



Fun Fly: June 4,
Club Meeting: Tuesday, June 14, 7:15 PM at the field.

Hello!

Lots of exciting things going on for our field. First we have the new to us lawn mower. Thanks to Chris Ordile for his donation to the club. I went through and cleaned it up, did a little welding on the mower deck and used about \$75 of the clubs money to put some new parts on it. It will be a nice upgrade from the other mower. It is in the shed and ready to go. If



you need a key for the shed please let me know, keeping up on the mowing would be great.



Our new sign, part of the deal I made with Derek from High Country Paving is that we would have a sign with their logo and reference to the new High Country Field. That sign has been made by SCS Wraps and I built the frame for it to go on. The sign sits just to the east of the spectators shed. There is plenty of room for some additional info and it's a real eye catcher. Thank you to Charlie Pflieger and my friend Logan

Schroeder for the help. We also made a removable fence on the east side of the runway to keep anyone from driving on the runway. We put a pipe in the ground and the post slides into that. So when you're ready to fly just remove the post and put it back up when you leave. This will just ensure no one will drive on the runway.

Fence Pro came in and put in new chain link fence and gates for our safety fence in place of our orange snow fence. The chain link looks so awesome, really dresses up the place.

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Don't forget June 4 is our Fun Fly to break in our new runway. Last meeting we decided to postpone from Memorial day due to weather and the turn out. This will be our first fun fly for our club planes so get them done! I would also like to have a display of combat so hope to get that put together. We are doing our best to



advertise this event so let's make it a great one, come out and fly. We will be having food and fun.

Things have really been going great the last month or so and our field has never been better. Thank you all for your support.

Destry

Field Safety

Larry Nelson, our Safety Officer, requested that I print a copy of our club's safety code. Since it's the beginning of another flying season for us, it's a good time to revisit, reiterate, etc., our club's and the AMA's rules regarding safe flying practices. Please review the Safety Code printed below.

Stan Johnson

Gallatin Eagles Safety Code

- AMA membership is required to fly at the field.
- Your name and address or AMA number should be attached to each aircraft. (not required for indoor aircraft)
- An inexperienced pilot should be assisted by an experienced pilot.
- Area away from pits must be maintained for spectators.
- A spotter for First Person View (FPV) aircraft must be capable of taking over flying duties in case of an emergency.
- Flying over the pit area and vehicles is strictly forbidden.

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- Never fly near full size aircraft.
- Observe noise limitations and flying times at the field.
- Engine starting should be performed in designated areas.
- Aircraft hand launched should be away from individuals and vehicles.
- Pilots will stand behind the pilot's safety barrier or 25 feet away from the south edge of the runway while flying and be clear of the runway.
- Please be aware of who is flying and what they are flying.
- Pilots should give notice of preparing to takeoff or land.
- Pilots must give notice of walking on or crossing the runway.

Large and Not So Large Aircraft

The aircraft we're standing in front of is a KC97G. It had four R4360 engines - 28 cylinders and about 3500 hp normally. We refueled B-47s when we were flying out of El Paso, Texas, and B-52s after we moved to Great Falls. I had about 700 hours in this aircraft. We could load the jet fuel tanks with aviation gas for longer range. Wide open and loaded lightly, we could do almost 400 mph and the ceiling was about 28,000 ft.



Biggs AFB, El Paso TX 1956 Chuck Curtis 2nd from R

The R/C plane is a Regulus (photo on next page) with an OS .40 in it. The radio is home built from articles in RCM and is called a Digitrio. A supplier called World Engines kitted the radio.

On another note, we now have one of the finest flying fields in Montana. All of this can be credited to Destry. He does know how to get things done. We will forever be grateful to him for what he has got done. gotten done? got did? Whatever. I've been around Larry too

long!

I have a wing building jig from Great Planes that is free to anyone that wants it. It uses steel rods through holes in the wing ribs to keep them aligned until the glues dries. It belonged to Ed Welch and his widow gave it to me for the club.

Just a reminder--I have lots of small parts such as quick links, hinges etc. Give me a call if you need something. 587 4934.

Chuck Curtis



Chuck Curtis with his 40 size Regulus! Butte, MT 1966

New Vice President

Since Michael Hutchinson is moving out of town soon, Adam Stamey volunteered for, was nominated and elected at last meeting as our new Vice President. Thank you Michael for your service to our club, we hope to see you again!

Adam Stamey has been an active member of our club for several years now. Thank you Adam for filling this position.

SJ

Mike Hutchinson adds:

After I got married and had found a real job, I found myself in a situation with a little bit of money, I decided I could return to my love of aviation via R/C. I bought a little electric cub from Nitroplanes, and flew it for a few months before wanting more. It will be about 4 years since I've joined the club, going from being a stranger to making some very good friends and improving my flying skills. I'll be gone for a few years, but most likely will end up back in Bozeman. In the past few years, it's been fun to see how the club has evolved and how we have made some amazing progress on the field. I appreciate everything this club has done for me, and will surely miss it. I'll be in touch :)

Mike

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Cleared to Land!

Photos at right and next page were taken by Destry aboard Derek Swenson's airplane while overflying our field.





Events in 2016:

June

- 4th Gallatin Eagles Fun Fly
- 4th Missoula, Hobby Town swap meet
- 4th Shelley, ID R/C Combat
- 11th-12th Billings pylon race, 424 and 426 class
- 16th-19th Paradise Valley fly-in
- 18th-19th Spokane war bird fly-in
- 25th Helena AELS
- 25th Great Falls float-fly, Ft Benton

July

- 9th Helena float-fly
- 16th-17th Great Falls fly-in / open house
- 23rd Bozeman Combat meet
- 30th Helena AELS

August

- 6th Missoula fly-in / swap meet
- 11th-14th Paradise Valley fly-in
- 20th Shelley, ID R/C Combat
- 20th-21st Helena AELS
- 27th Great Falls scale fly-in

September

- 3rd-5th Helena pylon race, 424, 426, EFI class
- 10th-11th Kalispell fly-in / swap meet
- 17th Missoula scale fly-in
- 24th Helena AELS
- 25th Helena float-fly

October

- 8th Great Falls float-fly
- 29th Helena AELS

Final Approach (The Last Page)

This photo was sent to me by Chris Boyer of Kestrel Aerial.
May 2016 has been a busy month for our club!

SJ

