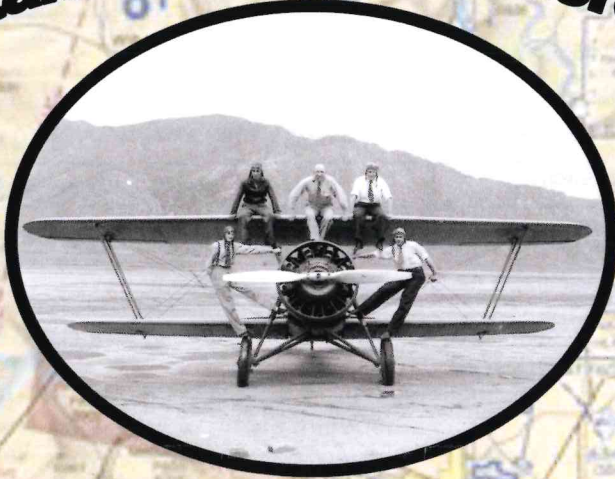


# 39th Annual Montana Aviation Conference

**BUTTE,  
MONTANA**



**FEBRUARY 29 -  
MARCH 2, 2024**

THE AVIATION ORGANIZATION OF MONTANA WELCOMES YOU TO ATTEND  
**THE MONTANA AVIATION CONFERENCE IN BUTTE**  
**FEBRUARY 29 TO MARCH 2, 2024, AT THE COPPER KING HOTEL.**

- **Keynote Speakers**
- **Seminars**
- **Award Ceremonies**
- **Social Events**
- **Exhibitors**
- **Safety Trainings**
- **Workshops**
- **Business Meetings**
- **IA Mechanic Refresher**

**CONNECT ~ LEARN ~ EXPLORE**

Lodging is available at the Copper King Hotel in Butte at 406-533-6960.  
Mention the Montana Aviation Conference for discounted room rates before January 1, 2024,  
to get the event rate of \$109 + tax for single/double, or \$169 + tax for family suite.

*Additional lodging available at the discounted rate at the  
Fairfield by Marriot, 2340 Cornell Ave, Butte. 406-494-3000  
or Hampton Inn, 3499 Harrison Ave, Butte. 406-494-2250*



**Register by February 1, 2024, to save on registration fees!**

Scan the QR  
Code to  
Register



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE MDT AERONAUTICS DIVISION AT

406-444-2506 OR EMAIL [MDTAD@MT.GOV](mailto:MDTAD@MT.GOV)





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# 39th Annual Montana Aviation Conference Presents the Montana Aircraft Mechanic Refresher & IA Renewal Seminar

March 1st and 2nd, 2024  
At the  
Copper King Hotel and Convention Center  
4655 Harrison Ave  
Butte, Montana

## Need a renewal?

This course meets the FAA's renewal requirements for certified Airframe and Powerplant (A&P) Mechanics with Inspection Authorization (IA).

The Montana Aircraft Mechanic Refresher and Inspection Authorized Renewal Seminar is provided once a year for IAs to renew their certificate. The course is also open to A&P's wishing to expand their knowledge, refresh on certain topics, or those in pursuit of becoming an IA.

This course meets Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR)§65.93(a)(4) and will enable you to renew your IA on the next odd year.



- **Seating is limited. Register early to secure your spot and save on registration fees! Walk-ins will be accepted at the door on a first-come, first-served basis.**
- **Early registration is \$110 - Includes full access to Montana Aviation Conference.**
- **Registration after Feb 2nd is \$130 - Includes full access to Montana Aviation Conference.**
- **Classes will be on March 1st and 2nd from 7a.m. - 5:15 p.m.**
- **You do not need to be a mechanic to attend and learn.**
- **Only eight hours are required for IA renewal.**
- **Course completion certificates provided.**



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# 2024 Flight Instructor Refresher Course

The Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) Aeronautics Division is pleased to announce registration is open for the **2024 Flight Instructor Refresher Course!**

- ◆ This two-day course meets FAA renewal requirements for Certified Flight Instructors (CFIs).
- ◆ Training provided by experienced instructors from Aviation Seminars.
- ◆ You do not need to be a CFI to attend. The course includes useful material for all aviators, especially students.
- ◆ A room block is offered at the **Double Tree by Hilton Helena Downtown**. Call 406-443-2200 and reference the "MDT Flight Instructor

**February 2-3, 2024**  
**Helena, MT**



Photo: MDT Aeronautics

**Tuition is \$75**

**Pilots currently registered with the Aeronautics Division can save an additional \$25!**

**Montana pilot registration is \$10 /year. Call MDT Aeronautics Division at 406-444-2506 to register as a pilot and/or ask for the promo code to receive your discount.**

To sign up visit: <https://aviationseminars.com/mt-firc/> or scan the QR code.



**For more information:  
MDT Aeronautics Division  
406-444-2506**

The Department of Transportation will make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities who wish to participate in the FIRC or need an alternative accessible format of this notice. If you require an accommodation, contact the Montana Department of Transportation no later than 01/27/2023, to advise us of the nature of the accommodation that you need. Please contact Matt Maze, Office of Civil Rights, P.O. Box 201001, Helena, Montana 59620; telephone (406) 444-5416; Montana Relay 711; facsimile (406) 444-7243; or e-mail to [mmaze@mt.gov](mailto:mmaze@mt.gov).

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## Registration Checklist

- Make sure your mailing address is valid and up-to-date;** delayed receipt of mail is the main cause of registration delinquency and does not qualify for penalty fee waiver.
- To claim an exemption:** initial the appropriate line, sign the affidavit, and return it with supporting documentation of:
  - Dismantled or nonflyable aircraft
  - Destroyed or salvaged aircraft
  - FAA dealer certificate for aircraft held solely for sale
  - Bill of Sale for aircraft you have sold
  - Out of state tax receipt or registration for aircraft based solely out of state
  - Regularly scheduled airline service for hire in interstate or international transport
  - State or Federal government ownership
- Submit your payment or exemption affidavit** with supporting documents no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> (or within 30 days of aircraft acquisition). Payments are accepted by mail, online, or over the phone.
- Complete your pilot registration.** Montana pilots can complete their pilot registration at the same time as aircraft registration.

### How to Register

- **By Mail:** Return invoices or initial registration form with payment, or exemption affidavit with supporting documentation to:  
**Aeronautics Division**  
2630 Airport Road  
PO Box 200507  
Helena, Montana 59620-0507
- **Online:** Renew your registration with your access code on our website at:  
<https://www.mdt.mt.gov/aviation/regaircraft.aspx>
- **By Phone:** Call us to register and/or make payments via credit/debit card or e-check over the phone: 406-444-2506  
*Payment processing fees apply for debit/credit or e-check payments made online or by phone.*

## 406 MHz Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) Beacons Require Owner Update

Did you purchase a new aircraft equipped with a 406 MHz ELT, change your tail number, or install a new ELT in your aircraft? If so, please be sure to update your registration information with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association at <https://beaconregistration.noaa.gov/RGDB/index>.

- ◆ The FAA does NOT update ELT registration information when you buy or sell an aircraft or make any tail number or address changes.
- ◆ It is a good idea to confirm your information is correct and updated at every annual inspection.
- ◆ The information on the beacon is critical for finding you in the event of a search and rescue situation. Please be sure your name, home address, phone number, aircraft tail number, and your emergency contact names and numbers are all correct. It could make all the difference in locating you quicker in an emergency.

### Please help prevent false ELT alerts!

Check your radio on frequency 121.5 MHz before shutting down your engine after every flight. Should your ELT be accidentally activated, you will hear it sounding. If you find yourself in this situation, switch it off and call the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) to let them know it was accidentally going off, you silenced it, and everything is okay. Chances are, search efforts are already underway to look for you, even if your ELT was on for only a few seconds! Do not ignore it.

You can contact AFRCC 24/7 at 1-800-851-3051.

**Remember, always file a flight plan!**  
**Montana law requires flight plans to be filed for all VFR flights over 250NM.**

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## Montana Aircraft & Pilot Registration Guide

### IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ

Annual aircraft and pilot registration with the Montana Aeronautics Division is required under Montana law.

This guide contains important information about these requirements and allowable statutory exemptions.



Photo: Newlan Parker

**ACTION IS REQUIRED BY AIRCRAFT OWNERS ON ALL AIRCRAFT REGISTRATIONS BY MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> EACH YEAR**



**MONTANA**

Department of Transportation

**Aeronautics Division**

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## Aircraft Registration

Montana does not tax aircraft, but does assess an annual aircraft registration fee in lieu of tax.

The fees are set by the Montana Legislature and are determined according to the type and age of the aircraft.

Aircraft customarily kept in Montana, as well as any aircraft with a Montana address on its FAA registration, **must** be registered with the Montana Aeronautics Division on or before March 1<sup>st</sup> every year (or within 30 days of purchase date for any aircraft purchased).

## Penalty Fees

If you do not register your aircraft or return the signed affidavit for fee exemption with all required documentation by March 1<sup>st</sup>, (or within 30 days of purchase), a penalty of five times the registration fee must be assessed in addition to the registration fee.

This penalty is set by state law and Aeronautics staff is unable to waive it except under few and specific circumstances.

**The Aeronautics Division cannot waive late fees for aircraft or affidavits if they are not received by the due date, regardless of whether you received your invoices in the mail or not. It is the aircraft owner's responsibility to ensure a timely response and up-to-date address each year.**



## Exceptions and Exemptions

(1) Aircraft newly registered with the FAA are invoiced on a prorated basis for the remaining calendar year between registration date on invoice and December 31.

(2) Owners of aircraft which are statutorily exempt from registration fees must complete the department's fee exemption affidavit on the invoice and provide proof of exemption status showing the aircraft is:

- (a) dismantled or nonflyable;
- (b) destroyed or salvaged;
- (c) owned and held by an aircraft dealer solely for the purpose of resale and not used for any flights other than sales demonstration, for which the owner provides a current, valid FAA dealer certificate;
- (d) sold to a different owner, for which the previous owner provides a valid FAA Bill of Sale;
- (e) an aircraft registered with the FAA with a Montana address, for which the owner provides out-of-state registration information and documentation of out-of-state registration fee payment showing the aircraft is registered and customarily kept in another state or country;
- (f) operated by an airline company and regularly scheduled for the primary purpose of carrying persons or property for hire in interstate or international transportation; or
- (g) owned and operated by the federal government, the State of Montana, or any political subdivision of the State of Montana.

**Note that aircraft out of annual inspection are not considered "nonflyable" as defined by administrative rule and are subject to annual registration fees.**

**PLEASE POSTMARK OR TIMESTAMP YOUR REGISTRATION PAYMENTS, OR AFFIDAVIT FOR FEE EXEMPTION WITH REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION, ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> FOR A RENEWAL, OR WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A NEW AIRCRAFT PURCHASE, TO AVOID THE PENALTY.**

## Pilot Registration

All pilots in Montana are required by law to register with Montana Aeronautics Division.

The annual registration fee of \$10 includes a Montana Airport Directory, subscription to the Montana and the Sky newsletter, and a pilot registration card. Information collected during pilot registration is used only to aid in search and rescue cases.

Annual pilot registration renewal memos will be mailed in December. For your convenience, if you own an aircraft, you will also receive a pilot registration form with your annual aircraft registration invoice (enclosed). One pilot form is required to be completed per pilot.

**Exceptions:** Annual registration may still be required, but the **fee** may be waived for the following:

-A person operating model aircraft or a person piloting an aircraft that is equipped with fully functioning dual controls when a licensed instructor is in full charge of one set of the controls and the flight is solely for instruction or for the demonstration of the aircraft to a prospective purchaser.

-A nonresident operating aircraft in this state who is lawfully entitled to operate aircraft in the state of residence.

-An aircrew while operating or taking part in the operation of an aircraft engaged principally in commercial flying constituting an act of interstate or foreign commerce.

Please note: Annual pilot registration with the Montana Aeronautics Division is required by state law and should *not* be confused with the Montana Pilots Association's (MPA) registration dues, if you are also a member of the MPA.