

HORSEFEATHERS



Newsletter of the Billings Flying Mustangs

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BANQUET '99 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET SET FOR FEBRUARY 6.

The Billings Flying Mustangs Annual Awards Banquet will be held at the Elks near 12th and Lewis again this year. The evening starts with a no host bar at 6:30. Dinner will be served at 7:30. A buffet dinner is planned.

Dinner Cost is \$12.50 each. A raffle prize or two will be raffled off and there will be prizes and gifts for the spouses.

Larry Wilkinson and Doug Haacke are going to be presenting the awards again this year. We are going to make them keep at it until they get it right. The Chamberlain award, Outstanding builder and TS awards will be voted for at the January meeting.

Tickets will be on sale at the February meeting or by mail. Last ticket day is Wednesday February 3rd. Leland will be in charge of ticket sales and is arranging the banquet again this



Mr. Al Coomber. Last months picture just didn't do justice for that smile and that beautiful plane.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

Rick Koehn Wins in a Landslide

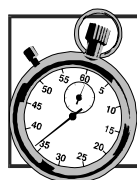
NO - NOT MUD SLIDE!

Rick Koehn (pronounced sorta like Cane) has been elected President of the Billings Flying Mustangs for the 1999 Season. Rick was the unanimous choice of the entire active portion of the nominating committee. The committee's letter recommending him goes on and on about his qualifications. Rick is employed at Bumper to Bumper Auto Parts at 744 South 18th Street West here in Billings. Rick wrote his bio in the presidents letter and I will only add that he is not overly modest, nor has he overestimated his skills but I am sure he will bang a great gavel.

Dennis Rollins "won" the vice presidents job. If he follows in his predecessors footsteps and does at least that good a job, then the club will survive into the next millennium. Tod Monson the outgoing VP handled his one night at the gavel with great authority and perfect order. I think we had the meeting in a bar that night so I don't remember it all that well.

Steve Hergett and I are still here as your Secretary and Treasurer. We weren't smart enough to get out while the getting was good.

This looks to be another great year for the Mustangs so join in congratulating the new officers and express your support of our club.



Around the pylons...

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PATTERN

Precision Aerobatics News

President's Letter



Our President, showing that he knows how to take instructions.

Since Ron Beck had a column in our newsletter, I felt I should write something too. I would like to offer Ron my heart felt thanks for his year as a very good president. Ron did a great job and he left some mighty big shoes to fill. I'll do my best. I'm still a little confused as to whether I was elected or railroaded, but time will tell. Ron seemed way too happy to hand over the gavel.

Who did you elect? Well, let me start by saying that "pilot" really doesn't fit because I've been a member of the club for over two years and have burnt about two gallons of fuel. My landings, at best could be called controlled crashes. "Builder" doesn't fit either. I built a Goldberg Eagle II and crashed it at a Sheridan Fly In, when someone shot me down, then went to ARFs. Due to my lack of skills, I have become very good at field repairs. I guess the best noun to describe me would be "Member." I do care about this club and the future of it and that is "The" reason I accepted the job of President.

We have some of the best people I know in this club. It was the members of this club that got me into this hobby/sport and kept me in it. It was also club members that convinced me that I didn't need to be a good pilot to judge combat or count laps at a race meet. The members of the club railroaded... excuse me, elected me as president and I hope that I can count on those same members to help me help the club and do a good job.

Thank you (I think)
Rick Kohen
Member



Last Meeting's Minutes.

BILLINGS FLYING MUSTANG MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY, 4 1999

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by President Ron Beck. There were 25 members present. Bill Carpenter from Gillette attended the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Leland read the Treasurer's report. The report was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS LOGO COMMITTEE

Larry Wilkinson brought a sample hat to the meeting with an alternate logo design. This logo has a horse with Billings Flying Mustangs printed below and topped off with a set of nice looking pilots wings. Russ Kniefel made a motion to approve this logo as the new updated club logo. The motion was second by Bill Peohls. Motion passed.

COMBAT COMMITTEE

CD Doug Haacke reported that entries are filling up fast. If last years contestants want to reserve their frequency for this year's event, payment must be made no later than the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The date for the yearly awards banquet has been confirmed for February 6. It will be held at the Elk's club on Lewis Ave. again this year. The No Host Bar will open at 6:30 PM. You may pay Leland Schliep at the next meeting. Tanner Woodcock (the new safety officer) has acquired the safety handbook and is looking into Vergil Jones' request for an alternate flight line in the early morning hours to avoid the sun in his eyes. While Tanner was unable to answer the question at the meeting, he was sure there will be absolutely no flying below dirt level.

NEW BUSINESS

Roxie Klause offered to CD the spring pattern meet on June 5.

Elections were held. Officers for 1999 are Rick Koehn (President), Dennis Rollins (Vice President), Leland Schliep (Treasurer), and Steve Hergett (Secretary).

Don Herington won the 50/50 raffle. The Presidential gavel was presented to Rick Koehn from 1998 President Ron Beck. Don Herington moved to adjourn the meeting. Don Herington seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

1998 OFFICERS

President - Rick Koehn
Vice President - Dennis Rollins
Treasurer - Leland Schliep
Secretary - Steve Hergett

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R/C Events Calendar

Date	Event	Description
2-6	Billings Elk's Club	1 day(s) - Sat Billings Flying Mustangs Annual Banquet Member awards, dinner, a good time. The entertainment(award)committee of Haacke/Wilkinson are working on this years awards. It should be a good time for all. More details as they unfold CD: Ron Beck Contact: Ron Beck (406)256-9632 or Leland Schliep (406)245-6008 mailto:ronbeck@imt.net
4-24	Billings, Montana, Flying Mustangs Flying Field	1 day(s) - Sat Billings Flying Mustangs Spring Combat primer Open to all pilots not a sanctioned event, just a primer to get the cob webs off CD: Doug Haacke Contact: Doug Haacke, 406-252-7210 mailto:doug@scalecombat.com
5-14	Billings, Montana	2 day(s) - Sat, Sun Billings Flying Mustangs Spring Race Open to all pilots members of AMA. Quarter Midget and Quicke 500. Need CD soon otherwise event will be canceled CD: need one soon Contact: Earl Seaholm 406-656-1301 mailto:ESea406652@aol.com
5-22	Black Horse Lake Field Great Falls	2 day(s) - Sat-Sun Battle over Great Falls Battle over Great Falls, May 22-23 1999 Two Divisions: Scale 705 and Open Class. All entries limited to .25 engines or smaller. A sport class will be held in this meet. Scale airplanes will not be allowed to fly against sport airplanes, and CD: Bruce Hadella Contact: Bruce Hadella mailto:acxbh@montana.edu http://msucotgf.montana.edu/~bhadella
6-25	Billings, Montana- Flying Mustangs Flying Site	3 day(s) - Fri,Sat,Sun Jim Rangitsch Memorial Fly-in 3rd Annual Fly-in. Lots of fun and lots of airplanes. All pilots are welcome! Parking for campers and motorhomes, no hookups. Come and have fun! CD: Dennis Rollins Contact: Dennis Rollins, 406-652-5026 mailto:rollins@wtp.net
6-26	Great Falls MT	2 day(s) - Sat-Sun Great Falls Pattern Meet Annual Great Falls Pattern meet moved to the last weekend of June for some cooler weather and to attract more pilots. Join us if you can. CD: Glen Mischke 452-2823 Contact: Glen Mische or Bruce Hadella mailto:acxbh@montana.edu
7-10	Billings, Montana	

2 day(s) - Sat, Sun **Scale R/C Combat Western National Championships**

RCCA Class 705 Combat (704 welcome). Limited to 50 pilots. Thousands in cash and prizes. Hosted by Billings Flying Mustangs. Entries accepted January 1st. Freq allocation (1 month priority for last year's pilots). Link coming soon!

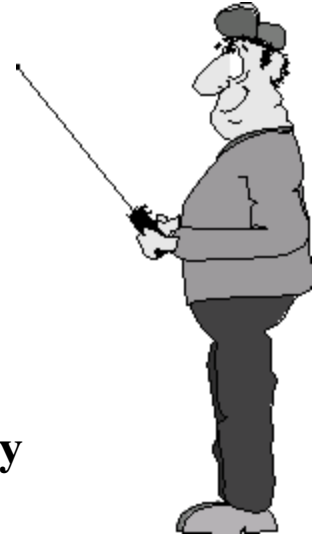
CD: Doug Haacke

Contact: Doug Haacke - Billings, Mt - (406)252-7210

<mailto:doug@rccombat.com>

Report problems to Larry at larry@rcflyer.com

Leland's Ramblin's Junk You Can Skip If You're busy



Well, this is one of those newsletters that you may well look at and wonder what the heck I was doing. Let me tell you how it goes sometimes. The newsletter has it's own fixed time frame. It must be gathered, assembled and taken to the printers on specific days or it does not get to the mail box of the members on the right day and then it loses some of it's use as a reminder of the next club meeting. I have seen attendance go from the usual 25 or so down to 6 when the newsletter failed to go out.

This month, on the appointed weekend I came down with the flu or a very nasty cold. I spent the weekend laying flat out, staring at the ceiling except when I was string at a wall. My wife came in asked if I was feeling ok. If I could have mustered the strength I would have thrown something. I am getting better now but just enough to write and now I am late. I will rush this through and thank those who have contributed their part without the usual reminders.

I have not flown this last month. Between the new dog and the nasty weather I have just been grounded. Today I sure had the urge but not the strength. I am still building slowly on the Jekyl. It will have a distinction over all other Jekyls in that the right aileron will have puppy teeth marks on it. She was helping me, sitting in my lap and, I thought, being a good little dog. Oh well.

Again, Short this month. I will try to do better next month if I live.

see ya out flyin'

BLAST FROM THE PAST

1974 Newsletter

The new year is here. We have new officers with open minds and a desire to do the most for R/C modeling in Billings, Montana. Give them your ideas and support their efforts. No matter where your interests lie in this hobby, the club needs you, and if you are really model minded, you also need the club. Lets all work together and make '74 a great year for all.

Signed, Darrol Cady

If anyone wishes to express their opinions please contact the editor.

LeRoy Bangert presents the following things to think about and discuss at future meetings:

1. Do you think we need two classes of Pylon?
2. Is it fair to race a special open pylon ship against a pattern ship?
3. Is it fair to have a novice or beginner race an expert pilot?
4. Do you think the club needs an idle rule in pylon?
5. Do you think the AMA rules for sport pylon are adequate?
6. Do you think the pylon event should be left alone?
7. Do you think the sport pylon event should be for beginners and Formula I flyers stay out of it?
8. Do you think maybe the beginner enjoys racing the hot-shots?

Let's make a decision on the subject so we can build airplanes this winter that will meet the rules.

Signed, LeRoy Bangert

If any club member has anything they would like to sell or swap, please let the editor know, if space and time permits I'll try to get it in the next newsletter.

The next meeting will be Jan. 17, 7:30 PM at the pilot's lounge at the airport. Darrol Cady has consented to share his limited knowledge of propellers with us and to demonstrate the use of the Prather pitch gauge.

See you at the meeting and at the dinner.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

1973 MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 1973

Meeting called to order by Vice President Lenny Kaiser at 8:00 PM with 13 members present.

Minutes of last meeting were approved as read.

New business: Darrol Gady made a motion that each officer write an article for the newsletter and turn it in to the editor on the night of the second meeting of the month. LeRoy Bengert seconded it. Passed unanimous.

Darrol Gady said he checked with Econo-Print for a price for printing our newsletter. After some discussion it was decided to keep printing it ourselves for a while.

Correspondence: Simon Dreese received forms for Wyoming for three contest directors, Porter Dalton, Lee Hamilton, & Allen Hull.

Committee Reports: Nominating Committee reopened nominations. Nominees for President are Leonard Kaiser and LeRoy Bengert. Vice President, Speed Leckie and Keith Riddle withdrew. Darrol Gady nominated. Treasurer, Glen Hertz. Secretary, Jim Rangitsch. Nominations closed.

We were reminded to be thinking about awards for Builder Of The Year, Member of The Year, & T.S. Discussed an award for most improved flyer of the year, but no action taken.

Dinner - Jerry Haider was appointed to make arrangements for the dinner. Lenny Kaiser said he will help him. Ladies Door Prizes. Lenny Kaiser's wife offered to buy ladies door prizes. Last year we spent \$20.00 for them. Members door prizes - Simon Dreese made a motion that we buy two WMidjet kits for door prizes, LeRoy Bengert seconded it. Allen Coomber offered to sell us two kits at cost plus give us a gallon of fuel for another door prize. 11 in favor 0 opposed. Allen Coomber was appointed to take care of getting the kits.

Speed Leckie motion to hold off on deciding what to raffle to see if we could get a racing 15.

LeRoy Bengert made a motion that we buy flowers for the ladies attending the dinner. Bill Poehls seconded it. After some discussion it was tabled. LeRoy is going to check on prices.

Report on N.M.P.R.A. Speed Leckie and Darrol Gady reported on the N.M.P.R.A. meet in L.A.

Next meeting Darol Gady is going to make a report on propellers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

James A. Rangitsch
Secretary



NEW MEETING PLACE!

**848 MAIN STREET IN THE
HEIGHTS
MONDAY FEBRUARY 1
7:30 P.M.**

**Billings Flying Mustangs
P.O. Box 22406
Billings, MT 59104**

FIRST CLASS

TO:

*ATTENTION: NEW MEETING PLACE
848 MAIN STREET, 7:30 P.M.*

The latest scoop from the most active R/C club in the region!