

HORSEFEATHERS!

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Robert E. 'Bob' Moore

Robert E. "Bob" Moore, 67, of Billings, passed away peacefully, Monday morning, Dec. 23, 2002, at Horizon Hospice House. Bob is survived by his daughter, Rebecca LaSorte and grandson Michael Kennedy of Wilmington, Del.; mother, Edna Moore of Billings; and brother Willard Moore of Columbus. Cremation has taken place. Memorial services are planned in January at Michelotti-Sawyers Mortuary. Memorials may be made to Horizon Hospice House.

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

FEBRUARY 22 -- DJ'S STEAKHOUSE

Lynda Hahn has booked reservations at DJ's Steakhouse in Laurel for the 22nd of February. The upstairs dining area has been acquired this year. Drinks are from 6 to 7. Dinner starts at 7 PM.

DJ's was excellent last year even with our being down on the main floor. This year we are going to move upstairs where it's a little more private and quiet. You can purchase tickets at this meeting and the next. There are plans for a raffle at the dinner and loads of fun. Plan ahead. Be there.

BILLINGS MODEL EXPO

On Saturday March 1st 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Shrine Auditorium 1107 Broadwater Avenue, the Yellowstone Valley Model Railway Club will host an all model exposition. This is a first time event in Billings and has received wonderful response from the modeling community. Additions support and involvement includes the Billings Flying Mustangs, Magic City RC Car Club, and the modelers involved in rockets, model homes and model assembling.

The above news release came from Dick Nixon, the organizer of the Model Expo. Dick attended our last meeting and explained his program and the Mustangs voted to participate. There are more details in the information mailed to us and I will bring it to the meeting.

Happy New Year

Happy Flying & Safe Landings



President's Letter



This is my last newsletter. I don't know if that is good or bad. I think we have gotten a few things accomplished. I hope we are more safety oriented. We even have a few new club members. I think this

is one of the most fun and enjoyable hobbies to be involved in. You can have friends from all walks of life. From cabinet makers to mechanics to computer wizards, we all have fun together. Even the semi-retired can have fun too. Right, Speed?

We lost another close friend and modeler last week. Bob Moore passed away but I believe he's in heaven now and is looking down on us and keeping an eye on our flying. Bob will have just as much fun in heaven as he did down here, he's just that type. We'll miss you Bob.

Please attend the next meeting if at all possible. We need to elect our new officers and also vote for Best Builder, TS, and Outstanding Member awards.

We also need to be thinking about next year's events, the dates, and who will be in charge of putting them on.

I think we have one of the best airstrips and clubs in the state. We should be proud of them and do all that we can do keep them going.

This summer I hope to have a new Folker D7, an A26 and a Corsair in the air.

I wish all of you an enjoyable, safe and fun next year. I have enjoyed being your President for the last 2 years. Thank you for supporting me. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Dennis



DENNIS SHOP.

WAY TOO CLEAN

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Last Meeting's Minutes.



Billings Flying Mustangs Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2002
President Dennis Rollins called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. There were 20 members present. The

minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved. Leland gave the Treasure's report.

Committee Reports:

Nominating committee:

Nominating committee members Tim McCollough and Lynda Hahn reported the following nominees.

President: Fred Ott and Dwight Holmes

Vice President: Steve Garr and Lynda Hahn

Treasurer: Leland Schliep

Secretary: Adam Steadman

Board members: (1 position available) Steve Hergett and Glen Hertz

Nominations will close before voting at the next meeting. You must be a paid member to vote.

Leland Schliep will check with the bank on the number of signatures required to cash in a CD. The members would like for there to be 2 signatures required for cashing in a CD. The by-laws will have to be checked and possibly rewritten to accommodate this.

The concession stand will be left uninsured. Larry Wilkinson said that this would not be feasible.

Land Acquisition Committee:

Leland Schliep met with county commissioner Jim Reno, the head of the county parks, head of the county in hopes of finding some property to build a new facility. So

2002 OFFICERS

President - Dennis Rollins
Vice President - Leland Schliep
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Secretary - Steve Hergett

far there are no solid leads. Carl Thuesen will meet a representative with the new motor sports park being built in the Acton area to look at the site plan.

Banquet Committee: Lynda Hahn has booked reservations at DJ's Steakhouse in Laurel for the 22 of February. The upstairs dining area has been acquired this year. Drinks are from 6 to 7. Dinner starts at 7 PM.

Field Maintenance: Some of the chairs at the field are in irreparable shape and should be discarded. Doug and Leland will look into finding some affordable replacements.

Steve Garr moved adjourn the meeting. Tim McCoullough seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

My Soap box



*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



Well, unlike many of my newsletters this one isn't done but like most I am late. I have been struggling with getting everything in and ready to go to the printers and it should have been there yesterday. It has been a "what to write up about Bob Moore" question that has held me up and I finally realized I have to get this done before I can get the rest of the stuff in.

Bob's passing from Cancer has brought so many memories about Ron Beck's struggle last year that it has made it hard for me. I wasn't real close to Bob but I know that quite a few of you were close friends to him. I asked Steve Garr to write up a little but Steve couldn't stating that writing out long prepared thoughts are not his bag. He claims that spontaneous off the cuff stuff is his

forte'. I understand that but I also know that being close to someone makes that stuff even harder. Steve was our leader in caring for Bob as I got the privilege of being the leader in caring for Ron. Steve visited Bob often and arranged "hanger talk" sessions where he invited modelers over to visit in Bob's garage and in the Hopsice house. Here are a couple of notes that came in during Bob's struggle.

First from the email bag came this "Hello Leland: Larry has sent us all a reminder to get in a bit of news for the next edition. The only thing I have is a big round of applause should go to Steve Garr for consistent attention to Bob Moore. If I ever get sick, I'd sure want someone like Steve in my corner. Pat (Kelly)" and later came this news. "Bob Moore past away Monday morning @ 6 am 23 Dec. 02 at the Hospice Center in the Heights. Rebecca, his daughter, is making the arrangements for the services. Bob's wishes were for cremation. Just thought you'd want to know." (from Pat too)

These two emails show that Bob was being watched over by Steve but also that other modelers were watching over both Steve and Bob. To paraphrase Pat Kelly I would just say "If I ever get sick, I'd sure want some RC Modelers in my corner." Godspeed Bob.

On a note of renewal, the new year is here and with it our chance to elect a new slate of officers. The nominating committee did it's job and we have a slate. Nominations are open from the floor until the president is ready to call the election at this next meeting. A ballot is included in this newsletter, bring it or zerox it. I will have copies at the meeting also so if you forget or just don't want to cut up this masterpiece of a newsletter (?) you can still vote - if your dues for 2003 are paid.

The banquet is coming up. It was fun last year and I am glad we are going back to the same place in Laurel. It's a shame that with all the casino's taking over restraunts that there are no decent places like that in Billings.

The Billings Modelers Expo is moving forward, look for article elsewhere. The AMA has added a "classifieds" service to their web site and I think I just sold an airplane on it. I am in the final negotiations with a guy in Kansas. Took about 6 hours after I posted it to get a response. Either that is good service or I priced it too low. We'll see.

I gotta finish up. Take care and I'll see ya out flyin' Leland.



FOR SALE

Leroy Bangert's for sale.

I Need room in the shop!

Midwest G202 \$300 Great Planes G202 \$150
Great Planes 300S \$150 Great Planes J3 Cub 20 size
\$90 Great Planes Ultrasport 60 \$75 Great Planes
Ultra Sport 1000 \$200. all are monocote covered. No
servos or engines.

Leroy Bangert 406 259-2966

PLANS WANTED.

From: "Carl A. Thuesen" <cthuesen@earthlink.net>

I have a fiberglass fuselage for a 'Little Toot' 60 size
biplane, but no plans. Does anyone have plans for this
bird?

Carl



REALLY UGLY STICK?

Here is a photo of son Ben (age 16) with his just
completed Dura-stick. The airplane was a birthday gift
from my Dad. Ben did all the work on this himself, and it
was his first building project. I consulted a bit on the radio
installation, and Earl Seaholm gave us some pointers on
how to cover the foam wing with rip-stop nylon, combat
style! The ship has a OS 46 FX for power and JR Quattro
radio. Ben hopes it will be warm over the holidays so he
can get it in the air!

Carl



Our President Dennis Rollins



some of the storage in the shop



got some room for the big ones?



a new creation waiting to fly

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JANUARY 6, 2003

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(VOTE FOR ONE ONLY)

FRED OTT _____
DWIGHT HOLMES _____

VICE PRESIDENT

(VOTE FOR ONE ONLY)

STEVE GARR _____
LYNDA HAHN _____

TREASURER

(VOTE FOR ONE ONLY)

LELAND SCHLIEP _____

SECRETARY

(VOTE FOR ONE ONLY)

ADAM STEADMAN _____

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS SEAT
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(VOTE FOR ONLY ONE)

STEVE HERGETT _____
GLEN HERTZ _____

BEST BUILDER 2002

write in one name.

**TOUGH LUCK AWARD
(TS AWARD)**

write in one name.

**OUTSTANDING MEMBER
(CHAMBERLAIN AWARD)**

write in one name.



From: "Carl A. Thuesen" <cthuesen@earthlink.net>
Attached is a photo of a gizzie I found recently going through a box of old RC gear. Unlike the last old timer item I submitted, this one was really used to fly RC! I used it myself for several years.

Do you know what it is and how it was used?
Carl



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MONDAY JANUARY 6

7:30 P.M.

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