

# HORSEFEATHERS!



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## MONTANA FAIR 2003

*The People's Choice Award*

*photos on pages 4,5 and 6*

The Flying Mustangs display at MontanaFair was one of the most popular exhibits in the Hobby Hall. Our booth won a People's Choice ribbon on the first night, and the sign-up sheet for folks wanting flight instruction through the AMA Introductory Pilot program filled two pages by the end of the week! Go get 'em Steve! What great community exposure!

The booth was located on the stage this year, which was filled with 26 different birds representing all aspects of our hobby. There were trainers, pattern ships, scale and sport planes, racers, combat planes, giant scale aerobatics, a helicopter, jets and even a flying pizza box cover. Virgil papered the booth walls with plans, which added more interest. Members displaying their models included Virgil Jones, Ron Horton, Tim McCullough and Evan Boeshans, Fred Ott, Jim Sherman, Jake Thuesen, Richard Cavallari, Justin Haynes, Steve Humphrey, John Hahn, Doug Haacke, Dennis Rollins, Paul Yourk, Roman Yourk and Leland Schliep. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this diverse display of models.

Fred Ott's computer flight simulator was very popular with all ages, especially the younger folks. Many people tried the simulator, then wanted to sign up for flying instruction on the buddy box. Thanks Fred, what a great idea! Virgil and Hahns brought in TV/VCRs, which we kept busy showing the many videos several members contributed. The crash videos and TOC films were very well received by the crowds.

Earlier this spring Virgil had the idea to build a club trainer at the fair. The booth building bench was very active during the day. We had planned to build a LT-25 trainer, which was donated by Don Herrington, but abandoned the idea of a stick building project due to logistics. Instead, Tim McCullough brought in several ARFs which he and Evan assembled over the course of several afternoons. Richard Cavallari also assembled an ARF, with guidance from Tim and several other members, and made extensive repairs to this Air Core. We hope to see these ships at the field very soon.

The display was open to the public daily August 9 through 16 from noon until 10:00 PM. We learned last year that it is best to have at least two people available at all times working the booth - so that's a lot of hours! Once again many members pitched in to make light work of this project. Members who helped at the booth were Fred Ott, Leland Schliep, Virgil Jones, Tim McCullough and Evan Boeshans, John and Lynda Hahn, Paul Yourk, Walt, Scott and John McIntosh, Del Schmidt, Steve Humphrey, Steve Garr, Jim Sherman, Carl, Ben and Jake Thuesen. Thanks everyone, what a great club effort! Special thanks go to Richard Cavallari who was in the booth from noon until 6:00 every day. Thanks also to Jim Sherman, who was instrumental in setting up the display and hanging all the airplanes from the ceiling.

## LAUREL AIRPORT FLY IN

**Sept 6**

Saturday September 6th, The Laurel Airport is having a Breakfast and Fly In. They have asked us to take part. We will be displaying Model Aircraft and possibly doing some flight demonstrations. If you would like to display an airplane, contact Jim Sherman by sept. 3rd. Thanks JIM

# President's Letter

Hello from Minnesota!! We are here for a 50th anniversary celebration. It's always great for families to get together for such special occasions. These are important milestones in the history of a family....events which are long remembered.

Our club is like a family as well. We have special events just like any other family, but we also have the opportunity to get together on a regular basis. The next meeting will be very important to all club members. The fate and direction of our flying site is hanging on the wind. Please, all members make an effort to attend if possible! There is a lot of information that we need to pass on and it's very important that everyone knows and understands if we are to have a flying field and a home for our club. As many of you know, the land that we are currently leasing is now up for sale. The board is looking at every option, but we need input from all of the members. Do we try to buy the land, if so at what price? Do we wait and hope to find another location? If we buy the land, will we still be able to make the improvements that are needed for the run way? If we look at other locations, will we be able to afford the purchase, the cost of moving and the cost of putting in a new run way? The board members are busy gathering as much information as possible to present to the members so that informed decisions can be made by all. However, your voice and your vote cannot be heard if you do not attend the meetings. Please mark your calendar and be there!

The display at the fair was a huge success again this year! Special thanks to the efforts of Carl, Tim, John, Linda, Virgil, Leland, Dennis, Paul and those of you I didn't see but were there. The variety of planes, helicopters and other RC "toys" made a great display. The simulator was a big hit too, even if I did have to kick a few off to give others a chance to play. It was fun watching real life pilots trying to fly on the simulator!! We will have the same spot next year, let's make it better than it was if possible. We won the purple ribbon this year for People's Choice....that's makes two

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in a row, let's keep it going. Everyone did a great job promoting RC and the club. Thank you all for your hard work and support and your dedication to our hobby and our club.

We will be heading towards home in a day or two, but have plans to do a little more sightseeing along the way....and hopefully a little fishing too. We will be home in time for the next meeting and I hope to see all of you there...ready to listen, ready to provide input and ready to make decisions that will determine the course of the club in the very near future. This is your club, help make it the best!

Until next time, think safety, fly safely, happy landings and most of all have fun!

Fred

## Last Meeting's Minutes.

Minutes of the August 4, 2003 Meeting. Meeting held at the flying field

President Fred Ott opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Officers present were Lynda Hahn, Jim Sherman and Leland Schliep.

Minutes of the July meeting were read and approved as was the treasurer's report.

New Business:

Vergil Jones motioned and Doug Haacke seconded a motion to have a "run in stand" built and have it located away from the flight line. Motion carried. Vergil to head the committee to build the stand.

Leland reported that in the first week in August he left a starter at the field and it has wandered away. It is a Kavan type with attached battery pack. Call 698-5931.

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### 2003 OFFICERS

**President - Fred Ott**  
**Vice President - Lynda Hahn**  
**Treasurer - Leland Schliep**  
**Secretary - Jim Sherman**

Committee reports:

**MONTANA FAIR.** We were reminded that the setup date for the Fair is September 8th. Airplanes are still needed to complete the display.

**LAND ACQUISITION.** Leland reported that he has talked to Jerry Neighbauer and the conversation confirmed earlier reports by Dennis Rollins. Leland reported that he has received an email from Mrs. Morton and she stated that she has decided to sell the land. The property is listed with a realtor and the price is set at \$52,000 for the 10 acre tract. The news has put the paving project on hold. Doug Haacke made a motion and Steve Garr seconded to spend up to \$600 if needed for legal advice on the situation. Motion carried.

**Old Business:** Lynda reported that getting a tax exempt status in the 501-c7 category will be nearly impossible. The project is on hold for the time being.

Walt McIntosh moved to adjourn. Paul Yourk seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Vergil Jones won the 50/50 drawing.



## My Soap box

*THIS SPACE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR  
COMMENTS, OPINIONS AND WHATEVER!  
EMAIL ME AT [schliep22@attbi.com](mailto:schliep22@attbi.com)*

**"Life isn't like a box of  
chocolates...  
it's more like a jar of  
jalapenos.  
What you do today,  
might burn your a\_ \_  
tomorrow. "!!!!!!"**

*A quote from a cousin of mine. leland*



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



Another fabulous month of Model Aviation. An eventful and busy month indeed. As you noticed from reading the minutes, our field is up for sale. Mrs Morton has notified us and listed the property with a realtor. At this point the Board of Directors of the BFM are gathering information from Mrs. Morton's realtor, Mrs Morton and daughter Twinkle Ann, Other realtors, assessors, County records etc in an attempt to bring some suggested plans of action before the club. I think Fred put it very well in his letter and I am not going to repeat him here except to say **COME TO THE MEETING!** The importance of our decisions now cannot be overstated.

Wow has it been hot! The fair had great attendance considering the 100+ temps for the whole week. The hot weather, of course makes our booth more active as we are in an air conditioned building. I rode my bicycle down to the fair and even though it's mostly down hill, I was cooked. I never rode back home in daylight. I either had a ride come and pick me up or I waited until after it cooled down. No uphill riding in 100 degree heat. I ain't the smartest folk you know but I ain't that bad off. My thanks added to the other places here for the guys who participated. Last year it was a small group who displayed and stood booth duty, this year the participation was wider spread. Next year we may need our own building.

Did you know that those little black flies at the field can cause crashes! No, not by going in the carb or hitting the plane. They are horrible when they fly in between your glasses and your eyeball or bite the backs of your legs while you are in flight. Very tricky to keep an airplane in the air and swat flies at the same time. I broke the landing gear off the CAP232 while dancing to the fly bites during the approach. Not good. Some have suggested long pants but note the heat mentioned above.

I wanted to thank Del Schmidt for his help with Land Acquisition. Del has been researching some potential sites and has put in a good deal of time at the court house getting info. Vergil has done this some in

Great Falls Potluck fly-in  
September 20th, Everybody's invited . Hope you  
can make it.

John

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Glacier RCers Fly-In/Swap Meet - 28 Sept. Date:  
Monday, August 18, 2003 8:43 AM

Glacier RCers of Kalispell MT would like to invite  
your club members and their families to our third  
annual Fly-In and Swap Meet.

Date/Time: Sunday, 28 September 2003, 10 AM to  
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Admission: \$2 donation per person, including  
pilots.

Swap Meet: \$10 donation per table or tailgate.  
Bring your surplus stuff and clear the decks for Winter  
building projects. All hobbies, including control line  
planes, cars, boats, helicopters, static models, and  
trains, are welcome.

Raffle: Two Ready-to-Fly RC planes. Raffle tickets  
are on sale at Northland Hobbies, Kalispell, from club  
members, and at the event. Drawing at 3 PM. Need  
not be present to win.

Food and drinks

Pilots: Open flying. A current AMA membership  
card will be required.

Directions: Highway 2 North out of Kalispell. Turn  
left (west) at the Glacier RCers sign, about ¼ mile  
South of the Glacier International Airport terminal  
entrance. Proceed to the fuel dump, turn left along the  
airport perimeter fence.

RV camping nearby.

Come early and enjoy a weekend of flying in one of  
the most beautiful parts of Montana.

Please call or drop an e-mail for further details. See  
you there.

Jerry McManus, Glacier RCers 406 844-4612  
Reply to gmcmanus@amcominc.com

*Events notations: IF you have events to place here, please  
email them to me or even snail mail.*

## FOR SALE

Contact Rick Cavallari

**254-9317**

Futaba Sky Sport 4 Transmitter only. NIB \$45

10' fuel tubing \$5

Globe Glo Charger NIB \$10



*BFM Display shows video and airplanes*



*a good look at the planes, large to small*



*Lots of kids played with the flight simulator. Future pilots!*





*OUR BOOTH BEFORE THE CROWDS CAME IN*



*THE VERY FINE SIGNS THAT CARL AND HIS BOYS MADE FOR THE BOOTH.*



## Fred's New Grand Baby

**Although not exactly an aviation event, I just had to show you Fred Ott's new grandbaby. I know the women who read this newsletter will want all that weights and dates stuff but I just thought it was a cute baby. If you gotta have that stuff, call Fred.**

*Leland's ramblin's from page three*

the past and it is going to take all our membership's talents to find a new site. If you have an idea or know of something with potential, contact either Doug Haacke or myself. I say contact us first because we have already looked lots of places and may have already been there but we need input.

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**FIRST CLASS**

TO:

## Aviation Humor

Blue water Navy truism; There are more planes in the ocean than there are Submarines in the sky.

If the wings are traveling faster than the fuselage, it's probably a helicopter — and therefore, unsafe.

When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane you always have enough powerleft to get you to the scene of the crash.

Never trade luck for skill.

The three most common expressions (or famous last words) in aviation are: "Why is it doing that?", "Where are we?" and "Oh S#!+!"

Airspeed, altitude or brains. Two are always needed to successfully complete the flight.

A smooth landing is mostly luck; two in a row is all luck; three in a row is prevarication.

I remember when sex was safe and flying was dangerous.

Mankind has a perfect record in aviation; we never left one up there!

When a flight is proceeding incredibly well, something was forgotten.

Advice given to RAF pilots during W.W.II. When a prang (crash) seems inevitable, endeavor to strike the softest, cheapest object in the vicinity as slowly and gently as possible.

**NEXT MEETING  
CHAMBERLAIN FIELD  
8223 GRAND AVE  
Monday SEPTEMBER 8th 7:30 p.m.**

