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August Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Lynda Hahn at 7:30 PM. Lynda read the minute's from the previous meeting and they were approved as read. Lynda read the treasurer's report and it too was approved as read.

Committee Reports

Carl reported on the fair and said the display setup is done and went well.

Steve Garr reported on the 2009 Air show and said he is still looking for volunteers. A Firm date still has not been set.

Old Business

The Container:

Lynda Spoke with Dennis Rollins about the container.

The Drivers Stand:

Justin Polson reported on the drivers stand and said that they were able to purchase the drivers stand from the new owner of the old track down the road.

Club Shares:

The Board met the week before the meeting and decided that 3 shares would be bought back at the next meeting. Anyone that wants to sell their share or shares should contact a club officer as soon as possible. In the event that either too many people or too few people want to sell their shares back to the club all of the names of the current share

holders will be put into a hat and names will be drawn to determine who's shares will be purchased.

New Business

Club Dues for 2009:

The Board met the week before this meeting and set the new dues structure for 2009.

Beginning immediately, 2009 Club Dues for a standard single membership will be \$100.00. If the holder of a standard membership contributes 3 hours of work for or at an event, work party or serves as an officer will receive a \$25.00 Credit towards the following year's membership dues.

Beginning immediately, 2009 Club Dues for a Family membership will be \$110.00. If the holders of a Family membership contribute 3 accumulative hours of work for or at an event, work party or serves as an officer will receive a \$30.00 Credit towards the following year's membership dues.

Beginning immediately, 2009 Club Dues for a Non Resident Membership will be \$35.00.

Beginning immediately, 2009 Club Dues for a Non Flying Membership will be \$35.00.

Beginning immediately, 2009 Club Dues for a Minor/Junior Membership will be \$35.00.

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Montana Fair

BFM Take Best of Show at Montana Fair!

Montana Fair was August 9 – 16, and the BFM participated under the club category again this year. Our display, which included examples of all interest areas of the club, was awarded Best of Show! We have a really cool ribbon to add to our collection in the clubhouse, and we will receive a check for \$50.00 from the fair.



This year we focused on representing all interests of the club, including cars, helicopters and airplanes. Scott Smith filled two display cases with cars and related items. The model display also included several off-road cars and buggies. We also put on a car racing demonstrations

on Thursday night and Saturday under the direction of Justin Poulson, with Scott Smith, Rick Keiser, Josh Watts and Shawn Kiely participating in the racing. The demonstrations included driving opportunities, and many kids and their parents tried their had at running an R/C car. I did too! Thanks to all you guys for providing this exciting hands-on experience for the fair visitors. These demonstration events were very well received by fair visitors and the Hobby Hall staff. In fact, the hall supervisor asked me if we would please plan to have the car track set up all week next year!



Thanks to several computer and simulator donations, and a lot of work by Roger McCullough, we were able to have two simulators available this year. The simulators are very popular with young and old alike. Having multiple units gave more visitors the chance to try their hand without waiting in line, as had been the case in

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previous years with only one simulator available.



Large color posters were another addition this year. Dick Jones, Bob Blumer, Ralph Howe and I contributed photos. Each poster was a collage of images, again showing the diversity of our interests, lots of exciting action, and people having fun. We will hang the posters in the shelter or maybe the clubhouse so everyone will have a chance to see them.



The fair display is a team effort, and each year we offer the opportunity for the entire club to get involved with this educational outreach effort. We are only able to participate through the combined efforts of many members, so thanks are in order. Don Jones, Blair Ersek, Jim Sherman, Matt Dahl, Chris and Nick Vlahos, Lynda Hahn, Dick Jones, Ralph Howe, Dale Abell, Robby Spearing, Steve Garr and I all helped staff the display.



Special thanks go to Tim and Roger McCullough, who manned the display for several hours every day. Great job! Don Jones, Chris Lund, Ralph Howe, Scott Smith, Abell Hobby and I provided display items. We

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appreciate the time and effort everyone provided to make our display a success. Lets see if we can repeat in 2009!
Carl Thuesen

(263). When you reach Smurfit-Stone container, turn left on Pulp Mill Rd. Drive about 100 yards and turn left.

From Missoula: Drive out Mullan road to Stone container and turn right on Pulp Mill Road.

*Must be an AMA member to fly. All the regular rules apply.



Odds & Ends

**Big Sky Thunderbirds
are having an**

Open House

**Saturday, September 6th
8 AM until we're done flying!
The Big Sky Thunderbirds have a
new field and we'd like to
celebrate.**

**On Saturday, September 6th we
want to invite everyone to come
and fly at the new place!**

We'll be setting up the barbeque and frying up some burgers and dogs.

There will be a raffle for a fun prize and maybe a table or two set up to do a little swapping.

Don't miss it! It will be a fun time of flying and meeting old friends.

Directions to the new field:

From the I-90: Take the Frenchtown exit and drive down Mullan road

Crazy Mountain Flyers

The Crazy Mountain flyers has had its two annual fly inns' for this year, The club supplied the main course for the pot lucks at both events along with donating an aircraft at the Skattum invitational.

These fly ins would not be possible if not for the help provided by the upper Yellowstone members along with the assistance from the folks from Billings, Helena and out of state pilots and family members.

We especially appreciate the many donors to our raffle Dale Galand from Prairie Unique traveled 275 miles to fly for an hour or two and donate a gift for our raffle, than back to Terry for an event there.

Our banquet was held at Val's Deli in Wilsall, thirty two folks attended.

Unfortunately We had a heavy rain Friday night and the full scale pilots couldn't land at the field because of

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mud, None the less every one seemed to enjoy the event. Thanks to Nancy Herington for taking over the duties of her husband Don,

Bob Taylor, Secretary Treasure CMF

USS New York

It was built with 24 tons of scrap steel from the World Trade Center. It is the fifth in a new class of warship - designed for missions that include special operations against terrorists. It will carry a crew of 360 sailors and 700 combat-ready Marines to be delivered ashore by helicopters and assault craft. Steel from the World Trade Center was melted down in a foundry in Amite, LA to cast the ship's bow section. When it was poured into the molds on Sept 9, 2003, 'those big rough steelworkers treated it with total reverence,' recalled Navy Capt. Kevin Wensing, who was there. 'It was a spiritual moment for everybody there.'

Junior Chavers, foundry operations manager, said that when the trade center steel first arrived, he touched it with his hand and the 'hair on my neck stood up.' 'It had a big meaning to it for all of us,' he said. 'They knocked us down. They can't keep us down. We're going to be back.' The ship's motto; 'Never Forget' Please keep this going so everyone can see what we are made of in this country!



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**Next Meeting is
September 8th
7:30 pm at the
Field 8223 Grand Avenue**