

# AMAA NEWSLETTER

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Fall Board Meeting—October 17, Lewistown, MT
- 2016 NAAA Convention—December 5-8, 2016 in Long Beach, CA
- AMAA 2017 Convention—January 22-24

“Upon the performance of each rests the fate of all.”

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“Truly superior pilots are those who use their superior judgment to avoid those situations where they might have to use their superior skills”.

## 2016 AMAA President, Bruce Downs

Here are a few highlights from our spring board meeting, held on April 1, 2016 in Lewistown. We decided not to sponsor the booth at the MATE show. It was agreed that the display booth materials would be available to anyone for use for educational purposes. It will be available on a volunteer basis.

There was nothing new to report on the fuel tax.

We also had the spray check with five airplanes participating. As usual it was early morning and evening flying because of wind. Everyone managed to get across the line at least once.

Tater had the fifth grade class from Hobson come on Friday and we gave the kids a good tour of a couple of planes. They also watched videos and the pilots explained what they do. Tater supplied Subway sandwiches, chips, and drinks for lunch for all of us.

Friday evening Greg Smith, who owns Skyline Aviation, furnished a steak supper with all the trimmings, at his awesome hangar.

Saturday, Paul Olson from Helena Chemical couldn't attend but furnished beef and pork for our noon meal. That evening Tater, with Dupont Chemical, bought supper at the wonderful Tallboy Restaurant in Hobson.

A BIG thank you to all of them for the great food and donations, your generosity is overwhelming!

Thanks to everyone who attended, you made it a worthwhile weekend!

That's all for now, have a safe summer.

Bruce

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### Tidbits of Information

The NAAA is looking for photos that depict the history of aerial application from state associations to use as the organization celebrates its 50th anniversary. Please forward photos to Colleen as soon as possible.



Dues for 2016 Membership with the AMAA may still be paid.

Dues are as follows:

Operator	\$190
Pilot	\$ 95
Retired	\$ 25
Allied	\$160

Please mail dues to Colleen Campbell.

Bruce Downs' Ag-Cat



Please "like" our Facebook Page. There are many pictures from the Operation SAFE Clinic earlier this month. And, please FLY SAFE!

The Association of Montana Aerial Applicators encourages membership with the National Agricultural Aviation Association. The NAAA works diligently to represent and promote its 1900 members located in 46 states.

## 2016 EXHIBITORS AND SPONSORS

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