



HORSE FEATHERS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE BILLINGS FLYING MUSTANGS

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.

Thank You!

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

Upcoming Events and notes:

- **Laurel Aviation Week In May.**
- **BFM Fly In—June**
- **Montana Fair August**

Electric Continues to Take OFF!

From: Jim Hochhalter

Pentathlon

This is son Chuck with his 2007 Nats winning electric pattern plane! (hopefully) The other fellow is the designer of the model and Chuck is less than enthused about the canopy paint design, but that's small stuff. His batteries should arrive this month and he can then get on with practice. He thinks that might improve his competitive edge!



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Officer and Guest Forum:



Nothing for this space was contributed this month.

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.



Clay does a hover!

the motion as follows; just as there are designated areas for R/C Helicopters and R/C Airplanes I feel that there should be an area designated for R/C Cars. I motion that an off road car track be built on the south side of the concession stand between the field entrance and the control line pad at Chamberlain Field.

Minutes of the last meeting: Clay Ness Secretary

BFM Meeting minutes 04/02/07

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Lynda Hahn. Clay Ness read the minutes from the March meeting and they were approved as read. Leland Schleip read the Treasurers report and it was also approved.

Committee Reports

Dennis Rollins reported that he received the CD papers for the BFM June Fly-in. Lynda Hahn reported that she sent out the letters requesting prize donations.

Carl Thuesen reported that it sounds like the pro pilot from Horizon Hobby will come to Billings to do some flight demos. There will be a static display area and room for a flight simulator at the booth. Carl also proposed a flight demo with an intro pilot and someone on a buddy box in front of the grandstands.

George Goforth reported on the Laurel Aviation & Technology Week event and said that our booth will be upstairs this time and our booth will be 20' x 20'. There will be a static display and a Flight Simulator. George is looking for people with planes to display. The display area will be protected. Dennis Rollins will be providing some of the barricade material to protect the display area. George managed to get the local Pepsi distributors to provide a very cool banner with both the Pepsi and BFM logos on it to help draw attention to the booth.

Old Business

Leland had nothing to report on the possible Gold Wings stay

at Chamberlain Field. Ralph Howe said he is still waiting to here back from them regarding there liability insurance. Ralph attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting and learned that the BFM would need to collect a 7% Bed Tax from all that stayed at the flying site.

Clay Ness made a motion to build an r/c off road car track on the south side of the concession stand between the field entrance and the control line pad at Chamberlain Field. The motion was seconded by Dennis Rollins and the Lynda opened the floor to discussion. After much discussion Ron Horton Jr. asked Clay to read the motion again. Clay read the motion as follows; just as there are designated areas for R/C Helicopters and R/C Airplanes I feel that there should be an area designated for R/C Cars. I motion that an off road car track be built on the south side of the concession stand between the field entrance and the control line pad at Chamberlain Field. Leland then called the question /vote. People voted.

(While the votes were being counted guest Steven Heffel of the Billings Educational Academy took the floor and he said there are about 15 students at the school ranging from 3rd grade through 10th grade, he has been teaching them about aviation since the beginning of the current school year. He would like to have the students see an RC model airplane that

is under construction, if possible, so that they can see how one is put together. He would also like the students to have an opportunity to get an introductory flight lesson for RC model airplanes. This could either be done on an actual RC model aircraft and/or on an RC model aircraft simulator.

Steve gets 90-minutes with the students every other Friday afternoon, from 12:30pm until 2:00pm; however, he could arrange to have up to two hours for a presentation if necessary. The school is located at 1212 Central Ave and Margo Haak is the school principal and she can be contacted at beakid2001@yahoo.com. Just put "Billings Flying Mustangs" in the subject line and Steve will tell her to be on the lookout for any e-mails with "Billings Flying Mustangs" in the subject line. Since she is at the school daily, she is the best one to arrange for whatever accommodations that the presenter might need for a presentation.)

After the votes were counted the results were read and the motion passed by a margin of 14 against and 23 in favor.

Clay Ness then made a motion to use the money from new memberships (car only memberships) to pay for a portion of the construction costs of the new car track. After some discussion Clay withdrew the motion.

Leland motioned to adjourn and the motion was seconded. Everyone left ;)

EVENTS

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

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 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

Wow, Spring is really here and there have been some terrific flying days. I have been out a couple of times and I had a ball.

This weekend my brother was in town from Kansas and we went to the field. I flew the Tiger 60 to show off but my showing off really was overshadowed. Clay flew his huge beast just before me and his plane and his skills made his a very impressive flight. Then my little ragged Tiger 60 and my little skills. Oh well.

My brother has the flying bug but is approaching it from a different angle. He has been buying and flying those little foam Walmart RC planes. He is having a load of fun and flies them well. I tried to fly one of his little 8" foam thing and couldn't do it. It is electric, has twin engines and a two stick control box.

The control is on 27 mhz. The left stick does throttle which also serves as climb and descend control. The right stick only goes left and right and controls the two engine throttles. The differential power on the engines serves as yaw control or turning. He made nice looking climb out and turn around the front yard and back. If it hadn't been for the street light pole he would have had a great flight. :) I tried it and couldn't make it turn. You have to pulse the right stick to make it turn and I pulsed too short or too long and neither worked out.



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

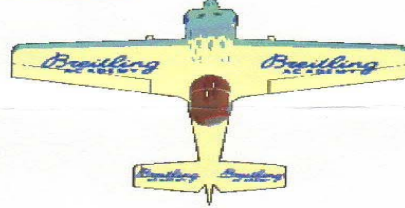
I want to get the helicopter out and practice but have the issue of still doing some contract work and selling my house to contend with. My goal with the heli is to get into forward flight this season. Doesn't sound like much to you fixed wing guys and probably not much to those heli guys who already do it but right now I have to start over and learn to hover and then move a little and then on to the bigger stuff. I'll get it sooner or later. Poulson, watch out—here I come.

Well, Time to ship this thing. Actually past time so till next time.....

See Ya out flyin' Ieland

Casper Airmodelers Central Wyoming Fly-In

July 21, 22, 23 2007



Concessions On Site
\$100 In Door Prizes
600' X 50' Paved Runway
Night Flying
Free Camping (No Hookups)
\$10 Landing Fee
AMA Sanctioned Event (Bring Your AMA Card)

Big Birds, Little Birds, War Birds, Old Timers, Turbines, Helis, Glow, Gas, Electrics

"Bring whatcha got, and let's FLY!"

Casper Airmodelers Flying Field Directions: Take Exit 188A off I-25 and go north on Poplar Street. Turn right on Events Drive, and then left on East Road.

For more information contact Contest Director Bob Yeager at (307) 265-7452.



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!!!!**
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NEXT MEETING: 171 Calhoun Lane MAY 7 7:30 P.M.

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