

# HORSEFEATHERS

Newsletter of the Billings Flying Mustangs



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## 1998 COMBAT MEET

### THE SUPER BOWL OF R/C SCALE COMBAT

The 1998 Scale R/C Combat Western National Championships is in the book! Thanks to the dedicated efforts of many, many individuals, the event went off without a hitch, despite the uncooperative weather on Saturday. There were no injuries, we set a few attendance records, and hopefully made a tidy profit.

I have a long list of thank you's and hope I remember everybody. Eric Hawkinson and his company D'Best was our big money sponsor, and really made this all possible. He also designed the posters and helped with the Gazette contacts. Walt McIntosh was our local publicity man, and did a superb job of getting the word out. The TV spots were great, the Gazette ads ran on time, and his photographers took a ton of pics this year. Walt was so busy he had to test fly during his first round in combat, and even got a cut! Leland did his usual OUTSTANDING job running the concessions and parking. Leland's cheerful disposition and unfaltering eye for detail really made things easy for me. Leland spent more hours at the field this month than you will all year. The 4-H kids did a great job, too. Although I had little contact with them, all I heard was positive comments. Steve Garr helped out on short notice at the PA, and while Steve's not known for his accuracy in announcing, he does keep the audience's attention. Stephanie Smith was a total lifesaver with her flawless job as scorekeeper. With all that cash riding on just a few points, her performance was spectacular. How she kept up and kept smiling still amazes me. Dennis Rollins was Line Marshall both days and did his usual excellent job. It's sort of a thing now... to hear him say, "One minute 'til start engines!" Jim Woodcock, who is Tanner's father, donated many, many hours of his time taking pictures for us, and for going above and beyond the call of duty, we owe him a huge thanks. Al at Central Hobbies was also a big help in giving us a good deal on the engines we gave away as prizes.

I volunteered Larry Wilkinson as Chief Pilot Judge, against his wishes, but like a trooper, he was there both days, standing in the hot sun, organizing judges for each round, resolving disputes, and putting up with my pestering. Thanks Larry for "volunteering" and doing such an outstanding job! But most of all, I want to thank the pilot judges that stood out there round after round, heat after heat, watching those planes. These guys had a very, very tough job, standing in that baking heat, helping out. You guys are my heroes, and I want to thank Glen Hertz, Bill Poehls, Speed Leckie, Ty Potts, Marty South, Ken Steinmetz, Brad Weiser, Jeff Glenney, Rick Koehn, Brad Johnson, Seth Lee, Leroy Bangert, and Pat Ellingshouse and any other judge whom I forgot. The single biggest comment I got from EVERY pilot was how nice it was to have pilot judges. You guys really helped make this event a huge success. To everyone else that helped at the event, I'll be sure and thank you at the meeting.

Lastly, I want to thank the sponsors: D'Best, Billings Gazette, Pepsi, Deaconess Hospital, Airtronics, AirKill Products, K&A Models, Check Six Plans and MVVS.

For those of you that hadn't heard the outcome of the event, our own **AJ Seaholm won it**, along with a bunch of cash, a radio, kit

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## GO (VERY) FAST, TURN LEFT

### BILLINGS SUMMER RACE

**AUGUST 15 & 16**

Billings Flying Mustangs will again be hosting an event with NATIONAL Participation. Racers are coming from as far away as Colorado, Wyoming and quite possibly Atlanta Ga.! Who says the Combat guys have all the big time stuff. Actually most of the Combat pilots are also racers so I guess it may be tough to get much rivalry going there!

The race needs your help. There are cages to be manned, cuts to be called, laps to be counted and timed, flip cards to be flipped and a myriad of other jobs to be done. Come on out and join the fun. The concession stand will be running and all the course workers get a free lunch.



# President's Letter

"note"

The big COMBAT week-end is over and what a BLAST it was. I couldn't help out as much as I would have liked but Doug Haacke had every thing going like silk. Leland had the concessions well in hand so even if I could help I just wasn't needed. I understand we did well in the Filthy Lucre department also. The one thing I thought I could handle was the garbage detail but my physical problem wouldn't allow that either s-o-o-o—I called on my good friend Don Herrington and everyone's helper Ivan Kieller. They made the run to the dump Monday and brought my truck to me that afternoon—WHAT A PAIR OF GUYS!!!

Our next event August 15 & 16 is the race meet. As usual all the help we can provide will be appreciated by our racers and out of towners. Its hard to believe that Labor Day is so near which means our pattern guys are close to their big one - September 5 & 6. There is plenty of time to plan on helping your fellow club members. I hope I can at least scribe for the pattern meet. I don't know, my health is like being on a teeter-totter. Last week the fistula on my neck opened up again which means about 30% of what I eat or drink comes out of my neck and onto whatever is below. This is probably more information than you need but there it is. I spent last weekend in the hospital having my feeding tube reinstalled. One step forward.....

While I was sitting there feeling sorry for myself (why me Lord, why does it always have to be me?) I was trying to have some positive thoughts like - I wonder what jewel of junk do I have in the back of the garage that I can rehabilitate? Well there it sits, under all that other stuff - a GP Extra needing God knows what and in the other corner is a piece of crap I thought would be a great flyer with a YS120 NC in the nose. Maybe I can do something with this combo...then another idea...what ARF is on the market for a 120NC...or I wonder if GARR has a good deal on something. Does this remind you of some kind of circle or what...

See you at the meeting or the field

Ron

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## 1998 OFFICERS

**President - Ron Beck**

**Vice President - Tod Monson**

**Treasurer - Leland Schliep**

**Secretary - Steve Hergett**



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# Last Meeting's Minutes.

## Billings Flying Mustangs Meeting minutes July 6 1998

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Ron Beck. There were 22 members present. The club was honored to have new member David Barnett present. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given by Leland Schliep. The report was approved.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### JIM RANGITISCH MEMORIAL FLY IN

There were 37 registered pilots at this years highly successful meet. Flying was limited on Saturday due to a 45 mile per hour wind. The raffle prize ( a 3W twin) ended up costing \$200.00 more than originally planned. Vergil Jones moved to reimburse Dennis Rollins the additional cost. The motion was seconded by Don Herington. Motion passed. The raffle prize was won by Rick Koehn. Rick also received thanks from the club for volunteering the use of Bumper to Bumper's warehouse. Due to the high winds it was not possible to hold the picnic at the field. The use of the warehouse was timely and permitted the picnic to be held.

#### LOGO COMMITTEE

Doug Hackee submitted some designs for the meeting participants to look at. More discussion will take place at the next meeting. Steve Garr is Committee chairman.

#### COMBAT COMMITTEE

Doug passed out promotional advertising posters for members to post around town. Pilot judges are still needed to help with the event. It was decided that 4 port-a-potties and some additional folding tables will need to be rented. It was decided that the motor homes and trailers would be parked at the East end of the field so out of town participants could pit from that area and still allow enough area for the crowd to view the event. Eric Hawkinson made a motion that workers, judges, contestants and the families be admitted free of charge. Workers and judges will receive lunch. Dennis Rollins seconded the motion. Motion Passed.

OLD BUSINESS: There was none.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ron Beck, who has been in charge of garbage removal will no longer be able to provide this service. Thanks go to Ron for a job well done. Pat Ellinghouse is now the new sanitation chairman. Pat will begin his duties by looking into having a garbage service remove the trash from the field. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Don Herington moved that the club allocate \$130.00 for a cash register to be used for concessions. Steve Garr seconded the motion. Motion Passed.



## 1998 EVENTS - Events from all over the Region.

August 1,2 GREAT FALLS Big Sky Pattern Meet

August 8, 9 CHOTEAU Jet Fly In

August 8 & 9. SPOKANE, WA. Race meet.

**AUGUST 15 & 16. BILLINGS Billings Flying Mustangs Summer Race Meet. Dick Smith Coordinator 652-3720.**

August 13 - 16. Gillette Wy. 3rd Annual Fly In.

August 21,22,23 - Cody Fly In

August 22 Combat Great Falls

August 29, 30th. EUPHRATA, Wa. Race Meet.

**SEPTEMBER 5 & 6. BILLINGS Montana State Pattern Championships Eric Hawkinson Coordinator 248-8127.**

September 11, 12, 13. - Sheridan Fly In

September 13 GREAT FALLS Fun Fly

**SEPTEMBER 19 & 20. BILLINGS Billings Flying Mustangs Fun Fly/Multi Task Event. Doug Haacke 252-7210 Coordinator.**

**OCTOBER 3. BILLINGS Montana Combat State Championship 1 day event. Doug Haacke 252-7210 Coordinator.**

### SPOKANE RACE - AUGUST 8,9

One more reminder..... Don't forget the Spokane race August 8th and 9th. They also run the Rossi class Quickie. It is time to get those Q40s out and go to a race where there will be a bunch of racers. We should have 15 of them there just from the coast. Regular Nelson 428 Quickie will also be run.

This should be the biggest race in the Northwest, and could get to be one of the biggest races in the country, if we all support the race. Spokane is only 180 miles east of Missoula, so it is not the end of the Earth.

I hope to see many of you there. Darrol

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### MINUTES CONTINUED

#### DUES STRUCTURE DISCUSSION!!!

If there was just ONE MEETING you would choose to attend this year, it would have to be this one. Being a member of the Billings Flying Mustangs has in the past been an affordable endeavor. Compared to other flying clubs it is an excellent value. This could change. Your membership could cost you as much as \$400.00 per year. Your voice, as well as your presence is needed at the August meeting. Please plan to attend!!

Rick Koehn won the 50/50 meeting raffle. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

# Leland's Ramblin's

## Junk You Can Skip If You're Busy

Well, did you get out to see the Combat? The very best perspective in the house was the one shared by the Pilot Judges! The got to be right out there on the runway. No better view in the place. Next year, you need to jump on this opportunity like these folks did. Doug has thanked everyone pretty well, let me add my thanks to all who participated, pilots, workers and spectators and sponsors. It is a three legged stool (yes, I know that i listed 4!). It takes all sides. I think the weather, the publicity and our past success made our hard work bear fruit.

I will have the financial report at the meeting. Let me summarize like this. Concessions was up about 20% from last year, the gate was up significantly and we should have made a larger profit. Profit is that money left over after the bills are paid so I won't know profit till I get the rest of the bills and pay them but hopefully by the meeting we will have a good idea.

"My" 4H'rs did a wonderful job. My thanks go out to the kids and their leaders. Their hard work earned them \$1198, up from \$944 last year.

Ivan Kieller - you know him, don't you? Ivan is the guy who won the plane setup at the Holiday Inn Aviation Conference thingy. He was given a year membership with the goodies and he just paid all of that back. Ivan was my runner. Ivan ran for water. Ivan ran for Pizza. Ivan ran for anything else I needed. He took a pretty good burden off me and I appreciate it. Now if we could just get together to fly his plane.

Our event went with only a few minor hitches. We will be including these in the considerations for next years planning. Ever better, ever smoother. A progression of lessons.

Memories: There was the guy from Arkansas that I threw out. No big deal - he was a little guy. There was the realization that the parking lot and the whole property stayed very clean throughout the weekend. Our spectators were a very good class of people. I tried to keep counts both days but the attempt failed. I estimate (from the revenue and approximate count) that we had between 800 and 1000 spectators during the weekend. There was the point when the crowd had thinned and you knew it had all worked and the food was running out - right on plan. There were the two kids from out of town who helped pilot judge and figured that the free lunch for judges meant free concessions all day. Ever try to feed two teen age boys, you know what I mean. There were the people who sat on the road to save \$3. I am sure they enjoyed the show too. What a weekend!

We'll have photos in next months newsletter. I apologize but I just couldn't get them in this months issue.

I was exhausted by the time we got done. I am still that way but at the moment from a business trip to Chicago that I just got back from. Tomorrow morning I go on vacation and it will take the rest of the night to get ready. Gotta hurry up and relax! Gotta go go.

Remember "Don't believe everything you think!"  
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# BLAST FROM THE PAST

## Article from 1974 found in the President's papers

submitted by Ron Beck.

August 1, 1974

Meeting called to order by president LeRoy Bangert at 8:15 PM with 12 members present.

Minutes of last meeting were approved as read.

A bill in the amount of \$10.00 was presented for moving the concession stand out to the field. Jim Rangitsch motion that it be paid, Jean McLaughlin seconded it, passed unanimously.

### Committee Reports:

Advertising -Allen Coomber presented a rough draft of an ad that he proposes to have run in the Gazette. at \$34 per edition. The proposal passed unanimously. *Run Two editions.*

Allen Coomber also reported that we can get forty - 30 second spot announcements on KBY radio for \$108, then they will give us another 40 free spots. Jean McLaughlin said he may be able to get a sponsor to help with the advertising. This proposal passed with 9 in favor and one opposed.

### Concession stand

Allen Coomber suggested that we sell beer at the concession stand this year. Beer license will be \$25.00, Beer about \$20 per keg and we can expect to get \$100 income from a keg using 10 oz. glasses. This proposal passed with 10 in favor and one opposed.

### Raffle

Dean Hall offered to donate two ladies Western handbags for the raffle at the field.

Jean McLaughlin was tentatively put in charge of the raffle.

Lenny Kaiser brought a sample of the trophies. They will cost \$150.00 passed unanimously.

Glen Hertz is working at selecting a place for the Sat. night dinner.

Speed Leckie reported that the Cody fun fly was really fun this time. Glen Hertz, Lenny Kaiser, John Smith & Speed and family all attended. and had a good time, ~~only~~\*Glen Hertz crashed. There were 11 entries in the expert class and 5 or 6 in the novice.

### New business:

Speed Leckie passed around a petition for AMA to change us from area IX to XI. this would put us in the NorthWest area.

Welcome to our newest member, Ruben Sayler. ~~We are happy to have~~

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

J. E. V. Rangitsch  
Secretary.

# BLAST FROM THE PAST

## Article from 1974 found in the President's papers

submitted by Ron Beck.

August 15, 1974

Meeting called to order by president LeRoy Bangert at 8:15 PM with 10 members present.

New member, Jim Rosenbeck was introduced. He is building a RCM Trainer.

Minutes of last meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's report: We have a total of a little over \$500.00 in the bank.

Committie reports:

Concessions - Beer lisencc will cost \$30.00 instead of \$25.00. Intend to buy 500 hamburgers and 500 hot dogs. Hamburgers will be \$.50, hotdogs \$.40. Plan to have a plate lunch at noon primarily for the contestants \$1.00 - hamburger, potatoe chips, beans, pickle, & cookie. Pepsi Cola will deliver the pop. Sat. AM  
Charlie Brown's doesn't sell beer by the keg, Jean McLaughlin will check at the Scoop.

Advertizing - Allen Coomber is working on the ads, he has one sponsor committed and two or three prospects. Speed Leckie has a commitment from Empire heating & Cooling for \$15.00 toward advertizing. \*\*

Speed Leckie furnished the metal for a new sign, a painter is painting on it.

Gary Rydberg will make small signs to direct traffic to the field.

Dinner - Glen Hertz explained that the Spur wanted to know how many dinners we would have three days early, so he reserved room at the Holiday Inn West. Steak will be \$6.75, and shrimp will be \$5.00.

Transmitter Impound - Gary Rydberg will not be able to be out Sat., Jim Rosenbeck was appointed to help him.

Lenny Kaiser presented bills for \$22.65 for printing hand outs explaining the maneuvers for the audiance, and \$4.60 for postage for newsletter. Speed Leckie mction that we pay these bills, Allen Coomber seconded it, passed unanimously.

Great Falls fun fly Aug. 24 & 25.

Speed Leckie reported that there were 9 or 10 entries at the Cowley Glider meet last weekend. Sat. was great gliding weather all day and Sun. AM was also great. The wind blew Sun PM. He won first in one task and third overall. He says it was realy enjoyable. Speed also talked to Norm Schyne from Bozeman. They have a new field and may have some kind of meet next year. Wayne Zachau has been flying with Bozeman's club members, he plans on being here for the meet.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

James A. Rangitsch  
Secretary

# FOR SALE

The FOR SALE section is for anyone wishing to advertise model airplane related items for sale. All ads will be run one month unless called in again.

GLOBAL RAVEN: Airframe only \$125. With Magnum 91 4 stroke and both aileron servos \$300. John Hahn 628-4946

ROYAL AIR 40 size trainer. Never crashed. Completely rebuilt and beautifully covered with Ultracoat. Rebuilt absolutely straight. Wing converted to Bolt on connection. OS 40 engine, all servos, 6 Channel Conquest FM radio. Ready to fuel and fly. \$350. Bill Rattell 1 406 323 3148.

HOBBY STAR 60 With or without OS 60 FP engine. \$125 Plane only. \$225 Plane and engine. John Hahn 628-4946

GREAT PLANES J3 CUB. With Surpass 48 four stroke engine and 1024 PCM 5 channel radio. Covered with 21st Century Fabric covering. Never flown. Displayed in Central Hobbies. Bill Rattell 1 406 323-3148.

SIG WONDER - Really beat up. Perfect for combat. Be a "nothing to lose" Combat flier, scare heck out of the guys with real combat planes. (A real combat pilot should buy this just to keep it out of the air.) Make offer. Leland 245-6008.

NEW NEW NEW:

O.S. Max 46 FX New in Box. \$ Best Offer \$ Mike Winter 651-0204

From: Larry G. Allred <allredtail@imt.net>

For Sale: Punch with Hanno Special: \$450. StickIt IV with OS FP 40: \$100



## COMBAT CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

and engine. MARK MARTIN FROM SIDNEY CAME IN THIRD, and was in his first ever combat event. I was lucky enough to finish fourth, and **Earl finished 8th. Pat Kenney finished a very respectable 10th**, doing some excellent flying. **Ron Horton finished 14th** this year, and discovered that speed isn't everything (but he HAS been hanging around with Earl too much). **Tanner Woodcock finished 21st** after a SPECTACULAR first day. Tanner did an incredible job of flying for being in his first ever R/C event. **Brad Lane from Cody finished 24th. Steve Hergett placed a decent 26th** and considering what he's been through the last few weeks, did very well. Its safe to say **Eric** won't be flying K&A P-40s next year. He **finished 29th**, and would have done better if he could have made at least a few sharp turns. **Vergil** kicked some butt and managed to keep enough planes flying to **finish 38th. Bruce Hadella** from Great Falls fought magnificently after working out a few kinks and **finished 40th. Walt finished 46th**, and ran out of planes just as he was getting dialed in. **Last place went to Dennis Winchell.** I guess God figured Dennis was blessed enough to have the fastest Quicke plane.

I'll have more thank you's and war stories to share at the meeting. Thanks again to everyone for making the event so successful! You have my undying gratitude.

-Doug

**NEXT MEETING**

**AUGUST 3**

**7:30 P.M.**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Billings Flying Mustangs**  
**P.O. Box 22406**  
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**FIRST CLASS**

**TO:**