

HORSEFEATHERS!

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ANNUAL KITCHEN CLEANUP LUNCH and FLY IN!

SUNDAY OCT 6 - HIGH NOON

THIS Sunday at noon, we are going to clean up the kitchen. The main item that needs cleaning out is about 10 pounds of frozen Sloppy Joe stuff. This is left over from one the meets this summer and it is ready to eat.

BYOB - No not bottle, BUNS. Bring Your Own Buns! While the club is long on Sloppy Joe mix, we came out even on buns so unless you want to eat the stuff plain, bring your own buns. The club will supply plates and chips and maybe even drinks but you need to bring a bun to eat it all on.

BYOP - Yes that one is easy. Bring your own planes. This Sunday is going to be a great day for flying. The weather will be perfect and there will be lots of great flying time all afternoon.

We may even have a few little competitions. I have some new neat mini events planned - If I can find that darn paper I wrote them down on.



COME DO YOUR PART TO CLEAN UP THE
LEFT OVERS AND FLY SOME TOO.



THIS MONTH'S
MEETING WILL BE
AT 828 MAIN STREET

on OCTOBER 7

President's Letter

PROCESS 101.
or what's coming up.

Article 3

Nominations for Officers and Directors
Section 1 A nominating committee of three shall be appointed by the President at the first regular meeting in November. At the first regular meeting in December, the nominating committee shall present their nominees and at that time nominations from the floor will be open and remain open until the election of the Officers and Directors.

Article 4

Election of Officers and Directors
Section 1 The election of Officers and Directors shall be held at the first regular meeting of the year and elected officers shall serve one year and the Directors shall serve two years from the date of election.



Last Meeting's Minutes.

Billings Flying Mustangs Meeting Minutes September 9, 2002

The meeting was called to order by President Dennis Rollins at 7:30 PM. There were 18 members present. The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Leland Schliep gave the Treasurers report. The report was approved.

Montana Fair Committee report: Leland Schliep and Paul Yourk reported that the display booth was a positive community experience. Club exposure was tremendous. The display also won the coveted peoples choice award. A generous thanks goes to Carl Thuesen and sons Ben and Jake for all of there effort to organize the volunteers and putting in many hours at the display. Paul Yourk and sons also put a lot of time. The booth also created awareness with the county government, that Leland will pursue by sharing the club's goals with county officials . The clubs validity as a positive influence was definitely reinforced. Great job!

Runway Committee: Oiling the runway was discussed. Dennis Rollins will be able to obtain some product to be used.

New Business: Vergil Jones, who spends considerable time helping new and fledging flyers get their wings requested that the club purchase a buddy box. This training box will be compatible with the new JR transmitter line Central Hobbies is currently marketing. A lot of the training staff have Futaba radios and are not able to help these new flyers. A motion was made by Dennis Rollins to make the purchase. Steve Hergett seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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2002 OFFICERS
President - Dennis Rollins
Vice President - Leland Schliep
Treasurer - Bob Moore
Secretary - Steve Hergett

Club members reviewed the frequency meter that Lynda Hahn borrowed from the AMA. Fred Ott made a motion to purchase the meter for \$350.00. Lynda Hahn seconded the motion. Motion passed. Attend the next meeting to find out how to obtain use of this item.

A year-end potluck was tentatively planned for the Saturday after the next meeting. Lynda Hahn said some food goodies; frozen leftovers from this years events will be the main course.

Fred Ott is again a Montana resident after a short stay in Florida. Welcome back Fred.

The next meeting is scheduled at the regular meeting place at 848 Main in the Heights.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM

My Soap box

As I lay on the operating table watching the man in green pajamas and mask prep me for a pacemaker, I remarked that I would rather be flying my R/C model planes. He said that he had a trainer at his Uncle's place in Red Lodge. I think I offered to help him if he got his plane here. When I woke up I was wearing a pacemaker.

Dr. Thometz, the implant surgeon is building an R/C plane. I made him the offer of buddy box time to help him get off on the right foot. He seemed very receptive to the idea.

The doctor that checked me out of the hospital has a system on his computer that isn't satisfactory. I offered him buddy box time on the club trainer. This may be a new member.

I found out that playing my fiddle and a new pacemaker weren't compatible so off to Kirk's House of Strings I went. Yes, I talked R/C flying to Mrs. Kirk and found out that her 8 year old son is planning to go to the Naval academy, and becoming a pilot. She says he is knowledgeable about WWII aircraft. This could be another life member? Yes I did remember to buy a shoulder rest.

Do YOU talk R/C to new people you meet? I bet if you did we would have so many members that we could use two aux. fields.

Vergil

THIS SPACE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR
COMMENTS, OPINIONS AND WHATEVER!
EMAIL ME AT schliep22@attbi.com

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



I have had a R/C filled month. It has been a great month for flying and attending flying events.

First up in September was the Sheridan Fly In. I towed my travel trailer down and joined about 30 other RVs at the Sheridan Cowboys flying site. It was a great success again. Steve Garr was helping with the announcing on the PA system. Steve always does a good job. There was the usual Wyoming wind at times but there was lots of great flying going on. Steve Hunt had his usual unusual airplanes there to fly. His huge, always black multi engine planes are a kick. Steve had a helicopter sitting in his pit area too but I didn't get to see him fly it. Steve made the comment that next year he was going to come early enough to get a more central pit area. That's a laffer, you gotta come by Saturday the week before to get one of those spots.

I got to fly my Patrick Ultimate Biplane on it's second ever flight. Gads I love the way that plane flies. Gar says it makes me look like a decent pilot. I agree! There were three of the Patrick Ultimates there. Two flew. Don Fisher has one and assembled it but didn't fly. The third one is flown with a multi cylinder engine and a one stick radio. That one had a lot of flights on it and performed great.

I was in Alaska for work this month and as I always do I tracked down some R/C activity. I was told in one of the local hobby shops that the club's field was on the Air Force Base and with the increased security, only club members could go out there. I am not sure about this. They did mention a city park where flying was going on and I tracked it down. It is probably the most unsafe flying site I have ever seen. The only thing resembling a runway was the parking lot of a soccer field. There were multiple soccer fields and there was a game going on just one field over. A guy was flying a big stick 40 from the parking lot and we visited. When he came around to land there was a lady walking her black Lab down the middle of the parking lot. Good thing he didn't go dead stick or lose control. Some guy came by with a trainer and wanted to test fly it and learn to fly. I flew a test flight on it

ARTICLES FROM AROUND THE AREA

ITEMS GLEANED FROM AREA NEWSLETTERS.

Although most items in this section will have passed because of newsletter timing, there is value in the enjoyment of knowing what other modelers are doing and what's going on. Is.

Missoula -

SCOTT WHALE Memorial Fly In. September 15th. At Big Sky Thunderbird Field in Frenchtown Mt. Starting at 9:30 a.m. Open Flying and some fun competition events. Pylon Racing with whatever plane you have, Balloon breaking, timed flying without radio input, hands off flying. RV parking at the field. More info Call Randy Hay 406 543-4001 or Bill Reedier 406 251-6610.

Casper

A discussion was brought up about the need to get the cracks that have started to show up in the runway repaired. The choices were to have a contractor give an estimate on the costs. The other choice was to have the club purchase tubes of Black Jack Roof and Asphalt Patch. Gene volunteered to blow out the cracks with this portable air compressor. Also mentioned was the tower roof is looking bad and needs to have someone check the roof for leaks and other maintenance problems.

Spokane

Old Business - Treasurer presented a budget summary for the year to date. It appears that by the end of the year, we will have spent more than we have taken in, for a net loss for the year. We have adequate funds in the bank to cover the loss, but it is obvious that we can't continue to operate at a loss. AMA Club Charter and other fees paid by the club are going up next year, and our costs of doing business have increased. Our income is now almost entirely from membership dues - We have dropped the Jet Rally, and the Pylon Races netted only \$12. We hope to break even on the Float Flies and we should make money on the Model Show /Swap Meet. The board discussed raising the yearly membership dues and agreed to submit the proposal to the membership for discussion and action.

Spokane.

BUG PYLON RACE. (Ed note: A bug is a Spokane local favorite plane design with high wing and open semi profile fuse.) With weather permitting (No snow or Wind exceeding 30 m.p.h. or temps below 40 degrees at race time) the Barons Model Club will host a bug pylon race and chili feed on Saturday October 19th. Even though bugs were involved, the races will be conducted with major attention to safety of contestants, judges and spectators.

Entries will be divided into two classes - Those with engines having displacement under .50 and all others. All entrants must bear a resemblance to a STANDARD Bug. ALL entries showing up for the races are hereby declared to qualify as bearing a resemblance to a standard bug. The event manager reserves the right to require a three lap handicap for those planes he deems to be racing airplanes such as Quickee 500s.

The course will consist of two pylons approximately 400 feet apart. Each heat will be ten laps from a standing start. There will be a maximum of five planes in each heat. Entries in each heat will be determined by the event manager. There probably will not be any duplication of frequencies in any heat, unless the Event Manager deems it desirable for reasons that will never be open for discussion. Any needed further rules (regarding cuts, safety attitude, etc.) will be disclosed at the pilots meeting. Planes must be registered by 9:30 a.m.. Pilots meeting will be at 10, racing will start at 10:30.

Intrepid pilots may participate in a Chili Feed at noon, provided they have contributed a can of chili to the chili pot.

Great Falls

MONTANA MODEL AIRPLANE EXPO. September 28. Model Airplane Show. Public invited to watch radio controlled aircraft, jets, helicopters plus free flight and control line. Admission adults \$3, Juniors 12 - 21 \$2, kids free.

Ed note: I got to attend and enjoyed watching the flying. In visiting with Darrell Anderson Sunday morning, the club deems the event a big success. They think there was a gate of over 200 people. Like any first time event there were hitches. The worst was that the guy in charge of wind control simply lost it. The day started with a 20 m.p.h. direct cross wind and the first three flights resulted in crash landings. Later in the day the wind switched around to being more down the runway but never lessened. . Darrell and others did a great job of entertaining and the announcing and music was a good addition.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

ARTICLES , MEETING MINUTES AND OTHER ITEMS FROM HISTORY

This space will appear from time to time with minutes or other articles from the past. If you have items to submit let me know.

This month's item are meeting minutes from this month in 1971. Recognize any names? See any similarities to what we are doing today? Enjoy.

Oct. 21, 1971

Meeting was called to order at 8:10. Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurers report: Checking acct-\$118.45 ; Savings acct-\$554.00

Old business: Dues will increase. Open at \$10.00 which includes Charter and FCC License. No change in Jr. and Sr. Out of town members to pay \$5.00. This was put in the form of a motion and carried.

New business: Nominations were opened. Nominees were as follows: Pres.- Dale Cowger, Vice Pres.-Dennis Vaughn and Jean Melaughlin, Sec.-Lenard Kaiser. Treas.-Glenn Hertz, Directors- Speed and Riddle. No further nominations and nominations were closed.

Lenard gave a report on fun fly. It was well organized.

All meetings held at the field in the future will be for fun flies and will be strictly pot events and no funds will be expended from the club.

Meeting adjourned.

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and then told him the place wasn't safe enough for him to fly. Did I mention the hundred foot high golf driving range net on the other side of the parking lot! Let's see, public parking lot, street traffic, soccer field full of kids, golf range with net?? How much more could there be.

I got up to Great Falls for their air show. It was a good show. I did two things wrong though. One is that I didn't take a plane with me and they had loads of open flying. The other was that I didn't take a ball cap and my

fore head is badly wind/sun burned. No frowns today, they hurt. John and Linda Hahn were there but the wind blew too strong for John to fly his big birds. They would have added greatly to the show. Linda and I have gathered some good ideas for next year in Billings.

Well, gotta wind up and get this to the printer. You have a great month flying. See you at the meeting or See Ya out Flyin' Ieland



I was digging around in a box of old stuff my Dad sent and found this wonderful item. Thought you might run it in the newsletter as a sort of trivia quiz. Do you know what it is? (Hint: it predates RC)

Also attached is a pic of Jake with his Hummer before maiden flight Saturday. It needs a bit more power so is grounded until we can replace the Black Widow .049 with a TD. Then it will GO!

Have fun!
Carl



Next Meeting
828 MAIN STREET
MONDAY OCTOBER 7

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