

HORSEFEATHERS!



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From: <Kenney285@aol.com>

What our members are building.

Derik Bowen, one of our younger members, spent the 2003-04 school year building Octave Chanute's 1896 Triplane.

Starting in August of 2003, Derik was the project manager, wrote monthly status reports to the financiers, and devoted over 250 hours toward the construction. Derik worked every Friday night and Saturday afternoon until completion in May.

He presented the aircraft to many people that stopped by during construction such as Mr. Svec our School District Superintendent, Mr. and Mrs. Borman of Apollo 8, the Billings Education Foundation Board, and our local School Board. Derik's dedication and perseverance toward this project was incredible!

On the best of weekends or the worst of weekends he was always at the hangar building the aircraft and helping/mentoring the other builders. This was Derik's second aircraft as he also helped build the 1900 Wright Flyer.

Derik is starting Ground School this winter and will start working toward his Private Pilot's Certificate this summer. He is also applying to the United States Air Force Academy this spring.

The Billings Flying Mustangs has mentored many young people who have gone on to careers in aviation-Ben Pierce, Jason Bishop, and Tanner Woodcock to name but a few.

Great job Derik!



From: "Steven Heffel" <heffelsc67@hotmail.com>

Aerospace Education Award Nominations Requested

Dear Aerospace Educators

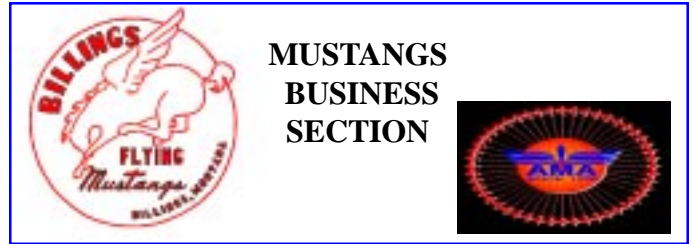
Montana Wing Civil Air Patrol is requesting nomination suggestions for the Crossfield Award and the Brewer Award. Please call me for details.

Sincerely Steven Heffel, Beartooth Composite Squadron Aerospace Education Officer 652-7268

President's Letter

From: Lynda Hahn

As I stated at the meetings, I will not be doing a presidents column.



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.



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Last Meeting's Minutes.

From: "Jim sherman" <jpsherman@imt.net>

Minutes of November meeting

The Meeting was held at 848 main in the Heights and all primary officers were present.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved as was the treasurer's report.

As there were only a handful of members present there were no Committee reports.

Jim Sherman did report on the Community day that Herbergers is having. If any anybody needs a coupon give me a call and we will get you some JIM

The land sale is coming along. We will have a updated report next meeting.

The nominating committee this year will be Ralph Howe, Tim McCullough and Evan Boeshans.

NEW MEMBERS: Jim Lees, John Morton and Scoot Chavez. WELCOME and happy landings.

Tim motioned to send 50 dollars to a charity of choice in Mary Jones name. Evan seconded it.

50/50 was won by Joe Weiler and donated back to the club.

Del Schmidt motioned to adjourned and Ralph Howe seconded it.

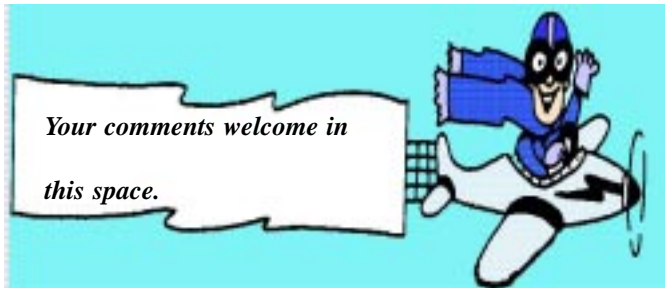
2003 OFFICERS

President - Lynda Hahn
Vice President - Delmar Schmidt
Treasurer - Vergil Jones
Secretary - Jim Sherman

My Soap box

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

A big thank you to the club and members for your
support
Vergil



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



Did you ever notice the “Feast or Famine” syndrome. Of course you did. I seem to be inundated with it everywhere. Either I have all the time in the world to fly (not a bad thing) or I have none (Bad thing). Either I have time for meetings to spare or I have none. Lately everything is towards the full plate syndrome. I am even rushed in vacation time.

The group got the email that the newsletter was going out early due to my vacation and here I am, on the day before leaving trying to get everything, including the RV ready to go. Snow and cold are forecast so of course we are leaving in the RV for Kansas City. I sure hope this turns out to be a good experience. We'll see.

I am making great progress towards building some planes this winter. So far I have gotten the bench cleared off. Great start. I want to finish up the Midwest Extra 300 that Ron Beck started years ago. It's been under the bench about 1/4 built for ages. I think that things are coming together just about right for me to get it done this winter.

I was double sad this last month with the passing of Mary Jones, I was sad with Vergil at the loss of Mary and double sorry because I couldn't be at the service. Vergil's much better half, Mary was a dear sweet lady. We will all miss her but know she no longer has health issues and is in a wonderful place. One place she will always be is in our hearts.

FOR SALE:

I have queried folks via email about for sale items for several months at newsletter time. This month I am going to kick it off with a listing of items and treasurers that I need to move. If you have any model related items to sell, email or snail mail them to me at the address shown on page 2. leland.

EXTRA 330L. Dave Patric ARF. 1.40 size + Would be great with a gas engine. Superb aerobatics. adjustable wing incidence, adjustable/removable horizontal stab. Pull pull on elevator and rudder. Will sell as "airframe only" "Airframe and Servos" or "complete with YS 140 4 stroke engine" Leland Schliep 406 698-5931 schliep22@bresnan.net.

Bridi Killer Bee - Giant Scale Aerobatic plane. Airframe only. \$89 Flies like a Bridi. Will use Super Tiger 3000 or 3250. Good for gas engine. Leland Schliep 406 698-5931 schliep22@bresnan.net.

3 ea. Sullivan HiTork 12V Starters. Nearly new. \$15 ea. Leland Schliep 406 698-5931 schliep22@bresnan.net.

Radio South ProDriver glo plug driver. \$30 Leland Schliep 406 698-5931 schliep22@bresnan.net.

servos (these are the Tower High Torque +110in.oz.)(came from my 33% Extra 330 L), 1 - Futaba Digital Coreless S9201 servo, 1 - Futaba S9303 digital Coreless servo, 4 - Futaba Digital Coreless S9202 Servos, 2 standard Futaba Switches

#9. Misc. 2 pair of Sullivan 3.5" Skylight Wheels and a small assortment of Tail Wheels assemblies

All of this stuff is used but in good working condition.

Call me at the shop at 259 4882 or cell 672 4952 or e-mail me at edge540@bresnan.net , clay@abellrc.com

Reason for selling is,,,,,, I have committed myself to 1/3 scale or larger with Lypo Batteries!! (ouch!)

Clay Ness

From: "Clay N" <edge540@bresnan.net>

FOR SALE

#1. Brisson 3.2 with syncro spark, 2 props, 3" Aluminum spinner. Almost New!!

#2. Hobbico field charger (12 volt input)

#3. Hobbico multicharger (selectable charge rates from 10ma to 500ma)

#4. Accucycle battery cycler (works on tx & rx packs)

#5. Assorted batteries (nmh 4.8v 500ma, 6v 800ma, 6v 1100ma, 6v 1200ma, 2 - 6v 1650ma and 1 - 4.8v 1650ma) all cycled and in good condition!

#6. Hobbico digital volt meter (reads both tx & rx)

#7. Hobbico Digital multi tac

#8. 3 - S148 servos, 4 - S3003 servos, 8 TS71

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

Good Battery Care Info.

Fellow Mustangs:

Here is a good article on care and charging of nicad batteries. This may be of interest to new members. (and a good refresher for the rest of us.)

<<http://www.srbatteries.com/fyi/tech/R2.pdf>>

Carl

Hangar Talk is an article that Don writes for the Wyoming Sage Brush Hoppers Newsletter. I watch it and if he has any mention of Mustangs, I will steal his article and print in.

HANGAR TALK

By Don Fisher

Where did the flying season go, Hard to believe it's almost Thanksgiving already. But then all the "real" modelers who attended most of the regional fly-ins are ready for a break. That is except for the "hard core" guys who are still out at the field every week-end and then some.

A lot of informal mini fly-ins still happens every week-end with a group from the Powell/Cody area stirring things up recently.

Eric Alexander was putting his modified Tower Kaos, (OS .46) through its paces recently and also had a Great Planes PT .40 trainer on hand for back-up. He also has a Top Flite Cessna 182 in the works to be driven by a Saito 100 when done. Larry Pettingill was on hand with his Ultimate (YS 1.20) to check things out very carefully before tearing up the sky with it. Meanwhile he keeps his fingers nimble with his Super Sportster (?) and a Stick or two. In between flights he relaxes with one of his electrics.

Chris Schulze, an electric guy also with a Corsair, a Zero, and a C-47 twin. While those batteries are charging he stays awake with his Senior Telemaster (ST .90). Just to keep from bored at home he has a Great Planes Corsair in the works to be powered by a .40 2-stroke.

Wyoming Sagebrush Hoppers Jess Workman added to the show with his scratch-built trainer type plane that flew just like (and as well) as the commercial kit

types. A "not quite as smooth as usual" landing resulted in a slightly bent landing gear but it was soon "put right".

That old laggard Don Fisher even got a flight in with a Sig Rascal 40(OS .52FS) that was not only the first flight for the plane but also his first flight of the year. Made it up and down with no problems but muttered something about "too fast" as he was cleaning up. Some guys are just never happy.

Jonathon Waller made his first ever R/C flight that morning with the help of Larry Pettingill and his trust Buddy box set up. Jonathon is only 9 years old and has used a computer simulator but the way he handled the real thing was great. When getting a little far out Larry just told him to turn and get back toward the field—not which sticks to use—and he did! If he gets into the hobby he'll be flying pattern by the time he's twelve.

While some modelers managed to miss all the Fly-Ins this season, others managed to set a record of sorts. Bill Beck, a Billings Mustang, not only caught all the regional fly-ins but managed to travel all the way to South Carolina to catch the Joe Nall Fly-In which is sort of a record setting affair every year for the number of modelers and fantastic airplanes. In the southerly direction he didn't quite make the coast but he did get as far south as the Loveland, CO gathering which is quite an affair. They generally have one or two of the top notch TOC guys on hand for demo flights and helpful hints as well.

Don Herington is gearing up for his winter production line so stay tuned for the latest updates on his progress.

Our sympathy to Virgil Jones (Billings Mustang) and family. Virgil's wife Mary passed away early this week. Virgil's the guy who flies anything, anywhere, any time, but is always ready to lend a helping hand at the field. Mary went to most fly-ins with Virgil and kept him out of trouble most of the time. She will be missed by all who knew her.



From: "Jim sherman"

FUND RAISER!

\$5 DISCOUNT BOOKS TO BE SOLD.

Herberger's of Billings has proposed that the club sell it's discount coupon books as a fund raiser for the club. The coupons are for use in conjunction with Herberger's 2004 Community Day Event. This is one of Herberger's sales events.

Herberger's is offering organizations like ours the opportunity to participate. The coupon books sell for \$5 each and the club keeps the whole \$5. Contact Jim Sherman to get yourself a bundle of books to sell.

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**NEXT MEETING
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