

Poker Run

The Gallatin Valley Hangar invites all pilots to participate in its Poker Run. Contestants are welcome to fly the airports in any order, so out-of-town participants may show up later in the morning after picking up cards at participating airports:

Bozeman, Three Forks, Townsend, Helena, White Sulphur Springs

At each airport will be a can containing cards sealed in envelopes: take an envelope, do not break the seal, bring the envelopes to Bozeman, where seals will be broken and hands revealed. Cards may also be purchased in Bozeman, so it is not necessary to fly to all the airports.

9:00 a.m. First Saturday Social and the start of the Poker Run.

12:00 Noon Barbecue. Please help welcome the poker runners!

2:00 p.m. Awards ceremony.

These ground events will be at the Aero Flight School on the East Ramp (off Airport Lane, which is off Airport Road), at Gallatin Field, Belgrade.

Prizes have been provided by generous donors: a generously discounted Introductory Helicopter Flight by Apex Helicopters, a flight review by Aero Flight School, an oil change by Yellowstone Jet Center, a case of oil from Arlin's Aircraft, Jeppesen's award-winning Aviation History book by author Anne Millbrooke, a year's membership in the Montana Pilots Association, and mystery certificates from Aircraft Spruce. The \$10-per-plane registration fee will also fund a prize worth 50% of the gross registration fees.

Poker Run participants can get avgas at a discount of 40 cents per gallon from the Yellowstone Jet Center at Gallatin Field.

May First Saturday Social

Bob Radcliff, Squadron Commander of the local Civil Air Patrol, spoke about the history of the Civil Air Patrol and about what the Civil Air Patrol is doing locally and throughout Montana. A civil engineer, Bob is also a backcountry EMT (emergency medical technician) instructor at Montana State University. Discussion covered the use of private, state, and Civil Air Patrol in search and rescues and different types of beacons now on the market.

Bill Dove of the Gallatin Field airport police spoke about security concerns, the Large Aircraft Security Program, the SD-8F security directive, TSA requirements, and the new

badges needed by anyone wanting un-escorted access to the secured area of the hangars and ramps. The lack of public input to security directives and the impact of large aircraft restrictions on small planes prompted some discussion; for more information see the AOPA Online brief at <http://www.aopa.org/advocacy/gasecurity/gasecuritybrief.html>.

Thanks to Dennis Guentzel for the donuts!

Upcoming First Saturday Socials

Guests are welcome at our socials, the First Saturday of each month, at 9:00 a.m. at the Aero Flight School, at the East Ramp, or off Airport Lane, Gallatin Field, Belgrade. The coffee and conversations are free.

June 6, 2009 – Poker Run and Gallatin Valley Hangar’s First Saturday Social, at 9 a.m. at Aero Flight School, East Ramp on Airport Lane off Airport Road, Gallatin Field. Poker Run, regardless of weather as we have on-site option should it rain. Contact Hangar President Robert Shropshire at 406-587-7252 or shrop@imt.ent.

July 4, 2009 — First Saturday Social will be as usual at at 9 a.m. at Aero Flight School, East Ramp on Airport Lane off Airport Road, Gallatin Field. Coffee and conversation are free.

August 1, 2009 – Gallatin Valley Hangar’s First Saturday Social with Tower Talk and Tower Tour, at 9 a.m. at Aero Flight School, East Ramp on Airport Lane off Airport Road, Gallatin Field. The Gallatin Field controllers will give a Tower Talk and Tower Tour as part of our social.

Airport Passes

What? Air Operations Area Identification Badges

Where? Gallatin Field, Belgrade

Who? Anyone requiring unescorted access to the Air Operations Area. This includes people in general aviation, employees of fixed-base operators, flight school students, construction workers, utility personnel, and emergency service providers. You need the badge for both (1) access to the area and (2) the ability to be there without an escort accompanying you the whole time you are in the secured area.

When? You may apply at any time, but current badges expire on May 31, 2009.

Why? The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) issued a Security Directive requiring new identification badges for access to air operation areas, including hangars and tie-down areas. Without the new identification badge, a person would need to be escorted at all times within the Air Operations Area, including walking between hangars.

To apply, take two photo ids (like a driver's license and passport) to the Airport Office in the terminal, fill out an application form, pay \$20 (\$15 refundable when the card is turned in), and wait for TSA to approve the application. Airport Office personnel will phone you when your card is ready for pick up.

Questions? Phone the Gallatin Airport Authority at 406-388-6632. Information is also available at the airport's website: <http://www.bozemanairport.com/>.

Driving at Gallatin Field

To drive a vehicle within the General Aviation secure area requires an Air Operations Area identification badge or an escort with such a badge. Driving is restricted to the non-air-movement areas: service roads, cargo aprons, general aviation aprons, and general aviation taxiways in the south hangar area and the east ramp area. General Aviation users are NOT authorized to drive on the air carrier apron or in air movement areas. Driving at the airport requires a valid driver's license.

Drive with care: observe safety cones, respect pedestrians, avoid prop wash and jet blast, avoid moving propellers and aircraft in general, watch the movement of other vehicles, and yield to aircraft and emergency vehicles.

Two yellow lines (one solid and one dashed) mark the boundary between the air-movement area under air traffic control and the non-movement area where driving is allowable on an as-necessary basis. The term "non-movement area" can be misleading because you are to drive *only* in the "non movement area," as the term refers to the movement of aircraft under air traffic control. You may drive on the dashed side of the double yellow lines, but the solid yellow line is the air-movement area under air traffic control. Never drive in the air-movement area.

Last Bartlesville Biplane Expo

The National Biplane Association has announced that Bartlesville's 23rd Annual Biplane Expo on June 4-6, 2009, will be the last. Cost is not a factor, but, according to Charles Harris, chairman of the biplane association, "there are the generational realities. The biplane pilot population is an aging population. There are scores of our members who are World War II veterans, Korean War veterans or retired airline pilots who have given up flying." This is from a story in the *Tulsa World*, April 23, 2009, online at http://www.tulsaworld.com/business/article.aspx?subjectid=45&articleid=20090423_45_E1_AboveD353941&archive=yes

What Caused that Crash?

Little things matter. That is the lesson of the Air Crash Investigation film about the United Airlines Flight 232, a DC-10, that crashed at Sioux City, Iowa, at <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=7664206256212725581&hl=en>

April Board Meeting

The Gallatin Valley Hangar's board met Sunday, April 26th, at 1:00, at the Gran Tree off 7th Avenue.

The main topic of discussion was the First Saturday Social. The first one, in April, went very well, with a slide show on dogsled racing as well as conversation and coffee. The second is planned to feature the Civil Air Patrol, and a notice appeared in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle about that upcoming meeting. The third will be in June in conjunction with a hangar-sponsored Poker Run and barbeque since the Poker Run finish and prize awarding will finish later in the day. Valuable prizes are already in hand. The tower controllers will be invited to speak and take us on a tower tour during an upcoming First Saturday Social.

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Runway safety literature is on order. When it gets here, the literature will be available at all hangar events.

Craig Fuller, the new president of AOPA (Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association), may be coming to Bozeman; if so, we will try to arrange a hangar event so members can meet him. We already have a query submitted.

Hangar News is NOT Spam

To ensure your email system does not put Hangar News and notices into your Spam box rather than your Input, please add Hangar secretary Anne Millbrooke, anne27m@yahoo.com, to your Contacts list.

Hangar Officers

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Hangar Membership

As of April 30th, the Gallatin Valley Hangar had 70 active members, defined by paid membership in the Montana Pilots Association (MPA). Some individuals on our Hangar's mailing list do not appear on the most recent MPA membership list, so, if you haven't already, please join the Montana Pilots Association for 2009. The link to the Montana Pilots Association is <http://www.montanapilots.org/>.

Goals of MPA

- Promote Aviation
- Protect the Rights and Privileges of Pilots
- Carry on Education Programs for Public Benefit
- Promote Feeling of Fraternalism Among Pilots
- Instill Respect amongst Pilots for State and Federal Regulations
- Promote Safe Flying
- Aid in Search and Rescue
- Assist in State and Local Service Projects
- Encourage New Pilots to Pursue Aviation Goals

Calendar

The following calendar lists events from the Montana Pilots Association's website at <http://www.montanapilots.org/mpacalendera.html>, and other sources. Please submit dates, updates, and additions to our Hangar's secretary-treasurer at anne27m@yahoo.com.

May 23-24, 2009 – Spotted Bear Work Session. Lunch served courtesy of the Flathead Hangar.

May 24, 2009 — Deadline for submissions to the Heading Bug. Email Kristi Dunks at kdunks@gmail.com.

May 30-31, 2009 – Rocky Mountain West Aviation Expo, Boise, Idaho. For more information or to participate, email Lee Hudson or call him at 208-323-4464.

May 30-31, 2009 — Ellsworth AFB's Civil Aviation Fly-in in conjunction with the Dakota Thunder Open House and Airshow on the same dates. The Dakota Thunder website www.dakotathunder.com is updated with the fly-in procedures and airshow information. Please call or e-mail with questions. Blue Skies, Major Dave Marten David.Marten@ellsworth.af.mil dandtmarten@hotmail.com or 605-390-8044.

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June 6, 2009 — Miles City Annual Fly-in at Sunday Creek, now called the Bill Bergerson Memorial Fly-in. S teak fry and games. Please let us know if you will be coming by calling 406-354-6009 or 406-853-9955.

June 10-13, 2009 – McCall Mountain Canyon Flying Seminars, McCall, Idaho.

June 12-13, 2009 – 5th Annual Lewistown Airport Fly-In & Pancake Breakfast courtesy of

Central MT Hangar MPA. (In conjunction with Pioneer Power Days) Antiques, Warbirds, Helicopters, Experimentals. Friday Evening Steak Fry at 6:30pm (reservations appreciated) - Saturday Morning -7a.m. to 11a.m. - Sourdough Pancake Breakfast. For more information call Jerry Moline @ 406-350-3264.

June 12-14, 2009 – Winifred/Breaks Fly-in. On the 12th - camp/cookout Cow Creek (RSVP on the cookout); on the 13th - Morning breakfast at LWT Flyin, Fly the breaks, Hamburger feed at Winifred (9S7) hangar; and on the 14th - departure. Call Ralph Rogers for more information: 406-462 5487, or email nafanew@ttc-cmc.net

June 19-21, 2009 — Centenary of the International Paris Air Show, Paris, France. For more information, see the website <http://www.paris-air-show.com/>.

June 20, 2009 – Legacy Flight Museum Air Show, Rexburg, Idaho.

June 20-21, 2009 – Father’s Day Fly In Sourdough Pancake Breakfast, Fort Peck Airport. Steak Fry Saturday evening and Pancakes Sunday morning. Canoe trips down Missouri for those who call and schedule in advance. For more information or to schedule a canoe trip, call Lanny Hanson 406.526.3535 or 406.263.1154.

June 20-21, 2009 – 6th annual Father's Day Fly-In Twin Bridges Airport. Pig roast, pancake breakfast, young eagle rides, airplane on display, pilot games, vendors, concessions, skydiving, presentations and more. Visit www.rubyvalleyaviation.com for more information or call Kendra at 406-684-5335.

June 23-26, 2009 – Air Race Classic, National Women’s Air Race from Denver, Colorado, to Atlantic, Iowa.

June 27, 2009 – 2nd Annual Seeley Lake Flying Club Fly-In & Community Dinner Complete barbeque dinner at Seeley Lake Airport starting at 5pm. Raffle prizes, camping and fun for all ages. Contact Calvin Kovatch 406-677-2932 kkovatch@blackfoot.net.

June 27, 2009 – North Central Hangar’s Fly-in Breakfast, Havre. Darren Huestis at 406-945-1861.

June 27, 2009 — Ryan Airfield BBQ. Contact Jerry Cain at raf@linctel.net.

June 27-28, 2009 – Meadow Creek work session. Lunch courtesy of EAA Chapter #102.

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July 11, 2009 — Del Bonita Work Session.

July 18, 2009 — Schafer Meadows Work Session.

July 19, 2009 – St. Ignatius Fly-in. Steve Allard at steve@allardauctions.com/.

July 22-26, 2009 — Ninety-Nines International Conference in Chicago.

July 26-27, 2009 —Air Magic Valley Air Show, Twin Falls, Idaho.

July 27 - August 2, 2009 – EAA Air Venture, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The Experimental Aircraft Association's annual rendezvous for recreational fliers, aircraft restorers, and homebuilders.

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August 2, 2009 – Hysham Airport Lions Club Fly-In, Drive-In Breakfast. 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Bob Miller 406-342-5252.

August 6-8, 2009 – Montana Antique Airplane Association Three Forks Fly-in.

August 14-16, 2009 – Montana Fun Weekend - Cutbank. Car show, airplane rides, fly-in for general aviation (60 aircraft last year) and drag racing. Contact Roy Nollkamper 406-450-1078 or email nollkamper47@hotmail.com.

August 15, 2009 – Polson Fly-In.

August 20-23, 2009 – Northwest Section Meeting of the Ninety-Nines International Organization of Women Pilots, Vancouver, Washington.

September 2-6, 2009 – American Bonanza Society Annual Convention & Trade Show, Salt Lake City, Utah.

September 5, 2009 – Gallatin Valley Hangar's First Saturday Social, at 9 a.m. at Aero Flight School, East Ramp on Airport Lane off Airport Road, Gallatin Field.

September 16-20, 2009 – Reno National Championship Air Races, Reno, Nevada.

November 1-3, 2009 – Pacific Northwest Aerial Applicators Alliance Convention, Boise, Idaho.

2010 Montana Aviation Conference — Missoula, at the Hilton Garden Inn

2011 Montana Aviation Conference — Helena

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