first pancake breakfast and successfully used our new setup in the new hangar. The flat top grill Jim Younkin provided us was better than anything we did at the Stevensville hangar. It is cool. This did give us the opportunity to see how things worked and we will make some adjustments on our next try.

On Movie Night we saw the movie *The High and the Mighty*.



The last time I saw that movie I was only interested in the aviation aspects of the movie. This time I was able to enjoy the far deeper interpersonal relationships which added tremendously to the depth of the whole movie. I had also forgotten that it was an Academy Award winning movie. The special feature disc provided some interesting background to the movie. Some of that will be played at future monthly meetings.

We also had a terrific get together for our regular monthly meeting. The food was great as was the company. Cliff Orcutt from Aircraft Magneto Service did a wonderful presentation

on magnetos and we had a great discussion afterward about magnetos and electronic ignitions. This summer we will need to take a field trip to his shop.

By the time you read this, the Missoula International Airport will have all new runways. The old Runway 11-29 and Runway 7-25 will be history. From now on you will land on the Runway 12-30 and Runway 8-26. OK, OK, so really is the designation of the runways that are new, not the runways themselves. Picky, picky, picky.

Blue skies and tailwinds wherever you are fly.

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Movie Night

Movie night will be May 9 at 1800 hours. The film will be one of the funniest films ever made: It's A Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World. The film has a significant aviation component with some spectacular flying scenes from the days when they actually did it in real airplanes rather than with computerized digital graphics. Most of the funny men and women of the time are in the cast from Buster Keaton, one of the oldest, to Dick Shawn, one of the youngest. I also like it because one of the key aviation scenes was filmed at the airport where Sherry and I were based before I went to the work for the government. This is a "can't miss" film. As always, come a little early and make some popcorn.

May Pancake Breakfast

Put May 5 on your calendar for the first Saturday in May Pancake Breakfast. Like the April breakfast, this will be a refinement of technique, but a larger breakfast. We will start serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, juice and coffee at 0800 and feed until 1000. We will invite the whole MSO aviation community, and other EAA Chapters, as well as the Ravalli County Pilots Association. For those members in the Bitterroot, please extend an invitation to the "Stevensville Mafia" who are not EAA members. Fly in or drive in. We are asking for a \$5 per person donation.

Fly The Big Sky

We now have many new EAA Chapter 517 members. It is time again to talk about EAA Chapter 517's "Fly The Big Sky" specialty license plate. The Chapter initiated this program in 2006 and since then we receive a check from the state each month at the rate of \$20 per plate sold or renewed. This income has allowed the Chapter to provide more scholarships each year than any other organization in the state. Of course, this income also helps support such things as Young Eagles and other youth and adult education events.

It is our hope that each of our Chapter members has at least one "Fly The Big Sky" plate for the vehicles they own. It is wonderful when all the vehicles in one family are sporting this plate. All of us who "Fly The Big Sky" should be proud and brag about it on your vehicle license plate.

You don't have to wait until your normal license renewal cycle to get your "Fly The Big Sky" plate. You can go to your local county treasurer's office to get the plate. They will collect the fees and you will keep your normal renewal cycle. The state has a one-time fee above the \$20 they send the Chapter, so be aware.

So, if you don't have a plate, please help support the Chapter programs and get yours today. The more of these license plates that are on the road, the more aware the general public is about Montana general aviation. This is always a good thing.

For Sale

1 LightSpeed Thirty 3G headset and 1 LightSpeed 25XL headset. Buy one or both. MAKE OFFER. Call Judy Kline at 406-370-4727.

Dave Herzberg (email: ddh44@icloud.com) has the following 'like new' for sale:

Lightspeed Zulu 2 Bluetooth Headset \$700

Yaesu FTA-550L Li-Ion Handheld VHF Transceiver \$235

Has adapter to GA aircraft style plugs, good for radio backup or just listening.

Both are in almost new condition and only used a few times. Information for both is readily available on the internet. If you are interested, contact Dave directly.

Taxiway B-1

Since we moved into the new MSO hangar, we have had Taxiway B-1 pretty much to ourselves – "ourselves" meaning those of us operating from the East LZ Hangar Condominium complex. That is no longer the case. On March 24, FedEx began using their new facility across the taxiway from our hangars. It seems strange to have a big airplane parked on the new FedEx ramp. The FedEx complex was built with the idea that two airplanes will operate out of this facility. The upside is we will have something new to watch, which is OK with me.

EAA 517 Chapter Meeting Schedule

Since 2002, when EAA Chapter 517 purchased our Stevensville chapter hangar, the Chapter has run a schedule of meetings where we split our meeting locations and alternated monthly meetings in Stevensville at the hangar and in Missoula usually at the MSO Airport conference room. For more than a year, it has frustrated the Board of Directors and Missoula area members that the meeting participation by Bitterroot members in our meetings has been minimal. Often, even in Stevensville, 10 to 12 Missoula members would show up with only one Bitterroot member showing up. As a result, the EAA 517 Board of Directors has made the decision to suspend the alternate meeting location schedule at least for the remainder of 2018. If we can generate interest and a commitment to participate by our southern members, we can re-examine the issue at our annual meeting in October.

Stevensville Hangar Status

By Steve Rossiter

The Chapter 517 Board of Directors has made the decision to offer the Stevensville hangar for sale or for a complete building lease. However, if we can get at least three full-time rental tenants we would suspend the sale or lease option.

This heated building is 65 feet by 48 feet. The hangar bay is 50 feet by 48 feet with an 11 feet 11 inch door and ceiling height. It has water, a restroom, and office space approximately 15 feet by 48 feet. There is also a large outside deck on the west side of the hangar.

The hangar is offered for sale at \$165,000 or an acceptable offer. It would cost over \$200,000 to build this hangar today with all its amenities. The chapter is willing to do owner financing with less than a normal bank down payment. We would be willing to lease the whole building for \$800 per month with a one year lease and month-to-month after that.

Having said that, if we can get at least two more member rental tenants, we would withdraw the sale and lease offer. The rental rate is \$200 per month per aircraft.

Fundraising at AOPA Fly-In

By Steve Rossiter

I hope you AOPA members noted the feature article in the May 2018 issue of *AOPA Pilot* magazine. It seems like they are promoting the MSO AOPA Regional Fly-In more than any other in the short history of the regional fly-ins. That is way cool!

EAA Chapter 517 has a unique opportunity to do some fundraising at this event. We have accepted responsibility for handling the vehicle parking for this event. AOPA will donate \$1 per car to EAA Chapter 517 for our trouble. In addition, you know Rossiter, he tries never to miss an opportunity for more fundraising, so the Chapter will offer the opportunity to the parking patrons to donate to our nonprofit organization. With any luck, we can at least double our take above what AOPA pays us, they are figuring between 3,000 and 4,000 cars parked over the two days. However, we will need help manning the parking lot. We will contact each of you to fill in a time slot. There will be five shifts that need to be manned, three on Friday and two on Saturday.

In addition to the parking opportunity, we are also having a booth in the main exhibit building (the newest North Star Hangar) where we plan to sell raffle tickets for a Dave Mihalic print "*Friends Drop In*" and a *Blue Angel* print as well. We may also have T-shirts and hats made up to sell. There will be two shifts each day for the booth.

We will need your help on these projects to generate income which will cover several months of our hangar mortgage. Let's not miss this wonderful opportunity to do great things for your chapter.

Pancake breakfasts

June 2, 2018

8 AM to 10 AM

Pancake Breakfast

EAA Chapter 517 Hangar

Missoula Airport

www.eaa517.org

July 7, 2018

8 AM to 10 AM

Pancake Breakfast

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August 4, 2018

8 AM to 10 AM

Pancake Breakfast

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September 1, 2018

8 AM to 10 AM

Pancake Breakfast

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October 6, 2018

8 AM to 10 AM

Pancake Breakfast

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New Flying Club in Missoula

By Steve Rossiter

There is a new flying club in western Montana to be based in Missoula. The ***Let's Fly Montana Flying Club*** has been formed by several Missoula area pilots. The purpose of the club is to make extremely cost effective aircraft available for its members to fly. The members have decided that the first airplane to be acquired will be a Light Sport Aircraft (LSA). Initially, the cost to fly the airplane will be \$25 per hour dry. How many hours would you fly with a price like that?

The club members expect to have the first airplane by the end of May this year. A lot of interest has been expressed. So much so, that there may be a need for two aircraft right from the beginning. The club is targeting a members to aircraft ratio of 10 member for each airplane. This will help minimize scheduling conflicts.

Although a specific airplane has not yet been identified for the first purchase, it is expected that as the club grows, there will be a wide variety of aircraft available, not just LSAs. The members, at the time of a new purchase, will choose the next type aircraft to be brought.

Initially, some club members will loan the club the funds to buy the airplane. This will help keep membership fees as low as possible. Pay back to the members that provide the financing is expected to be in five years or less.

There are still first round memberships available. The cost to join the club will be \$500 until the first aircraft is purchased. Monthly dues will be less than \$100 per



month. This is a much better deal than even the cost of a hangar alone at the Missoula airport is \$300 per month, or more, for someone's own airplane.

There is still time to be included in the first round of membership,

if you hurry. For more information and complete details on the ***Let's Fly Montana Flying Club*** e-mail: letsflymontana@aol.com.

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Hangarcakes on the griddle



Check the schedule for upcoming pancake breakfasts on page 4 of this month's PropWash

April Chapter Meeting



By Clint Burson

The April EAA Chapter 517 meeting featured a potluck followed by a presentation by Cliff Orcutt from Aircraft Magneto Service. His shop is based in Missoula and services customers from around the world. He shared his knowledge on magnetos and discussed the pros and cons of electric ignition systems. Members also got some good advice on which magnetos are most reliable and perform the best.



EAA Chapter 517, Inc. Name Change

By Steve Rossiter

What’s in a name? Bill Schertz, a member who transferred from the Chicago area, has advised us that his former Chapter, EAA 579 changed their name and as a result saw an uptick in membership. The new name is the Fox Valley Recreational Sport Pilots Association with a subtitle of EAA Chapter 579.

The rationale was that the Chapter was concerned that “experimental” was restrictive and off-putting for the pilots that don’t understand what the experimental world is all about. How many times have we all had discussions with people trying to explain what experimental means in

the context of what we do?

Here are a few examples of names we might consider:

- Five Valleys Flyers
- Five Valleys Recreational Flyers
- Western Montana Aviators
- Five Valleys Sport and Recreational Flyers
- Five Valleys ???
- Western Montana ???

Would we want “Association” added to the name?

Use your imagination and come up with something else appropriate. Any name should clearly express what we are about. When people see it they immediately know who and what we are.



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