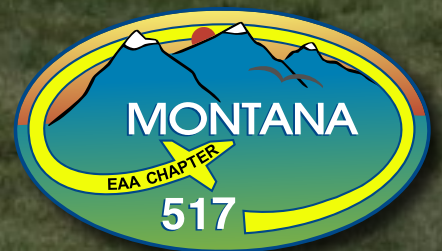


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A NEWSLETTER OF EAA CHAPTER 517, INC.



From the chapter president



Steve Rossiter

As I am writing this, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade is over and the turkey is on the charcoal grill working its way to becoming Thanksgiving Dinner. EAA Chapter members should be thankful that we were able to work our way to a point where we can actually be buying a hangar facility as good as what we have in Missoula. Thanking only recent members in the acquisition would be misleading because without the work of many members who are no longer with us, the new hangar would not have been possible. We sometimes think this has only been a two or three year effort. In reality it has been a 15-year project, starting with the original dream of EAA 517 having a Missoula hangar. In addition to thanking all the members, past and present, who have served on the EAA Chapter 517 Board of Directors, we owe a very big thank you to the members who have stepped up to guarantee the current loan.

We had a terrific November meeting (11-20-17). The potluck resulted in one of the best meals we have ever had and there was plenty. Three of our newest members were



able to attend and they will be a great addition to our membership. The second volume of the Dream of Flight series was wonderful. It is dynamite that we have such a terrific facility to watch our media presentations.

Speaking of new members, I want to tell you how thankful I and the board are for the help of Bill Schertz, Ralph Johns and Edi Stan for helping get the membership drive mailings out. So far, we have netted 10 -12 new members as a result. I expect more new members as time goes on and the word gets out about our new Chapter hangar.

We are looking forward to our 2017 Wright Brothers Dinner on December 1. Lots of new members will have the opportunity to experience the most fun event we

have all year long. There is still time to sign up; see details later in this newsletter.

Please get your 2018 annual EAA Chapter 517 dues headed our way. Those of you who are as chronologically gifted as I, should consider the lifetime membership option. With a lifetime membership, you will no longer have to concern yourself with dealing with dues on an annual basis.

The next Prez Sez column will be dated January 2018, so I am taking this opportunity to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2018 will be an exciting year for EAA Chapter 517 and the Missoula aviation community.

*Cheers,
Steve*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Celebration of Flight” dinner

LAST REMINDER: Our annual Wright Brothers “Celebration of Flight” dinner on December 17 will be held at the Holiday Inn – Downtown Missoula. The cost is \$35 per person payable in advance. The buffet dinner includes two entrees (petite sirloin with mushrooms and lemon basil chicken), oven roasted potatoes, vegetable, fruit salad, rolls, coffee and tea. Cocktails and soft drinks will be hosted by MPA Five Valleys Hangar, who is the co-host of this annual event for members and spouses

of both EAA 517 and MPA Five Valleys Hangar. Please make your check payable to EAA Chapter 517, Inc. and mail it to Sherry Rossiter, P.O. Box 16446, Missoula, MT 59808 no later than December 11. Thank you.

2018 EAA 517 Chili Feed

It isn't too early to start thinking about the chili you will build for the 2018 EAA Annual Chili Feed. It will be on February 17, 2018, at noon in the new Missoula Hangar.





FUEL PRICES

Missoula

Minuteman

Avgas: \$5.10

Northstar Avgas

Full Service: \$5.10
Avgas Self Service: \$4.50

Stevensville

Avgas Self Service: \$4.59

Hamilton

Avgas Full service: \$5.09
Avgas Self Service: \$4.59

Ronan

Avgas Self Service: \$4.60

Polson

Avgas Self Service: \$4.60

Kalispell (GPI)

Avgas Full Service \$5.25
Avgas Self Service \$4.75

Kalispell City Airport

Avgas Full Service \$5.15
Avgas Self Service \$4.65



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



December 7, 2017 – 1800

Aviation History / Movie Night
Place: Missoula Hangar
Program: Movie – Tora, Tora, Tora

December 17, 2017 – 1700

Annual Joint EAA and MPA
Wright Brothers Dinner
Place: Holiday Inn Downtown
Missoula
Annual White Elephant Gift
Exchange in honor of Christmas
Dinner: \$35 each
Beverages provided by MPA Five
Valleys Hangar

December 18, 2017

No Regular meeting

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

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Glassair

Allen Burruss

FT S-II – 100%

Phase one flight test complete!

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

Duane Felstet

CH-750 75%

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2018 Annual Montana State Aviation Conference

Save the dates of March 1-3, 2018. Missoula will host the 2018 Montana Aviation Conference at the Holiday Inn Downtown. The Keynote speaker for the Saturday Banquet is scheduled to be Mark Baker, President of AOPA. As always there will be a bevy of terrific concurrent session speakers on a wide variety of subjects. Your only regret will be having to choose which ones to go to. The other fun thing is all the giveaways that will occur at the Saturday lunch. There will be many

terrific door prizes.

EAA Chapter 517 will have a booth in the exhibit hall where we will have a raffle for a wonderful aviation print donated by Dave Mihalic and a second raffle for a new old stock flight helmet as fundraisers for the Chapter. We will have a need for members to help staff the booth and represent EAA 517. We have two sets of credentials for the booth so it won't cost you anything to get in the show.

Having said that, I recommend

that you purchase a full set of credentials for yourself so can take advantage of all the activities available. Sherry and I are looking forward to this year because for the first time in a decade we will not have our own booth. I am certain you will find this event worth your time and money. Don't be surprised if you like what you see and decide to go to the conference even when it is in other cities.



AOPA to host Regional Fly-In in Missoula

As mentioned in the past, our Missoula aviation community has been successful in scoring one of the 2018 AOPA Regional Fly-Ins. June 15-16, 2018 will be the date you need to set aside to attend this event. We are expecting more than 4,000

people and 500 aircraft to make the trek to Missoula for this event. There will be opportunities for around 400 volunteers to assist in the conduct of this fly-in. Volunteer opportunities cover parking cars to parking airplanes and everything in between.

The local planning committee will have a major organization meeting early in early December with AOPA. I will provide more details in the January issue of The PropWash.



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