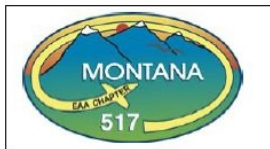


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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

EAA Chapter 517, Inc., had a Special Meeting on Monday, November 19, in Missoula to re-elect Jim Younkin as Vice-President and me as President for another two year term (2013 - 2014). As I explained in last month's column, the special meeting was necessary because I forgot to call for the election at our Annual Meeting in October. Apparently, that oversight was not egregious enough to get me impeached!

On a more serious note, I'm happy to report that at our last Board meeting, Gary Weyermann was appointed as Chapter Secretary to fill out the term originally held by Ed Stryker, who moved to Oregon. Also, during this Board meeting, Ray Aten was appointed to be the new Young Eagles Coordinator for our Chapter 517.

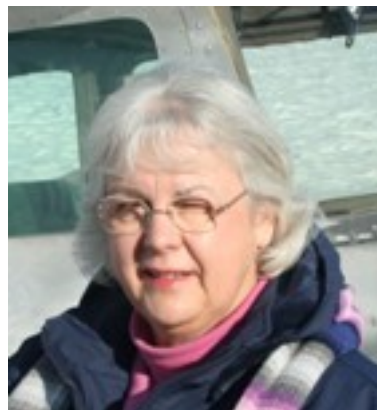
An email notice regarding the jointly-sponsored December 17th dinner was sent out a week ago. For those who may not have received that email, please see the detailed announcement elsewhere in this newsletter.

Here are some other dates to put on your calendar. We will take a tour of the Forest Service Fire Lab on Monday, January 14. It will be at 4 PM and we will get to see a demonstration of how the fire model is

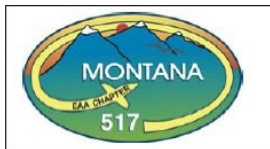
utilized. This would be in lieu of our regular Chapter meeting in January. We will invite the MPA Five Valleys Hangar to join us.

Based on discussion at the Annual Meeting, there is much enthusiasm for continuing our Chapter's annual mid-winter chili feed. The Board decided that Saturday, February 23, would be a good day for this event. More details will be forthcoming, but we will continue to award a prize for the best chili and keep the event just for our own members and friends.

The 2013 Montana Aviation Conference will be held in Butte from February 28 to March 2. If you have never attended this conference before, I hope you will consider doing so. It is a small enough event that you'll run into many people you know, but yet it is a large enough event to attract impressive speakers and lots of interesting vendors.



Until next month . . . Sherry



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December 17 Dinner Details

Our annual Wright Brothers Commemorative Dinner & Christmas Party will be held on Monday, December 17, at the Holiday Inn - Downtown. This dinner is jointly sponsored by EAA Chapter 517 and MPA Five Valleys Chapter.

A hosted cocktail hour begins at 6 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. After dinner, we will have our traditional "white elephant" gift exchange, which always generates lots of laughter and good-natured banter. "White elephant" gifts are most often items that you already have that can be regifted and/or repurposed, so use your imagination.

Throughout the cocktail and dinner hour, there will be an ongoing slide and/or video show silently playing in the background. Rich Poitras has done a great job of putting this media presentation together for the last several years and he has consented to do so again.

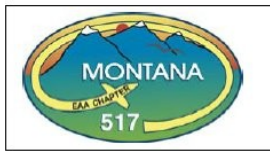
The dinner will be served buffet style. It will include lemon basil chicken,

petite top sirloin, oven-roasted Yukon Gold potatoes, a seasonal vegetable, fresh garden salad, fresh fruit salad, dinner rolls, coffee and tea. As we have done in the past, an array of candy will decorate each table in lieu of dessert.

Dinner is \$24.00 per person. Please make your check out to EAA Chapter 517, Inc. Mail your checks to Sherry Rossiter, P.O. Box 16446, Missoula, MT 59808, no later than December 12. If you have any questions, please call Sherry at 406-542-5177 or 544-6182. Thank you.

November Meeting Program Report

Our Chapter member Duane Felstet gave an outstanding presentation on racing remote control (RC) airplane at the November 19 meeting. He even fired up the engine on one of the planes, so the audience could see how fast the propeller was spinning. It was impressive to learn that these RC racing planes complete a three-legged race course in roughly 8 seconds. These race planes are flying at approximately 115 mph, so it takes good hand-eye coordination to keep them on the race course. Everyone had a lot of questions for Duane after his formal presentation and we came away with a new-found



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appreciation for the increasingly popular sport of RC racing.



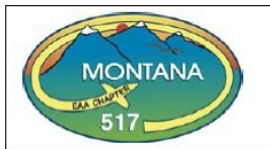
Duane Felstet is putting the battery in the airplane; Bryan Douglass is holding the airplane, so it doesn't take off when Duane start's the engine.



You can be ready to race this battery-powered RC model with a \$300 investment for all necessary equipment.



This RC racer has a one-cylinder engine that holds about a thimble full of fuel.



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Builder's Report

Glasair

Allen Burruss - FT S-II - 100%
Phase one flight test underway.

Piper Exp.

Brad Condra - Bushmaster 60%
Fabric covering being installed.

RANS

Dan Dixon - S7S Courier - 15%

Rutan

Ed Lovrien - Limo-Easy - 25%

Sonex

Larye Parkins - Waix - 30%

Van's RVs

John Barba - RV-6

Frank Bretz - RV-9A - Complete

B. Douglass - RV-10 - Complete

Zenith

Laurens Ackerman - CH-601-
60%

Ray Aten - CH-601 -
Completed Phase one testing

Terry Philips - CH-601 8%

Duane Felstet CH-750 60%