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MPA Board of Directors Meeting
Via Email and Regular Mail
September 2, 2005


Call meeting to Order: August 13, 2005 by email

Present: Joe Roberts, President; Geanette Cebulski, Sec/Treas; Chuck Manning, Immediate Past President; Chuck Jarecki, Western Director, Rick Kraft, Western Vice-President; Joe Younkin, Valley Hangar President; J.C. Kantorowicz, Great Falls President; Charles Fligel, Southwest Hangar President; Mauri Morin, Mission Valley Hangar President; Bill Gallea, Vigilante Hangar President; Ted McPherson, Colstrip Hangar President; Tim Robertson, Central Montana Hangar President; Darren Huestis, North Central Hangar President.

Opening comments and announcements: Joe Roberts, President sent a letter via email and regular mail, to all Board Members explaining the need and procedures for voting on the Code of Ethics. (Letter & Code of Ethics attached)

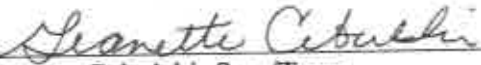
Code of Ethics – Chuck Manning moved that we adopt the Montana Pilots' Association Code of Ethics as presented and drafted by Chuck Jarecki. Motion seconded by JC Kantorowicz. Motion unanimously carried.

Adjourn: September 2, 2005



Joe Roberts, President

Date 9/2/05



Geanette Cebulski, Sec./Treas.

Date 9-2-05



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CODE OF ETHICS

(Adopted September 2005)

Preamble:

The Montana Pilots' Association (MPA) was founded to serve the interests and needs of general aviation in Montana. The MPA's main goals are: advance aviation safety, promote aviation for public services such as search and rescue, protect the rights and privileges of pilots, educate the public on the benefits of general aviation, and encourage all pilots to be good neighbors to the non-flying public. Therefore, the Montana Pilots' Association adopts the following Code of Ethics.

- 1) **Pilots will continue to enhance and improve their flying skills and flying ethics.**
 - a) Maintain proficiency through recurrent flight training.
 - b) Review the pilot-operating handbook for each aircraft flown.
 - c) Review the Federal Air Regulations and adherence to applicable rules for the intended flight.

- 2) **Pilots should always remember that the example they set through their actions as aviators could greatly contribute to (or detract from) the non-flying public's perceptions and views of aviation.**
 - a) Avoid doing any unnecessary type of flight, which may appear, to the non-flying public as unsafe, irresponsible or hazardous.
 - b) Never compromise safety for the sake of demonstrating ability.

- 3) **Pilots will be sensitive at all times to the concerns of the non-flying public in regard to public safety, noise and other environmental issues.**
 - a) Become educated in and practice local noise abatement procedures to minimize the intensity and duration of noise heard by those on the ground.
 - b) Avoid low flights over noise-sensitive areas, whether densely populated locations or wilderness and backcountry regions.
 - c) Become proficient at and practice engine RPM management on constant-speed propeller aircraft by utilizing RPM management on take-off and avoid low, power on approaches to landing.
 - d) Conduct aircraft ground operations in a safe and courteous manner to minimize propeller danger and blowing debris.

- 4) **Pilots will abide by all State and Federal wildlife regulations regarding the use of aircraft.**
 - a) Act with all possible courtesy to those on the ground who are hunting, horseback riding or observing wildlife, by maintaining reasonable distance and altitude.
 - b) Honor and support seasonal airstrip closures for wildlife management purposes and support only those restrictions that are based on good science.
 - c) Know wildlife refuge boundaries as well as seasonal areas of wildlife congregation to avoid inadvertent low-level over-flights.
 - d) Avoid putting potential stress on wildlife.

- 5) Pilots will practice good wilderness and backcountry flying ethics.**
- a) Keep the noise signature of the aircraft to a safe minimum.
 - b) Practice "leave no trace" camping. Fly it in, fly it out.
 - c) Avoid very early morning departures unless safety of flight demands a deviation.
 - d) Be courteous to other users in the area.
 - e) Do not use wilderness airstrips for training purposes or just "to say you have been there."
 - f) Keep the aircraft clean of noxious weed seed to prevent the spread of weeds to backcountry airstrips.
- 6) Pilots are encouraged to volunteer their services and their aircraft for charitable causes that support worthy efforts as well as contribute to a positive image for general aviation. Also, pilots are encouraged to make themselves available to public schools and service clubs to share this code of ethics and the value and personal fulfillment of flying.**
- 7) Pilots are encouraged to promote general aviation as a legitimate and necessary component of the nation's transportation system.**
- 8) Experienced pilots are encouraged to assist other members of the aviation community to enhance and expand their aeronautical skills and knowledge.**
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To: MPA Board members

From: Joe Roberts, President

Re: Vote on adoption of the Code of Ethics

As you know, we cancelled the August board meeting when it appeared that the only pressing item of business was the adoption of the Code of Ethics, and that it would be difficult to obtain a quorum due to everyone's busy schedules in a Montana August.

I hope this "electronic meeting" format is O.K. with everyone. The Code of Ethics is something that we discussed extensively at our last board meeting, and board members have received drafts as they were developed--- so it should be something with which everyone is familiar.

We are now sending out copies of the final version of the Code of Ethics, and am asking that you indicate your vote to the Secretary (Geanette Cebulski) by Friday, the 2nd of September. (In fact, so you don't forget about it, it would be nice if you would indicate your vote by reply e-mail right now.)

Adoption of the Code of Ethics has been moved by Immediate-Past-President, Chuck Manning of the Flathead Hangar, and seconded by J.C. Kantorowicz, President of the Great Falls Hangar.

It is important that we proceed with consideration of the Code of Ethics because it is useful in including it in our position with various travel plans that are up for adoption in several national forests and monument areas around Montana.

I want to again thank Chuck Jarecki for his extensive work on this proposal. He has cast a wide net in soliciting comments and revisions, and has gone through multiple drafts to get to this version. Thanks for your hard work Chuck.

I personally believe that the Code of Ethics for pilots is an important document in addressing several of the concerns voiced about aircraft use in Montana, and dealing with these issues in a pro-active way. I believe it fosters a view of pilots as good stewards of the resources and splendor which all of us in Montana want to enjoy.

I hope you are all having a great summer of flying and I look forward to meeting with you this fall at our next board meeting.

Dear Fellow MPA Board members:

"At the direction of President Roberts I have been developing over the past six months a Code of Ethics for the Montana Pilots Association. The draft you are receiving now is the result of numerous revisions following input from many individuals from MPA and other States. It was discussed at length at the most recent MPA BOD meeting at Helena. This is the final draft being put out for comments. The timeline according to President Joe is for you all to have thirty days to comment, any revisions then made and the final document to be voted on electronically by the MPA BOD in early August. So reply to me at: skywagon@centurytel.net.

"This Code of Ethics will be a pro-active approach when we have to deal as an organization with government agencies as well as groups and individuals that may have a negative view of general aviation."

Sincerely,

Chuck Jarecki, Western District Director, MPA

Or reply to Chuck at 7687 Rocky Point Road, Polson, MT 59860 - Telephone 406-883-2248