

# HORSEFEATHERS

Newsletter of the Billings Flying Mustangs



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## A VERY SUCCESSFUL RACE BILLINGS FALL (SUMMER) RACE

*Reported by: Dick Smith*

The BILLINGS FLYING MUSTANGS Fall Pylon Race is once again completed and as always I need to give Thanks to those of you who gave their free time to help make the race a fun event .

The turnout this year overall was up and the Fall race drew racers from the Colo. area and also Grayson,GA. The Cody,Wyo. group was well represented and as always tough competitors. Mr Pylon himself ( Darrel Cady ) was in attendance and as always was going Fasssst. It's a fun group of people and if you have never tried Pylon give it a chance.. Steve H. and Ron H. both appeared to be having alot of fun and I'm sure we'll see them at the Spring( 99 ) event going fast and turning left.

The Race turned out to be two days of very competitive flying with 5 rounds of each class flown Sat & Sun .Those of you who flew in more than one class know that's alot of racing. The gentleman from GA, Bill Northcut , flew all classes both days and did a fine job in each class. He came to race, made some new friends and had hopefully a fun time, we'll look forward to seeing him again.

A little about the results..First place in 428 class went to Darrel Cady,Vancouver,Wash. Second place to Mark Martin Sidney,MT and third place went to A.J. Seaholm. The Rossi class was won by Bill Northcut of Grayson GA.closely followed by Mike Fech of

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## MULTI TASK FUN FLY EVENT SEPTEMBER 19 AND 20 NEXT WEEKEND!!

Imagine if you will! Take your airplanes, enter a modified pylon race, a pattern event, a fun fly and maybe even a combat event. Now imagine entering all these events and more with ONE airplane. This is the general premise being planned for the weekend of the 19th and 20th at the Billings Mustangs Chamberlain Field.

Up to 10 events in two classes to be flown with only one airplane. Now you may have a great quickee 500 and be able to do well in the race but how well does it fly pattern and how good of an inverted limbo plane is it?

This event is being planned to bring some fun to what is nearly the end of the flying season for all the club members. It is not intended to be serious competition, just lots of fun. Come out and have some of this fun.

## ABSOLUTE PRECISION 2 DAYS OF GREAT PATTERN FLYING

When was the last time you saw the weather behave perfectly for two whole days, including Saturday evening? Well it did this last weekend for the Montana State Championship Pattern Meet. Only slight breezes both days, plenty of sun, not overly hot, and it even cooled down for the Saturday evening steak dinner!

Pilot turnout was a little shy with 18 entrants, but this made for a very enjoyable contest. With this smallish number of pilots only one flight line was run and this made the possibility of mid air collisions nill and improved concentration. We had

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# President's Letter

“note”

Labor Day and I've nothing to do but go to the field and get some flights in. Then come home and get this note off to the guy with the GRRR in his e-mail—THE EDITOR !!! Well I get to the field and can't believe my eyes—no adult flyers—only kids! There are young guys waiting to fly and as I am setting up I'm thinking—is it worth the aggravation of hanging around waiting to fly? Then I remember just the other day I was talking to Herrington and Abell about helping these young fellas with old stuff laying around the shop that is collecting dust. Don was ahead of me. He had given a Lazy Bee kit to Tanner Woodcock and other goodies to Tyler Potts. Dale Abell decided to contribute an old pattern plane to Tanner as well, so I came up with an old Super Tiger Bluehead (which I think I got from Abell) to help Tanner get into pattern competition.

What began as a little frustration turned into amazement and fun as I watched six young guys having a ball tooling their rigs through the beautiful morning sky over our Chamberlain Field. Picture this—Josh Houghton age 12, buddy cording his brother Joe, age 9 while Father Nels coolly looks on. Or Vergil Jones explaining and showing his students Rob Stanley age 12, and Rob's Father the rules of flight. The oldest of this young cadre was David Barnett age 18, working with his Dad on typical troubles with a trike gear trainer. Buzzing in and out of all this activity was Tanner with his Mad Lazy Bee and Tyler Potts doing very well with his trainer.

The Billings Flying Mustangs can be very proud to have these young people in our midst and I hope we can as a Club and or as individuals help out with unneeded field equipment and tools. Old kits that you probably will never build may be a great way to say Howdy to one of these kids. I'm not suggesting these folks are needy, but I know you are aware of what this hobby can do to a family budget. In any case the future membership looked very good to me this GREAT LABOR DAY 1998! Oh by the way, I did get three flights in while out there!

In two weeks we will have an event I have been looking forward to since before I joined this club. It is called The Multi-Task Fun Fly. The last time I saw the Club do this was in 1990 or 1991. Do what you have to do to attend the meeting next Monday the 14th and find out the details of what is going on. This is a perfect event to invite all the family and friends and is also the last BIGGIE of the year besides the combat meet in October. It should be great fun to participate in or watch.

See ya 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**



# Last Meeting's Minutes.

BILLINGS FLYING MUSTANGS MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 3 1998

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Beck at 7:30 PM. There were 19 members present. There are currently 70 members. Three new members have joined last month.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Leland Schliep gave the Treasurer's report. It was noted that this year's major fund raiser, (Western National Combat Championship), was able to double the revenue over last year. The report was approved.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### COMBAT COMMITTEE:

Committee chairman Doug Haacke expressed his thanks again to Eric Hawkinson for major event sponsorship Leland Schliep for running the Concessions, Dennis Rollins for calling duties, and to all of the Pilot Judges who helped. Marge Kenny prepared the 640 streamers needed. With all the participation and help this years event was a huge success. This year's winner was club member AJ Seaholm. Some items discussed to better next year's event included obtaining more sponsorship, and an information booth which provided RC information to the public.

#### RACING COMMITTEE

The event is ready to go!! Lot's of out of town racer's are expected. Leland will run concessions. Don Herrington will mow down the weed's with the use of Jason Bishop's equipment.

#### SANITATION COMMITTEE

Committee chairman Pat Ellinghouse did some inquiring about The purchase of a dumpster which would be picked up on a per dump charge basis by the County Sanitation Department. More discussion will follow at the next meeting. Ron Beck and Don Herington will continue to haul the trash for the remainder of the year.

#### LOGO COMMITTEE

Vergil Jones brought some sample hats which were reasonably priced. Designs are still being accepted.

#### PATTERN COMMITTEE

The annual Labor Day Pattern competition will be held September 5 & 6. Leland will run concessions. Scribes will be needed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

The 50/50 raffle was one by Rick Koehn. Steve Garr moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM with a second by Don Herrington.



# Leland's Ramblin's

## Junk You Can Skip If You're Busy

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

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 Coordi-  
nator.**

*RACE - CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1*

Cody WY in second place and our own Ron Horton in third. Steve Herget just barely missed placing in the top three when his motor failed and had to miss one heat.. Keep up the good work. Quarter 40 saw eight entries ,the most in this class at our events, hopefully we will see more participation in the coming year.The QM40s are pretty and fast, it makes for a fun race for competitors and spectators alike. The 422 class was won by Darrel Cady with Joel Galles coming in second and Mike Sperry finishing in third place.

Once again our thanks to all who attended and those of you who volunteered their help we really appreciate you supporting our race event. Hope everyone enjoys the Fall flying season and takes some time to build that new Quickee 500 or new Quarter 40 for Next years races.

GO FAST TURN LEFT Dick

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contestants from Arizona, Florida, Wyoming, Idaho and Montana. Contestants from Great Falls and Billings made up the Montana contingent. There was 1 pilot in Novice, 4 in Sportsman, 5 in advanced, 6 masters and 2 FAI. Jamie Metcalf from Great Falls won Novice with respectable scores. Jamie is NINE years old!!! Bruce Reins from Colorado took first in Sportsman. Jeff Carrish, Colorado, took Advanced. Troy Newman, Colorado, took Masters, While Greg Frohreich from Arizona won FAI.

Major THANKS go to Eric Hawkinson for CDing the event, Todd Monson Score keeper and judge, Roxie Klaus Scribe, judge and all around handyman. All contestants scribed along with 3 4H kids who worked to earn money for their club activities.

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Let's see where did we leave off last month? hmmm, I can't remember either! Oh well, let's talk about the race first, then mention about the Pattern meet.

Dick Smith and his loving sidekick Steph have run so many race meets that their events are automatics. Every thing from the phone calls to helpers (lotsa begging), to arranging the fuel, the flags, the cages, the helmets, the forms the scoring - all of it - just goes like clockwork. I have gone out to help with several of the races. I have had a fine time every time. There is only a couple of problems with this scenario and that is that, as any event organizer knows it is nearly impossible to run an event and participate in it too. Dick has not been able to race in Billings for a long time. The other issue is that doing it over and over gets tiring in itself. The big question is will we, the club and / or his fellow racers take some of this load off his shoulders before he completely burns out ??

The Pattern Meet was a success for those of who participated. We had a nice small event and some great competition. Greg Frohreich, world class FAI flyer from Arizona drove up to attend and compete against Chuck Smith from Casper in FAI. Judging the FAI fliers was quite the topic of conversation especially in the E schedule. As most of the maneuvers were unknown to the judges you kinda had to take the pilots word for it. Both were very good, or at least it seemed like it. Masters was hotly contested with our own Eric Hawkinson coming in a close second to Troy Newman from Colorado who has been practicing since he was here last time. Eric was in that un enviable position of running a contest and trying to compete.

Advanced was a large group and hard fought. Our own Earl Seaholm started competition but faded from sight after the first round or so. Probably engine trouble although I did hear him grumbling about not being able to handle the pace of competition. Sportsman was where the fun was at though. Bruce and Dennis were fairly serious about flying like pattern fliers and I think Leroy even had aspirations but I was in it for the fun and my flying was barely recognizable. I felt the need to apologize to real pattern fliers. I did have a ball though. No one out there had better body english or more downgrades than I did. Novice was a joy to watch. Jamie Metcalf is so small at 9 years old that his antenna is longer than he is. Heck the bill of his cap is longer than he is tall. No trouble for the judges to see over him to watch his flights. His grandpa says he is getting a real pattern plane next year - Watch your back Eric!!

Let me ask you a question. I want to discuss this at the next meeting. If you have an answer please come and share it with me. The question: *Just what does your annual club dues buy?* Think about it and lets talk.

# BLAST FROM THE PAST

September 5, 1974

Meeting called to order by Vice President Darrol Cady at 8:10 PM with 16 members present. We had two guests, Pete Bandel & Jim Casady. Minutes of last meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's report - All bills are not in as- , but it looks like we made a profit on the fall pattern meet of around \$420.

Palmer Hundtoft made a motion that we buy the girls who worked in the concession stand each a bouquet of flowers. Allen Coomber seconded it. Passed 14 in favor 0 opposed.

Palmer Hundtoft was put in charge of getting the flowers.

Allen Coomber is in charge of pricing sideing for the concession stand.

Lenny Kaiser is in charge of getting things ready for club get together at the flying field Thurs. evenings when we don't have a meeting.

Bob Wilson, Jim Rosenbeck, and Palmer Hundtoft were appointed to line up some events for a club fun fly the first Sunday every month, starting the first Sunday in October.

Meeting adjourned at ~~8X~~ 9:00 PM.

September 19, 1974

James A Rangitsch  
Secretary

Meeting called to order by President LeRoy Bangert at 8:40 PM with 9 members present. Due to breakdown in communications the meeting was held at Darrol Cady's instead of the pilot's lounge.

Guests present were Pete Bandel, Jim Snively, and former member Jim Shaffer.

Minutes of last meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's report - Income from meet \$1283  
Expenses not including Gazzette bill \$783

Gary Rydberg asked why we didn't go for more community adds rather than paying for them.

Recieved a letter from Kraft, some of their servos do not center well, and should be returned to factory for adjustment.

Helena Pylon meet will be held Sept. 28 & 29.

Airport meeting Place - Scarborough asked that we reserve the meeting room each week that we want it. He also asked that we clean the room when we get done.

Next meeting will be at the airport unless we hear differently. Pete Bandell will have his mother check with Scarborough.

Yellowstone boys Ranch wants us to have a show for them, LeRoy Bangert suggested that we have some kind of contest for them, he said they have a big gym and suggested a hand glider contest or something similar to what we had for them two years ago. Jim Rangitsch motion that LeRoy be a committie of one to decide what yo do, Glen Hertz seconded it. passed unamiously.

Discussed fun flys in general, LeRoy suggested that we have a club pattern meet, possibly have everyone fly Class A pattern.

Discussed the possibility of three meets a year, Fun fly, Pylon, Pattern & Scale.

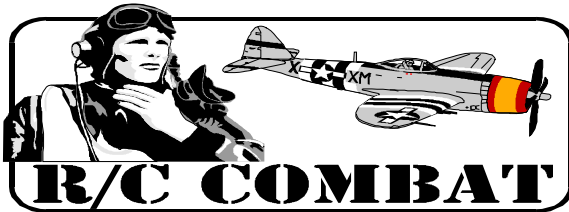
Dues are due the first of the year.

Nominating committie will be appointed next meeting, report at the first meeting in Nov., Election on the first meeting in December.

*Correction - read by laws.*

Adjourned at 9:25 PM.

James A. Rangitsch  
Secretary



Last month, I forgot to pass along an important Thank You that just can't be overlooked. That Thank You goes to Mrs. Marge Kenney, who once again donated countless hours measuring, cutting and individually wrapping over 600 streamers for use by the pilots. It was a huge task, and she rose to the occasion and did an outstanding job. Thanks Mrs. K!!

Also, a big thanks once again to Dick and Stephanie Smith for their usual fantastic job of hosting the last race meet. I tell you, if you're interested in learning how to CD an event, and want to learn the CORRECT way to do it, just watch Dick and Steph in action. They are a class act! Thanks you two!

Well, as you can imagine, the combat scene has been pretty quiet. I think many of us got our fill for a while.

AJ kept busy building an AirKill Bearcat, which turned out beautiful but had poor flight performance. And if it was a handful for a guy like AJ, you can imagine what it would be like for guys like you and me! By the time you read this, AJ will be back at college, and we all wish him another stellar season both on the field and in the classroom.

I've been busy working on plans for a new P-51B Mustang. I don't want to stray too far from Steve Hergett's excellent design, so I'm just adding in enough to make it a B-model. If you haven't flown one of these fine planes, you owe it to yourself to try it. It is absolutely the best flying sport plane of that size I've ever flown, and rivals the bigger House of Balsa in every respect. The foam wing make it quick to build, and the plane can take a wide variety of engines. Steve has plans available on the web site.

Thinking ahead to next year, I'd like to hear your thoughts on what we can do to improve the event, both from the club perspective and from the public perspective. Please give this some serious thought, and pass along your comments to any of the officers or combat committee members. We'd like to start the planning meetings this fall (of course, only if you want to have another combat meet next year). One thing that came up at the last meeting was building a scoreboard similar to what they use in golf tournaments. If someone needs a winter project that's not too difficult, this could be a good one, and we can use it at several of our different events. Well, that's all I have for this month.

I've sent along a few photos, and will have more throughout the winter. Remember to start thinking about building early this year!

See ya at the field! -Doug



48 pilots, ready to fly, some will live and some will die!



# 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



**NEXT MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14  
7:30 P.M.  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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**FIRST CLASS**

TO: