



HORSE FEATHERS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BILLINGS FLYING MUSTANGS

LAUREL AVIATION WEEK!

I received no report on the Laurel Aviation Week but I know the Crew set up a good display and that we were well represented. Carl Thuesen provided the following photos.



Upcoming Events and notes:

- **BFM Fly In—June**
- **Montana Fair August**

MORE EVENTS INSIDE IN CALENDAR.



MUSTANGS FLY IN— June 23 & 24

The Billings Flying Mustang's Fly In will be held June 23 and 24th. There are pilots prizes, ladies prizes, camping and even night flying.

Come Early, stay late. You will have a good time and can meet pilots and their families from all over the region. It is worth it just to see all the equipment that comes out.

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FLIGHT LINE SAFETY—AND YOU!



NO FLYING BEHIND THE FLIGHT LINE!

Hey Guys, this rule has been around since the AMA was founded I think. These last few weeks we have had more contention from people flying behind the flight line. We have Formal complaints, reprimands, accusations, denials. Cripes—Listen up. Just don't fly behind the south edge of the asphalt—FOR ANY REASON IN EITHER DIRECTION.

BE SAFE

Officer and Guest Forum: Pres Lynda

The following people deserve a HUGE Thank You for all of their efforts at the work party: Dick Jones, Todd & Steve Carlson, Jim Sherman, Steve Hergett, Lynda Hahn, Steve & Alice Garr, Tim McCullough, Ralpho, Eric Runestad, Blair Ersek, Justin Eyre (non-member), Bob Raulinaitis, Jeff & A.J. Rohrer, Cobey Guy, Robbie Spearing, Dale Abell, Carl Thuesen. I hope that I have not missed anyone, if so, sorry. We started our day with hot breakfast, worked hard, had an awesome lunch, worked hard again and some people even found time to do a little flying. If you haven't been out to the field lately, you need to come check it out. If you see any of these people let them know that their work is appreciated. Thanks again!

REMINDER.....JUNE MEETING IS AT THE FIELD

Lynda

Minutes of the last meeting: Clay Ness Secretary

BFM meeting 05 07 07

The meeting was called to order by Lynda Hahn. Clay read the minutes from the previous meeting and they were approved as read. Leland then read the treasurers report and it was also approved.

Committee reports

George Goforth reported on the Laurel Aviation & Tech. Week. George asked for volunteers to help out and aircraft to display at the booth. Mike Wieland commented on his involvement and presentation to the kids at Laurel Aviation & Tech Week and how much both he and the kids enjoyed it. George also mentioned that he and Ron Horton held a presentation at the Academy of Education at 1212 Central and it was a great success and that he and Ron enjoyed the experience.

Carl Thuesen reported on the Fair. Carl said that George had donated some small rubber powered aircraft and that Lynda had convinced Great Planes out of a 40 size trainer. Carl had contacted the AMA regarding ins. Coverage during the clubs participation in the fair and the AMA said we are covered including a demo pilot. Carl said that the demo pilot that Horizon Hobby will be sending is Darrel Cady.

Lynda Hahn reported on the Fly-in. Lynda mentioned that prizes continue to come in and that BFM member Eric Runestad will be roasting a pig for the dinner. Eric mentioned that the club should

send a letter of thaks to Bill Wulff for supplying the cinder blocks that Eric needs to build the roasting pit.

Ralph Howe reported that he was investigating a couple of reported violations. Ralph also said that he planned to resign as Safety Officer after his investigation and duties regarding the reported violations was finished. Lynda mentioned that there had been some reports of people flying behind the safety line and wanted to remind everyone that intentionally flying an aircraft behind the safety line is prohibited.

Old Business

Ralph reported on the Gold-wingers. Ralph said he was waiting to hear from the City Council and if they were going to allow camping within the City Limits. If they do allow camping within the City Limits there will be no need for space at the BFM property.

Tim Mcullough had no report regarding maintenance.

Clay Ness made a motion that the Club spend \$250 to purchase 700 to 800 ft of flexible drain pipe for the car track borders and George Goforth seconded the motion. Leland made a motion to amend Clays motion to allow \$200 in miscellaneous expenses for the car track, Leland's motion was not seconded. After some discussion Clay withdrew the motion.

Clay then made a motion that the club spend \$1000.00 on miscellaneous expenses to complete the track. The motion was seconded by Jim Sherman, a vote was taken and the motion passed pending the Boards approval in a Board meeting to be held immediately after the current meeting.

New Business

Don Herington mentioned that a past longtime BFM member Allen Chapman had passed away. Lynda Hahn said she would have tag made for the plaque in the concession stand.

Lynda announced that the meeting locations for the summer will be held at Chamberlan Field.

Lynda also mentioned that a work party will be held on May 19th at 9:am to get the place cleaned up and ready for the June Fly-in. Breakfast will be served at 7:am to all that show up to help.

Lynda asked for someone to lead an effort in drawing up the clubs "Standing Rules" being that they were not included in the new By-Laws. Leland and Lynda volunteered for the job.

Cobey drew the 50/50 ticket and the winner was Don Herington. Don donated his winnings bac to the club.

Delmer made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Cobey a vote was taken and the motion passed.



Clay does a hover!

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EVENTS

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

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 20—23 Casper Fly In.

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



Leland's Ramblin's

Well this isn't the first time I have published my last newsletter but this has been a fairly long stint. I have been doing these newsletters each month for quite a number of years.

When I joined the BFM in about 1989 or 1990, Eric Hawkinson was the newsletter editor. I took the job from him and published for a number of years. During that time I was also the club treasurer. I gave up both jobs and Doug Haacke took over the newsletter.

Some how or other I wound up with the newsletter again and eventually got back the treasurer job (three times—twice by appointment and once, this last time, by election.

The first time I gave up the duties it was due to a bad case of burn out. This time it is due to a bad case of wanderlust. This last week I notified the Mustang's Board of Directors that I am resigning as newsletter editor and as treasurer effective at the June Meeting.

As some of you know, I retired this spring (a little earlier than planned but that's another story). My wife Cathy and I have planned on doing extensive travel for a long time. Well, the time has come.

I have sold my house and will be moving into our motor home and we don't know all of the schedule. I do know that right after the 4th of July I will be in a beachfront RV park in the Los Angeles area for a week or two. I will be back up to Klamath Falls Oregon and back in Billings during July. August is an unknown as is the rest of the year. Wow, don't you love freedom? Scary isn't it. I will be spending some time at the field—flying and camping. I will be spending some time at the Sheridan field. I'll see you at the fly in I hope. Take care.

See Ya out flyin' Ieland



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



Montana Fair—Words from Carl.

Just a quick update on arrangements:

1. Horizon Hobby, a national distributor of radio control modeling products, will provide a professional pilot for the flying demonstration. His name is Darrol Cady and he is living in Portland. We expect Darrol will be able to put on quite a show! We may supplement Darrol's flying with some local talent too, depending on time.
 2. The Academy of Model Aeronautics will provide insurance for the flying event through our club charter insurance package.
 3. We have proposed to the general membership a limited number of time slots where members of the general public could fly a model airplane on ³buddy box² system.
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CORRECTION ON CASPER FLY IN POSTER THAT WAS IN LAST MONTH'S NEWSLETTERThe poster that was previously mailed to your club advertising The Central Wyoming Fly In indicated incorrect dates The correct dates are July 20, 21, 22 2007. If you have any questions, please contact Contest Director Bob Yeager at (307) 265-7452.

NEXT MEETING: Flying Field

June 4

7:30 P.M.

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