

**RESCHEDULED: June First Saturday Social and Poker Run on June 13th**

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.

**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. **July 4, 2009** — First Saturday Social with free coffee and conversation. **August 1, 2009** — First Saturday Social with Tower Talk and Tower Tour given by the Gallatin Field controllers. Both are at 9 a.m. at Aero Flight School, East Ramp on Airport Lane off Airport Road, Gallatin Field.

## **Airport update**

Kevin Kelleher, Airport Board Member, Gallatin Field Airport Board Authority, reports:

“June 11, 2009 will go down in county history as one of the benchmarks of growth for our county and at least the tri-county region, with the approval of the Terminal Expansion project at Gallatin Field. This \$40 million dollar expansion will double the size of our current terminal, add more gates and insure that the flying public will be better served across the board at our facility. More importantly, the expansion will help us attract more airline business to the airport. At our current annual boarding figures the airport was operating at near capacity, so if we double the size of the airport maybe down the road a few years we might see a big increase in boarding’s, which top 350,000 annually now.

“For communities like Big Sky and West Yellowstone who are very dependent on current and improving air service this is a very good day. It will give county communities like these a better chance to prosper without seeing an increase in their property tax bills. Our airport managers and board have done a fantastic job over the past 19 years of making this facility self sufficient. The Big Sky area will now have the capability to attract more business as the airport grows. I’m very pleased to have been part of this project over the past two years and hope to continue serving the flying public of Gallatin County, and in fact nationwide who depend on this facility. This is a great day for Big Sky and our friends in West Yellowstone!”

Brian Wheeler spoke in favor of the expansion for Big Sky and Boyne USA at the Thursday June 11 meeting.

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## **Hangar Officers**

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## **Hangar Membership**

As of June 4, 2009, the Gallatin Valley Hangar had 79 active members, defined by paid membership in the Montana Pilots Association (MPA). The Montana Pilots Association website is at <http://www.montanapilots.org/>.

## **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](mailto:anne27m@yahoo.com).

**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](mailto:nafanew@ttc-cmc.net).

**RESCHEDULED June 13, 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 the weather not favor flying. Contact Hangar President Robert Shropshire at 406-587-7252 or [shrop@imt.ent](mailto:shrop@imt.ent). Our socials are open to all people interested in flying.

**June 15-18, 2009** – Butte Fly-In and Military Appreciation Day, with the B-17 called Sentimental Journey and other military aircraft on display. Flights for sale on the B-17. Young Eagle flights given Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Barbecue Thursday evening. Fifty-cent discount available on fuel, and camping available on field. For more information, contact Jim Beauchamp at 406-490-5608 or Charles Fligel at 406-565-9583.

**June 17, 2009** – Vigilante Hangar Meeting with fly-out to the Lincoln Airport, where, weather permitting, Jerry Cain will host his annual fly-in barbecue at his hangar. Jerry would appreciate an RSVP so he knows how much food to get.

**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, 2009** – Plains Airport Fly-In Breakfast, 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

**June 20, 2009** – Thermopolis, Wyoming (THP) 5th Annual Destination Fly-In: Free Pancake Breakfast from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00, Guided Mountain Hike at 9:00 a.m., Car Rally Downtown. Call 307-864-2488.

**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](http://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 25-27, 2009** – Aviation Career Academy for students in grades 6-8 (for the school year 2008/2009). Flight Simulator; Survival Skills; Field Trips. For further information contact Jeanne MacPherson at 406-444-9568 or visit the Montana Aeronautics Division’s website at [www.mdt.mt.gov/aviation/](http://www.mdt.mt.gov/aviation/).

**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](mailto: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@lincintel.net](mailto:raf@lincintel.net).

**June 27, 2009** – Airport Heritage Day, Ravalli County Airport (6S5) Hamilton, MT. Sponsored by the Ravalli County Pilots' Association, the Ravalli County Aviation Safety Foundation and the Ravalli County Museum. Pancake Breakfast 7:00-11:00 am; static display of antique aircraft and warbirds, historical information booth, skydiving demonstration, radio controlled aircraft and EAA Young Eagle Flights will continue into the afternoon, and finally, 7:30 - 11:00 pm, a USO Hangar Dance.

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

**June 27-28, 2009** – Gateway to Freedom Air Show. Helena Regional Airport. Featuring the United States Air Force Demonstration Squadron – the Thunderbirds and the United States Army Parachute Team – the Golden Knights. For further information visit [www.helenaairshow.com](http://www.helenaairshow.com) or email [info@helenaairshow.com](mailto:info@helenaairshow.com).

**July 4, 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. Our socials are open to all people interested in flying.

**July 4, 2009** – EAA Flight Festival, Townsend Airpor . Breakfast from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Young Eagle Flights from 10:00 am to 1:00pm. The city of Townsend will be having a picnic at Heritage Park in town. The courtesy van and cars are available. Camping and barbeque grill is also available at the airport. For the 4th of July only 100LL will be available for \$3.00/gal. For more information contact Neil or Karen Salmi at 266-5400 or email Karen at [karensalmi@hotmail.com](mailto:karensalmi@hotmail.com).

**July 11, 2009** – Del Bonita Work Session.

**July 17-18, 2009** – National Convention of the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association, Calgary, at Springback Airport (CYBW). Celebration of the Centennial of Flight in Canada. More information online at [www.copanational.org](http://www.copanational.org) or from Bill Beaton at [bbeaton@copanational.org](mailto:bbeaton@copanational.org).

**July 18, 2009** – Schafer Meadows Work Session.

**July 19, 2009** – St. Ignatius Fly-in. Steve Allard at [steve@allardauctions.com/](mailto: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.

**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. Our socials are open to all people interested in flying.

**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, Pogreba Field.

**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](mailto: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.

**September 26-27, 2009** – Sidney Montana Airshow with the Canadian military demonstration team Snowbirds (431 Squadron). Contact Byran Prevost at [bprevost@midrivers.com](mailto:bprevost@midrivers.com) or by phone 406-774-3033.

**October 24, 2009** – Aviation Organizations of Montana (AOM) meeting, Helena.

**October 24, 2009** – MPA Board of Directors Meeting, Helena, following the AOM meeting. All MPA officers, committee chairs, representatives, hangar presidents, and other interested parties.

**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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