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Hello all

The last days of July are on the way out and It has been a hot month for sure, a good time to do some early morning flying. I hope you all have had some time to fly. Summers are busy and I for one have not been able to get out as much as I have wanted for sure.

Gallatin Eagles Upcoming Events

Every Tuesday, 5:00 PM Pilot training.

August 12, Tuesday, 7:15 PM - Meeting at the field. Come early/stay late for some flying!

First news is the recycled asphalt has been removed! Hopefully it won't return. It is a shared space but boy is it nice that it is gone.

The field is in pretty good shape after our work day. Things are pretty dry out there please be aware of any fire dangers, it only takes one spark to get something started. Dan Matthews donated a window a/c unit for us to use in the clubhouse for those hot days, somewhere to go in and cool down. Wow are we spoiled, Thanks Dan!

We had our Battle of the Mountains Combat meet on July 12th. I was not able to make it out but I heard it was a good turnout, Thank you to all who were able to go out and help.

August, we do not have any events planned, but we are still doing Tuesday training nights and our second Tuesday meeting nights. Hopefully August will slow down a bit so I can do some flying. Great to see the field getting used, get out and do some flying.

See you out there, Destry

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Larry's Log,

Whoopee! The blacktop pile north of the runway is being removed. Over the last week the county has removed about half of the pile. And the work continues. Maybe it will all be gone by the fall.

The combat meet was a huge success. Thanks to Gib Curtis and all those that judged, bought food and cooked. We had six pilots with 4 local pilots. Charlie Pfleger was first, Phil Battle was second followed by Stan Johnson as third. Consistency is the name of the game. Be in the air on time, fly the heat duration and land. It helps to cut a few ribbons. I saw Charlie cut 2 ribbons within seconds. Mine was one of them.

During one combat heat, I managed to leave a large impression in the gravel pile behind the trees. Impression of the wing and a running engine could be seen. An elevon servo gear stripped in midair caused a wild porpoise ride into the gravel pile. The plane was scrapped but, the engine was disassembled and cleaned in an ultrasonic bath. Lots of grit and sand in the bottom of the bath. Reassembled and oiled, engine is good as new.



Phil Battle had a mid-air collision with Brian Westberg and lost an engine. Brian is missing a muffler. Phil did not find that engine; however, he found another engine he lost three years ago.

Keep on Flying!!

Larry

Battle for the Mountains, July 12, 2025 photos, courtesy of Dave Miller:



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