Butte native Sarah Rhoads will highlight the 35th Annual Montana Aviation Conference. Sarah Rhoads is the Director of Amazon Air and is responsible for the vision and leadership of a talented, high-performing team of professionals dedicated to delivering excellence across Amazon’s expanding air-haul network that includes 40 Boeing 767 aircraft operating out of 21 gateways. Sarah joined Amazon in May 2011 as an Operations Manager in Lexington, Kentucky. In early 2012, Sarah was promoted to Senior Operations Manager leading teams in Lexington and Columbia, South Carolina, before relocating in 2013 to Fort Worth, Texas, to lead the launch of the outbound operation in the largest robotics-ready facility in Amazon’s worldwide network.

In June 2014, Sarah transferred to the United Kingdom to become the General Manager of one of the largest operations in the U.K. located in Swansea, Wales. In January 2016, Sarah relocated to London and assumed the role of Regional Director of Operations, responsible for leading thousands of Amazon employees and fulfillment center operations throughout northwest England and Wales. In April 2017, Sarah returned to the United States and accepted a position that combined her passions for aviation and Amazon operations as the Director of Aviation Operations with Amazon Air based in Seattle. She assumed the role of Director of Amazon Air in September 2017. In December 2018, Sarah was named the “Air Cargo Executive of the Year” by Air Cargo World, an international air cargo publication.
Prior to joining Amazon, Sarah served in the U.S. Navy as an F/A-18 E/F fighter pilot, holding qualifications as a designated combat section lead, division lead, functional check flight pilot, and instructor pilot. She accumulated over 250 day and night carrier arrested landings on four different aircraft carriers and executed 37 combat missions in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Sarah’s education includes a Bachelor of Science degree with Merit in Mechanical Engineering from the United States Naval Academy and a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College.

Sarah, originally from Butte, Montana, is an avid downhill skier, world traveler, outdoor enthusiast, and enjoys running 5K/10K races for charity. She is a Tokyo marathon finisher and a single-engine, multi-engine, and instrument-rated pilot.

Keynote Speaker John Tubbs

John Tubbs has a passion for Montana aviation and is part of the Museum of Mountain Flying effort to have N24320 “Miss Montana,” a C-47 Skytrain Dakota, or (Dak), join other aircraft from around the world in the United Kingdom for Daks over Normandy. Daks over Normandy will take place in June 2019 when over thirty DC-3/C-47s will come together in the United Kingdom to commemorate the 75th anniversary of D-Day. 250 men and women will board Miss Montana and the 34 other DC-3/C-47s and fly across the English Channel and jump into the historic drop zones of Normandy.

Visit the following sites for more information https://www.facebook.com/missmontanatonormandy/, and https://missmontanatonormandy.com/miss-montana-2/

A native of Helena, Montana, John is currently serving his second appointment by Governor Steve Bullock as Director of the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC). His first appointment was in January 2013. Prior to his appointment to DNRC, John served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science at the Department of the Interior from June 2009 through December 2012. John started his career for the State of Montana in 1985 and worked for 25 years in both policy and financial programs at DNRC before leaving for DC. John holds an MA in Economics and BS in Forestry, both from the University of Montana.

John Tubbs
Photo Credit: John Tubbs
GET BACK IN THE LEFT SEAT
with AOPA’s Rusty Pilot Program

Once a pilot, always a pilot, but if you’re feeling a little RUSTY … You might be like the more than 500,000 pilots (that’s right, half a million) who have taken a little breather from flying. The good news is that getting back to flying is easier than you might think. So, what does it take to get back in the air? Some flight and ground instruction, no FAA check ride or test, and you may not even need a medical certificate.

Join the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) for a fun three-hour seminar (free for AOPA members, $69 for non-members) that will give you the information to get current again. As a seminar participant, you’ll get three hours of ground instruction toward completing your flight review, valuable take-home materials, and handouts so you can review what you’ve learned.

The AOPA Rusty Pilot Seminar will be held on Thursday, February 28 from 1:45 p.m.–4:45 p.m. in conjunction with the 2019 Montana Aviation Conference. These are two separate registration processes.

Please visit https://hangar.aopa.org/events/item/52/1940 to register for the AOPA Rusty Pilot Seminar. For more information email, rusty pilots@aopa.org or call (301) 695-2000.

Please visit https://www.mdt.mt.gov/aviation/events.shtml to register for the 2019 Montana Aviation Conference or return the Conference Registration form found in this newsletter. For more information, email mdtavconf@mt.gov or call (406) 444-2506.
Lavina (80S) Airport

Lavina Airport is a Montana state-owned airport less than two miles NW of the town of Lavina in the heart of Golden Valley County. It has a 3,490-foot turf runway in good condition including a tie down area. Lavina is located 40 miles north of the Northern Pacific Railhead in Billings making this historic community an interesting place to visit due to its rich history. The Cozy Corner Bar is walking distance from the airport and a great place to have a burger. There is also a nearby convenience store with a public restroom and phone. Historic Downtown Lavina is just under a mile from the Cozy Corner and provides an authentic dose of Montana culture and history dating back to the mid 1800s.

Photo Credit: MDT Aeronautics

Montana Airport Directory

For 58 years, the Aeronautics Division has published a Montana Airport Directory. The directory is created by the division and dispersed to pilots with their annual airmen registration renewal. Directories are also sold to the public. The directory contains information and diagrams about each of Montana’s public use airports, similar to the FAA’s chart supplement. The division’s directory is more comprehensive and unique because it contains additional descriptions and local information that can be helpful.

The directory is created solely from user input, and heavily relies on airport managers to provide the division with updated information. The division sends an annual survey to all airport managers to update, add, change and correct any information to their respective airport pages. Once the division receives the changes, an intern team at Montana State University updates the diagrams in the directory and division personnel make the rest of the necessary changes. The Montana Print and Mail division formats and prints the directories preparing them for distribution.

Please keep in mind that the directory is published the first week of January every year and should be used for reference only. The FAA publishes its chart supplement every 56 days and is considered the official source of current airport information.

AERONAUTICS RESALE PROGRAM CATALOG

Resale

Spot Light Corner

Aeronautics is happy to announce the Resale Program Catalog is now online. This link will take you directly to the catalog https://www.mdt.mt.gov/other/webdata/external/aero/Resale_Catalog.pdf.

We have an inventory of parts and lamps for runway lighting systems, PAPI and VASI approach lighting systems, airport rotating beacons, windsocks and frames to keep your airport safe for aircraft operations.

Scroll through a great selection of items for your airport lighting and identification needs. It is a great way to confirm the part you need is the part we have. Order online at https://app.mt.gov/aeronautics or call (406) 444-9592 to place an order.
35th Annual Montana Aviation Conference
February 28 through March 2, 2019
Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, Anaconda, MT

Return registration form and payment to:
MDT Aeronautics Division, PO Box 200507, Helena, MT 59620-0507
Phone: (406) 444-2506 - Fax: (406) 444-2519
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When registering, please indicate the sessions you plan to attend.
Only 2 sessions are required to meet Part 65.93.

**Friday, March 1, 2019**

**Session 1**
7:00 a.m. – 7:15 a.m. – Welcome & Introductions
7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. – Jeff Vercoe, FAA
8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. – Keith Clark, Phillips 66 Aviation
9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – BREAK
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Andrew Hall, Textron Aviation
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Jessie & Mike Ellis, PinnaCal

**Session 2**
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Keith Clark, Phillips 66 Aviation
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Greg Cross, Cross Petroleum Service
4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. – BREAK
4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Patrick MacQuarrie, Helena FSDO
5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. – Tim Gauntt, Hartzell Engine Technologies

**Saturday, March 2, 2019**

**Session 3**
7:00 a.m. – 7:15 a.m. – Welcome & Introductions
7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. – Bryan Hansen, FAA
8:15 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. – Tim Gauntt, Hartzell Engine Technologies
9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – BREAK
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Martin Clemons, Electrical Engineer
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Carol & Bob Leyner, Colorado Classic Aircraft

**Session 4**
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Andrew Hall, Textron Aviation
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. – Greg Cross, Cross Petroleum Service
4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. – BREAK
4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. – Tim Gauntt, Hartzell Engine Technologies
5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. – Neal George, Continental Motors

Each session is 4 hours of total training time.

**Please Note:** Date and time for speakers at Aircraft Mechanics Refresher Seminar & IA Renewal are subject to change without notice.
Calendar of Events

February 8 & 9, 2019 — Flight Instructor Refresher Course (FIRC). The MDT Aeronautics Division will conduct the 2019 FIRC February 8th and 9th at the Delta Hotels Helena Colonial located at 2301 Colonial Drive, Helena, Montana. Rooms have been blocked at prevailing government rate plus tax. Reserve your room by calling (406) 443-2100 and reference rooming block “Flight Instructor Refresher Course.” The two-day FAA-approved course will run from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Friday and from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Register for the FIRC online at https://www.aviationseminars.com or call 800-257-9444. For more information, contact Jeremy Gouley at (406) 444-9568 or email jgouley@mt.gov.

February 28 - March 2, 2019 — 35th Annual Montana Aviation Conference. The conference will be held at the Fairmont Hot Springs Resort located at 1500 Fairmont Rd., Anaconda, Montana. The closest commercial service airport is Bert Mooney (BTM) in Butte, Montana. Lodging Information - For your convenience, rooms have been blocked at conference rates at the following locations. Reservations must be made prior to February 12, 2019 to be eligible for the conference rate. Reference rooming block Montana Aviation Conference to receive the conference rate. The conference has arranged transportation between the Fairmont and the Best Western and the Copper King locations.

- Fairmont Hot Springs Resort located at 1500 Fairmont Rd., Anaconda, MT - $94.00 + taxes and fees for single occupancy; $109.00 + taxes and fees for double occupancy; $124.00 + taxes and fees for triple occupancy; $139.00 + taxes and fees for quadruple occupancy. Rooms can be booked by calling (406) 797-3241. You MUST reference Montana Aviation Conference to receive a room.
- Best Western Plus Butte Plaza Inn located at 2900 Harrison Ave., Butte, MT - $94.00 + taxes and fees. Rooms can be booked by calling (406) 494-3500.
- Clarion Inn Copper King Convention Center located at 4655 Harrison Ave., Butte, MT - $94.00 + taxes and fees. Rooms can be booked by calling (406) 565-5001.

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February 28, 2019 — AOPA Rusty Pilot Seminar. The seminar will be held in conjunction with the annual Montana Aviation Conference at the Fairmont Hot Springs Resort from 1:45 p.m.—4:45 p.m. See page three for details.

March 1-2, 2019 — Montana Aircraft Mechanic Refresher & IA Renewal Seminar. The seminar will be held in conjunction with the annual Montana Aviation Conference at the Fairmont Hot Springs Resort. Due to limited seating, IA Mechanic Seminar registrations will be accepted until sessions are full. Each session contains four hours of training with a total of four sessions. When registering, indicate which sessions you plan to attend. Only two sessions are required to meet Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) part 65, §65.93(a)(4) for IA renewal. Visit https://www.mdt.mt.gov/aviation/events.shtml for registration forms. For more information, contact Aeronautics Division at (406) 444-2506 or email MDTAvConf@mt.gov.

March 1, 2019 — Aircraft Registration Renewal Deadline. Please mail in your aircraft registrations by March 1, 2019 to avoid late penalties. For more information or questions, please contact the MDT Aeronautics Division’s main office at (406) 444-2506.

Pilot Registration Renewal — Pilot registration renewal PDF form can be found at https://www.mdt.mt.gov/aviation/regpilot.shtml.

April 1, 2019 — Aviation Awareness Art Contest Deadline. Students from across Montana are invited to participate in the 2019 MDT Aeronautics Division Aviation Awareness Art Contest. For more information, visit https://www.mdt.mt.gov/aviation/events.shtml, call Jeremy Gouley at (406) 444-9568 or email jgouley@mt.gov.

June 25-26, 2019 — Aviation Career Exploration (ACE) Academy. Program geared toward high school students interested in aviation. For more information contact Jeremy Gouley at (406) 444-9568 or jgouley@mt.gov.

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February 2019

In 2018, there were 181 fatalities on Montana roads.

What does that mean? 181 parents, children, grandparents, friends, siblings, spouses, and other loved ones had lives that were cut short. It also means countless tears and shattered lives for those left with the aftermath of unsafe driving behaviors. Which loved one are you prepared to lose? If your answer is none, then Vision Zero is also YOUR goal.

It will take every one of us to work towards the day that Vision Zero is met, and the fatality total reads "ZERO." Two of the highest contributing factors to traffic fatalities in 2018 were alcohol and no seat belt.

These are behaviors that can be changed! Start by always wearing your seatbelt and planning for sober transportation. Remind your loved ones and those around you to do the same.

-Director Mike Tooley, MDT

Visit www.mdt.mt.gov/visionzero for more information.