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A NEWSLETTER OF EAA CHAPTER 517, INC.



From the chapter president



Steve Rossiter

As I write this, it is the second Saturday in a row that a Western Montana fly-in has been rained out. The Friday of the AOPA Fly-In was a wonderful Montana June day. That Saturday, not so much. Today, Saturday, June 23, the Hamilton Wings and Wheels Fly-In is having a repeat of the AOPA fly-in weather. Ah, spring and summer in Montana.

The longest day of the year is now in the rearview mirror as we head for the core of summer. There are still things to look forward to in the flying community and the chapter for the rest of the year. This includes our regular “Breakfast at the Airport” the first Saturday of each month and an upcoming Tryke Fly-In at the Stevensville Airport in July (see information later in the newsletter).

Our raffles at the AOPA Fly-In were moderately successful and we will gain a few more members as a result of our participation. Our “after-hours” meeting with Jack Pelton was terrific as he spent over two hours with us between his presentation and socializing afterwards (more later). Missoula did a great job of putting on the first 2018 AOPA Regional Fly-In (more later).



At our June meeting our members voted to change how the chapter is identified. We have filed a DBA to be known as the Five Valleys Flyers. The Board of Directors ratified that action at the June Board meeting. You can see a possible new logo below. If you like what you see, we can adopt that as well.

The Board of Directors also made the decision to put the Stevensville hangar up for sale again. Please pass the word to anyone who you think might have an interest in it. The chapter is willing to do owner

financing. Complete details about the hangar are available on our chapter website.

I have a question for everyone in our Chapter. **What can the Chapter do to make your EAA 517 membership experience better?** Please drop me an e-mail to express your thoughts. You may also send a snail mail reply to the Chapter at PO Box 18264 Missoula 59808.

As always, fly safe and enjoy our 2018 flying season.

Steve

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AOPA Fly-In Missoula

Photos by Roger Shaw



ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Aircraft Maintenance Shop at MSO

The East LZ Hangar Condominium Complex has a new owner in Unit 3 of the complex, that's the hangar closest to FedEx. Joe Featherly is opening an aircraft maintenance facility after running a successful automobile shop in Missoula for decades. His focus will be on light general aviation aircraft, which is kind of in Chapter 517's wheelhouse, as aircraft go. He is in the process of upgrading his hangar to best meet his needs, but will be open for business soon.

Stevensville Hangar for Sale

The EAA Chapter 517, Inc. hangar is officially on the market again. The Board of Directors has decided to offer it for sale or the long term lease of the whole building. The Chapter is prepared to offer owner financing under certain circumstances. Details about the hangar are on the Chapter website. The asking price is \$165,000 keeping in mind that all offers will be considered.

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.

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.

Breakfast at the Airport

You may have noticed, the pancake breakfast is now the Breakfast at the Airport. That's because one of our members has offered to cook breakfasts later in the year that won't have pancakes associated with it. When our event was registered on the EAA website, they required a consistent identification of the event. So, that is why the name changed. The event is on the EAA calendar through January 2019.

For July 7, there will be pancakes and we will serve from 0800 hours until 1000 hours. At the June breakfast we had two Travelair 6000s arrive on our ramp. Who knows what we will get for July. We are now asking for a \$5 donation for each person having breakfast.

Breakfast at the airport

July 7, 2018

8 AM to 10 AM
Pancake Breakfast
EAA Chapter 517
Hangar
Missoula Airport

August 4, 2018

8 AM to 10 AM
Pancake Breakfast
EAA Chapter 517
Hangar
Missoula Airport

September 1, 2018

8 AM to 10 AM
Pancake Breakfast
EAA Chapter 517
Hangar
Missoula Airport

October 6, 2018

8 AM to 10 AM
Pancake Breakfast
EAA Chapter 517
Hangar
Missoula Airport

For more information check www.eaa517.org.

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How about this for our logo?

By Steve
Rossiter



This is a possible logo we could use with our new name. Clearly, we want to remain proud of our EAA heritage and affiliation, but it does help refocus attention to the fact that we are an aviation social organization with a variety of aviation interests beyond homebuilding.

BUILDER'S REPORT

Rutan

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Limo EZ – 50%

Sonex

Larye Parkins
Waix – 30%

Van's RV

John Barba
RV-6

Zenith

Duane Felstet
CH-750 75%

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Trykes coming to Stevensville

By Steve Rossiter

The Pacific Northwest Tryke community is conducting an informal fly-in/fly out at the Stevensville Airport on July 14 through 21. Although informal, they expect between 30 and 40 Trykes coming in from as far away as Australia. It seems that historically this is the biggest gathering of Tykes in America each year.

Typically, these folks will fly early in the morning and are considering Hamilton and Phillipsburg as fly-out breakfast destinations. They will be back in Stevi before the winds pickup too much and then socialize and tour the local area.

Everyone is invited to check them out, visit and learn more about the Tryke movement. Some of you will recall that one of our past members, Craig Purdy, kept his Tryke in our Stevi hangar for a couple of years.



This is a Tryke

Preliminary AOPA Fly-In Feedback

By Steve Rossiter

I briefly talked with the folks in the know about the AOPA MSO Regional Fly-In. The after action meeting hasn't yet taken place but here is what I understand:

Aircraft pre-registered to come to Missoula: 560

The count of aircraft that actually arrived: 300 +/-

Attendance on Friday: 4,500 +/-

Attendance on Saturday: 2,500 +/-

I was able to talk with people that have been to other



AOPA Regional Fly-Ins and their opinion was that the MSO operation was the very best they have seen. Our members that volunteered to AOPA were impressed with the fact that the AOPA folks had their stuff together and the event was very well organized.

From my viewpoint, our Missoula community (aviation and others)

pulled off another typical Montana hosted event. Many of the out-of-town visitors will be back. We can't ask much more than that.

Our Time with EAA President Jack Pelton

By Steve
Rossiter

On the Friday of the AOPA Regional Fly-In, we had the opportunity to meet with EAA CEO and Chairman, Jack Pelton at our MSO hangar. With his commitment to the AOPA event, I had hoped for him to spend maybe as much as an hour with us. After I met with him before his presentation and showed him around our facility, he was with us for over two hours.



Mr. Pelton briefed us on what is going on in EAA, some of the initiatives currently in play and plans for AirVenture 2018. He also explained how EAA and AOPA are coordinating activities within the aviation community to further general aviation while minimizing duplication of efforts. He and Mark Baker are long-time friends – way before either were with their current organizations. Those of us that have been around for a while remember the days when EAA and AOPA often didn't see eye to eye on matters. The current relationship is welcome and much healthier for the whole general aviation community.

There were two main take-a-ways for me. The first was the close coordination between EAA and AOPA in the area of youth education on aviation subjects. There is a smooth transition from elementary school up and into college. Between activities and curricula, aviation education resources are plentiful.

The second was hearing about the movement to modify the definition of Light Sport Aircraft. The driver's license in lieu of a medical certificate for Light Sport Pilots has demonstrated that a medical certificate in the pocket doesn't enhance aviation safety. There is no evidence that pilots exercising Light Sport Pilots privileges are having any more medical related problems than those holding a medical certificate. Gee, what a surprise! The crux of the matter is that a movement is afoot to expand the definition of aircraft a Light Spot Pilot may operate. This may be to a point where airplanes such as the Cessna 172 would qualify. Now that is something that would revitalize general aviation! Keep your ear to the ground. When our aviation organizations ask us to make comments on this, be sure you do.

In the end, Mr. Pelton was generous in the time he spent with us and I'm sorry those of you who weren't able to make the meeting.

Fly The Big Sky license plates



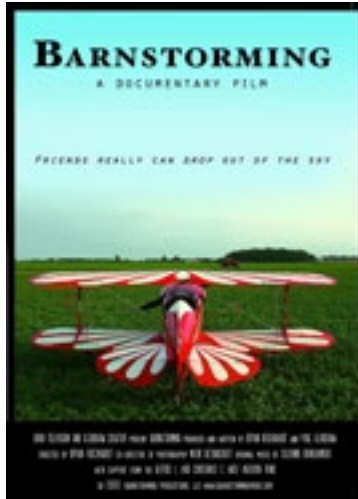
We now have many new EAA Chapter 517 members. It is time again to talk about EAA Chapter 517's "Fly The Big Sky" specialty license plate. The Chapter initiated this program in 2006 and since then we receive a check from the state each month at the rate of \$20 per plate sold or renewed. This income has 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.

July chapter movie night a double feature



The EAA Chapter 517 monthly movie night will be held July 11 at 1800 hours.

This month we will show *“Canyon Surfing”* (25 minutes) and additional footage of the Zenith 700 series airplanes flying the back country (37 minutes). The second feature is *“Barnstorming,”* a documentary (48 minutes) about “drop in” flying by a couple of guys in their antique airplane.

As always, popcorn and drinks will be available. Come early and fix it the way you like it!

My Thanks to Chapter Volunteers

By Steve Rossiter

I want to thank the breakfast crew that worked on Tuesday (setup), and on Wednesday and Thursday for the AOPA event: Bill Schertz, Jim Younkin, Roger Shaw, Perry Chinn, John Barba, Duane Felstet.

I also want to thank the EAA Chapter 517 booth crew for being the face of the Chapter in the exhibit hall: Roger Shaw, Jim Younkin, Ryan Torkleson, Mike Schauf, Duane Felstet, Ralph Johns, Don Lorenzen.

You may notice some folks did double duty and it was much appreciated. And a special thanks to Roger Shaw, who did triple duty taking a tremendous number of photographs, many of which are in this issue of PropWash.

Thanks to all. You did the Chapter proud! The danger in naming names is that I might have missed someone. If I missed your name I will gladly bend over for a kick in the hind end. I owe that to you.

Wanted: Aviation themed license plates

For those that have been at the hangar, you may have noticed the license plate board installed on the south wall of the hangar. There is more than enough room to add many, many more. If you have an old personalized aviation themed license plate (from any state), it would be terrific if you would bring it in for display on our board.

While you’re at it, we now have an aeronautical chart hanging on the wall for Great Britain and we will soon add one for the Southern Europe and Northern Africa Mediterranean Sea area. I would bet that most of us are not familiar with these areas.





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