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NEW!

First Aid/Survival Skills Course

The MDT Aeronautics Division is offering a new training course to Montana pilots. The course is one day and will focus on basic first aid and aviation-related survival skills. The classroom setting course will prepare participants to use their new skills in the field.

This new program will help to develop fundamental life-saving skills which could have a major impact in achieving positive outcomes during an emergency.

The course will be held on September 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Helena at the Double Tree by Hilton. Lunch will be provided. The cost to attend the course is \$75.

Capacity is limited, so be sure to register now!

Scan Here



For more information, contact:

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Montana Summers Mean More Fly-Ins

The MDT Aeronautics Division is committed to increasing our visibility to the public and enhancing communication with our constituents. One way we accomplish this goal is by attending community fly-ins around the state.

So far this year, MDT Aeronautics Division staff have attended fly-ins in Butte and Lewistown. The Butte Wings and Wheels Fly-In had a record turnout of an estimated 24 aircraft, 124 cars, and 1,900 attendees. The Lewistown Montana Pilot's Association (MPA) Fly-In also enjoyed a record turnout, with an estimated 55 aircraft and 325 meals served.

Fly-ins happen most weekends during the summer and are listed in our newsletter calendar. If you're looking for something fun to do, grab a friend and head out to a community fly-in to show your support for aviation in Montana.

Fly-ins are a great opportunity to connect with fellow aviators while enjoying the best parts of summer in Montana!



Aviation Teacher Workshop

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) Aeronautics Division is thrilled to announce that its highly anticipated annual Aviation Teacher Workshop is scheduled for October 4th and 5th at Canyon Ferry Lake. In collaboration with the Montana Learning Center (MLC), the MDT Aeronautics Division is excited to offer this immersive program that is authorized to provide 20 renewal credits through the Office of Public Instruction (OPI).

Affordable and easily-replicated aviation themed lessons, demonstrations, and hands-on experiments that can be easily and affordably replicated in the classroom will be taught. The main objective of these lessons is to inspire a passion for aviation in students while teaching basic required STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) subjects that are applicable to their daily lives.

Teachers will have the opportunity to visit the Montana Air National Guard, an air ambulance operator, Helena College-Aircraft Mechanic School and the Helena Air Traffic Control Tower, plus take introductory flights. On the second day, the focus will shift to interactive academic classroom activities at the MLC.

Due to the overwhelming interest in this program, interested teachers are strongly encouraged to submit their applications as early as possible to secure a spot. Preference is given to teachers who teach STEM subjects to high school students. There is no charge for teachers to attend.

For additional information or inquiries, please feel free to contact us at :

406-444-2506 or
mdtad@mt.gov.

To register for the Aviation Teacher Workshop, scan the QR code



ACE Academy a success!

The MDT Aeronautics Division hosted its annual Aviation Career Exploration (ACE) Academy in Helena from June 20 to 22.

On the first day in Helena, students went on introductory flights, flew drones, and toured Helena College's Airframe and Powerplant mechanic program, the Montana Army National Guard Aviation Support Facility, a fixed based operator, an air ambulance company, the Helena Airport and Air Traffic Control Tower, and the Boeing manufacturing plant.

While visiting Missoula on day two, students toured Neptune Aviation, the Museum of Mountain Flying where they saw the Miss Montana DC-3, and the Smokejumper Visitor Center. In the evening, students were certified in CPR and first aid.

On the final day, the ACE Academy hosted a general aviation fly-in at the Canyon Ferry airstrip. Students enjoyed speaking with pilots and hearing about their aviation stories, experiences, and careers. During the fly-in, the students saw two helicopters, two amphibians, a paramotor, antique classics, and more. It was a great turnout both for unique aircraft and passionate aviators.

Thank you to those who attended the fly-in, it was a huge success!

Complimentary coffee was provided at the fly-in by the Double Tree by Hilton in Helena; we thank them for their support.

Aerial photos courtesy of Spencer Kreikemeire in Brandon Wilson's R-44 helicopter

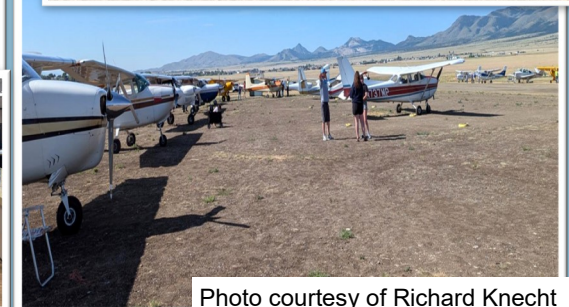
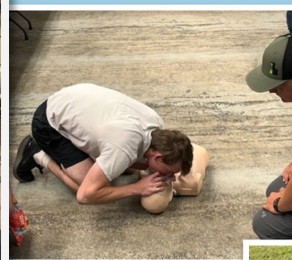
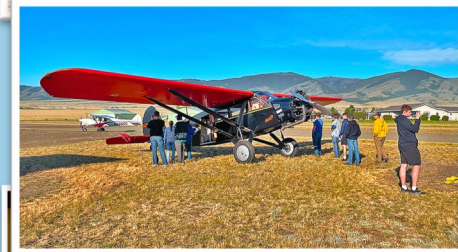


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Courtesy Car Grants Awarded

The MDT Aeronautics Division awarded four grants for the Courtesy Car Program in June to the Harlowton, Laurel, Malta, and Stevensville Airports.

Four reimbursable grants of up to \$5,000 were available to help local airports purchase courtesy cars. These grants were awarded to the four airports that applied during the spring 2024 application period.



Selling Your Airplane?

If you sell your aircraft, be sure to keep a copy of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Bill of Sale. The MDT Aeronautics Division requires a copy of the FAA Bill of Sale to cancel your state aircraft registration. A copy of the FAA Bill of Sale must accompany your signed affidavit, found on the bottom portion of your annual renewal invoice (a copy of your annual invoice is mailed to you twice annually prior to the registration deadline as a courtesy).

Your signed affidavit and FAA Bill of Sale must be received by the annual renewal deadline of March 1st each year.

Please remember that registration fees plus late fees also apply for paperwork not received or incomplete paperwork submitted by the March 1st due date, even if you no longer own the aircraft. It is also a good idea to retain an additional copy of the FAA Bill of Sale for your own records.

The FAA Bill of Sale form can be found by scanning the QR code.

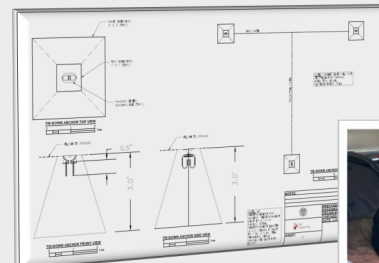


Lincoln Airport (S69) Tiedown Project

This Spring, the MDT Aeronautics Division was pleased to have two interns from Carroll College, Chloe Gallagher and Martha Schwarz, work on a design project for the Lincoln Airport during their senior year in the Civil Engineering program.

As a part of their design internship, the students had the opportunity to fly to the Lincoln Airport to survey and study the project area. The project was to design tie down anchors to be placed in the parking area. Lincoln Airport has a unique pilot campground next to the airport and the Blackfoot River with an aircraft parking area adjacent to the campground.

Chloe and Martha have done a great job engineering all the specifications that go into a sturdy tie down for five parking spaces. The MDT Aeronautics Division looks forward to implementing their tie down design soon. We thank these bright engineering students for their hard work!



Flying into Lincoln (S69)



A look at Chloe and Martha's tie-down design.

Calendar of Events

August 3 - Montana Antique Aircraft Association (MAAA) Fly-In. Three Forks. Hot breakfast available for purchase from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., free lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Ping pong ball drop, young eagles discovery flights, flying events with awards, static display with peoples choice award. Dinner food available for pilots camping both Friday and Saturday nights. For more information, visit www.mt-aaa.com [mt-aaa.com] or contact Nick Hunt at 503-209-1041.

August 8 - 9 - Search Pilot Training. Helena. Fairfield Inn. For more information, contact Matt Lindberg at mlindberg@mt.gov or 406-444-2506. To register, go to www.eventsquid.com/event.cfm?event_id=24895&fromdash.

August 11 - Hysham Fly-In Breakfast and Airport Dedication. Hosted by Hysham Chamber. Fly-In Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. and airport dedication at 8 a.m. by Treasure County Commissioners. For information, contact Ruth Baue, Treasure County Commissioner, at 406-670-5472.

August 16 - 18 - Montana Fun Weekend. Cut Bank. Friday, August 16, 12 p.m. until Sunday, August 18, 12 p.m. For more information, contact Rick Geiger at 406-873-5709 or 406-949-5709.

August 24 - Anaconda Fly-In and Car Show. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Food and drinks available to purchase, games for the kids, airplane rides, and lots of other exciting activities. Please call Greg Bahr at 406-490-7281 with any questions.

September 1 - Red Lodge Wings-n-Wheels Fly-In/Drive-In. Free breakfast 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations go toward improvement of the airport. For more information, contact Bo Ewald at b.ewald@att.net.

September 7 - North Central Hanger Fly-In. Havre. 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information, contact William Hurd at 406-945-3646.

September 7 - Helena Aviation Day. Helena. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aircraft static displays, Boeing facility tours, armory and aviation facility open house, events and games for kids. 5K Fun Run starts at 5 p.m. Please RSVP to Scott Sponholz at scott.m.sponholz.mil@army.mil.

September 14 - Harlowtown Kiwanis Fly-In and Car Show. Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and lunch 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact Jason Loose at fence2build@yahoo.com.

September 20 - Basic Survival and First Aid. Helena. Doubletree by Hilton. For more information contact Matt Lindberg at mlindberg@mt.gov or 406-444-2506. To register, go to www.eventsquid.com/event.cfm?preview&event_id=24948.

September 21 - Lincoln Fly-In. Pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. For more information, contact Doug Vulcan at candg406@gmail.com.

October 5 - Sky Ranch Fly-In. Kalispell. This isn't just a fly in, it's an event to come to! Food is free, desert by donation, many raffles, STOL demonstrations, and a chili competition between the neighbors! Come hungry! Starts at 2 p.m. There will be a movie at 5:30 p.m. Tent camping shall you decide to stay and hang by the campfire! For more info call or text Brandy at 406-212-4896.

January 10 - 12, 2025 - Winter Survival Clinic. Sugarloaf Lodge Anaconda. Registration will open this fall. For more information, contact Barbara Barnum at bbarnum@mt.gov or 406-444-2506.

February 7 - 8, 2025 - FIRC. For more information, contact Matt Lindberg at mlindberg@mt.gov or 406-444-2506. To register, go to www.aviationseminars.com/registration-form/?type=firc&course_id=2025106 [aviationseminars.com].

February 27 - March 1, 2025 - 40th Montana Aviation Conference. Missoula. Hilton Garden Inn. For more information, contact Lindsay Meeks at lmeekss@mt.gov or 406-444-2506.

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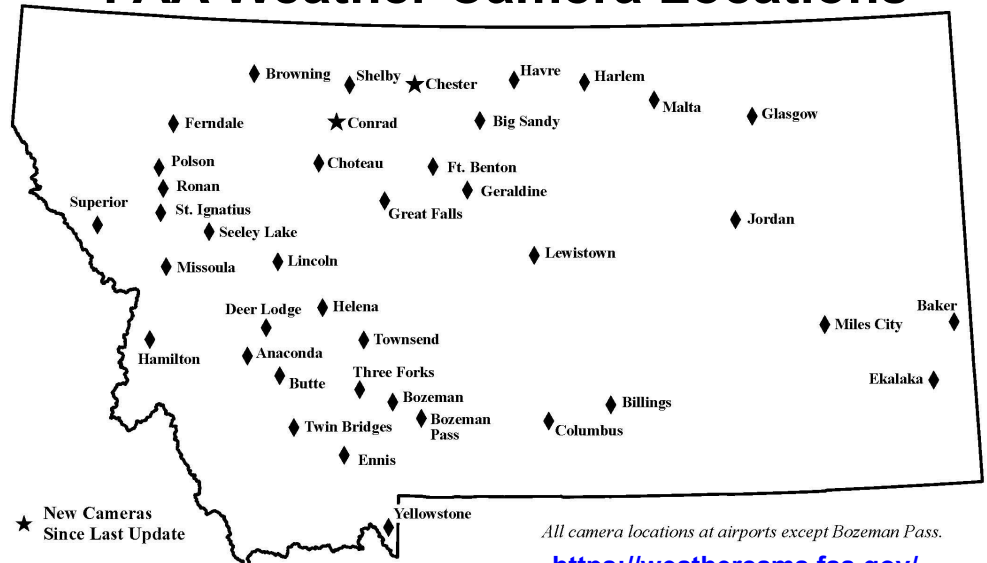
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