



Art Contest Winners Flown to Helena

Congratulations to the 2008 MDT Aeronautics Division aviation awareness art contest winners! The purpose of the aviation art contest is to broaden the awareness of the importance of aviation and aerospace in Montana's economy.

This year's winners:

Category 3-ages 16-18

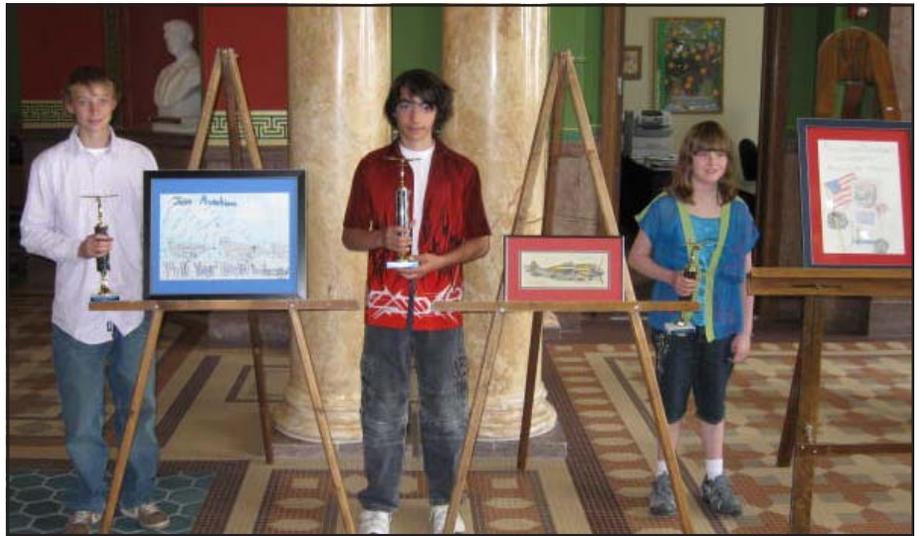
Trey Mc Daniel, 1st place, sophomore, Forsyth
Melissa Busch, 2nd place, junior, Forsyth
Aja Urbaniak, 3rd place, sophomore, Forsyth

Category 2-ages 11-15

Petyr Anderson, 1st Place, 7th grade, Belt
Cassy Graveley, 2nd Place, 8th grade, Avon
Nolan Coldwell, 3rd Place, 7th grade, Jordon

Category 1 –ages 6-10

Becca Lynne Dorsey, 1st Place, 3rd grade, Billings
Janessa Haynie, 2nd Place, 4th grade, Vida
Ciera Wingo, 3rd Place, 4th grade, Philipsburg



Pictured (l-r) are contest winners Trey McDaniel, Petyr Anderson and Becca Dorsey.

Trey McDaniel, a sophomore at Forsyth High School, took first place honors in Category III, with his aviation poster "Pull Your Own Weight". They depicted elephants transposed into airplanes in line for takeoff. The aviation poster is fitting for Trey as he is a wrestler where weight (like in aviation) plays a big role. Trey and his parent's, Heidi and Stacy McDaniel were flown to Helena by MDT Aeronautics Division pilot, Mike Rogan.

Petyr Anderson, a seventh grader from Belt, took first place honors in Category II with his rendition of a Warhawk aircraft. Petyr is a fan of aircraft used in air combat in World War II. Petyr is planning to attend this year's MDT Aeronautics' Aviation Career Camp (ACE). Petyr along with his father, Dave Anderson and brother were flown to Helena for the award's ceremony by pilot, Kevin Lefurgey of Taylor Aviation of Fort Benton.

Becca Dorsey, a third grader from Big Sky Elementary of Billings took first place in the elementary division, Category I. Becca has had an aviation interest since she was a toddler and with a penchant for art, Becca, captured top honors in the statewide Aviation Poster Contest. Both, Becca and her brother have taken Young Eagle rides with local EAA (Experimental Aviation Association) pilots and the Dorsey family spends their vacations touring space centers and aviation museums. Becca and her family were flown to Helena by MDT Aeronautics Division pilot, Jeanne MacPherson.

The first place prize in each category is a round trip flight from the winner's hometown to Helena for the winner and his or her two parents or guardians. In Helena, the winners received a trophy, plaque, ribbon and certificate of achievement presented by MDT Aeronautics Administrator, Debbie Alke, and a guided tour of the Capitol and lunch at the Windbag Saloon after which they were flown home.

We would like to encourage Montana students to submit an aviation poster next year. Congratulations to all that participated this year and good luck in pursuing your interest in aviation. See all the winning entries on page 4 of the newsletter.

Administrator's Column

Landing on roads: It is that time of year once again and as Montana becomes more discovered and our population continues to grow with residents and tourists the Department has had a few inquiries into the lawfulness of landing on roads. Montana statute, 67-1-204(3), MCA states: "Aircraft landings and takeoffs from public roads in this state are lawful if proper safety precautions, as approved by the governing jurisdiction of the roads, are taken prior to the landing or takeoff..." A gentle reminder to all to: be a good neighbor; friendly flier and please comply with the law. Thanks for your cooperation and fly safe.

Air Service Begins to Return: Great Lakes Aviation will begin operating flights on September 3, 2008 between Lewistown and Sidney, MT and Denver, CO. The USDOS has granted a request made by Great Lakes in coordination with the communities to allow and air service hub change from Billings to Denver for Lewistown, Miles City and Sidney. Sidney to Billings service and Miles City to Denver service will be added at a later date. This is great news as Montana's seven essential air service communities have been without air service since March when Big Sky Airlines closed its doors. It is hoped that service to Glasgow, Glendive, Havre and Wolf Point will also be restored soon.

AIP Extended: A three-month extension of AIP and FAA funding was signed by President Bush once again extending the current funding system until September 30. This will allow airports to receive an additional \$759.3 million in AIP during the final quarter of this fiscal year. This will give Congress another chance at passing legislation before the elections after extending six times the funding since the bill expired. It is hoped that Congress will pass a reauthorization bill before the end of the year.

Air Race Classic: The 32nd Annual Air Race Classic started in Bozeman on June 24. The event brought close to 100 racers and volunteers to Bozeman for days before the race start for preparation and fun. The race travelled from Bozeman to Miles City (first stop still in MT!) to Aberdeen, SD, Mason City, IA, Decatur, IL, Frankfort, KY, Franklin, PA, Saratoga Springs, NY to the finish point of Mansfield, MA. Thirty-three aircraft participated with racers aging from 90 years young to just 20 years old. Three universities were represented with teams: Purdue University, Lafayette IN; Embry-Riddle University, Daytona Beach FL; and Western Michigan University, Battle Creek, MI. Montana was proud to be represented by racer Patty Mitchell of Absarokee MT. Retired from United Airlines, Patty previously worked for the Aeronautics Division. It was great to see Patty and her race partner Gene Nora Jessen who many remember from the kick-off luncheon at the 2002 Montana Aviation Conference in Bozeman. Gene Nora was the keynote speaker who spoke of her book "The Powder Puff Derby of 1929" the first race that evolved into the Air Race Classic of today. The local MPA hangar hosted a delicious barbeque Saturday night. I had the pleasure of speaking at the Sunday evening banquet where all racers were introduced. Tuesday morning after a 0600 breakfast and weather briefing, racers departed for Gallatin Field where skies were crystal clear without a breath of wind — the engines were started. Racers were "flagged" to begin the 2008 Air Race Classic by me, Linda Marshall, Start Chair and Bozeman Mayor Kaaren Jacobson. All racers made it safe to Mansfield although weather played havoc in a few areas. The race was won by Dene Chabot-Fence of Carson City, NM and Gloria May of Kerman, CA – the 2001 Air Race Classic Winners. Many thanks to Linda Marshall for her vision and passion in bringing this great event, the *Air Race Classic* to Montana. Linda worked tirelessly for many months to make this happen. Thanks also to Linda's volunteer crew from Bozeman/Belgrade who assisted her in this great undertaking. See photos page 5.



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Calendar

July 12 – Del Bonita Work Session. For further information phone Jim Greil at (406) 444-2506 or email jgreil@mt.gov.

July 18-20 – Schafer Meadows Work Session. For further information phone (406) 444-2506.

July 20 – St. Ignatius (52S) Good Ole Days Fly In, 7:00 a.m. to noon. Pancake breakfast, Young Eagle flights, door prizes including 10X's 10 gallons of Avgas.

July 23-24 – Federal Aviation Administration Northwest Mountain Regional Runway Safety Summit - SeaTac, Washington. Theme of summit is "Working Together to Reduce Risks". Professional pilots, airline personnel, airport operators and Air Traffic Control professionals are encouraged to participate. For further information or to register contact Mike Meigs (425) 227-2354.

August 3 – Lions Club Pancake Breakfast Fly In, Hysham Airport – 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – For further information phone Bob Miller at (406) 342-5252.

August 7-9 – 30th Montana Antique Aircraft Association Fly In – Three Forks (Pogreba Field 9S5) – Young Eagle rides, flour bombing and spot landing contests – antique airplanes on display – fly in/drive in breakfast at Wilsall Airport (9U1) on Saturday, breakfast, lunch and dinner Friday and Saturday at Three Forks and dancing both Friday and Saturday – camping and showers available (limited space).

August 14-15 – 2008 Aviation Career Academy. Share the excitement of the aerospace industry! Students in 7th, 8th & 9th grade (for the school year 2007/2008). Academy is \$125 with a one page essay on your aviation interests (without essay \$175), includes cost for hotel for the night of August 14. For an application visit www.mdt.mt.gov/aviation/ or call (406) 444-2506.

August 15-17 - Yellowstone Airport Fly-in. A fun time fly-in to just enjoy the area, free camping for pilots flying in, as well as a BBQ hosted by the Montana Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division. Come out and enjoy music in the park with local bands performing bluegrass and folk music on the 16th. For further information phone Tony Bean at (406) 646-7631 or email abean@mt.gov.

August 15 – 17 – Montana Fun Weekend – Cut Bank (CTB). For further information go to www.cutbankairport.org.

August 16 – Polson Fly In – Polson (8S1) pancake breakfast, lunch and Soroptomist's Wine Festival.

September 13 – Ronan Young Eagles Day – breakfast 8:00 a.m. and fly kids at 9:00 a.m.

Work Party Held at Canyon Ferry Airport



A work party was held at Canyon Ferry Airport last month. Workers picked rocks from the airport runway, picked up trash and cleaned the outhouse. They also put a segmented circle around the windsock and put in a new picnic table and installed three new aircraft tie downs (with a fourth coming soon). With such a great facility there are no excuses not to fly over and eat at the Pink Flamingo (just to the west of the airport – within walking distance) for the best food you ever had!

John Miller, 1905-2008

John M. Miller passed away Monday, June 23, at the age of 102. From self-taught barnstormer to airmail pilot, autogyro pioneer, Marine aviator, racing/test pilot and airline captain into the jet age, John's path was one very few can match in the history of aviation.

John served on the first American Bonanza Society (ABS) Board of Directors in the late '60s and continued active involvement through the next 40 years, flying his Bonanza and 56TC Baron to ABS conventions well into his 90s. Stories from John's extraordinary flying career were a highlight of the *ABS Magazine* from December 1999 to March 2007. Many of those fascinating stories are in his book *FLYING STORIES* (limited number of signed copies still available from the ABS store).

John's body has been donated to medical science through the Anatomy Gift Registry, and there will be no wake or service at this time. Condolences may be sent to The John Miller Family, 17 Amber Court, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

In December 2005, ABS flew John to Kitty Hawk, North Carolina to celebrate his 100th birthday at the annual gala of the First Flight Society.



A 300' Wind Turbine will be constructed at Warren near Bridger, the tower will be painted red and white with a red strobe. It is located 10 miles NE of Bridger Airport; Lat/Long 45.10.48.37N X 108.43.59.97W.

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Air Race Classic Kicks Off in Bozeman!



The 32nd Annual Air Race Classic had 33 aircraft participating with racers ranging from 90 years to 20 years old. Pictured are racers at one of the dinners held in their honor.



Many of the women in the race already have plenty of flying honors. Gene Nora Jessen, who flew with the only Montanan in the race, Patty Mitchell of Absarokee, was among the first women to train as an astronaut, though she never made it to space. Patty is retired from United Airlines, where she worked from 1988-2004. She has accumulated more than 18,750 hours. Gene Nora and Patty flew the race in a Beech Sierra.



Racers were flagged to begin the 2008 Air Race Classic by (l-r) Bozeman Mayor Kaaren Jacobson, Debbie Alke, MDT Aeronautics Administrator and Linda Marshall, Start Chair.

Holman Aviation Recognized For Customer Service

Holman Aviation has been named one of the best general aviation facilities in the nation by ExxonMobil Aviation's PremierSpirit program. Holman was one of 30 facilities nationwide, and the only one in Montana, to win the PremierSpirit GOLD Award. Cecelia Davis, a Customer Service Representative at Holman, was recognized individually for her customer service skills with a Golden Employee Merit (GEM) award. "We are so pleased to receive recognition of the hard work we do everyday," said Dwight Holman, president of Holman Aviation. "Customer service is so important to everyone at Holman, and this lets us know we are doing a great job on a daily basis. We are also proud of Cecelia and her GEM. She is a great asset to our business."

The PremierSpirit awards recognize aviation service providers who deliver outstanding customer service. Pilots, aircraft schedulers and dispatchers were asked to rate the providers in customer service, image, quality control and business performance. This is the 18th year for the annual program.

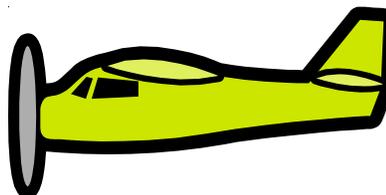
Holman Aviation is a Fixed Base Operator (FBO) located in Great Falls, Montana for the past 58 years. The company provides world-class service to professional pilots who stop at the facility for refueling, catering and other needs. Holman Aviation serves commercial, general, corporate and military aviation. They offer easy accessibility, plenty of parking and room to maneuver and are located close to the Great Falls International Airport Terminal and United States Customs.

Checklist for International Flight Operations (These are mandatory requirements.)

Preflight - Appropriate charts and flight supplements.

Personal Documentation

- ✓ Pilot certificate with an English Proficient endorsement.
- ✓ Medical Certificate.
- ✓ U.S. FCC Radio Telephone Operators Permit.
- ✓ Notarized letter authorizing children to travel (only if accompanied by one parent).
- ✓ Proof of citizenship – Passport or Resident alien ID card.
- ✓ Other visa documentation as required.



Aircraft Documentation

- ✓ Airworthiness certificate.
- ✓ Registration certificate (temporary certificate prohibited).
- ✓ Operating limitations (approved aircraft flight manual).
- ✓ Weight and balance information.
- ✓ U.S. FCC Aircraft Radio Station License.
- ✓ Experimental Aircraft and Canadian Ultralights — Standardized Validation for operations in Canada or Special Flight Authorization for operations in the United States.
- ✓ Proof of liability insurance (required in Canada).
- ✓ FAA Major Repair and Alteration Form 337 or Canadian equivalent if fuel tanks have been added in baggage or passenger compartments.
- ✓ U.S. Customs Annual User Fee Decal (Form 339A).

Departure - Give advance notification to Customs as outlined below:

- ✓ United States to Canada: Contact CANPASS no less than two hours before and no more than 48 hours before arrival at 888/CANPASS (888/226-7277).
- ✓ Canada to United States: Telephone Customs office at airport of entry no less than one hour or more than 23 hours before arrival.
- ✓ File and activate a VFR or IFR flight plan.
- ✓ Advise Customs if any change in ETA at AOE via ATC/FSS while in flight, get badge number and name of Customs official who ATC/FSS speaks with.

Arrival

- ✓ Make first landing at an airport of entry (AOE) in the United States or in Canada.
- ✓ Taxi to Customs area on ramp.
- ✓ In the United States: Do not be early and no more than 15 minutes off ETA; wait for Customs official to motion you out of aircraft.
- ✓ In Canada: If you are not met, find a telephone and call 888/CANPASS, follow directions from Customs official, obtain arrival report number.
- ✓ If inspected, present documentation as required, fill out any declaration forms, and pay appropriate duties and taxes.
- ✓ If VFR, close your flight plan.

As part of the continuing efforts by NavCanada to conform with international ICAO best practices, new phraseology procedures will be implemented. Effective April 8, 2008, the current phrase, TAXI INTO POSITION or TAXI INTO POSITION AND WAIT will terminate. The new phraseology will be LINE UP or LINE UP AND WAIT. All U.S. pilots flying into Canadian towered/controlled airports need to be prepared to hear these new procedures.

Helena Regional Airport Welcomes United Express



The Helena Regional Airport Authority held an open house on Thursday, June 5 to welcome United Express on their first flight in to Helena which now offers non-stop air service to/from Denver. United Express is joining existing carriers – SkyWest (Delta Connection), Horizon Air (Alaska Air Group) and Pinnacle Airlines (Northwest Airlines) that provide service to/from the Helena Regional Airport. Lt. Governor John Bollinger and Airport Director Ron Mercer along with other local dignitaries attended the ribbon cutting ceremony and open house. Congratulations to Ron and the Airport Authority for securing the expanded air service to our city.

Harold Recognized for 35 Years of Service

At the Helena Regional Airport Board meeting airport employee Harold Williams was recognized for 35 years of service to the Airport. Harold started out as a custodian, moved into the Maintenance department, served as Superintendent of Operations for many years and is now the Projects Manager for AIP and in-house construction projects. Harold has a vast background in Airport operations and continues to enjoy the aviation environment. Pictured is Harold (r) who was presented with a framed “Four Georgians” print by Airport Board Chairman Dan Ellison (l). Congratulations Harold!



How About a Camping Trip to Yellowstone Airport?

MDT Aeronautics Division/Yellowstone Airport maintains a first class pilot's campground at the Yellowstone Airport. The pilots campground is located directly north of the general aviation ramp. The campground is heavily forested has four developed campsites with plenty of room for rustic type camping. Campground amenities include running water, restroom facilities, a heated shower, and stocked firewood. The airport also has a full service restaurant on the field within walking distance.

Ground transportation is provided by Yellowstone Airport via numerous complimentary bicycles. Bicycles are secured to TSA standards and may be accessed by knowing your emergency frequency. Rental cars are also available through Budget or Avis in the Terminal building for those desiring a vehicle for their stay.

The town of West Yellowstone and the Yellowstone National Park Gate are located approximately 2 miles south of the airport and boast numerous shopping areas, restaurants, entertainment options, and other areas of interest. The area also hosts a number of weekly events to include: Live music in the City Park on Weekends, Weekly scheduled Live Theater shows, Rodeo's each weekend throughout the summer, plus a variety of Park tours provided by various concessionaires. For further information we encourage you to visit the West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce Website at <http://www.destinationyellowstone.com/>.

We anticipate that the campground will be in great demand for the Yellowstone Fly-in scheduled for August 15, 16, and 17. We hope to see a lot of you there and will be providing a BBQ sponsored by the MDT Aeronautics Division on the night of the 16th. Fly-in information will be updated on the Airport's website as it comes available. The website is: www.mdt.mt.gov/aviation/airports/yellowstone/about.shtml. You may also call Yellowstone Airport staff at (406) 646-7631 or (406) 646-7620.

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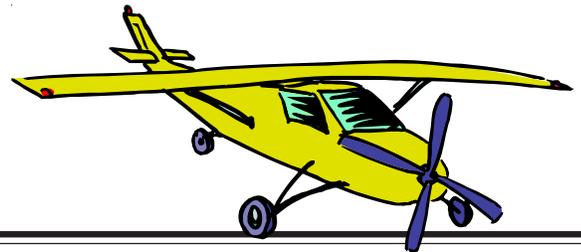


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Gallatin Airport Authority Public Safety Department Assumes Law Enforcement



Gallatin Field Airport (BZN) transitioned airport law enforcement from the Gallatin County Sheriff's office to the new Gallatin Airport Authority Public Safety Department on July 1. The Gallatin Airport Authority thanks Sheriff Jim Cashell and all the deputies in the Gallatin County Sheriff's office for over six years of exemplary service. As the airport has grown, so have the law enforcement requirements. The flexibility of having a dedicated and airport specific law enforcement staff based at the airport permits increased focus on the travel experience in addition to various federal, state, local and airport requirements. With a combined 124 years of law enforcement experience between the five officers and Chief Bill Dove, we are confident that this new team will provide excellent service to the flying public.



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For your safety and the safety of our aerial firefighters, Please..... Stay at least five nautical miles from the smoke. Report suspicious smoke to the nearest flight service station. Check NOTAM's prior to every flight! 1-800-WX BRIEF/1-800-992-7433. Restriction size may vary with every incident. Even a single small fire could already have firefighting aircraft on scene. Additional information can be found at <http://airspace.nifc.gov/> or contact ben_hinkle@nifc.blm.gov (208) 387-5184.