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## Aviation Teacher Workshop

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) Aeronautics Division is thrilled to announce that its highly anticipated annual Teacher Workshop is scheduled for October 13th and 14th at Canyon Ferry Lake. In collaboration with the esteemed Montana Learning Center (MLC), the Division is excited to offer this immersive program that is authorized to provide 20 renewal credits through the Office of Public Instruction (OPI).

This year, the workshop will be led by a distinguished group of instructors, including Dr. Walter Wollbaugh from Montana State University (MSU); Ryan Hannahoe, the Executive Director of MLC; Chris Gillette, a retired airline pilot and member of the MLC team; and Matt Lindberg the Safety and Education Bureau Chief of the MDT Aeronautics Division.

Participants can expect to explore a wide range of aeronautics subjects, with theory-based lessons, demonstrations, and hands-on experiments that can be easily and affordably replicated in the classroom. The main objective of these lessons is to inspire a passion for aviation in students while imparting essential STEM (Science, technology, engineering, and math) principles that are applicable to their daily lives. The workshop promises a comprehensive experience, starting with introductory flights and exclusive tours of aviation facilities. Participants 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. On the second day, the focus will shift to interactive classroom activities and studies at the MLC.



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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. There is a registration fee of \$75, which will be fully refunded to participants who successfully complete the program.

We look forward to welcoming you to an enriching and inspiring Teacher Workshop!

For additional information or inquiries, please feel free to contact us at 406-444-2506 or via email at [mdtad@mt.gov](mailto:mdtad@mt.gov).

To register for the aviation Teacher workshop, please scan the QR code:



## Del Bonita Work Session

The MDT Aeronautics Division attended a work session at the Del Bonita airport on the Canadian border. They met with volunteers who flew in from both Canada and the United States and brought along shovels to help fill gopher and badger holes on the field. Attendees arrived by aircraft and motorhome, to provide a spot to prepare lunch for the helpers.

The Del Bonita airport provides the general aviation community easy access to clearing customs on the international border.



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# Aviation Photo Contest

Would you like to see your photograph on the cover of the 2024 Montana Airport Directory? Submit your photos to the MDT Aeronautics Division by October 1, 2023, to be considered. The winning photo will be selected based on the best representation of aviation in Montana. Contests like this are an excellent way to engage people, especially students, who are not familiar with aviation. Offer to show them your airplane, give them an airplane ride, give them the grand tour of your local airport, and challenge them to take some interesting pictures from their unique perspectives.



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Submissions must be original photos taken by you. We are unable to accept photos submitted on behalf of someone else. Please submit your high-resolution photos with a brief description and your name to: [storske@mt.gov](mailto:storske@mt.gov). For more information, email Stephen Torske at [storske@mt.gov](mailto:storske@mt.gov), or call us at 406-444-2506.

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## Schafer Meadows Work Session

Eighteen participants from around the state and as far away as Spokane contributed to make this year's Schafer Meadows work session a success. There was plenty of work to be done so the crew got right after it by cleaning the bathrooms and bear boxes, removing brush and sapling trees from the runway 07 approach slope, removing rotted picnic tables, installing new benches, changing the windsock, and various other tasks.

A special thanks to Loren Smith for donating a delicious meal of pulled pork, beef brisket, mac and cheese, potato salad, and watermelon.

Loren's support over the years has been unwavering and very much appreciated as a highlight of the Schafer Meadows work session experience.



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## Four Airports Awarded Courtesy Car Grants

The MDT Aeronautics Division awarded four grants for the Courtesy Car Program in June to the Geraldine, Stevensville, Ronan and Roundup Airports. The application for up to four reimbursable grants of up to \$5,000 was available on our website from April 1 to May 31, 2023 and received six applications.

If any of those airports are unable to use their award, another applicant will be considered so that the grants may all be used to assist the aviation community with local transportation when visiting airports across Montana.

The next application period the courtesy car grant will be open to airports interested in applying April 1 to - May 31, 2024.

## MDT Aeronautics Division Says Farewell to One and Welcomes Another to the Staff

As we say farewell to our Kelly Atkins, please welcome Barbara Barnum to the Montana Aeronautics Staff! Barbara is now serving as Aviation Program Coordinator and is responsible for planning and supporting clinics and trainings offered by Montana Aeronautics. She also assists with aircraft and pilot registrations, as well as the Montana Aviation Conference. Barbara's background is in law enforcement, search and rescue, operations management and purchasing. With her diverse background, she brings a variety of skills to the position.

Barbara stepped in to replace Kelly Atkins who had refocused his 'bear-ings' this spring to utilize his higher education as a bear biologist. However, Kelly did not escape the infectious aviation bug. In fact, he bought an airplane and just earned his private pilot certificate! Congratulations Kelly, we wish you all the best in the park!



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# 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 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Please remember that registration fees plus late fees also apply for paperwork not received or incomplete paperwork submitted by the March 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



## Helena Aviation Day: Aircraft Needed for Display

You are invited Saturday, September 9th, beginning at 10 a.m. to join the Helena Airport Authority and Boeing-Helena as we celebrate **Helena Aviation Day!** Take advantage of this opportunity to tour the Boeing facility, learn about aviation careers, enjoy a food truck lunch, and a special giveaway. The event is **FREE!**

As part of the Aviation Day event, Montana Army National Guard Aviation will be hosting a family day and open house that will include helicopter and equipment displays, tours, and carnival style games. All events are located on the north side of the airport along Skyway Drive, past the terminal building. At 5 p.m., the Army Aviation Association of America will be hosting a Fun Run. Additional participants include Helena College, Montana Aeronautics Division, and static displays of civilian aircraft and other airport related equipment.

**Aircraft static displays, vendors, and exhibitors are welcome and needed!** Bring your aircraft and show it off to the public and tell your story to promote aviation. Space is available on the Montana Army National Guard ramp at Helena. There is no charge to those wishing to showcase their aircraft, businesses, or educational programs. To RSVP, please contact Major Drew Roland at your earliest convenience at [matthew.d.rowland6.mil@army.mil](mailto:matthew.d.rowland6.mil@army.mil).

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## Calendar of Events

**August 4-5 — Montana Antique Aircraft Association Fly-In.** Three Forks. Breakfast available for purchase on Saturday at 9 a.m. Ping pong ball drop, spot landing contest, flour bombing, people's choice static display award. For more information, contact Nick Hill at 503-209-1041.

**August 12-13 — Yellowstone International Airshow.** Billings. Experience a two-day lineup of family-friendly aviation excitement featuring the US Navy's Blue Angels flight demonstration team. For tickets and information visit: <https://yellowstoneairshow.com/>.

**August 18-20 — Car Show and Fly-in.** Cut bank. Drive in/fly in breakfast Saturday and Sunday 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Cut Bank Airport. For More information, contact Rick Geiger 406-949-5709.

**August 19 — Lincoln Airport Fly-in Breakfast.** Lincoln. The Lincoln Airport Foundation will host fly-in breakfasts from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month from May to September. Donations will be accepted to support the airport courtesy car. For more information, contact Doug Vulcan at [vulcandg406@gmail.com](mailto:vulcandg406@gmail.com).

**August 26 — Bowman Field Car Show and Fly-in.** Anaconda. Seventh annual car show and fly-in August 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 10 a.m. For More information, contact Greg Bahr at [gbahr@adlc.us](mailto:gbahr@adlc.us) or at 406-490-7281.

**September 9 — 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. For more information, contact [matthew.d.rowland6.mil@army.mil](mailto:matthew.d.rowland6.mil@army.mil).

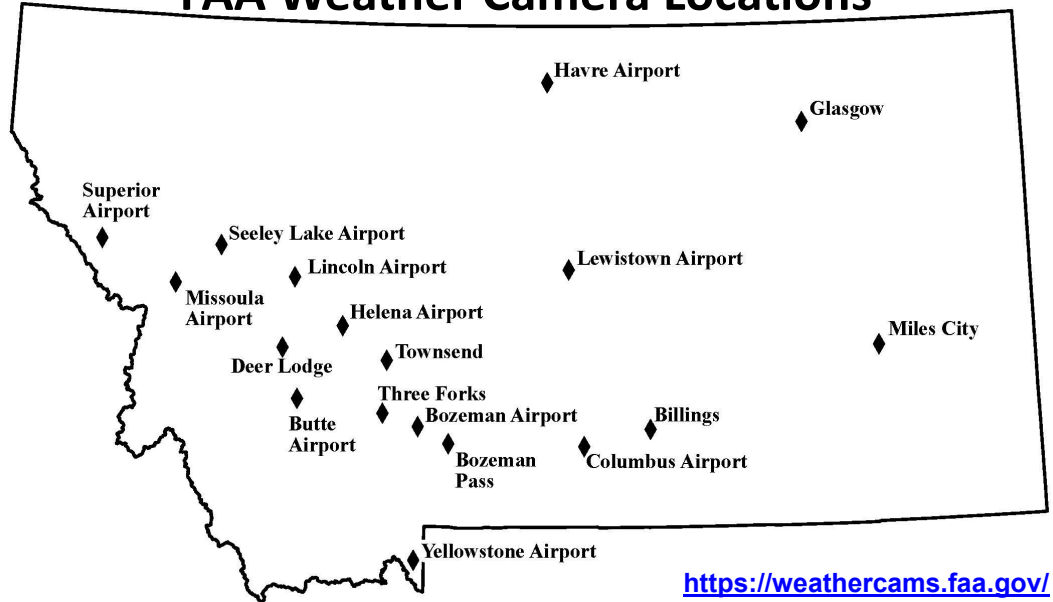
**September 9 — North Central Hangar Air Fair, Fly-In.** Havre. 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Havre City County Airport. Breakfast 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. The second best breakfast you can get at an airport! For More information, contact [pronghorn@mcn.net](mailto:pronghorn@mcn.net).

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