



HORSE FEATHERS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BILLINGS FLYING MUSTANGS

SPRING AND SUMMER EVENTS

This is the fly in list I have gathered so far, if anyone has some additions let me know,

Bob Taylor Rec, Sect Crazy Mountain Flyers Clyde Park MT

April 28th Great Falls cross country

May 26-28 Salmon Id. Fly In

May 26-27 Great Falls Plyon Race

June 9th Great Falls Float Fly

June 9-10 Terry Mt. Fly In

June 16-17 Helena Electric Fly In

June 16-17 Missoula Fly In & Swap Meet

June 23-24 Billings Fly In

July 6-8 Shelly ID. Fly In

July 14-15 Great Falls Riverfest & Float Fly

July 20-22 Denny's Fly In (invitational)

July 28-29 Helena Fly In

August 3-5 Wilsal Fly In

August 11th Float fly at Tom O Hara place on the Missouri River

August 18-19 Great Falls Fly In

August 25-26 Helena Float Fly

Sept.8-9 Sheridan WY. Fly In

Sept. 15-16 Great Falls Fun Scale Fly In

Thank You!

**George Goforth
has taken the job
of Chair for Laurel
Aviation Week.**

Upcoming Events and notes:

- See story at left.
- Laurel Aviation Week In May.
- BFM Fly In—June
- Montana Fair August

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GUESTForum: By Roxie Klaus—Club Member.



The FORUM Space is open to anyone with an issue to bring to the membership through the Newsletter. Some months it's an officers forum, other months it's a Guest Forum.



The Bylaws revision passed. The new bylaws are posted on the BFM website.

Membership Calendar Change —An idea to ease an issue for some members.

It may be time to consider changing the membership period from its current January 1 - December 31 to June 1 - May 31. This would have two benefits.

1. It would move the expense of renewing away from the winter/Christmas cash crunch time that many of use have

2. It would be more attractive to potential new members that join in the summer. They would view the dues as being paid for most of a year rather than only for 4 or 6 months.

Q (from Editor) How would we transition to this new method?

I guess any idea has it's drawbacks if you don't think about how it may effect other things :). As far as dues, that would be easy to address. Anyone currently paid would have their membership extended by paying for a half year (\$32.50?) Anyone not currently paid could:

1. pay half year (\$32.50) for membership thorough May 31, 2007
2. pay 1 1/2 year (\$97.50) for membership through May 31, 2008
3. Don't rejoin until after May 1, 2007 and be a paid member through May 31, 2008

Q (from Editor) Have you considered other methods of dues membership payment?

Yes. Do as the Billings Rod and Gun club (with 1800 members!) and have your membership year go from the month you join though the same month of the following year. This option sounds to me as the best option for the individual member but the hardest for the club.

Q (from Editor) How does this affect the yearly elections process?

As for who could vote or hold office and voting eligibility, this would be unchanged as anyone eligible would already be a paid member, or we could move elections and office terms to coincide with the membership year.

Roxie

Minutes of the last meeting: Clay Ness Secretary

March minutes 2007

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Lynda at 7:30 PM. The minutes from the previous meeting were read by Secretary Clay Ness and the following corrections were made.

"John Poulson, the president of the Magic City Car Club" should have read "Justin Poulson, the president of the Magic City R/C Racers"

"Leland then motioned that the club accept the proposed bylaws. Delmer Schmidt seconded the motion, a vote was

taken and the motion passed." should have read "Leland then motioned that the club accept the proposed bylaws. Delmer Schmidt seconded the motion, official Ballots will be mailed to all current members, the ballots must be returned before the next meeting or hand delivered at the next meeting."

Leland then read the treasurers report and it was approved.

Carl Thueson reported on

the fair and said that all is going well. He also mentioned that he had contacted Horizon Hobby to ask if they might be able to send a professional R/C pilot to do some flight demos and it looks like this just might happen.

Dennis reported on the fly-in and said things are coming together very well. Don Herington said he would donate a kit for the raffle at the fly-in.

Minutes continued

Lynda Hahn reported that she has prepared the letters for donation requests ready to send out. Lynda also mentioned that we are in need of volunteers to help with setup and teardown for the Fly-in.

Leland said he is having problems contacting the Gold Wingers regarding their stay at Chamberlain field but he has not given up.

Lynda reported that the awards banquet was a success. She also said that not everyone that was to receive a reward was present at the banquet. Lynda then announced that Tim McCullough was the winner of the 2006 Chamberlain award and that Ron Horton won the 2006 Rookie of the Year award. Lynda also mentioned that she had finally received the plaque for Eric Hawkinson and it would soon be installed at the concession stand.

Lynda asked for someone to head up a committee for the Laurel Aviation and Technology week and George Goforth volunteered for the job.

Pres. Lynda then asked the member at large (Dick Jones) to count the ballots from the Bylaws vote. There was a short recess while the ballots were counted. Dick Jones then delivered the results to Secretary Clay Ness. Secretary Clay then announced that the proposed Bylaws had passed by a margin of 13 to 4. Pres. Lynda then dissolved all committees except for the safety committee, audit committee, fair committee and the new Aviation committee.

New members present at the meeting were Todd Carlson, John Bailey, Chris and Nick Vlahos, Kayla Wittman and Matt Ferderer,

Leland mentioned that there was another unofficial gathering of some of the club members at the Rod & Gun Club that was headed up by Ron Horton. The purpose of the gathering was to share knowledge and experiences regarding R/C. Originally these gatherings were planned to be held only during the winter months but Leland encouraged Ron to continue the unofficial meetings through the summer.

Clay Ness was selected to draw the winning ticket for the 50/50 drawing and he drew Becky Yourk's lucky number. Becky won nearly \$30.00.

Clay Ness then motioned to adjourn and Don Herington seconded the motion.

Leland's Ramblin's

This month's column is very hard for me to write. I want very much for the Billings Flying Mustang's newsletter to be all about flying activities and about the joy this hobby/sport can give. The latest controversy has brought much trouble to my mind but I am going to limit my comments here and take them to the meeting. Can you stand to do the same?

Now the question of the hour. Who is REALLY willing to be for the Billings Flying Mustangs and stop this insane and destructive bickering? My bet is that the answer is no one. Too bad. Flying is fun. Being a Billings Flying Mustang should have been too. There I said it, got it off my chest and now on to the fun things.

I so love flying because it has always been a total release to me. I have stated many times and still very much feel that "I can go out flying for a couple of hours on any given afternoon and feel like I have been away from work for two weeks." When my Tiger 60 takes off and climbs out, stall turns and rolls down wind, I feel like I am on board. No other sport or hobby I have ever had compares to the exhilaration and joy of flying models.



"I won't be coming into the office today. I'll be out in the field doing research."

We have a Chair for the Laurel Aviation event and also for the Montana Fair event. Planning is going on and we are really going to shine in front of the community. Join in and support the Billings Flying Mustangs.

Spring has sprung and folks are out flying. Who would be interested in a "class" to learn basic flight maneuvers? Hey rookie, can you do a split S? Do you know what a reverse Cuban 8 is? How hard is perfect straight and level flight? Let me know if you are interested in these things and we will see what can be done. Maybe some demo and then practice followed by a little contest to see who can pick it up and do it the best. You may not realize that there is much more to flying than poking holes in the sky. See Ya out flyin' Leland

LAUREL AVIATION WEEK!

The Laurel Aviation week is coming up in May and we have a chairman to oversee the BFM activities.

George Goforth has taken up the challenge. Let's get out and support him. He

will need people to man the booth during the hours of the event. He will need people to put on the flying demos and to participate in the other portions of the event. Call George and volunteer.



Kids and Aviation—What it's all about. Gazette photo.

Montana Fair—Words from Carl.

Thanks to each of you for who have volunteered to help with the fair this summer. I truly appreciate it! This event is a lot of work, but is also a **lot of fun!!!!**

Carl

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NEXT MEETING: 171 Calhoun Lane APRIL 2nd 7:30 P.M.

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