



Gallatin Eagles

RC FLYING CLUB

Hello,

Things are starting to turn green. Working with Lee Fisher, the lawn mower needed a new battery for the year. The mower is up and running and Lee has already done some laps around the field. As a reminder, if you have a paid membership the clubhouse key also works in the lawn mower shed. Any extra help keeping up with the mowing during the summer is greatly appreciated.

Our field camera is back up and running, thank you Dan for ordering it up. If you are having issues hooking up please let me know.

We are still planning on having our 20 Year anniversary Fun Fly June 29th. I am not sure how much field work we will get done before that date but we will do what we can weather permitting. Do you have some ideas for what we want to do? I would love to hear them. I am working with signs of Montana on getting our sponsor sign redone before the fun fly.

I am also talking with High County Paving on a quote for seal coating and re-stripping the runway. I think it would be a good thing to get done to preserve the runway we have. I will let you know what I find out.

Flying season is here!

See you at the meeting,

Destry

Gallatin Eagles Upcoming Events 2024

June 4, and every Tuesday through September at 5:00 PM, pilot training.

June 11, 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

Open B Combat - May 11, 2024

This event was at the Wasatch Aero Modelers club field in Layton, Utah, which is about 20 miles north of Salt Lake City. Eight rounds of Open B combat and 3 of full contact combat. Between rounds I'm always pretty busy making sure my airplane is ready for the next round - refueled, new streamer, battery checked, control surfaces checked, but I did have a couple minutes to watch this crazy event where pilots are trying to knock competitors airplanes out of the sky. Oddly, we who were flying Open B had more collisions!

Speaking of mid-air collisions, I was walking back to the pit area with airplane parts under each arm but had to drop everything and take this picture of the snow capped Wasatch Range. As



you can see, it was a beautiful day with a light breeze and mostly sunny sky. Aside from that collision, I managed to cut Scott's streamer in a later round. It was sort of like kicking a hornet's nest! Scott was on me like glue until his airplane bumped mine while he was attempting to cut my streamer. Our airplanes were both still flying and I was sure that I could get mine re-trimmed and continue the round but nothing was stopping the rolling and pitching my airplane was doing. In about 2 seconds I realized I couldn't control where it was going and simultaneously yelled "i'm out of control" and cut the throttle only to watch the airplane head toward the parking lot but land flat on a patch of grass next to it! The prop was broken and the left aileron servo was jammed in the full up position. Aside from that, no damage!

Awards went to: Scott Stringham, 1st place, I placed 2nd, and Bret Anderson 3rd.

Thanks to Scott Stringham for putting this event on, I'll plan on attending next year!

Stan Johnson



Big Sky R/C Modelers Event

Hello all, I apologize for the last minute notification, Big Sky R/C Modelers is hosting general fly-in on Saturday June 1st (this Saturday)! The only requirements are: posses AMA, and a flight-worthy aircraft! Flying starts at the usual time, no set time! The Great Falls R/C complex is a FRIA site so no transponders are required! Additionally, on Saturday, June 22nd the great falls club is hosting a float-fly at Wadsworth Lake, stay tuned for details and updates! Looking forward to flying with all on Saturday! If you have any questions I can be reached at (406) 771-8506. That is all!

Regards
John Sandy

Looking for Volunteers!

We will need volunteers for the upcoming Battle for the Mountains combat event on July 13 (see flyer on next page). This event always draws a crowd, and to make scoring official we need a judge for each registered pilot. No prior experience is necessary. If you're able to help out please email me at: sjohnson825@msn.com. Judges enjoy up close proximity to the action AND a free lunch!

Stan Johnson



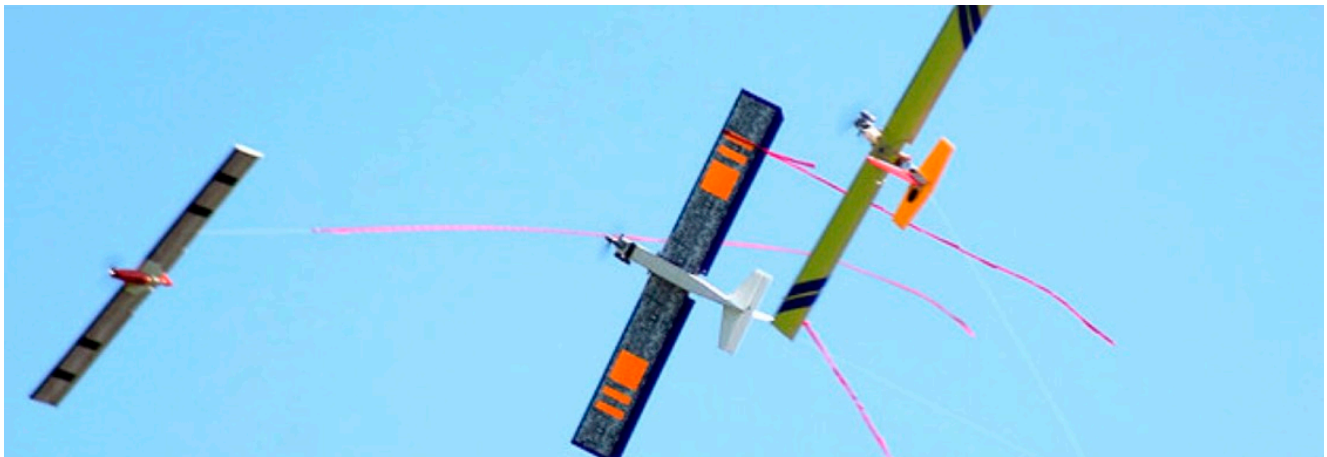
The Boeing 367-80 first flew in July 1954. It was the prototype for the 707 jet liner as well as the KC-135 tanker. Note the turbo jet engines which were rated approx. 10,000 pounds of thrust each. Later turbo fan engines were typically 17,000 pounds thrust.

The original prototype is now on display at the Air and Space Smithsonian museum at Dulles Airport in Virginia. SJ



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.