

# Horsefeathers!



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## Coming Events

### Next Meeting:

Monday, December 4, 2000  
7:30 P.M.  
828 Main St.

### Billings Events:

The December meeting is the time for the nominating committee their candidates for the election to be held at the January meeting. It is also the time for nominations to be taken from the members in attendance at the meeting.

### Wyoming Events:

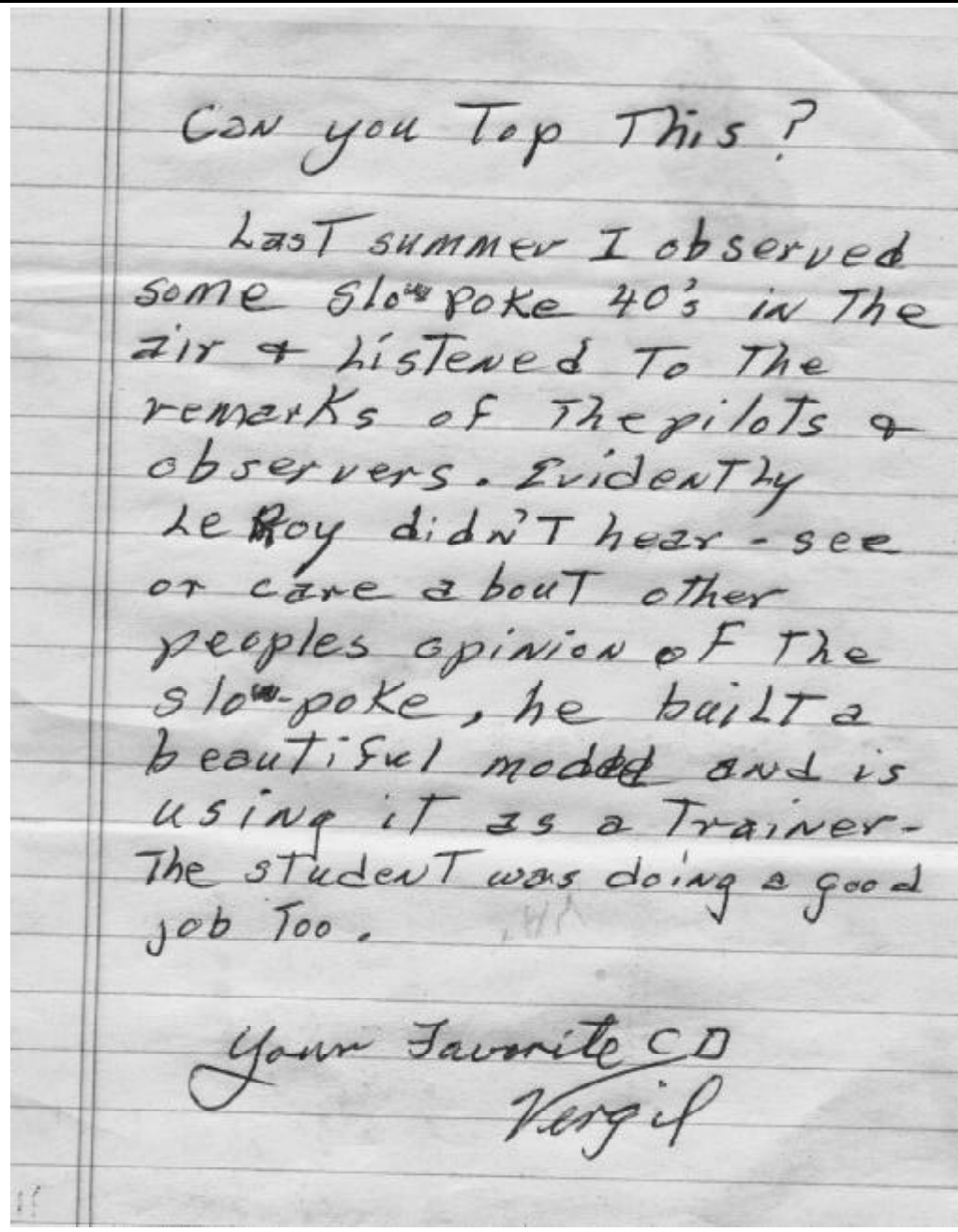
**June 5 through 10, 2001:**  
IMAA Rally of the Giants.  
Hosted by the Gillette R/C club! Contact Noland Bartz, 307-682-5136 for more information.

### Club Officers for 2000

President ..... Rick Koehn  
Vice President .... Dennis Rollins  
Secretary ..... Steve Hergett  
Treasurer ..... Bob Moore

### Reminder:

Club Officer nominations are next meeting. It is time to think about who you wish to lead our club next year. Maybe run for office your self.



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## Presidents Letter

*Editors Note: As of the time that I was putting this together, I have not received anything from Rick. Hopefully next month ...*



## Meeting Minutes

**November 6, 2000**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-president Dennis Rollins at 7:35 PM. There were 11 members present. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Bob Moore gave the Treasurer's report. The report was approved.

### Old Business:

There was none.

### Committee Reports:

#### Mall show Committee:

Dennis Rollins was not able to talk to the Mall supervisor yet. Dennis will report any new developments at the next meeting.

#### Land Acquisition Committee:

Discussion at this meeting was primarily about the funds needed to purchase and develop a flying site. The club has made great progress over the years to build up the land acquisition fund. However we are still short of our goal as far as money goes. It was noted that some of our neighbors to the south in Wyoming have received money or services from their local governments. The land acquisition committee will contact the City Parks and Recreation to see if any help will be available. Every avenue needs to be explored.

### New Business:

Leland Schliep sent a digital aerial picture he took with his RC plane of the flying site to Mary Ann Mortin. Leland said she took great pleasure in the photo. A motion to approve \$40.00 for the purchase of picture

frames and a quality photo was made by Doug Haacke. Steve Garr seconded the motion. Leland will send these to Mary Ann Mortin.

The Nominating Committee was selected. Members are Dennis Rollins, Leland Schliep and Steve Hergett. Periodically members may have to step up and pitch in their services to insure that club business is properly taken care of. A committee member may be contacting you shortly to ask for your help for the coming year.

### Board Meeting:

A board meeting is scheduled for December 4 at 6:00 PM. immediately before the regular club meeting. The 2001 event schedule is the main agenda item. Be sure to let a member know what your preferences are. Pizza will be ordered.

Steve Garr moved to adjourn the meeting. Paul Yourk seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

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



Roxie, did you get anyone to do the newsletter? If not let me know and I will take it for a year. *(Editor' note: I think that Leland does a wonderful job as newsletter editor. He has done the job a couple of times in the past. I would like to see someone who hasn't done it step up just to keep Leland from having too much on his plate again. Thank you for volunteering.)*

OK here is this months stuff:

**LELAND'S RAMBLIN'S Junk you can Skip if You're Busy.**

I expect you have had your fill of turkey by now and surely have your good little boy (girl) act perfected. You  
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have your list of new necessities made out and emailed to Santa. Boy, I bet Santa gets the Spam email this time of year. Do you think he reads any of it? Well I am sure that worry won't keep you from sending at least one list. A cc to every relative you have improves your odds too you know.

Some happenings at the club in the next few months rate some of your attention. The nominations committee has been appointed and should be reporting at this meeting. The nominations from the floor will happen along with the closing of nominations. You should be at this meeting.

There has been a change in the makeup of the club or maybe the culture of the club over the last few years. When I joined the club they had just gotten by a change of leadership and culture. The dues were raised, there was a financial focus to be able to improve the field. The leadership was very proactive, focused and busy. During this time the treasury increased and we acquired the north field as an auxiliary flying site. We had good events. Then we got into larger scale activities. The gigantic Combat phenomenon happened.

During this time there were also quite a few initiatives that increased our visibility in the community. Leroy Bangert initiated several trips to Shepherd's elementary school. We taught aviation and modeling to 5th and 6th grades. We demonstrated R/C modeling on the football field. Take off and landings between goal posts was a slightly tense thing and then there was that Elmo eating tree line on the far side. We participated in the Laurel Aviation days at the High School. We had several of the Mall Shows.

Presently the club seems to be working it's way towards less activity and a less visionary life. We are searching for the fun in modeling. I think that we will continue to be a great club no matter what but as stated above, there is a change in the air. I would expect there will be those who like the change and those who don't. So what's new. I guess my point is that, no matter what your attitude towards the club, you should participate in the process and try to influence things to your way of thinking.

Participation is what will make the club continue.

I spent some time building this month but no time flying. There were a few days in there that would have worked but it takes about 50% more motivation per degree of temperature below 60 to get me out anymore. In other words, I really NEED to fly when it's as cold as it has been. The quote from "The Old Geezers" of Spokane and my, now gone, buddy Gil said that "anything below 70 degrees was a hard freeze."

What do you think of this ARF business? It was one thing when there were ARFs and then the traditional kits. Now the manufacturers seem to think that ARF is the only way. Prices jumped a ton and now it's hard to find kits. Reviews, ads and everything are ARF. While I find it hard to find building time, I also find that the planes I like the most are the ones I built versus the ones I bought or were ARFs.

*(Editors note: I don't know if Leland's column originally ended here or if the Internet ate the rest of it, but the above is all that I received.)*

Some more aerial pictures from Leland:

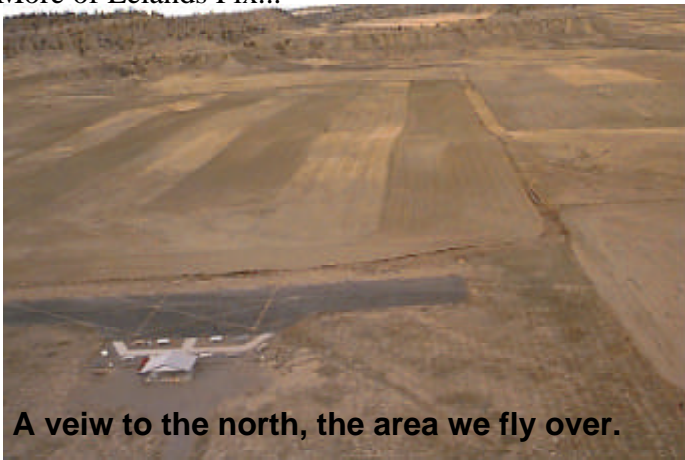


Da Plane! Da Plane... before.



Da Man! Da Man... sorry, couldn't resist.

More of Lelands Pix...



A veiw to the north, the area we fly over.



To the east



From above.



Da Plane... after!



**Early report on next summers float fly from Vergil Jones**

Speed has received permission from Carl Jenson to use "Big Lake" for the event. "Big Lake", north of Lavina on East Rad Hill Road is formed by melting snow and spring rains. It did go dry this year but there should be plenty of water through June and July for our needs. Speed and Bill Poehls are cutting foam float cores for anyone wanting to join the party. Stay tuned for future news.

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**TO:**