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What's going on at your airport? Has it become a bottomless money pit exposing you to all kinds of liability? I hope that's not the case! If you have attended any of the Montana Community Airport Association (MTCAA) training sessions or fall conference sessions, it should be obvious to you as an owner or manager that "doing nothing" is not an option. Airports won't just stop and wait; they must either continue to progress in a safe, planned manner or go backwards, exposing the owner to tremendous liabilities. The "do nothing" option will not allow you to ignore hazards such as hay bales being placed in the runway safety area. Potholes in the asphalt can't wait until tomorrow to be repaired. These arriving and departing vessels are not your father's 1959 Chevy station wagon. They are often very expensive aircraft with real live people on board. Over the past three years, the MTCAA has provided a number of speakers offering the most favored and time tested methods to deal with the many issues affecting your airport, including liability insurance reviews to planning an AIP project.

Our most recent sessions were held in early March during the Montana Aviation Conference in Missoula. It was our most successful meeting to date and also had the largest attendance of any session held during that three day conference. Jim Lynch, Director of the Montana DOT, presented a recent study done by Montana Aeronautics on "The Economic Impact of Aviation in Montana." The results of that study finally articulated a dollar value that can be used by our airports and aviation industry to show what their impact is to a community. To mention a few of those numbers seems important because of the immediate interest in jobs on our stagnating economy: Montana aviation accounts for 18,750 jobs, a \$600 million payroll, and a total output to aviation



### TO ALL MONTANA GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT OWNERS AND OPERATORS

of \$1.56 billion. I hope you got your share of those dollars. If not, then you need to do better. You have to go after them! Promoting your airport is a great place to start.

Remember that your airport is a gateway to your community. Are the facilities clean and provide what your guest needs to visit your community? If not, you need to make some changes because others are competing with you, like it or not. The MTCAA has come up with a promotional tool to get you started immediately. We have developed a website specifically targeted at promoting community airports, along with providing tools for owners and managers. Every Montana airport with a membership in MTCAA will be granted a page on this website to promote their airport and local supporting community. This is a free bonus included with your MTCAA membership fee of only \$50 for a two year period (2010-2011). A registration form is include with this newsletter or one can be downloaded from the MTCAA website.

Our website is up and running and new information is being added regularly! If your airport presently has a website we would like to link your site with the MTCAA site. Our site will be aviation specific! Try the MTCAA website and check out the forum for Q&A. Try to imagine the advantages of a forum dedicated to Q&A made by you, a calendar, a list of Montana airports with contact information, all the details of your services, plus links to other states presently forming community airport associations. The power of numbers will be recognized in Washington DC. We have never had a voice from the community airports in the past. We think this is a great offer! Try it out and join us! [www.mtcaa.org](http://www.mtcaa.org)

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## Membership Information and Registration

*Memberships are for two years*

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Please check type of Membership:

General Aviation Airport:  \$50 for two years

Corporate/Associate Membership:  \$50 for two years

The **Purpose** of the Montana Community Airport Association (MTCAA) is to encourage effective general aviation airport management through education, networking, semi-annual conferences providing examples and a current list of mentoring experts along with arranging interaction with government agencies. The **Mission** of the Montana Community Airport Association is to encourage effective General Aviation Airport Management through education, networking, conferencing and the sharing of operational experience.

*Your membership in the MTCAA will enable us to achieve the Purpose and Mission goals and objectives. Membership is for the designated Airport, Airport Owner or Corporate member. Registrations will be for a two year period and will run with the calendar year.*

### **MTCAA Member Registration Form**

Airport, Organization or Company \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Additional members (city/county representative, airport board member, employee, etc.) you would like to be listed as an associated representative of your Airport (name, title and e-mail).

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