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TO ALL MONTANA GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT OWNERS AND OPERATORS

Greetings from the Montana Community Airport Association (MTCAA) (formerly MonTAP)! A few airports are still a bit confused by the name "MonTAP." MonTAP is a short identifier for the Montana Technical Assistance Program, much like LTAP (Local Technical Assistance Program), which may be more familiar to some of you. The MonTAP moniker has caused enough confusion, so we are planning a name change. The program itself will continue under the auspices of the new Montana Community Airport Association (MTCAA). We still intend to provide technical information for GA and Community airports, and it will remain an important part of our purpose.

The founders of this program have learned a lot about the Montana airport needs during the past two years. Networking and interaction between airports of similar size and issues has proven to be of interest and a valuable resource. In an effort to provide the catalyst for more of this interaction, the Montana Community Airport Association planning committee will be hosting four hours of informative sessions at the Montana Aviation Conference in Billings. These sessions are directed at the GA and Community airports. We believe such a gathering will make it easier to address common issues, such



as upcoming and proposed legislation. We have 125 airports in Montana, and 85 of them do not belong to any formal group that can speak to their specific issues.

As an owner, please discuss this meeting with your airport manager and operators and make your plans to attend. We need your participation during our session on Friday, March 6th. I hope you have received your breakfast invitation by now. The breakfast begins at 7:15 a.m., followed by four hours of presentations. There will be numerous breaks and a roundtable discussion concerning the new Montana Community Airport Association and how we can best organize the GA and Community airports of Montana. The sessions will conclude at 11:30 a.m., in time for the normal Conference luncheon.

And to finish this message on a very important note, TSA is closing the comment period of Proposed Rulemaking on February 27, 2009. They are talking of applying commercial security standards to individual aircraft owners and operators. This could have a devastating effect on your GA or Community airport.

Best regards and hope to see you all in Billings!

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