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Official Newsletter of the Billings Flying Mustangs

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## BILLINGS FLY IN!

**June 26 & 27**

The Billings Fly In was a huge success with over 40 registered pilots and loads of RVs in the lot. I have heard that the flying was super and everyone loved the food (of course). The club made money which is a good thing at this time. I hope someone will send me photos for the next newsletter.

## MontanaFair Planning Update

Its time to start thinking about which model you will display at the fair this year! Our entry application has been filed and the club has requested the same space setup as last year, so once again we will have room for everyone to display their favorite project.

Setup this year will be on August 9 .

*By Leland Schliep*

## NEW BYLAWS FOR THE BFM

**Copies of the Proposed Bylaws are available. Call me. 698-5931**

As noted in the minutes of the last meeting and noted by those attending the meeting, I completed work on a new set of bylaws for the club. The reason for proposing the bylaws comes from an initiative of the AMA to have all club update and adopt bylaws. Some clubs do not have any, some clubs have poor ones. We have them, but they needed overhaul to comply with a few items here and there.

What the new proposed bylaws consist of is a blending of our old bylaws, a set of example bylaws provided by the AMA and a little of my own editing. Now, There is much work for the club to do on them.

The process I have envisioned and which is subject to change is that now that these are on the table and everyone has access to them, we will take proposed changes into consideration from everyone for a time and then the board of directors will hammer out a version to be voted on. The tentative timeline is for the changes to be taken through the July meeting and then have the board meeting in mid July. The hammered version would be brought to the August meeting and if things were ok, it could be voted on. If there are more changes to be considered the process can be repeated for another month and another. Alternatively, even if there are changes to be considered these could be adopted and then ammended later.

Note that up until the club votes these bylaws in (or out) that we are not ammending bylaws, we are changing a proposal for bylaws. Once they are adopted as the bylaws then we must ammend them per the procedure in the bylaws.

I don't envision a need for motions at the July meeting, just bring your changes (in writing) and let's discuss them. The board will take everything after the meeting and do it's thing. At the August meeting we will check progress.

Our present bylaws proscribe a process that we will be following.

I have noticed a few emails from folks getting involved. Great.. My advice - Get involved. Come to the meetings. ABOVE ALL ELSE -- Have fun with this great sport/hobby of Model Aviation. Ieland.

# President's Letter

From: Lynda Hahn

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

## Last Meeting's Minutes.

Billings Flying Mustangs Meeting Minutes June 7, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President Lynda Hahn at 7:30 PM. There were 17 members present, including new member Dave Filcher. Delmer Schmidt read the minutes from the previous meeting for vacationing secretary Jim Sherman. The minutes were read and approved. Vergil Jones gave the Treasurer's report. The report was approved.

### Committee Reports:

**June Fly-in:** Dennis Rollins reported that Great Planes donated a 6-channel radio. More pilots prizes are coming in. Ladies prizes are secured and ready to be given away at the banquet. Pilots drawing will be held around noon on Sunday. Don Herington will run the radio impound. There will be a \$10.00 landing fee. Lynda Hahn would like to have a count on those who would like to attend the Prime Rib meal.

**Fair Committee:** No report this month

**Grounds and Maintenance:** A clean up day is scheduled for Saturday June 12, 2004. The grass will be mowed on the 21st or the 22nd.

**Land Committee:** No new information the lands purchase at this time. The rent has been paid for another year.

**Laurel aviation Committee:** Fred Ott reported that the event was a great success. John Hahn and Clay Ness flew their hot little electric park flyers. These drew great interest from the participants. The flight simulator again had long lines this year. Thank to all who helped with the program. Member information booklet: The new booklets intended for distribution to new members is ready to print. Carl Thuesen and Ron

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Horton have offered to print the booklets for the club.

**Combat:** Ron Horton reported that the first ever-slow survivable combat (SSC) held at Billings was a great success. Open B still drew more contestants. A motion by Tim McCullough to have a fall combat meet was seconded by Bill Poehls. Motion passed. A date of September 4, 2004 was set. Open B and SCC will be flown in the one-day event. Flyers from Idaho and the Jackson WY area will be making the trip. The entry fee is set at \$20.00. This gets you into one or both classes. Leland and Vergil promised to help with promotion. Ron Horton will get the sanction papers sent in. Ron would like to have someone to back him up if his job calls him away.

**Safety Committee:** Delmer Schmidt has appointed the safety officer position to Bill Rattell.

**Plaque Committee:** Fred Ott presented to the club the "Lifetime achievement award" and the "Remembrance Plaque" honoring club members who have passed on. The lifetime achievement award has the names of club members who have given great contributions to the club. Fred donated these plaques to the club. The plaques will be mounted in the concession stand.

**New Business:** Leland Schliep brought some copies of the new proposed by-law amendments, which were handed out to all members present. A motion was made to vote on the by-laws by Leland Schliep. The motion was seconded by Fred Ott. As per Article 10 the membership will be notified in writing at least one month prior to voting. The club secretary Jim Sherman will send notice to all paid members and the vote will take place at the August meeting. Write your suggestions down and forward them to Leland if you have any feedback on the amended by-laws.

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### 2003 OFFICERS

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

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Tim McCullough made a motion to sell the utility trailer at the field. Bill Poehls seconded the motion. Motion passed. The trailer is to be sold to the highest bidder. Vergil Jones was that bidder and acquired the trailer.

A club reminder to all flyers that the earliest one can fly at the field is 8 am and you can fly until sundown.

Ron Horton brought his Top-Flite Focke-Wulf D9 for show and tell. It has lots of rivets, a sliding canopy, retracts and a scale paint job. Ron hopes to have the plane ready for the fly-in. Fred Ott made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Dennis Rollins. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Hergett.



## My Soap box

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

From: <ClaudJn5@aol.com> To:  
<mcculloughtim2001@yahoo.com> Subject: club  
trailer Date: Friday, June 11, 2004 9:08 AM

Tim Please let the members know that the trailer as registered to the club is a 1971 frame and the form has been sent to Deer Lodge for a duplicate title Thank you Vergil

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



What a great month this has been for me. I have gotten to fly in Colorado and Wyoming. I think I will have time in a few days to fly at our field.

I also feel very good about the bylaws and the process we are doing. I didn't try to write a finished product. I tried to include as much of the information and a good idea of what they should be as was pos-

sible. Now it is up to everyone who cares to complete them. A misconception going around is that this is a hurried up process and if they don't get in they won't have a say. I don't see it that way. Why would we be in a hurry? If we have a good, pretty much agreed upon document in the August meeting, then the mail in ballots are sent out. If not we work on it another month. There is an expense involved with the mail in ballot process and the bylaws require a mail in ballot to change them. Let's get a document that is right so we don't have an every month revision going on.

As some of you know, Don Herrington was down with the asthma in June. He is much better but caught a cold right on top of that. Nancy is recovering and recovered from her surgery so well that you wouldn't know. A great couple of folks. Don has been a contributor to the club for ages and Nancy has made it possible for him to do so. Thanks guys.

Vergil bought the club trailer at the meeting and I imagine we will see it full of planes in the future. Two things in one basket, Vergil got a good trailer and the field has one less unused item laying around on it. Double win.

Speaking of the field, I am hearing and reading all about loads of work going on. The renewed pride and work going on is very heart warming. Vergil, Tim, Delmar, Jim Sherman and Bill Ratell have been working on clean up and painting and fencing. Everyone is commenting on how nice things are looking.

I am hearing lots of things good about the Helena Flying Tigers club too. They are recently very active with float fly, fly in, fun fly and electric fly events. Good going guys. I hear their membership is up and healthy. This is good news. Missoula and Great Falls clubs are doing well. Clyde Park is back in business and has a fly in coming up. Talk about a small roaring tiger.

I spent most of June on the road but this time not with work, with my new toy. I got a nice small, cheap motor home. It has been great to travel in. I bought it in Huntsville Alabama after an internet search for best pricing led us there. We drove down and picked it up. It took us nearly three weeks to make it back. Dawdle here, wander there. We never made more than about 150 miles most days. I could live like that. I may.

Well, I need to hurry a little and get this to the printers. You take care and above all else, HAVE FUN, what every you are doing. Ieland.

# 2004 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## The Area Schedule

**July 7.** Clyde Park Fly In.

**July 9,10,11** Fly In Riverton WY.

**July 17th** Fly In, Big Sky R/C Modelers field, 5 miles north of Great Falls on Havre Hwy.

**July 21,22nd.** Helena Fun Fly

**July 24th** Electric Invitational Helena Flying Tigers

**July 31, Aug 1** - Evanston Wy Fly In.

**August 6, 7 & 8** Fly In Clyde Park

**August 7 & 8** Cody Wy 3rd Annual Float Fly  
Don Fry 307 587-8508

**August 6, 7 & 8** Shelley Idaho Fly In. Shelley Id

**August 14th** Cross Country, Dutton to Great Falls, AMA required John Sandy 771-8506, Darrell Anderson 453-9240 Pat Merrill 452-1602

**August 14th.** Shelley Id Combat. (AMA Sanctioned)

**August 21,22** Fly In Helena

**August 21,22** Fly In Gillette Wy.

**September 1st.** Shelley Id. Combat (AMA Sanctioned)

**September 4,5** Fly In Thermoplos WY.

**September 10,11,12** Fly In Sheridan

**September 11th & 12th** Float Fly - Helena  
Flying Tigers, Mel Reed CD

**September 17, 18 & 19.** Alpine Fly In. Alpine Wy



## Movie Of the Month

**O.K. Guys, How did you like that S.A.C. movie? Nice flying' eh? Now, while we are in the 1950's we move up to the jet fighter age, and you're in store for some fancy flying.**

**JET PILOT** 1957 Color  
John Wayne Janet Leigh and the U.S.A.F. (It's new name)

This is a love story in the making, and a spy story too. Go heat up some microwave snacks if lovey dovey gets to you, but make sure you're back to see an F86 flame out with an in flight restart. Also barrels, and fighter maneuvers abound during the scenes we love. Is that an F9F panther chasing a B-29 Super fortress during target practice? Let me know. Also can anybody identify what is under the flying bomber? And did you see the YAK-7? A MIG-15 rounds out the birds.

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By Richard Cavallari 254-9317

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## Don Harrington Hospital Trip.

Don's going to kill me for printing this but thought you should know. Don had a trip to the hospital with his asthma again in mid June and spent the entire time planning his trip to the Billings Fly in and the rest of the summer. He is out, of course and was at the Fly in and I saw him at Sheridan on the 4th of July weekend. His recover is continuing and he and Nancy are doing great. Glad you are back out and well Don.



Richard Cavallari himself.

From: "fcflynn" <fcflynn@bresnan.net> July meeting Date:  
Monday, July 05, 2004 8:23 PM

# Helena Flying Tigers Radio-Controlled Model Aircraft Club

July 5, 2004 Helena, Montana

Meeting Night, Thursday July 8, 2004, 7:00 PM.

Visit our Web Site at: [helenaflyingtigers.org](http://helenaflyingtigers.org)

We will attempt to have the July meeting at the field despite the fact that the June meeting was rained out.

The weather report for this week is a little better so perhaps we can get out early and do some flying.

We still have to schedule and complete the sealing of the runway.

I have received a check for dues from Kurt Charlton. Kurt was a member for many years but couldn't seem to find the time to fly and dropped out. Now he is ready to try again. Welcome back and hope we will see you at the field.

Even with wind and rain showers, there has been a lot of activity at the field and it promises to be a busy flying season. Remember our scheduled events this summer and fall. There will be an Electric Fly-In on Saturday, July 24th. This is non sanctioned one-day event. For more information contact Steve Cunningham (475-3886) or Aaron Hansemann (227-6772). August 21st and 22nd will be our annual (Sanctioned) Fly-In. Bill Allison will be the Contest Director for this event. Next, September 11th and 12th we will host our second annual (Sanctioned) Float Fly. Mel Reed will be the Contest Director for this event.

We were very sorry to read of member Bob Little's mishap with his ultralight but thankful that he survived with only minor injuries.

Frank Flynn, Sec-Treas. 1495 Shirley Rd. Helena, MT 59602 458-9008 [fcflynn@bresnan.net](mailto:fcflynn@bresnan.net)

Note: Although this even has passed, I wanted you to know the work going on out at the field. Ieland.

From: "Tim McCullough"  
<[mcculloughtim2001@yahoo.com](mailto:mcculloughtim2001@yahoo.com)>

Field maintenance day is set for Saturday, June 12 from 8:30 to 11:30 at the field for the purpose of cleaning the shelter, around the concession stand, painting of the Chamberlain sign, and the gateposts and general maintenance. Please come and help us out.

The prime rib dinner will be Saturday, June 26th at the Fly In. Lynda Hahn needs a head count of how many people planning on attending the dinner so she can give proper numbers to the meat buyer. Last year, it was \$12.50. This year, the cost has increased slightly. For more information, contact Lynda at 628-4946 or 855-8440 or [luv2av8@cablemt.net](mailto:luv2av8@cablemt.net) RSVP with Lynda by Thursday, June 17th. See you at the flying field on Saturday. Tim

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From: <[Gladbobby@aol.com](mailto:Gladbobby@aol.com)>

## Crazy Mountain Flyers Newsletter

Our charter is now official and our field insurance is also in hand. Our fly in is scheduled for August 6,7, & 8th.at our field located 4 miles north of Wilsall on Hwy. 89 north. There will be a potluck Friday evening, The planes returning from Oshkosh will be landing at our field Saturday morning, the pilots will have breakfast at the field (catered by there group) and be gone around 11 o'clock. This is a chance to see some real nice show planes, and perhaps talk a pilot into a ride, If interested in having breakfast with the pilots there will be a small fee and I must know by the 15th of July to give a head count to them. There is a nice café in Wilsall and the owner will cater a meal for us on Saturday evening. She suggested hot beef sandwiches, with salad and desert (icecream) for \$7.00 each. There will be enough cars ETC to get us the 4 miles to and back from the dinner. For the members in the area there will be a clean up and Hole filling party Aug.1, If the cows are gone we can also take down the fence. (Any of you out of towners are also welcome to participate. Bob Taylor Sec, treasure CMF Ph 406-686-4422



Pilots and callers at the 2004 combat meet.



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Ron Horton - Now you know why he holds these meets!!

**NEXT MEETING**  
**848 MAIN STREET**  
**MONDAY July 12**  
**7:30 p.m.**

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