

# HORSE FEATHERS

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## MONTAN STATE FAIR **Montana Fair 2007** **Information**

### **Committee Volunteers**

- Carl Thuesen
- Leland Schliep
- George Goforth
- Del Schmidt
- Jim Sherman
- Marty South
- Lynda Hahn

**Contact any committee member to include a model for display or sign up to work the exhibit. A limited number of free passes will be available for those working the exhibit.**

### **Dates & Times**

Exhibit set up: Sunday, August 5  
– 12:00 to 3:00 PM

Exhibit hours: Saturday August  
11 through Saturday, August 18  
12:00 noon to  
9:00PM daily

Exhibit removal: Sunday,  
August 19 – 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

### **Static Display**

#### *Airplanes/Helis/Cars*

1. Jim Sherman

Lets show a variety of items and sizes of models. We will have plenty of space.

#### *Info for display signs*

Email information about your static display items to Carl Thuesen by Wednesday, August 1. Information provided will be neatly printed in color on a small sign including the club logo. Photos may be included.

#### *Display cases*

The fair can provide internally lighted locking glass cases. These are ideal for displaying engines, radios ect., and would be **perfect for cars or small helis**. They are about 3' wide and have several shelves. Please call or email to let Carl know if you want one in advance, so the fair staff can have them on hand at setup time.

### **Flight Simulators**

Simulators are always very popular, especially with the kids. They are a great way to kindle interest in the hobby. We keep the simulators in a controlled area and their use is supervised. 3 to 4 units are needed. Contact any committee member if you can loan your old simulator out.

1. Carl Thuesen

### **Audio/Video Presentations**

Movies with lots of action are always popular. Members manning the exhibit enjoy watching them too!

#### *DVD's and Tapes*

1. Jim Sherman
2. Carl Thuesen

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## ***DVD/tape player televisions***

One or two combination units are needed to show the AV materials. Contact any committee member if you can furnish a television.

## ***Flying Demo – CANCELLED at the request of the fair.***

We may try again next year. The rodeo and horse racing folks have concerns about our activities.

## **Model Building**

Jim Sherman has volunteered to lead the building activities this year. He will be building several small stick built balsa and tissue models donated by George Goforth and a 40 size trainer donated by Great Planes. Give Jim a call if you can donate materials or help out with the construction. It is a great way to pass the time while working the exhibit. Does anyone want to work on a car or helicopter?

## **Exhibit Booth Staffing**

- ***Need at least 2 BFM members always at booth.***
- Volunteer sign-up sheets will circulate at the August meeting, or call any committee member with your availability.
- ***Many hands make light work. Your help is needed. Please sign up for a shift.***

## **Minutes from the July 2007 meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Pres Lynda Hahn. The minutes from the June meeting were read by Secretary Clay Ness and they were approved as read. Treasurer Matt Dahl was unable to attend the meeting so Pres Lynda Hahn read the treasurers report. Both the Treasurers report and minutes were approved as read.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Fly in**

The Annual Fly-in was a huge success and generated more money for the club than the previous 10 years. There were 42 registered pilots. Eric Runestad did such a good job roasting the pig that he has been chosen to be the clubs official "Fly-in Cook" Thanks Eric.

#### **Car Track**

The Car Track is finished and the first race has already taken place. The total club money spent on the track was just a touch over \$1016.00, only \$16.00 over budget. The first race generated \$116.00 for the BFM.

#### **Fair**

Carl needs display items for the booth. If you have something to display for the fair please get in touch with Carl Thuesen, Also if you have any documentation to accompany your display you will need to get that to Carl as well, Carl make info stands with your documentation to accompany your display item.

#### **Maintenance**

Tim McCullough mentioned that a trip to the dump is needed to haul off the trash from the Field. Tim also asks that everyone treats the flying site just as you would if you were camping, that means that if you pack it in, please pack it out. It takes a lot of work for a few people to clean up after 112 members so please do your part.

#### **Old Business**

#### **Intro Pilot Program**

Scott Chaves, Ralph Howe and Delmer

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Schmidt have signed up and Ralph Howe is in the process of submitting Dick Jones and Steve Garr.

## Runway

John Hahn reported that at this point the bids to pave the runway are coming in at 40K and to extend the runway 150' (75' on each end) it would take an additional 15K. 21 people have pledged to buy at least 1 share (\$1,000.00) to help fund the paving of the runway. With the current bids we will need 30 people to buy at least 1 share, with that and \$10,000.00 of the money in the clubs savings should be more than adequate to get the runway paved, if we decide to extend it we will need more people to step up and support the BFM. John also mentioned that there are a few members that are willing to buy multiple shares.

Lynda Hahn read a thank you letters from Jack Baine of the Laure Aviation week and Steve Heffel of the Billings Education Accadamy thanking the BFM for their contributions.

## New Business

### Cards

Lynda Hahn passed out a couple of cards for everyone who attended the meeting to sign. The first card was in regards to Larry Coomber and the tragic accident he was involved in, all of the BFM members are wishing for a speedy recovery for Larry and strength within the family. The second card is thanking Bob Bishop for his continued generosity to the BFM, Bob lends his tractor / mower to the BFM every year.

### Pick nick Tables

In light of the latest Fly-in and the current state of the picnic tables Lynda Hahn made mention that they should be replaced. Lynda says that the tables go on sale once a month at ShopCo for \$29.99 each. Cobey Guy made a motion to replace the tables as Lynda described, Scott Chaves seconded the motion, a vote was taken and the motion passed.

### Concession Stand

Paul Yourk brought up the fact that several people were smoking cigarettes in the concession stand and reminded us that the concession stand is a "NO SMOKING" area.

The club will install "NO SMOKING" signs.

The End

Delmer Schmidt made a motion to adjourn and Ralph Howe Seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed

50 minute and 46 seconds.

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