

HORSEFEATHERS!



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NOMINATIONS MEETING!

YOUR CHANCE TO STEER NEXT MONTH'S ELECTIONS

Do you think the Billings Mustangs are going the right direction? Do you think the present officers are doing all they can to make your hobby/sport more enjoyable? Are we, as a club dealing with the issues and items that we need to on a timely basis? (what the heck does that mean??)

This month's meeting on December 3 will produce the report of the nominating committee that was appointed (railroaded) last month. There are three outstanding members on the nominations committee but they may have overlooked some perfectly good candidates for office and you are the only one who can point this out.

Of course the method of doing this is to be at the meeting and nominate your choice from the floor. Just be sure the person you nominate wants the job and is willing to be actively involved for the year.

Memberships due soon!

Your Mustangs Club membership expires at the end of December.

Here are some important things to remember about that. You must have your 2002 membership paid to vote in the January meeting election. You must have both your AMA membership and your 2002 Mustangs membership paid to fly at the field after December 31.

Members must sign the Flying Field Policy sheet at the time of paying membership dues. A copy of this document is printed on page 5 of this newsletter and is also located on the web at <http://www.rcflyer.com/>. You can bring a signed copy to this next meeting or the January meeting.

DO YOU WANT TO HAVE A SPRING SWAP MEET IN BILLINGS?

There is great interest in the Powell Swap meet usually held in March, do you think a similar meet would be successful in Billings?

Not to steal any of the thunder from our fellow fliers in Powell but it has been suggested that we have a club swap meet in Billings and I am wondering if there is support for such an event. This could be advertised widely and open to the region. This year we could have it at one of several times. Late January, Late February, Late March or Early April.

Seems like this would be a great chance to acquire some new equipment and to offer others the continued experience of stuff you have grown tired of. Let's get some guidance at the December meeting!

President's Letter

Well, another month has flown by and elections, Christmas and our banquet are all getting closer. The next couple of meetings are important ones. We need to elect people that will work to help our club.

Mark Hungerford and Terry Lee had a photograph session of the airplanes that will hang at the airport on Sunday, November 18th. The weather was a little cold but everything went smoothly. Ron Reiter, Pat Kenney, Doug Haacke, Paul Yourk and myself were there with our planes. There were also other pilots from around the state.

Paul and I have been helping Denny Lynch with his real A 26. The experience has been very interesting and fun. He showed us a real P-51 (Mary Lou graphics) that is hangared here in Billings. It has a Rolls Royce engine with a 4 bladed prop, chrome fuselage, and a gray wing. Just plane beautiful!

The good weather we have been having is great, but it's cutting into the building season. I still have my eye on a couple of planes to build this winter. I also plan to finish my Byrons Corsair and Paul's Sukhoi.

Remember Steve is taking orders for the logo patches. I think they turned out great. I think maybe our wives would like a new jacket with the Billings Flying Mustang logo on the back rather than that new plane or radio we bought for her last year.

Safety is still one of our main goals. Be courteous to others, but keep in mind, safety first.

Leland is one of the finest newsletter editors we've had and we need to sweet talk him into doing it for another year. Our newsletter is very important as it is a way of communication to the members that are unable to make it to the meetings. He does a great job and we all look forward to reading it every month. It's also great to get it off the computer and be able to print in color. Leland, you have a right to be proud. Thanks for a job well done! Keep in mind that at our January meeting we will need to vote for outstanding member, best builder and also the TS award recipient. You may want to give this a little thought before the meeting so we're not all asking who built what, who did what and who had the worst luck. Earl Seaholm and Paul Yourk weren't able to attend our last meeting so were elected to the nominating committee. It might be a good idea to attend

the next one or you might be the next president!!

Be thankful for the great club we have. We live in a very special country. A few terrorist have tried to take it away from us but have only succeeded in bringing us closer together. I can't imagine living without the freedoms that we have. Thank God we live in America!

Dennis



Last Meeting's Minutes.

November 5, 2001

President Dennis Rollins called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. There 17 members present. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Bob Moore gave the Treasurer's report. That report was approved.

Committee reports:

Airport Display Committee:

Mark Hungerford, from the Billings Logan Airport, attended the meeting. Mark updated the club with new details. Pictures of club member's planes will be taken on November 18th. These will be used on 2' x 3' wall plaques to describe the displayed model airplanes. December 3 through December 7 is the dates to mount the models at the airport. December 12 is the formal reception to be held at the airport for the grand opening. Mark and his associate Terry Lee are grateful for all the help the club has given them. Mark also said that he is applying for some grant money, in which some of that would be funneled to the club if it were

2001 OFFICERS

President - Dennis Rollins
Vice President - Paul Yourk
Treasurer - Bob Moore
Secretary - Steve Hergett

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received.

Field Maintenance:

A work party is needed to repair shingles on the shelter. A concrete saw is needed to install the new risers in the toilet.

logo Committee:

Steve Hergett brought a completed vintage club logo to the meeting, freshly completed by a local embroiderer. This handcrafted logo is available for a modest \$35.00. Contact Steve at 652-1207 to place your order. Seven members have spoken for one already.

Election Committee:

Earl Seaholm was chosen as committee chairman. Leland Schliep and Paul Yourk were also appointed. The committee will report at the next meeting. You must be a current member to vote for the upcoming officers.

New Business:

Linda Hahn has located a place to have this year's banquet. It will be held in Laurel MT this year at DJ's Steakhouse after Don Herington made a motion for that location. Bill Peohls seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dates are needed for next years flying activities. The Board of Directors must approve all activities.

Don Herington moved to adjourn the meeting. Bob Moore seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.

THE SOAPBOX.

A forum for members opinions and statements

This space is provided so that all members may have their say. You are welcome to send in your "soapbox" items and I will publish them. Items attacking individuals will not be published.

Some ones dog(s) has been using the pit area for an outdoor toilet. If they belong to one of our members, we can control the problem. If it is strange dogs I suggest the use of rocks or —. Some of our new members have acquired engines with the old pipe type mufflers that are loud enough to bother me even when I am not wearing my hearing aids. I am quite sure they do not meet noise requirements. Vergil

Leland's Ramblin's

Junk You Can Skip If You're busy



What? Where did another month go? This last month has been a lot of fun, I even got out flying once or twice. I missed the last meeting and that was obviously a mistake as I am now a member of the nominating committee! Guess I had better get in touch hadn't I.

Most of this month has been excellent flying weather and during that time my transmitter was broken down. As soon as it got back from repair the wind started and then this snow stuff. Oh well. I wasted enough good days without excuses that I have a hard time blaming it all on this. By the way If you have need for radio repair I just had excellent service from Radio South. I sent the radio down and they got it on a Tuesday. They fixed it and shipped it back on that same Friday. Not bad at all.

This airport display sure sounds like a great deal. Too bad I don't have any planes worth displaying. Maybe someday my retirement program will pay off big and I'll have some of those. You've heard of my retirement investment plan haven't you. Every Wednesday and Saturday I invest in the Powerball down at Albertson's. Someday...

Well the workshop has been busy here. I've been covering an Eagle Trainer that Ron framed up for me. I sure noticed that the price of Ultracote went up. Makes me keep those scraps until they won't fit anything anymore. I watched a Monocote video and the guys is saying things like "leave an extra 3 inches to hold on to.." Yeah right, at these prices I can hang onto a half inch real good. The plane is going to be Red White and Blue. I just realized that most of mine are Red White and Blue. Wonder about that? I have a Enya .53 4 stroke for this plane. That should make a sweet relaxing flier.

I've also been doing repairs on the Killer Bee and the fuselage is completely done. I just have a wing dowel to replace and a little bit of sheeting and that thing will be ready to go again. This time with reduced elevator throws so I don't kill the Killer again.

I do have to run. I am driving to Spokane in the morning and need some beauty sleep. later later

FOR SALE

Airplanes

DC-3 G.P. with retracts, magnum .52 four strokes \$500

Twin Star with 2-magnum .25 and four channel radio \$250

F-16 US Aircore \$50

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Membership Flying Policy Statement

Please read and provide a signed copy with your 2002 membership

March 20, 1999 – OFFICIAL POLICY, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

All existing and prospective Billings Flying Mustangs club members **MUST** read, agree to, and sign this document before flying rights are granted. This document will also be posted at the Billings Flying Mustang's field at all times. **In addition, every pilot will be required to log in upon arrival at the flying field and log out upon departure.** A log book will be maintained at the flying field.

RECOVERY OF AIRCRAFT IN ADJOINING PROPERTIES

In the event that any aircraft shall go down in the land adjoining our runway, the following **RULES** shall be followed at all times.

1. **ONLY ONE member**, generally the owner of the downed aircraft, shall be allowed to go onto the adjoining property to retrieve the aircraft. It is strongly suggested that you take a garbage bag or box with you so that all of the debris can be picked up and retrieved in one trip. The club will keep a supply of bags at the field. In the event that one person can not retrieve a very large model in one trip, the owner may allow **NO MORE THAN ONE** helper to retrieve the model without making more than one trip.

2. **The retrieving member will make every efforts possible to minimize any impact on the adjoining land and crops.** Member will walk on the non-cropped areas as far north as needed to reach a position across from the downed aircraft. If the aircraft is in the cropped areas, the member will then walk very carefully across the rows, stepping in between the rows and **NOT** on them, to reach the aircraft. Member will then re-trace his steps to return with the wreckage.

3. Members will attempt to retrieve **ALL** of the crash debris so as not to leave garbage on our neighbor's land.

4. At all events held by the Billings Flying Mustangs, **ALL** pilots shall be made aware of the above rules and will agree to follow the rules or will not be allowed to fly at the Billings Flying Mustang's field.

5. Non-members are only allowed to fly at our field as guests of current Billings Flying Mustang's members. When you invite a guest to fly, it is your responsibility to inform him or her of the above rules and to ensure that the guest understands and follows these rules.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE ABOVE GUIDELINES SHALL RESULT IN COMPLETE AND IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF ALL FLYING RIGHTS AT THE BILLINGS FLYING MUSTANGS FIELD. There will be no warning issued prior to suspension of rights.

I have read the above document and understand it. I agree to follow the above rules completely and understand that failure to do so will result in complete loss of flying privileges at the Billings Flying Mustang's field.

Members Name (Print)

Signature

Date

Hints

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Tips

Blind Nut Blues

Ever had a blind nut that wouldn't sit flat because it interfered with the triangle stock in the corner or the surface the nut is to sit against is not parallel with the surface the bolt is pulling against?

Simply take the blind nut and apply adhesive-backed sandpaper to the back or flat side then trim to the outside diameter and clear the hole to pass a bolt.

Pass an appropriate length bolt to fit the blind nut through the hole and attach the sandpaper-clad blind nut backwards.

Bind the blind nut to the bolt with a regular nut and chuck up the head of the bolt in a drill, fire it up, and pull out until you have the surface desired.

Hint: Socket head cap screws work best! You could even make up a complete set for each of the popular sizes you use!

Blind Nut Blues and Plane Retainer

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Plane Retainer

Take a 30-inch length of A steel rod (hardware store), slide a 18-inch length of 3/8 inch automotive fuel line (auto parts store) over it, and wrap it around a pole in your cellar (or a small tree will do) to make a half loop. Push into the ground with one hand on each leg and remove with one hand in the center.

Lite Ply Replacement

My favorite material to use in place of lite ply is doorskins. You can purchase these at your local home building supply for about five dollars. The sheets are 36 inches wide by 80 inches high and are about 1/8 inch thick. I have used this in place of Lite Ply in fuselage sides, hatches, landing gear mounts, and servo mounts and have never had a failure.

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Next Meeting

**848 MAIN STREET IN THE HEIGHTS
MONDAY DECEMBER 3
7:30 P.M.**

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