



# Gallatin Eagles

## RC FLYING CLUB

**Hello,**

I was out of town on our last meeting which was our last Saturday meeting. We will resume our summer Tuesday night schedule for the summer. I would like to talk about having our Saturday meetings this fall, I believe it went really well.

Thank you to all that set up our bank window, I hope there were some photos, I did not get a chance to see it.

We had some questions about slope soaring out at the field. Unfortunately, MSU does not have the property to the ridge and there are some houses on top of the ridge so besides retrieving a lost airplane once in a while it would be best not to use that area.

The County has repaired the road going into the field, it is so much better no more mud!

We are still working towards our anniversary fun fly for June 29<sup>th</sup> and we will have a work day or two before then so weather depending we will get them in soon. Keep an eye out for an email, it may be short notice.

Not much else going on early spring flying is hit and miss with the weather. Get your building projects finished up, get your planes checked over, let's go fly!

see you next meeting.

Destry

### Gallatin Eagles Upcoming Events 2024

May 7, and every Tuesday through September at 5:00 PM, pilot training.

May 14, Meeting, 7:15PM at the field. Come early for some flying time!

June 29, 9:00 AM?? Fun Fly to celebrate 20 years at our field!

July 13, 9:00 AM, Battle for the Mountains, RC Combat.

(Monthly meetings during winter will be held at 10 AM on the 2nd Saturday of the month. This allows us to meet in the daylight, and maybe catch some air time!)

For more information on club events see our website: [gallatineagles.org/calendar](http://gallatineagles.org/calendar)



**Bank Window Display**

Our annual bank window display was April 1 - 8. Larry Nelson, Ralph Smith and I displayed a total of 7 airplanes.

Stan Johnson

**Club Officers for 2024**

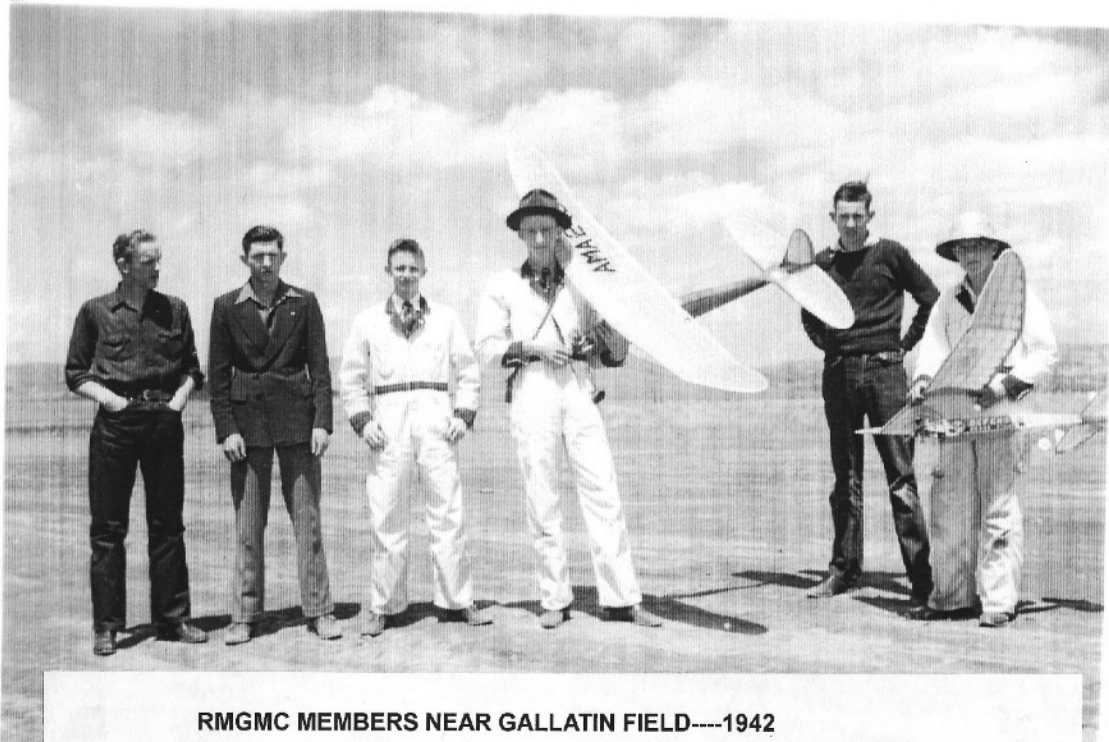
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**Larry's Log,**

Chuck Curtis and I put together a list of flying locations the club has had over the years. We have added some notes as well.

The following picture is from the Rocky Mountain Gas Model Club taken in 1942.



**RMGMC MEMBERS NEAR GALLATIN FIELD-----1942**

From left are Dick Sheppard, Bob Thompson, Earl Bradford, Bob Bradford (holding his Comet Sailplane), Harry Fletcher and Fred Staudaer (holding his original designed plane using a Zipper wing). Note the RMGMC coveralls.

Bob Bradford Photo

In the early 60's, BATS (Bozeman Air Tragedy Society, later changed to Telemetry) was flying east of the north 7th avenue freeway interchange. That would be north of Walmart. Chuck started flying here in 1965. Picture is spring of 1966 with Norm Shyne.

About 1972 the club moved to Haggarty Lane and then to top of the hill where the Life of Montana building is now. I came to Bozeman in and remember flying off the road in 1972. Someone brought out a ram jet and fired it up on the ground. This brought the city police out to see what the loud noise was all about.

1981 we were flying on an old railroad right of way north of SpringHill road. It was very narrow and very bumpy.

We moved to Hiesel's Sod farm on Spring Hill Road in about 1982. This was a great location, lots of room and no field maintenance.

about 1983, we moved to Summit Engineering building on south 7th, south of the museum. We were there about 4 years. We also flew off the MSU soccer fields during this time. Below is a picture taken in summer of 1976. I'm flying a Lanier Comet II, one of the first ARFs. Nice hair!!



Top - Various locations.

Above - South 7th.

In 1984 or so, we were flying off the closed North/South airport runway built in 1940's for basic pilot training. The airport maintained the blacktop runway. Its was about 60 feet wide and 600 feet long. Good location, but had to have a spotter to be alert for full size airplanes. Silent sailplanes would sneak up on you. I remember I "strained" a Dirty Birdy (60 size aerobatic plane) through the cyclone fence. Lost the site in about 1991 when an uncontrolled plane crashed between the active runway and taxiway. My Dirty Birdy fall of 1976.



We moved to a Manhattan farm in early 1990's and stayed until 2004.

In 2004, the club finally moved to our present location on Kelly Canyon Road. The surface started out with an old conveyor belt, which lasted a few years. Once the belt started to fray, one could do great aircraft carrier landings when the wheels were caught by the fabric. We scrapped that for recycled blacktop the city donated to us. Unfortunately, the mix was so dry it would not pack down and was basically gravel.

Then about 2020, High Country Paving donated asphalt to pave our 300 -foot runway with a taxiway. By far, this is the best flying site Gallatin valley has ever had. Stan Johnson is in the foreground.

Keep on Flying!!

Larry



### Open B Combat event - May 11, 2024

The contest will be 8 rounds of Open B. First round at 9:00 AM.  
Wasatch Aero Modelers club field: 3985 West Gentile Street, Layton, Utah 84041.  
Information: Scott Stringham

## Turkey Shoot



This is an AMA Sanctioned RCCA event. Sanction number 16110. AMA cards required at registration. Ten Rounds of Open B combat, and ten rounds of 2610 Scale pilots permitting. Registration at 8:30 A.M. First Sortie at 9:30. Saturday June 1st.

Entry fee \$30.00 for each event. Entry fee due at registration.

Go to the RCCA web site and print and fill out your score sheet and bring it with you!!

Bring your own Hard Hat. Lunch Provided for Pilots and those who help judge! Lunch will be \$3.00.

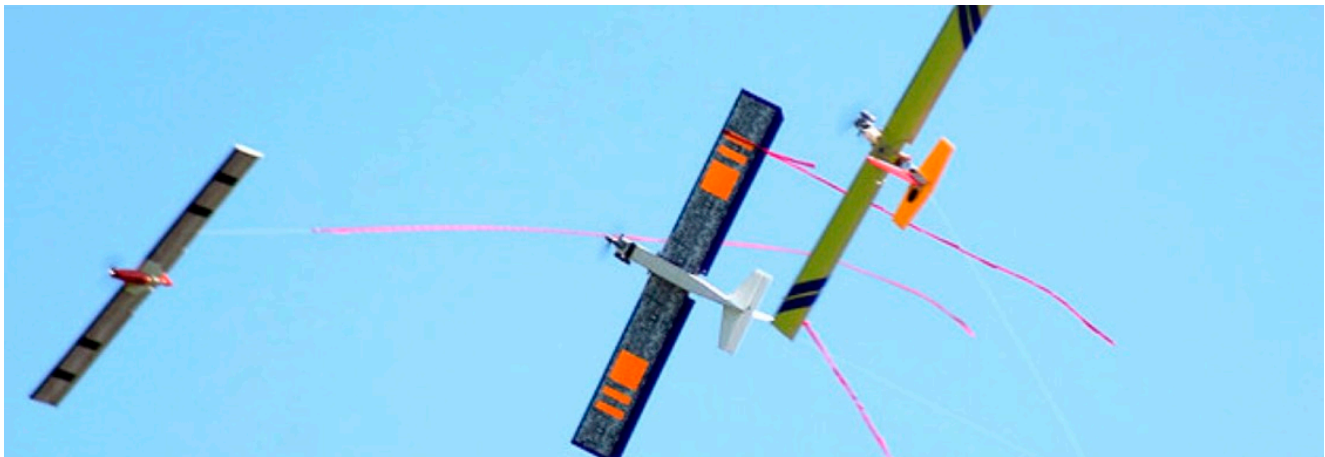
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Presents  
**Battle for the Mountains**

**Saturday July 13, 2024**  
**10927 Kelly Canyon Road,**  
**Bozeman, MT 59715**



6 rounds each Open-B & 2610 Scale.

Registration & pilots meeting 9-10am, Carnage begins 10am.  
AMA & **hardhat** required for pilots and judges.

All AMA & RCCA rules followed. Test your skills in a challenging mountain environment.  
\$20 pilot fee for either event. \$30 for both.

RCCA sanctioned event. National points awarded. (Note: You do not have to be an RCCA member to participate)

**COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH FOR ALL REGISTERED CONTESTANTS and JUDGES**  
(\$5.00 for spectators)

This is an event well suited for spectators! Lots of action! Radio controlled "combat" aircraft are flown in heats of 4 or more, each towing a 30 foot streamer of crepe paper. Each pilot gains points by severing a competitors' streamer while trying to protect their own. Extreme maneuvering and frequent mid-air collisions result!  
Anyone interested in radio controlled flying will want to see this.