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NOTE!!!! If you are interested in getting the runway paved this year it is very important that you read this newsletter and contact either John Hahn johnh@abellrc.com 406 259 4882 or myself (Clay Ness) crashisclay@bresnan.net 406 671 4952 as soon as possible, time is running out to get in on this great deal and I might also mention that the paving companies start shutting down for the year in October.

You may also have noticed that the news letter looks a little different this time. That is because Leland has resigned as Newsletter editor and will be enjoying his retirement from a motor home. I don't have any software other than Microsoft Word to generate a newsletter that everyone can read from the website or an e-mail so if you or anyone you know has a copy of adobe or some other software that I can use for the news letter it would be greatly appreciated

June 07 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Lynda Hahn. The minutes from the previous meeting were read by Secretary Clay and approved as read. Leland was unable to attend the meeting and there was no treasures report.

Committee Reports

Lynda Hahn & George Goforth reported on the success of the Laurel Aviation & Tech. week and the got a report from Jack Bane that over 20,000 attended. Thanks to all that chipped in to help.

BFM Fly-in

Lynda has got the food situation under control. Lynda also warned that all of the members with wives or significant others should expect a phone call asking for help. Lynda also is looking for help with setup and teardown. Clay Ness and Scott Chavez volunteered to help with the teardown. The landing fee will be \$10. Cobey Guy made a motion that the BFM spend \$250 on prizes for the raffle, the motion was seconded by Don Herington, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

Safety

Ralph Howe has resigned as safety officer and Tim McCullough has taken his place. Tim will be assisted by two co officers and they are Lynda Hahn and Scott Chavez.

Maintenance

Lynda reported that 19 people attended the work party and a lot got done but more help was needed. A second work party is scheduled for this Sunday June 10th and Clay will send e-mail notifications out to advise of the second work party. Don Herington and Bob Bishop will be taking care of mowing the Grass and Lance & Terry Lubke will be repairing the flooring in the concession stand. The floors have been water damaged due to the absence of storm doors.

Old Business

Ralph reported that the Goldwingers staying at the BFM site is a no-go.

Lynda presented the standing rules for the club. The AMA Standing rules will be adopted along with the following additions,

1. There shall be no running of gas or glow fuel engines before 8: AM or after dusk.
2. Electric motors will be allowed after dusk and before 8: AM.
3. The first person to arrive at the field is to unlock the First Aid cabinet; the combination is the same as the main gate. The last person to leave is to lock both the gate and the First Aid cabinet.
4. Before flying you must insert a current BFM membership card or AMA membership card into the slot in the frequency board that corresponds with the radio frequency you will be using , you must also affix the frequency pin that corresponds to the frequency you will be using in a visible manor to either your shirt, hat or radio transmitter.
5. Intentionally flying an aircraft behind the safety line is prohibited.
6. All r/c cars must be operated in the area designated for r/c cars.
7. Operating an r/c aircraft or vehicle under the influence of alcohol or any other controlled substance is prohibited.
8. Retrieval of an r/c aircraft or vehicle on the bordering properties to the West, North and East

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shall be limited to 2 people and those 2 people shall proceed in a manor that will have minimal impact on the property.

9. Taxiing back into the pits after a flight is prohibited. All Taxiing of aircraft behind the fence shall be limited to taxiing out and away from the pits on the 3 outward bound cement paths that lead towards the runway.

10. Intentionally flying an r/c aircraft within 25 feet of another person other than the pilot or his or her spotter is prohibited.

11. Follow all safety codes and rules of the AMA.

A motion was made to accept these rules as the BFM Standing rules was made and the motion was seconded by Rodney Broderson, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

John Hahn reported that thanks to Tim McCullough and Chris Vlahos, 750,000 lbs of dirt had been delivered to the BFM site for the car track for just under \$75. John Hahn managed to get Lowes to give the BFM a 20% discount on supplies for the car track being that the BFM is a nonprofit org. The total \$ spent on the car track to this point is \$833.25. The car track is 95% completed and all that remains is the drivers stand. Tim McCullough has managed to get yet more free stuff to help complete the drivers stand. John Hahn thanked all that had helped and they are; Tim McCullough, Chris Vlahos, John Baily, Daren Kobelt, Dick Jones, Dennis Rollins, Steve Patterson, John Poulson, Chris Lund, Mat Dahl, Josh Carlson, Paul Yourk and Clay Ness for their help. Tim also mentioned that he had a source for free chain link fence for the car track.

Delmer reported on the AMA Intropilot program and said that it is intended to introduce a non AMA member to model aviation. A non AMA member can fly at a chartered AMA flying site if he or she is under the direct supervision of a club appointed AMA Intro Pilot. An Intro pilot must meet the criteria set forth by the AMA. Ralph Howe, Scott Chavez and Dick Jones volunteered to be Intro Pilots.

New Business

Leland Schleip has resigned as Treasurer and News Letter Editor. Lynda appointed Matt Dahl as the new Treasurer and

Clay Ness as the new Newsletter Editor. Both Clay and Matt accepted the appointment. Lynda mentioned that Leland received a free membership for his services and suggested that Clay should also receive a free membership. Clay said that he would prefer to pay his annual dues just like everyone else and declined the free membership.

There have been reports of children playing on the newly constructed car track. The car track is for cars only. When kids play on the car track they have a tendency to play on top of the jumps and this deforms the jumps. A lot of hard work and money has gone into the construction of the car track and in the future, the parents of children caught playing on the car track will be appointed to the track maintenance committee, also any parents caught playing on the car track will also be appointed to the track maintenance committee.

Justin Poulson presented the following race schedule;

2007 FLYING MUSTANG OFF ROAD RACING SCHEDULE

Hosted & Scored by the Magic City R/C Racers

Points Series Races Track Open At 8:30 Racing starts at 11:00

3 Rounds of Qualifying followed by 20 Min Gas A Mains

Classes are 1/8 Buggy - 1/8 Truggy - 1/10 Gas Truck

Production Monster Truck - Electric Buggy - Electric Truck

Minimum of 3 Cares or Trucks to make a class

Entry Fee is \$10.00 Per Class Must have ROAR or AMA for Insurance Reasons We Will have weekend ROAR Memberships for \$15.00 and Year long \$30.00 Memberships available at the race track.

Saturday June 30 2007 1st of 5 Points Series Race

Saturday July 7 2007 2nd of 5 Points Series Race

1st Annual Flying Mustangs Montana State Off

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Road Championships

Hosted by the Magic City R/C Racers
2 Day Event Sat. & Sun July 21- 22 Awards for
top finishers in classes. Check out the 1st Annual
Flying Mustangs Montana Off Road State
Championships 2 Day Flyer for more
information.

Saturday Aug 11 2007 3rd of 5 Points Series Race

Saturday September 8 2007 4th of 5 Points Series
Race

Saturday September 22 2007 5th of 5 Points
Series Race

Points Series Races will be the best 4 out of 5
Races
Your worst score will be eliminated.

More Off Road Races In Area of Interest
June 22-24 Mandan N.D. 3rd Annual Adam
Drake Race

July 27-29 Casper WY Nitro fest 2007
August 3-5 Riverton WY Off Road Trophy Race
August 25-26 Rock Springs Wyoming ROAR
State Nitro Off Road Champ.

1st Annual Flying Mustangs Montana State
Off-Road Championships
Billings, MT July 21-22

AT THE NEW R/C Track at 8223 GRAND
AVE

In the Billings Flying Mustangs Facility
Hosted & Scored by the Magic City R/C Racers

Race Schedule:

Friday, July 20 - open practice starting at &
11:00 am to 9:00 pm

Saturday, July 21 - Track open at 8:00 am,
registration 9:00 am, open practice until 10:00
am, qualifying rounds start 11:30 am

Sunday, July 22 - final qualifying round. start at
9:30 am, mains to follow

Gas B Mains are 15 Minute winner will bump up
to A Main -- All Gas A Mains are 30 Minute
Mains

Entry Fee: \$25.00 first entry, \$15.00 second
entry, \$10.00 third entry

Must Be ROAR Member or AMA Member to
Race for Insurance Reasons.

We will have weekend ROAR Memberships for
(\$15.00) and Year long (\$30.00) memberships
available at the race track.

AMB R/C & RC Pro Series Lap Counting
(Personal Transponders can be used)
And House Transponders will be Available
Minimum of 3 Cars or Trucks to make a class.
Classes

1/8 Gas Buggy -- 1/8 Gas Truggy -- 1/10 Gas
Track --

Production Monster Truck -- Electric Buggy --
Electric Truck

Pit Tables, EZ Ups, Chairs, And Power cords
Will be Needed

Dry Camping and Concession will be Available

More Information Contact Justin Poulson 406-
671-9889 or jpoulson@imt.net

Justin mentioned that the Magic City
Racers would like to split the profit for their
events 50/50 in exchange for the use of the car
track for the scheduled events. The Magic City
Racers will pay for the promotion and other costs
of the events. Anyone that has an interest in
helping out should contact Justin at
jpoulson@imt.net Help will be needed for the
concession stand and other duties.

John Hahn Proposed an idea to fund the
paving of the runway, what John proposed was
this; any member that is interested in a new
smooth runway and would like to earn a 6.5%
return on every dollar they invest should listen
up! This is how it works, Lets face it people,
a new runway will cost bookoo \$\$, as much as
\$35,000. Now we all know that the club has a
little money but we do not have \$35,000 so
thinking that we can hire a company to pave the
runway and use the checking account to pay for
it is out of the question. Borrowing the money
from a bank doesn't make sense either. What

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John is proposing is not a new idea in fact it has been tried and trued in numerous AMA clubs across the U.S. If you had a chance to invest your money into something that paid you 6.5% interest would you do it? There isn't a bank in the country that will pay you 6.5% interest on your investment. If you would like to see the runway get paved and earn a 6.5% to 7% return on your money then all that you have to do is buy 1 share of the BFM for \$1,000.00 in return you will get \$65.00 in the form of a one year BFM standard or family membership per year invested and a new runway to enjoy. Each year, as the club can afford to, the BFM will buy back these shares at the beginning of each calendar year. Each year the club will ask for volunteers to sell their share back to the club at face value. In the event that more people volunteer to sell than the club can afford at the time a lottery (draw straws or numbers from a hat) will be held to determine who gets to sell and who doesn't.

In the event that no one wants to sell their shares a lottery of the same type will be held to determine who must sell their shares. Official contractual documents will written by a reputable lawyer to ensure the security of your investment. If you are interested please contact John Hahn @ 259 4882 or johnh@abellrc.com It also should be noted that 5 people have already stepped forward to invest their money and a show of hands showed at least 10 more that would.

Delmer Schmidt made a motion that the club gets 3 bids from 3 companies to pave the runway and fund the paving using Johns proposed method, the motion was seconded by Jim Sherman, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

Delmer made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Don Herington, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

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