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December Minutes

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

Guest Speaker

Gary Wirrell from Aerotronics (here in Billings) Spoke about an up coming event called MATA that will be held at the Holliday Inn. Below is an e-mail that Gary sent that pretty much outlines what Gary said at the last meeting.

I wanted to drop you a note and see if I could hit the high points as best I remember them from the 2000 MATA conference. I was a club member at that time and was working with Leland most of the time. In fact he was the member that was training me to fly my Eagle (I think that's what it was called). When the Conference was coming to Billings I attended a meeting and at that time Leland was given the task to ramrod the event for the club and I was his interface to the Convention itself. The things I remember was:

** S bar S was getting into the building of hangars on the west end of the airport and was looking for a way to promote his hangars. He built a scale version of a hangar that was proper size for a RC airplane to fit in. He was willing to donate a few dollars*

*to the club if he could put his hangar on the table with the RC items. This donation from S bar S along with a donation from Central Hobbies provided the funds to purchase an RC to raffle at the convention. * A fair amount of this kit was built before the convention but the remaining portion was done as promotional at the conference.*

** The club was provided the overhead hangar (I think we had 30 planes hanging) and two tables in the atrium. One table had the S bar S hangar*

on it with a plane along side it while the other table was being used to finish building the raffle plane.

** We had also provided a TV and VHS player so that the clubs videos could be played throughout the day.*

** Tickets were being sold throughout the conference and the raffle ticket was picked on the final nights dinner banquet.*

** The planes were hung up the night before the conference started (Wednesday) and taken down on Sunday. The fire department had a requirement that all fuel was removed from each plane. I think there was a weight constraint from the total hanging planes as well but I don't remember what it was. In either case it wasn't a problem with what was done at that time.*

** Again I'm not certain but I think there was also a statement to sign releasing the Convention and Holiday Inn from any damage to the planes that could happen in some manner or*

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other. If I remember correctly I think Leland had done this as a blanket for the club?

** I don't remember how many passes I was able to get for the club, but I was able to get a few so that your volunteers that were attending the conference to build the raffle plane could take a break and go into the exhibit area and look around a bit. Again I think Leland had given me a number that I got for him and he loaned them out to the club members as time allowed.*

** All of the money raised with the raffle stayed with the club. All of this was back in 2000 and I will need to visit with the Holiday Inn to see if they have changed any of their requirements. If so I will drop you an email. I also have on my calendar to meet with your club at your next meeting on the 1st of December at 7:30PM at the Moose lodge.*

*Gary Wirrell
Aerotrionics, Inc.*

Gary would like the Billings Flying Mustangs to participate in the 2009 MATA. MATA takes place March 5th, 6th and 7th. Setup will be the evening of March 4th and teardown will be on the 8th, Sunday morning. Anyone interested in this should get in contact with Ralph Howe.

Committee Reports

The nominating committee reported it nominations for the Club Officers for 2009.

The Board presented the nominees for the club awards.

Old Business

Lynda asked if there were any nominations from the floor for the election of the 2009 Club Officers. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Lynda then closed the Nominations.

New Business

Clay Ness made a motion to participate in the MATA in March of 2009. Jim Sherman seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Jim Sherman Made a motion to change the regular Club meetings from 7:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Clay Ness seconded the motion a vote was taken and the motion passed.

Dick Jones made a motion to adjourn, Jim Sherman Seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

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**Next Meeting is
January 5th 2009
At the Moose Lodge
171 Calhoun lane
6:30 pm**

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Billings Flying Mustangs Official Ballot for 2009 Election of Club Officers

To place your votes either circle the name of the nominee or write in your choice in the space provided. Your 2009 Full Membership or Family Membership Club Dues must be paid before you can vote. Completed Ballots must be received before or at the January Meeting.

President

Ralph Howe

Vice President

Clay Ness

Treasurer

Rodney Broderson

Secretary

Robby Spearing

Ralph Howe is a current Board member and if he is elected as President there will be a one year Board position that will need to be filled. There are two nominees for Board Officers. The nominee with the most votes will win the regular three year Board position and the runner up will win the remaining one year position in the event that Ralph Howe is elected as president. To Place your votes for the Board Officers please either circle 1 year or 3 year for the nominee of your choice.

Board Officers

Chris Lund 1 year 3 year
Rick Klages 1 year 3 year
_____ 1 year 3 year

AWARDS

Chamberlin

Bob Blumer / Dick Jones
Justin Poulson / Clay Ness
_____ / _____

Life Time Achievement

Roger McCullough / _____

Best Builder

George Goforth / _____ Steve Carlson

Most Improved (Flyer or Driver)

Tyler Sauter / Brian McDonough

TS Award

Dick Jones / Glen Hertz

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