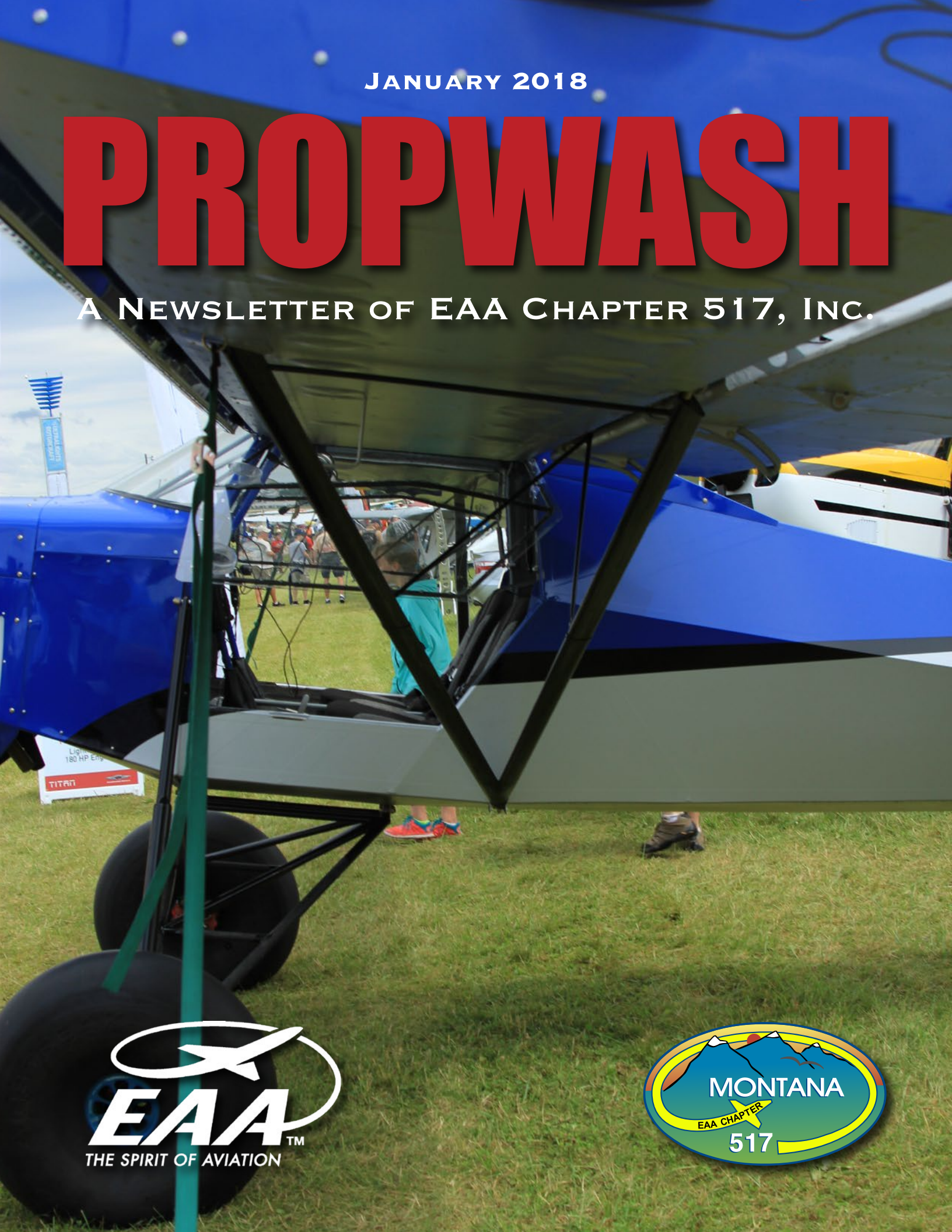


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A NEWSLETTER OF EAA CHAPTER 517, INC.



From the chapter president



Steve Rossiter

Happy New Year and welcome to 2018. As you no doubt noticed, we had just in time snow to allow us to have a white Christmas. This winter has been kinder to us, so far, compared to the early part of last winter. Works for me!

2018 will be an exciting year for EAA Chapter 517. With the Montana Aviation Conference in March and the AOPA Regional MSO Fly-In in June, we're going to have some fun. There will be plenty of member volunteer opportunities in support of both events, more on that later.

I have completed the EAA Chapter Renewal process and our Treasurer has sent the check to finalize the process. Upon reviewing the agreement with EAA, I feel there are some troubling issues we as a Chapter need to consider. I will address those in an article below.

Our Annual Wright Brothers Dinner went off as usual, a magnificent event. The antlers ended up with a two-time winner and originator of the antler gift, Duane Feltstetd. He first introduced the antlers in 2012 when Ray Aten was the first winner. Then Duane got it



back the following year, followed by Larry DePute, Will Deschamps, and Dave Hedditch. Who gets to join the Ancient Order of the Antlers in 2018? Only time will tell!

Our biggest surprise this year was the dancing one-car band courtesy of Will and Kay Deschamps. Their Tesla played music, danced and returned to its parking spot all by itself to the great delight of all our members present and a few innocent bystanders. Nobody came to the party expecting to see what they saw. Memorable! Thanks Will and Kay.

Don't forget, our movie night on January 4 and coffee and donuts on the morning of January 6, 2018 at the new hangar. Who knows? Maybe the

weather will permit folks to actually fly in on the 6th.

Finally, our tenant's building project is pretty much wrapped up and excess material will be removed. Also, John Barba thinks he will get the south wall painted this month, which will complete that task. Two storage cabinets will be done and we can start finalizing how thing will be organized in the EAA hangar and office.

Be cool (what a silly thing to say in Montana in the winter) and fly when you can.

*Cheers,
Steve*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aviation History / Movie Night at the Chapter Headquarters

January 4, 2018 - 1800 hours

The subject of our Aviation History / Movie Night is Charles Lindbergh. This program covers his whole life and all the challenges he faced.

Coffee and Donuts at the Chapter Headquarters

January 6, 2018 - 0800 to 1100 hours

The Chapter Board of Directors has designated the first Saturday of the month as a year-round gathering day for EAA Chapter 517 members and anyone else in the Missoula aviation community as well as other EAA Chapters. During the “non-flying season” (October – April) we will offer the opportunity for all with an interest in aviation to join us for donuts and coffee and some old fashion hangar flying. During the “flying season” (May – September) we will expand the coffee and donuts and hangar flying to every Saturday except the first Saturday when we will have a pancake breakfast.

Many of us will agree that we miss the old days when we would get together and do some hangar flying and even real flying. The Board has decided it is time to change that and become more social and EAA Chapter 517 has just exactly the right place to do that at MSO.

Let's reintroduce fun back into local general aviation. Ya'll come and bring a friend.

Volunteer Opportunities

March 1, 2, & 3, 2018: EAA Chapter 517 booth at the Montana State Aviation Conference at the Holiday Inn Downtown.

June 12-16, 2018: AOPA Regional Fly-In. You can register yourself and pick your preference of duties at: https://ww2.eventrebels.com/er/Registration/StepRegInfo.jsp?ActivityID=24079&StepNumber=1&NoReset=1&utm_campaign=flyinmissoula&utm_medium=various&utm_source=mike&utm_content=rsvp

June 13-16, 2018: EAA Chapter 517 will be conducting a pancake breakfast each morning for the AOPA volunteers. We will need help flipping pancakes and other duties as assigned. Please contact Steve.

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.





Calendar of Events

January 4, 2018 – 1800

Aviation History / Movie Night
Place: Missoula Hangar
Program: History - Lindbergh

January 6, 2018 – 0800 – 1100

Coffee and Donuts
Place: Missoula Hangar

January 15, 2018 – 1800

Regular Chapter meeting
Place: Stevensville Hangar
Potluck Dinner
Program: Dreamers of Flight –
Higher, Faster, Higher

February 1, 2018 – 1800

Aviation History / Movie Night
Place: Missoula Hangar
Program: Movie – High and the
Mighty

February 3, 2018 – 0800 – 1100

Coffee and Donuts
Place: Missoula Hangar

February 17, 2018 – 1200 – 1500

Annual Mid-Winter Chili Tasting
Place: Missoula Hangar

February 19, 2018

No Regular Chapter meeting
March 1, 2018

No Aviation History / Movie
Night

March 1-3, 2018 – 1200

Annual Montana Aviation
Conference
Place: Missoula Holiday Inn
Downtown
EAA Chapter 517 is a co-host and
exhibitor

March 3, 2018

No Coffee and Donuts event

March 19, 2018 – 1800

Regular Chapter meeting – Details
pending

April 16, 2018 – 1800

Regular Chapter meeting – Details
pending

May 21, 2018 – 1800

Regular Chapter meeting – Details
pending

June 15-16, 2018 – All Day

AOPA Regional Fly-in
Missoula International Airport

June 19, 2018 – 1800

Regular Chapter meeting – Details
pending

July 18, 2018 – 1800

Regular Chapter meeting – Details
pending

August 20, 2018 – 1800

Regular Chapter meeting
Details pending

September 17, 2018 – 1800

Regular Chapter meeting
Details pending

October 15, 2018 – 1800

Regular Chapter meeting
Details pending

November 19, 2018 – 1800

Regular Chapter meeting
Details pending

December 17, 2018

Annual Wright Brothers Dinner
Details pending

EAA Chapter 517 Fundraising for 2018

By Steve Rossiter

Since EAA HQ has taken the nationwide sweepstakes out of our fundraising quiver, it will be incumbent on all our members to become very active in Chapter fundraising efforts for 2018.

Fundraising will likely be composed of a number of raffles, split the pot events, pancake breakfasts, BBQs, auctions and an all-hands-on-deck effort to expand license plate sales.

Some of these efforts will be direct mail campaigns and/or email campaigns, posters and anything else we can devise. We will need volunteer help going to regional flying events (oh, darn) and anywhere people gather.

Our fundraising goal should be something in excess of \$100,000 to help pay off the hangar and put in place a permanent endowment for our scholarship fund, which we ultimately will expand.

As we learned in grade school, put on your thinking cap and come up with options.



Lifetime Membership with EAA Chapter 517

By Steve Rossiter

As you know, it is that time of year to renew your EAA Chapter 517 annual membership. For the new and trial membership members, our dues are paid based on a calendar year running, strangely enough from each January through December each year (that's a bit of late December humor). Please pay your dues by mail or leave your payment in the Chapter Office in the MSO hangar.

I hope you noticed EAA 517 is offering a Lifetime Membership option on our new membership form. This, I expect, is attractive to our more chronologically gifted members. Our first Lifetime member was Ralph Luther who, being in excess of 90 years old, qualified for the

membership at no charge. Our second Lifetime Member, paid, is Steve Rossiter (Sherry gave him a birthday gift).

The Lifetime Fee was calculated based on expecting our members to keep being members until they reach at least their 90th birthday. So, if you are in your 60s, the cost is based on 30 years multiplied by \$20 and divided by 2. No, we are not going to further subdivide the age brackets. Yes, a 67-year-old pays the same as a 60-year-old.

You might also keep in mind that Chapter 517 dues have remained at \$20 since the Chapter was reactivated in the '90s, so this is really a bargain. Please send a check today to renew your dues.

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BUILDER'S REPORT

Glassair

Allen Burruss

FT S-II – 100%

Phase one flight test complete!

RANS

Dan Dixon

S7S Courier – 15%

Rutan

Ed Lovrien

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Sonex

Larye Parkins

Waix – 30%

Van's RV

John Barba

RV-6

Zenith

Duane Felstet

CH-750 75%

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