



## Conference Plans Progress

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Montana Aviation Conference is shaping up to be one of the biggest aviation events in 2002 by far. There will be 54 exhibitors from the U.S. and Canada offering the greatest and latest in Aviation Maintenance, Avionics, Airport Lighting, Aviation Fuel and much more. You can also view the latest products offered by avionic manufacturers with a product demonstration being offered for conference participants. The concurrent sessions will offer valuable information to everyone attending and several organizations will be holding their annual business meetings. The kick-off luncheon will feature author Gene Nora Jessen with her presentation of *The Powder Puff Derby of 1929*. The teacher workshop, will begin on Thursday with keynote speaker Richard Klein, a teacher at Erickson Academy in Chicago IL who specializes in Aviation Education. Thursday evening following a cocktail hour sponsored by City Service/Air BP an awards dinner will be held to honor the many dedicated people in all aspects of aviation in Montana. The featured speaker will be Rachel Brooke a 2000 scholarship recipient.

Friday morning the Aircraft Mechanics IA renewal will get underway, featuring presentations from top maintenance professionals. Friday will also offer a tour of Gallatin Field Airport, where you can check out the latest in liquid and pellet type airfield anti icing/deicing systems; visit the new airport shop and general aviation hangar area and take a tour of the new DEW Engineering Company passenger boarding bridge. Friday's luncheon speaker will be Addison Pemberton, President of Scanivalve Corporation with a presentation

on his *Boeing 40 Restoration Project*. Friday afternoon will offer a spouse/guest program to the Museum of the Rockies to view the exhibit *Weapons that Changed the West: From Flint to Fusion*, which will emphasize Montana military aviation. The curators will discuss Montana military aviation history based on this extraordinary exhibit and its special presentation of WASP pilots (Women's Auxiliary Service Pilots) in WW2. The exhibit covers 11,000 years of Montana history told in terms of changing weapons technology. On Friday evening a Dinner/Dance/Silent Auction will be held at Yellowstone Jetcenter. The silent auction is sponsored by the MPA recreational airstrip committee, the auction will feature such items as a Lilja custom made rifle barrel, a handheld radio, aircraft photography shoot, mountain flying instruction, getaways to Dillon, Red Lodge, Kalispell/Whitefish, paintings, a GPS, and a helicopter ride to name just a few. Entertainment will be provided by the Bop-A-Dips. The Bop-A-Dips have been tickling the funny bones of people all over the world for over 20 years, they are the very best and most versatile oldies band available today. Their high-energy show recreates the original sound and look of the classic rock and roll era with Bright Costumes, Hilarious Comedy, Crowd Involvement and Songs performed to the perfection of the original artists.

Saturday will offer more concurrent sessions, meetings, IA renewal and the Teacher Workshop participants will wrap up with orientation airplane flights at Gallatin Field Air-

port. The luncheon will be held in the exhibit area where thousands of dollars in door prizes will be given away. The conference will conclude with the Saturday evening banquet featuring none better than Brigadier General Robin Olds, who will speak on *Leadership Then and Now*.

To register complete the registration form on page 6 of the newsletter. Remember those paid pre-registrants are eligible for a special drawing. Room reservations can be made by calling the Holiday Inn (406) 587-4561 or the GranTree Inn at (406) 587-5261. If you need further information please call the Aeronautics Division at (406) 444-2506. We look forward to seeing you in Bozeman!



*Musical Group "The Bop-A-Dips" will provide non-stop entertainment Friday night.*

# Administrator's Column

**FAA MAY APPROVE INTERNET FOR FLIGHT INFO SOURCE:** The FAA is now moving toward approving the Internet as an "official" information source. The agency has recently published a proposed advisory circular outlining recommended practices for "Internet communication of aviation weather and notams." AOPA has been pushing for years for the FAA to use the power of the Internet to get pilots the information they need quickly and efficiently, and to change agency policy so that a pilot can legally use Web resources to make operational decisions. While today a pilot can get aviation weather and notams on the Web from a variety of government and other sources, they don't count (except for DUAT) as a legal preflight briefing. ➔

**LIGHT SPORT AIRCRAFT RULES PUBLISHED:** The FAA has released its proposed rules that would create a new pilot certificate-Sport Pilot- a new category of certificated aircraft-Light Sport, and a new category or repairmen certificate-Light Sport Aircraft Repairmen. The FAA believes the new rules would spur the creation of a new segment of the aviation industry and lead to the certification of 9,000 more pilots over the next decade. These aircraft are described by the FAA as being limited to 1,232 pounds maximum certified gross weight, have a single nonturbine engine, stall speed of 39 knots, maximum airspeed of 115 knots, no more than two occupants and fixed landing gear. Of the currently certificated aircraft, J3 Cubs, Aeronca Champs and Chiefs and early model Taylorcraft would likely fall into the Light Sport category. The Sport pilot certificate, which would allow pilots to fly Light Sport aircraft, could be obtained with about 20 hours of training. ➔

**MACKAY CONFIRMED AS U.S. MARSHAL:** The Senate confirmed Dwight MacKay as the new U.S. Marshal for Montana. Previously, Dwight served as the State Director for U.S. Senator Conrad Burns for the past ten years and was a great friend to Montana aviation. Best wishes to Dwight in his new role. ➔

**NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR FLYING INTO MEXICO:** Mexico has issued new requirements for some pilots flying from the United States. Pilots flying rented aircraft, aircraft registered under a corporate name, or any helicopter must obtain prior authorization before entering the country. There are no fees for obtaining this authorization. AOPA has confirmed with the Mexican government that no new permit is required, just prior authorization for entry of aircraft that are not registered in the pilot's name and all helicopters regardless of registration. ➔

**AOPA SWEEPSTAKES BONANZA GIVEN AWAY:** For all of us that have been anxiously waiting word on the winner of the AOPA aircraft this year; the waiting is over. Norman Elliott, a 20-year AOPA member from Los Alamos, New Mexico was the lucky recipient of the 1966 V35 Beechcraft Bonanza. The 2002-2003 membership sweepstakes will feature a classic three-seater Waco UPF-7 biplane to be completely refurbished. This will be the grand prize in the first two-year AOPA membership sweepstakes. During the two-year contest period, one winner will be chosen each month to receive an all-expenses-paid trip for a ride in an already restored Waco airplane. AOPA members who join or renew their membership in the Association are automatically entered in the membership sweepstakes. ➔

**CUSTOMS UPDATE:** Ross Lyle and Bob Gadsby, U.S. Customs officials of Great Falls recently briefed Aeronautics Board Chairman John Rabenberg; AOPA Northwest Region Representative Mike Ferguson; representatives from our three congressional offices; and myself on the status of customs at Montana's airports. As a result of September 11, customs is operating under a Code Red policy and only three airports Butte, Great Falls and Kalispell have custom services available at this time. Issues facing airports with prior customs capabilities include staffing and facilities. Ross and Bob will be conducting a session on Friday at the Montana aviation conference to inform those interested of processes and plans for Montana airports. ➔



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# Calendar

**February 28–March 2, 2002** – Montana Aviation Conference, Bozeman.

**March 13-15, 2002** – Women In Aviation, Nashville, TN – Join more than 3,000 women and men in Nashville, TN for a three-day learning and networking experience beyond comparison. Further information on website [www.wiai.org](http://www.wiai.org).

**April 3-6, 2002** – National Congress on Aviation and Space Education (NCASE). For the latest information on speakers and registration visit: <http://www.capnhq.gov/conference/>.

**May 3, 2002** – Young Eagles Flying Tours – Glasgow Airport.

**May 4, 2002** – ELT Training, Glasgow Airport – Jeanne MacPherson, Aeronautics Division.

**July 4 – 7, 2002** – Fort Peck Fly-In, camping at the Fort Peck airport (motel close by if needed), boating, fishing, water-skiing. Fort Peck Theater and much more. Contact Lanny Hanson for information (406) 228-4848.

**August 9-11, 2002** – 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Splash In – Fly In – Stillwater Landing. For information contact Bill Montgomery (360) 629-7453 or (425) 750-6100 (cell), summer Montana #(406) 881-2236. Website: [www2.Whidbey.net/stilwldn](http://www2.Whidbey.net/stilwldn).

**August 17-18, 2002** – Montana Fun Weekend – Cut Bank Airport. Contacts: Rick Kraft (406) 873-4929, Dave Anderson (406) 873-2153, or Dave Ries (406) 873-2601.

**October 11-13, 2002** – Springfield Air Rendezvous 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Air Show, Capital Airport, Springfield, IL. Featuring the Canadian Snowbirds Team. For additional information, contact the air show office at (217) 789-4400 or visit website: [www.springfield-il.com/airshow](http://www.springfield-il.com/airshow).

# Attention High School Students

Plan to attend the Aviation Career Panel for High School Students Montana Aviation Conference Bozeman – GranTree Inn in the Aspen Room Friday, March 1 from 1:45 PM - 3:10 PM



The aviation industry offers career opportunities to suit many interests and backgrounds. If you are a good leader, a communicator, organized and are interested in how things work, the sky is the limit! Aviation professionals will highlight their aviation careers in a panel discussion; time is allotted for questions and answers. Students will also experience aviation history with special appearances from the past; Wilbur Wright and the Wright Flyer, Pancho Barnes, Christa McAuliffe, Amelia Earhart and Harriet Quimby.

Door Prizes and snacks will be provided. For further information contact Jeanne MacPherson Montana Aeronautics Division (406) 444-2506 or email at [jemacpherson@state.mt.us](mailto:jemacpherson@state.mt.us).

# Aviation Enrichment Program



*Students from Helena and CR Anderson Middle School participated in a weeklong aviation program with teacher Andree Andenberg. The program included a day at the airport with an aerodynamic lesson, preflight of the aircraft and Young Eagle Flights given by Jeanne MacPherson, Flight Simulation with Len Wheeler, FAA, a tour of the Aviation Support Facilities by Major Malee and a tour of the Helena College of Technology, Airframe and Powerplant School with Brent Vetter. Pictured above Jeanne MacPherson poses with her first group of future pilots!*

# FIRC 2002

Montana Aeronautics Division hosted another dynamic 16 hour Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic on February 1& 2, in Helena. Greg Gorak, Chief Instructor of Gates Aviation presented the refresher clinic. Fifty-four Professional Flight Instructors attended and are now rekindled and ready to inspire the new student and the pilot that needs a flight review or perhaps an additional rating.

Some might think 16 hours of continuous ground school rather boring, but Greg with his thunderous enthusiasm made the time fly by. Fundamentals of instruction, human factors, the practical test standards, flight safety, weather, current issues, recurrence, transition training, instructor professional responsibilities and regulations were some of the topics covered. We all learned something new and debates continue over some of the FAA regulations.

Special guests included Jim Cooney, Safety Program Manager, Helena FSDO, Jim Wickens, a Great Falls pilot that survived a recent off-field landing in mountainous terrain and Helena flight instructor, Tony Silverstri, with some advice for flight instructors regarding endorsements.

A big thanks to Carol Henry of the Helena FSDO for the speedy work on the flight instructor certificates! Thank you to all the professional flight instructors that attended you are the backbone of aviation.



*Jerry Byrd, Helena FSDO & FIRC participant thanks Chief Instructor Greg Gorak for a job well done. Greg's energetic presentation has earned him special awards such as Flight Instructor of the Year for the United States in 1976, and the National Association of Flight Instructors awarded Greg Master Flight Instructor status in 1998.*



*(l-r) Bob Schoenbaum, Sheridan, WY, Bill Koss, Lewistown, Greg Gorak, Steve & Sherry Rossiter, Missoula, Mike Campbell, Dutton and Chad Kale of Laurel were presented with their certificates and Montana Wings after completion of the clinic. First time attendees not pictured are Jerry Byrd & Celestine Duncan of Helena.*

*The clinic was held at the Wingate Inn in Helena with fifty-four instructors attending. The clinic received rave reviews from all involved.*

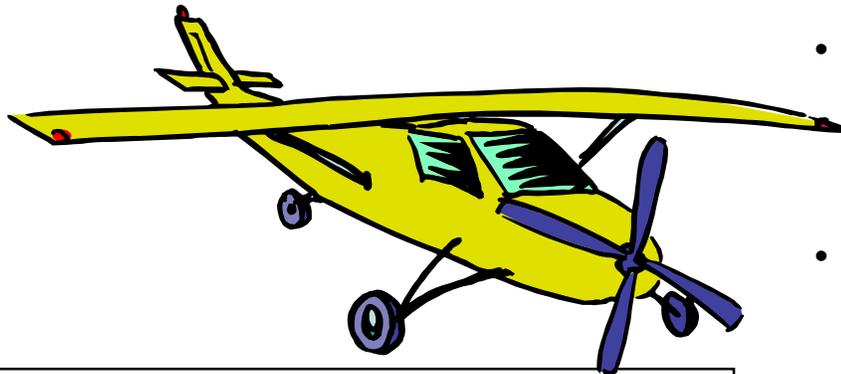


# Gabbert Retires

Dave Gabbert retired from the Federal Aviation Administration after 42 ½ years of federal government service. Dave came to the FAA Helena Airports District Office in 1987, transferring from the Denver Airports District Office. A celebration was held to honor Dave for his hard work and dedication. Pictured are Dave and Rick Griffith, Butte Airport Manager. Rick commented that “Dave has been a great asset for the airport’s of Montana, we will miss not only his cooperation but also his ability to help fund major airport projects.” Dave and his wife Shannon live in the Clancy area and have two girls Mandy and Kendra who will be graduating respectively from college and high school this year. We congratulate Dave on a job well done and wish him the best of luck in his retirement.



*Rick Griffith & Dave Gabbert*



## AMAA Convention A Success

The annual Association of Montana Aerial Applicators convention was recently held in Great Falls at the Heritage Inn January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. The convention was a two-day whirlwind of great speakers, interesting exhibitors and long time friends. Speakers included many industry reps from all facets of the aviation business, Jim Greil from the Montana Aeronautics Division and Trace Thomas, an F-16 pilot in Great Falls. The featured banquet speaker was Mr. Wayne Hanley, well-known stunt pilot and aerial applicator.

The many exhibitors that set up displays at the conference varied greatly. Included were industry reps from chemical companies, soil analysts, ag aircraft accessory dealers, insurance vendors, seed and fertilizer reps and many, many more. Attendance by the AMAA membership at the conference was also high, and included representatives from all corners of the state. Meals and drinks offered at the conference were also first rate with a very successful social hour the first night.

In addition to the conference, the AMAA arranged so that mechanics were also able to get their required 8 credits from the FAA by attending the presentations of the various speakers. Many thanks should be given to Shelly Peterson for her efforts in helping to organize such a great conference. AMAA president Dan French is also to be congratulated on another fine conference.

# Call For Nominations

The Board of Governors of the National Aviation Club requests nominations for the National Aviation Club – Cliff Henderson Award for Achievement. The annual Achievement Award, presented by the Cliff Henderson Trophy from the National Air and Space Museum, will be presented at the NAA’s Fall Awards Banquet in the Washington, DC area.

The recipient of the NAC Cliff Henderson Award for Achievement, as determined by the Board of Governors, is subject to the following criteria:

- The NAC Henderson Achievement Award will be made annually to a living individual or group whose vision, leadership, or skill, has made a significant and lasting contribution to the promotion and advancement of aviation or space activity.
- Except in exceptional circumstances the person and/or organization being recognized must agree to be present at the award ceremony in the Washington, DC area.
- All statements regarding the award of the Henderson trophy will be made by or in agreement with the National Aviation Club and within the aegis of the National Aviation Club’s charter.

The nomination will be limited to three (3) typed pages. It is to include a citation of 30 words or less which captures the essence of the nomination. Justification will include complete, concise details including background information and other relevant information that would assist in the selection. All nominations must include the nominee’s and nominator’s name, address, phone & fax numbers and e-mail if available.

Nominations are to be mailed to the National Aviation Club, 1815 N. Ft. Myer Drive, Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22209, **no later than April 30, 2002**. The nomination may be faxed: (703) 527-0229.

Nominees or nominators are not required to be National Aviation Club members.

# AG Recertification Clinic Set

The Ag Recertification Clinic sponsored by MATA will be held in conjunction with the Montana Aviation Conference on Wednesday, February 27, 2002 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the GranTree Inn in Bozeman. The cost for 2002 MATA members will be \$35.00, for non-members \$70.00, this includes the cost of lunch and dinner as well as an excellent informative program. The annual business meeting will follow on Thursday morning, February 28 at 10:00 a.m. at the Holiday Inn.

The schedule is as follows:

- 0900 – Grass Weed Seedling Identification Clinic – Dr. Jeff Brennan
- 1100 – Range & Pasture Noxious Weed Clinic – Lee Ohlinger, DowAgro
- 1200 – Luncheon
- 1300 – NAAA PAASS Program – Lynn Carlson & Rod Thomas
- 1800 – Hospitality Hour
- 1900 – Dinner – MATA Associate Members

Please RSVP To Wayne Turner, MATA Executive Secretary at [turnwayn@hotmail.com](mailto:turnwayn@hotmail.com) or phone (406) 378-2534. Room reservations may be made by calling the GranTree at (406) 587-5261 or the Holiday Inn at (406) 587-4561.

## 1911 Aviation Feats

**January 11** – Navy Lt. Eugene Ely lands on the 119-foot-long stern of the U.S.S. Pennsylvania, making the first landing on a ship.  
**February 1** – The first licensed aircraft manufacturer in U.S. – Burgess and Curtis Co. – is born in Marblehead, Mass.  
**March 3** – The first appropriation of \$25,000 was authorized by Washington for Army air operations.  
**May 12** – Edouard Nieuport sets the absolute flying speed record of 74 mph. One month later, he sets a new record of 80.8 mph.  
**September 30** – Cromwell Dixon takes off from Helena, MT, becoming the first pilot to fly over the Continental Divide.  
**December 10** – Calbraith Rodgers makes 76 stops and crashes 20 times while completing the first transcontinental flight from New York to California.

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## MONTANA AVIATION CONFERENCE

**February 28 – March 2, 2002**

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# ADMA Scholarship 2002

Aviation Distributors and Manufacturers Association (ADMA), through its annual scholarship programs, supports educational excellence for young people wishing to enter the very exciting and rewarding aviation industry. ADMA will award a minimum of three \$1,000 scholarships to selected students this year. These will be selected among the following:

- ➔ A \$1,000 scholarship to a Bachelor of Science candidate with an Aviation Management major with emphasis in any of the following four areas: General Aviation, Airway Science Management, Aviation Maintenance and Airway Science Maintenance Management;
- ➔ A \$1,000 Bachelor of Science candidate with a major in Professional Pilot with any of the three following emphases: General Aviation, Flight Engineer, or Airway Science A/C Systems Management;
- ➔ A \$1,000 Scholarship to a second year student in an A/P (Aircraft and Powerplant) educational program (two year accredited aviation technical school.)

Applications will be considered based upon overall scholastic standing and the content of their application package. The following criteria must be met:

1. Applicants must be a third or fourth year student in a four year program at an accredited institution to be considered for the BS in Aviation Management or Professional Pilot programs;
2. Applicant must be a second year student in an A & P program at a two year accredited aviation technical school;
3. Applicant must possess a minimum 3.0 GPA;
4. Applicant must submit two references as well as an approximately 500 word essay describing their desire to pursue a career in the aviation field;
5. Applicant must exhibit financial need for consideration.

Applications can be obtained from ADMA by visiting the ADMA website at [www.adma.org](http://www.adma.org). Applications for the 2002 school year must be received by ADMA Headquarters by March 15, 2002 and the winners of the Scholarship will be notified by July 2002.

## Academy Receives Accreditation

The EAA Air Academy, the longest continuous residence aviation camp in the country, has received accreditation from the American Camping Association (ACA), the nation's leading organization of camp professionals who assess camp quality.

The EAA Air Academy consists of more than a half-dozen residence programs, specializing in aviation knowledge and experiences, for ages 12-18. The individual programs range from five to ten days each summer, based at the EAA Aviation Center's Air Academy Lodge in Oshkosh.

"This ACA accreditation is very important for the Air Academy and represents the quality experience it provides," said Chuck Larsen, Executive Director of Residence Education for the EAA Aviation Foundation. "The EAA Air Academy has provided an invaluable aviation experience for young people for nearly two decades. This ACA accreditation recognizes the program's high standards and is an outstanding guide for parents researching camps for their children."

ACA accreditation is earned by achieving high scores in more than 300 standards ranging from the camp's site and food ser-

vice, to program activities and staff. It helps camps develop and maintain a safe, quality environment for both campers and staff.

The American Camping Association, based in Martinsville, IN, is a community of camp professionals and is dedicated to enriching the lives of children and adults through the camp experience. More information is available at [www.acacamps.org](http://www.acacamps.org).

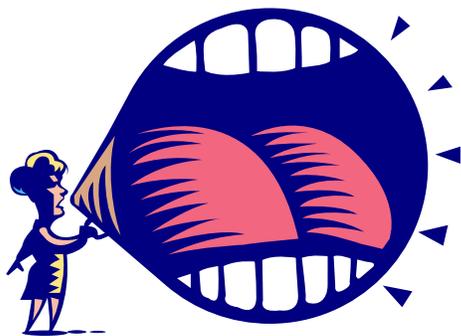
The 2002 EAA Air Academy programs are scheduled from June 13 through August 25. The schedule is as follows:

- ➔ Primary Aviation Fun Camps (ages 12-13) – June 13-17 and June 19-23;
- ➔ Intermediate Aviation Experience Camp (ages 14-15) – June 25-30, July 2-7 and July 9-14;
- ➔ Advanced Aviation Leadership Camp (ages 16-18) – July 16-25 and July 26-August 4;
- ➔ EAA First Flights Academy (ground school and dual instruction for ages 15-17) – August 6-14;
- ➔ EAA First Flights Academy (similar program for ages 18 and up) – August 17-25.

For more information, explore the Aviation Education section on the EAA web site ([www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org)). Information is also available by email to the EAA Education Office at [education@eaa.org](mailto:education@eaa.org), mailing address, P.O. Box 3065, Oshkosh, WI 54903-3065, or by calling (920) 426-6815 or (888) 322-3229.

The EAA Aviation Foundation was founded in 1962 and is dedicated to aviation education, preservation and research. Its headquarters are at the EAA Aviation Center in Oshkosh, WI.





# Important Reminder!!!

Please note that the 2002 aircraft registration renewals must be postmarked on or before **MARCH 1, 2002**. Any registration received after the deadline are charged a penalty fee of **five times the fee plus the fee**. Notices were sent out in early December and again in early February as a reminder. If you have any questions concerning aircraft registration please phone our office at (406) 444-2506.

## EAA Checklist

Aviation enthusiasts who are looking to buy and complete an aircraft building project can get off to a good start through a new brochure offered free of charge by the EAA, The Leader in Recreational Aviation.

“EAA’s Homebuilt Aircraft Buyer’s Checklist” includes the essential questions every aircraft builder should ask before starting a new project. Subjects such as affordability, legal matters, time and space needs and necessary flight training are addressed within an individual question-and-issue format for builders to consider prior to undertaking an aircraft project.

The brochure was developed by EAA staff and the EAA Homebuilt Aircraft Council, a group of experienced EAA-member builders and pilots who volunteer their time to encourage the safe construction and operation of experimental amateur-built aircraft. One of the fundamental elements in their mission is promoting informed aircraft builders and buyers.

The “Homebuilt Aircraft Buyer’s Checklist” brochure is free of charge from EAA and is available by calling (800) 843-3612 or e-mailing [membership@eaa.org](mailto:membership@eaa.org).

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