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April Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President. Clay Ness at 6:30 PM. Secretary Robby Spearing read the minutes from the previous meeting and they were approved as read.

Committee Reports

George is checking around for the food for the flyin .Ed Alves also volunteered to help out.

Old Business

The R/C Car track we are thinking about renting the track out for a fee. And Also a cleaning deposit would also be needed. And the same principals would stand the if they wanted to us the track for private they need to be a club member. That's with ama. Cleanup around the track would be taken care of by the members

A motion was made to move the meetings to the First Tuesday of the month.Rodney seconded and the motion passed.

Lynda Hahn headed up the banquet Please give out thanks to her for helping out. A Big Thanks Lynda

New Business

George Goforth is the main committee member for the Fly in.Please help him out if we can. Robby made a motion to spend 100 dollars at the hobby shops for the fly in.Ralph seconded. And motion passed.

Lynda made a motion to adjourn Ralph seconded the motion a vote was taken and the motion passed.

58.08

Secretary Tidbit

New members, Ed Alves, Jim Sherburn, Christian Wilson. Dustin Livesay, Marty South
13 Members present at last meeting.

Submitted by Ed Alves
Did a little digging around about the control line field. The actual history of the circle is really not that rich, everything around it, and the people I talked to were. It appears that it was put in at the very same time as the original paved R/C (72-73) strip at Chamberlain. It appears that the big years of the R/C in the 70's pretty much killed it's use. I have a couple

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more people I would like to talk to but I expect more of the same specifically regarding the field. I talked to James Sherman, Speed Leckie, Dee Leckie, Dick and Dwight Holmes, Bill Pales. They are all pretty much in agreement it did not see much use, most guys that did never seemed to use it more than two to three times per year. I did find out some interesting history about the club, where the guys used to fly control line and R/C in an around town. Heard some very funny stories and it is well worth my time. I believe that some of the people I talked to will be paying attention to that corner of the club, drive out to see what is going on. Maybe some of them will even try to fly out there some time.

Dick Holmes told me that the surface is really nothing more than an experimental batch of sand and oil. I told him it is reasonably good condition, and very flyable. He indicated that he was some what aware of that and is pleasantly surprised. He said the original landing strip was constructed the same way but didn't last. Dick said that Model Airplane news in 1956 ran an article about the BFM Club. I'm going to try to track it down. I had some great laughs and all those guys are great and very nice to spend their time talking to me. It was all very interesting! Thanks,

Ed

Thank you and welcome to the viewers of the Billings Flying Mustang website, we thank you for your interest. We are a historic AMA chartered club with rich local history. Lots of positive things are happening in and around our club. Chamberlain Field is always being updated by an active and growing membership. We pride our self's in being a community based multi use facility. Importantly and a somewhat recent development at our Club. Our new neighbor to the north of the club has granted us emergency access to his property for retrieval. By strategically placing new gates to our northern boundary he has made any unfortunate emergency retrieval very user friendly and it is greatly appreciated at the club.

New strategies to increase the use of our wonderful R/C car track are currently under way! As I write it is a great surface, and only to get better, what a great and low cost way to introduce a kid to a potential life R/C. With these updates we hope to accommodate different classes of cars, increase and promote frequent weekend use thru out the warm summer months.

In addition, for all you round-d-round control line nuts our paved 60' circle is now very usable and open for business! Plans to consistently maintain the field are on the radar and it beckons the drone of a 4-2-4 break. Come out and fly, break some

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of that old stuff out, enjoy the simplicity and affordability, sniff the nitro or enjoy the quite thrust of e-power. Nothing in R/C can emulate the pull of the lines in one's hand.

Without saying, Chamberlain Field is one of the nicest facilities to fly R/C out of in the western region! The strip and the facilities are absolutely great and almost unparalleled for 100's of miles around in any direction. Members are very friendly and willing to welcome any potential new club member to come out and share our hobbies. Come fly Big Sky Country and enjoy the open airspace, the beautiful 360 degree views and the state of the art facilities at Chamberlain Field. Keep your wings level and smooth skies! Thanks,

Ed Alves
BFM Member

Submitted by Darrol Cady
As far as the control line field, we did get some cash from one of the service clubs, I think that it was the Kiwanis. It was because when we built the current field on Grand Ave, the service club wanted it to be kid friendly and it was their demand that we did it.

As far as the land. Allen Coomber's dad found the property. I negotiated the lease and had my attorney draw up what was called an "Indian land lease" It was my father in law that

brought his equipment out and leveled the field and installed the culvert off of Grand. My brother in law, Gene Wuertz brought his patrol out there and finish graded the runway. Barry O'Leary's superintendent was asked by my father in law to come out and talk to me about hard surface. He came up with a sealer that was supposed to make our ground like concrete and last forever... NOT! In a few months, it started cracking and breaking up, like the other side of the runway. We had paid \$5000 for the treatment. he agreed that the treatment was a failure and said he would take care of it. A couple of days later, there was a paving machine at the field manned by Donna Coomber's brother. After several truckloads of asphalt, the runway was laid down and worked well for many years.

The new surface and the purchase of the land is great! Good job to those that did that.

Darrol
JR, Feel the Difference!
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**Next Meeting is Moved to
Tuesday
May 3rd At Chamberlain
Field
6:30 pm**

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