

Horsefeathers!



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Coming Events

Next Meeting

Monday, May 1, 2000 7:30 P.M.
828 Main St.

Billings Events

June 23,24,25: Fly-in (In Russell Kniefel's honor). Dennis Rollins CD.
Aug. 5,6: The Western National Combat Championships. Ron Horton CD
Sept. 2,3: Montana State Pattern Championship. Roxie Klaus CD

Great Falls Events

May 21: Combat Meet, Great Falls
June 17,18: Open House Fly In,
Great Falls
July 15,16: Scale Fly In, Great Falls
Aug 12,13: Jet Fly In, Deer Lodge

Helena Meets

July 29, 30: Fly In
Aug. 19, 20: Scale & class B open.

Missoula Meet

June 3: Combat Meet

Wyoming Events

June 3,4: IMAA Fly-In, Gillette WY.
Contact: Nolan Bartz 307-682-5136
June 10,11: Fun Fly, Powell WY. Contact:
Webb Higgins 307-754-3832
June 17,18: Giant Fun Fly, Cheyenne WY.
Contact: Gary Bridge 307-547-3793
June 24: Pylon Races, all classes, Casper
WY. Contact: Gene Corson 307-234-4360
July 4: Fun fly, picnic, fireworks, Casper WY.
Contact: Gene Corson 307-234-4360
August 26,27: Fly-in, Cody WY. Contact
Webb Higgins 307-754-3832
Sept. 2,3: Fun fly,Thermopolis WY
September 8,9,10: Fly-in Sheridan, WY.
Contact John Steir 307-6747342

Billings Spring Combat Primer

April 1, 2000

It was a cold and windy day at Mustang Field for the first combat meet of the year. With the temperature in the thirties all of us were looking for mister sun to show up and bring some warmth.

We had 12 combat pilots show up to fly 2610 scale and Class B Open. There were 9 pilots that flew scale and 8 that flew open.

Combat started around 10:00 am with one round of Open and then a round of Scale. This format has been used around the region when the two types of classes have been flown. We flew a total of 20 sorties in a little less the 5 hours with an hour lunch break.

To the action:

Earl Seaholm flying a new -10% TA-152 was a man on a mission. The smaller 152 with an .25 FP is a super combat plane. It's very fast and agile. Although Earl had the most cuts (5) he also was relieved of his streamer early in every round. Brad Lane of Cody, Wyoming brought his Japanese Tony of his own design, and it is the toughest combat plane in the world. He took out Earl's 152 in the last round and flew it back to the runway while Earl's 152 has to be rebuilt.

Rich Perry drove up from Colorado to fly in both Open and Scale. Rich has an open plane he designed called a Disobedience that is a very agile plane. In Scale Rich flew his Hergett +5%TA-152.

The pilot with the best day was our own Dick Smith, flying his MIG 3 in Scale and a Sorta Cub in Open. Dick took 3rd in Scale and 2nd in Open and took all his planes home in one piece. Way to go Dick!

In the Open class Troy Barnes took 1st place flying a Sig Wonder, Troy is a great pilot and has been due a win.

In Scale yours truly took 1st flying a Hergett Mustang. With four cuts and bringing back my streamer each round it made the difference. Bringing your streamer back is critical in placing well in Scale. In short, if you are shredding your streamer slow down, that's what the left stick is for on the transmitter.

If you haven't been to a combat event you are missing a most exciting part of RC. And flying a 1/12 scale plane is easier than most people think. A lot of work and time has been put into the plane to make it easy to fly. The old saying a scale plane is hard to fly is just not true. Come on out and see for yourself.

I want to think all the pilots that braved the cold and wind, which blew up to 35mph all day for coming out.

I also want to think PICA for their support with Kits and Certificates, Dremel Tool for the cordless Dremel Tool, Rich Perry for a Disobedience Kit, And Steve Hergett for plans of his winning designs.

I also want to thank all the support from the Billings Mustangs Club, especially Stephanie Smith for the scoring, mywife Deborah for lunch and the award plaques and Rick Koehn for doing a great job being the line Marshall and Line Judge.

Again thank you all. With all the Support from PICA, Dremel Tool, Rich Perry, Steve Hergett and the Billings Flying Mustangs all the pilots received an Award for their flying.

Ron

The results:

SCALE

1st	Ron Horton	740
2nd	Earl Seaholm	682
3rd	Dick Smith	542
4th	Brad Lane	540
5th	Rich Perry	504
6th	Tanner Woodcock	482
7th	Al Nixon	294
8th	Troy Barnes	290
9th	Doug Haacke	290

OPEN

Troy Barnes	650
Dick Smith	450
Rich Perry	350
Ken Steinmetz	300
Tanner Woodcock	300
Earl Seaholm	225
Meal Reed	-275
Wade Johnson	-325



Those Magnificent Men and Their Flying Machines Combat pilots braved the cool temperatures and gusty winds for the spring combat primer held April Fools, ah... I mean April 1st. Results on Page one.

Club Officers for 2000

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



Presidents Letter

Hi fellow members,

It's that time again when I get to express myself. I would like to start by thanking all that participated in the spring combat. I would especially like to thank those selfless people called "judges". They worked hard so that others could enjoy their sport. The weather would have been nice had it not been for the wind. Even with the high winds the weather was bearable enough to complete a legal combat meet for both the open class and scale. For those that didn't make it to the meet, you really missed out. Doug Haacke I believe has the slowest combat plane in competition. I think if Doug were to move up to rubber power he would have been faster. The only comment Doug had when he was asked about his plane's performance was "this is the best I've ever flown". It was a real fun event.

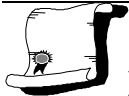
Let us not forget that we are still looking for a new flying site. Everyone's help is needed. Please bring your ideas to our monthly meetings or share them with a board member.

Just a little reminder that the Casper fly-in is May 27th and 28th. It should be fun time.

I hope you all have been out to the field flying. The spring weather has been more than nice at times. Some minor 40 mile an hour winds shouldn't hold back such skilled pilots as yourselves. I haven't really heard how the flying has been nor have I had the time to do any myself, so there's not much to report there. I have seen some beautiful new planes this year and as I understand it Dennis Rollins' B25 should be done soon. I can't wait to see it.

Well, not much more to say, except I hope to see you all out at the flying field.

Rick



Meeting Minutes

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April 3, 2000

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Koehn at 7:30 PM. There were 15 members present. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Bob Moore gave the Treasurer's report. The report was approved. Account balances will be available to club members who didn't make the meeting by asking Bob.

The spring pattern meet has been canceled. Dennis Rollins volunteered to CD the event, however the club members who normally run the event are not going to be available during that time forcing the cancellation.

Rick Koehn reported on the last Board meeting. There were only 3 board members present at the meeting.

LAND ACQUISITION COMMITTEE: Steve Garr has been searching for a site and has found a promising looking area. Steve will do some research on the location and report later.

FLY-IN COMMITTEE: Dennis Rollins needs a tent with side walls for the cooking crew. Dennis is going to mail an invitation for the Fly-In to all of the chartered clubs in Montana.

COMBAT COMMITTEE: Windy and cold is how the weather shaped up for the spring combat meet. Rick Koehn served as head line judge. All of the Combat pilots want to thank the

volunteers for helping with the event. Doug Haacke noted that out-of-town pilots enjoy coming to our events largely due to all of the help at the contests, which make them so much fun to attend.

NEW BUSINESS: Rick is looking into getting some lye to neutralize the odors from the outhouse.

Bob Moore brought to the Club's attention that there seems to be a lack of younger members in the club. Bob speculated that lowering the dues to those under 18 would help increase the numbers of younger pilots. Club policy states that Junior members pay \$30.00 for dues. A junior member is under the age of 15 and pays the \$30.00 fee for the first year only. After that it is at the normal rate of \$65.00 for a flying membership. After discussion it was decided to leave the policy as is. Vergil Jones has a new Trainer ready to go. Free introductory flights to prospective newcomers are available from Vergil.

Remember to sign the logbook when flying. Club membership is down a little compared to last year at this time. A common question asked among members is who are the current members of the Club? As each year passes some former members do not re-up. The club web site has the most current information and you are encouraged to use it if you have a computer. Steve Hergett is looking into a pin on badge that will be issued. This badge will hold a copy of your membership card for the current year. You will be issued to cards each year. Use one for the frequency board and the other will slip in the pin on badge. This would offer a look at glance verification. More discussion will follow at the next meeting.

Don Herington moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jason Horton. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

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



I need to apologize for missing the last newsletter and the last meeting. The newsletter article time came up while I was on vacation and I just completely forgot about it. I guess that's when you are having a good vacation, obligations don't matter and you don't even know what day of the week it is. I missed the meeting just from forgetfulness. We were back from vacation and I just sat and watched TV right through Monday evening.

While on vacation we stopped in for a half day at the Hill AFB museum in Ogden UT. If you get down that way, stop in. They have a great display. It's free! The thing I loved was the fact that they had the ropes set up so that you could go right up into the bomb bays and wheel wells of most of the aircraft. They had a SR71 there and to be that close and touch that beast was amazing. Being all black you don't see all the fine curves in the photographs. That plane has some sculpting on it. They have a beautiful Curtis JN4 Jenny on display. It is so perfect. I would like to make a model of one of those and fly it. I bet they had a hundred planes there. Jenny to SR71, what a spread(Continued page 4)

I took an airplane and gear on vacation with me but it sat in the back of the pickup the whole way to Arizona and back. I did get it out once at a flying site at Lake Mead but didn't get into the air. I found the flying site by accident. We had toured Hoover Dam and were stopped at the visitor center for the Lake Mead area and two of the workers were talking about model airplanes. I, of course butted right into that conversation and learned that there was a site about a half mile from the visitor center. It was a asphalt pad about a hundred yards square down by the lake shore. It was build by the Bureau of Reclamation for the modelers. It was just a bare square of pavement but what more do you need?

My flying has been non-existent this year. I think I got out a couple of times but not enough to remember how to fly. I am going to have to start out with the Eagle II again this year.

I heard that Don Herington has a new travel trailer to cart to the fly-ins this year. I am looking forward to seeing what airplanes he has created this winter and what their names will be. I am going to plan out several of the fly-ins this year. Isn't it amazing how you even have to planto have fun. What happened?

Well I gotta go. See ya out flyin'.

Leland



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