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March Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Present. Ralph Howe at 6:30 PM. Secretary Robby Spearing read the minute's from the previous meeting and they were approved as read. Treasurer Rodney Broderson read the treasurer's report and it too was approved as read.

Committee Reports

No new information on the airshow.

Old Business

The Mata Show was a success. We had a good turn out. Thanks to Ralph and Clay they did an excellent Job. So far Steve Garr, Dick Jones, Don Jones, Pat Kelly, Rick Klages, Jason Klages and Carl Thuesen all put in their 3 hours by helping out at the MATA Convention. Thanks Guys and Gals for all the help you do.

The Banquet was a great success and Thanks to everybody that joined for the celebration. And a special Thanks to Lynda Hahn for arranging the banquet.

New Business

Steve Garr said an Air Show is out of the question right now. But we should have our Annual Fly In. Ann Ott talked to Lynda about having a day at the Field for The Foster

Families of Billings. She estimates about 100 to 150 kids to have some Airplane fun on simulators and Buddy Boxes. They will have a Pot Luck. We haven't confirmed the date yet. Maybe after the 4th of July weekend. Maybe we will coordinate it with the car races to have a race date planned.

Ralph is planning on getting all the steel recycled. So if anybody has a front-end loader or something to help remove the eye soar from the field. Please let Ralph or any other Officer know that you can help out.

Clay Ness made a motion to adjourn, Lynda Hahn Seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

45.12

A Word from the Vice-President

First of all I would like to let you all know that the MATA Convention at the Holiday Inn went AWESOME!! I can't believe how many raffle tickets we sold. The MATA made some serious coin for the BFM. A great big thank you to all of you that came to help!

If any of you have checked out the members list lately you may have noticed some changes in the "Officers" column on the members list located at <http://www.rcflyer.com/BFMLogon.htm> (Username = BFM (upper case) and the

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password is the current gate combination at the field.) or maybe you have not seen the changes yet... Anyway, other than the standard notations in the Officers column that shows who the Club Officers are you will see 1hr, 2hr or 3hr notations in the same column. These notes are an official record of how many hours the member on that line has contributed towards the club at or for an event or work party. Remember, if you contribute at least 3 hours of duty you will receive a \$25 reduction in your dues for next year! So far Steve Garr, Dick Jones, Don Jones, Pat Kelly, Rick Klages, Jason Klages and Carl Thuesen all put in their 3 hours by helping out at the MATA Convention. Speed Leckie got his 3 hours by fabricating the new TS Award that will be given out at the banquet this weekend. Hey, I know that it averages out to only \$8.33 per hour but its not hard work and. It's Tax Free! Maybe we could call it the BFM Stimulus Plan...hehe.

The BFM Fly-in is coming up quick! June 19th, 20th and 21st. To make a long story short, we need some more volunteers that would like to earn \$25 in 3 hours. The concession stand will be open from 10am to 3pm on Saturday and from 10am to 1pm on Sunday. Duties will be cooking burgers and hot dogs and selling and serving food and drinks. The Sunday concession crew will be responsible for cleaning up the concession stand area. If this sounds like something you wouldn't mind doing for \$25 let me know? My contact info is at the bottom. There will be a Prime Rib Dinner on Saturday night and Eric

Runestead has already signed up to prepare and cook the dinner but he may need some help with serving the food. Early Saturday morning we need help setting up the huge awnings for the dining area just north of the concession building. It is not much work but one person can't do it, so we need some help there. AMA Radio Impound rules will be in effect on Saturday and Sunday, this is really easy work. It is so easy in fact, and you might even feel guilty getting your \$25 back. Is anyone good with a microphone? We will need someone to run the PA system on Saturday and Sunday so if this is your area of expertise please let me know. At the end of the Fly-in we will need some help taking down the awning and emptying the trash barrels. You won't have to worry about hauling the trash away or anything. We have got that handled, just remove the full trash bags, tie them off and place them by the front gate and then put new trash bags in the barrels.

In preparation for the Fly-in the field needs to be mowed, the outhouse needs a pressure wash and some minor maintenance as well. Bring your weed eaters and give us a couple hours toward your \$25 discount.

Some of the stuff above might seem like a lot of work but if enough people step up to help out 3 hours at a time it won't seem like work at all! If you would like to help out in any of the above areas please let me know as soon as possible. If you can't help for 3 hours then help for 1 or 2 hours, if you want a particular time frame let me know that too. It takes a lot of work to make the

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Fly-In happen and we all want to have a good time!

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A Word From the President

There have been a lot of things happening this month. A bunch of fellow members and I spent last week and weekend at the M.A.T.A. Show at the Holiday Inn Atrium. We hung planes and had a flight sim set up. Clay was the master at selling raffle tickets for the little RTF Heli and the RTF indoor plane. I believe the club cleared over \$200 for our efforts. I would also like to thank an old member from 94-95, Gary Wirell for the invitation. I am trying to spoil him by letting him buddy-box on my Roadrunner. I figure if we need to get him hooked, do it with the big fun ones. Vicky, please don't read this. I would like to thank Don Jones for hanging with me on Thursday and teaching me some new aviation info that I did not know. You never know what you don't know until someone shows you and gives an explanation. I believe Robby sent e-mail out thanking everyone for the help and so I won't list names here. Dick Jones renewed the contract for the weather station service on the web site for the next year. For anyone who thinks the raise in dues was too much

this year, consider the time that Dick and Jumpers spend making sure all of us can sit in our living room on Saturday or Sunday morning and see that the wind is "West at 18.5-22.1 mph", and not waste 6 bucks worth of gas to go see if "We can go fly?" I talked to Robbie and Steve and they said that the Powell Swap Meet was a great time. I wish I had been there but I stayed home and flew bright and early with the local "Die Hards". I got 2 calls wondering where I was later, but I had a prior commitment. Last of all, I would like to thank Lynda Hahn for putting the banquet together. Next year it is someone else's turn to do it. I haven't even gotten into much of the fine print of being "The President", but I have total respect for Lynda and all she has done for the club for the last 5 years. Thank you Lynda!! I would like to thank Robby for all his work doing the newsletter. It is a pain in the butt. Thanks Clay for the website. Geeze I'm starting to sound like Stevie Wonder at the Grammys.

Fly Safe and Fly a lot!!!!
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A Word From the Secretary

Well Guys and Gals I finally had my brush with Spring this weekend. For all who went out and flew at the field it was a wonderful weekend. Me(Robby Spearing), hitched a ride with Steve Garr down to Powell's Swap meet and Banquet The Wyoming Sagebrush Hoppers put On Saturday, March 21 2009. I had an awesome time. Thanks to Steve Garr and his Wife, And Nancy Herrington for letting me go with them.

First thing in the morning we went out to the eagles lodge for the swap meet had a pretty good turn out from the sagebrush hoppers . They really put on a good show and everybody that was involved was very nice and cordial. We had a good turn out from Billings as Well Glen Hertz and his wife was there, Dale Abell and Blair Ersek, John Poulson, Steve Garr, Nancy Herrington, Larry Pettengil, and a bunch of people from the Wyoming and surrounding areas.

I'd like to thank all who showed up and It was a wonderful time. And we finished up the swap meet and a bunch of guys showed up at their Flying Field and it was a great time. We all had a blast and I'd like to say their wasn't any crashes all day which was a good one.. I even came back home with my Uproar still in one piece no broken props either so it was a good trip for me.. Well once again thanks guys and I'd really like to thank the Wyoming Sagebrush Hoppers for the good turn out and food also.

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

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