



Hello

Hope you all are well, the weather has been great and I hope you all have had more time than me to fly and enjoy it. I apologize for having to miss the meeting last month but I so appreciate Stan backing me up. I know Brian is working hard on getting some help for our next event, the Battle for the Mountains combat meet so I hope to hear he has had some success. Events take lots of hands so please help if you can.

Livingston Crazy Mountain Flyers had their Father's Day Fun Fly. The weather was not the best so I did not go, I'm not sure if anyone else went but I guess they still were able to get some great flying in. They have another get together in August and I recommend going.

Don't forget Tuesday nights are still training and Flying nights so come out to the field for some help or help someone else or just fly.

See you all soon,
Destry



Gallatin Eagles July Events:

- 3, Tuesday, Pilot training at the field.
5:00 until too dark to fly! This happens every Tuesday until end of summer.
- 10, Tuesday, Meeting at the field.
7:15 PM. (Pilot training and general flying begins at 5:00).
- 17, Tuesday, Pilot training.
- 21, Saturday, Battle for the Mountains! Combat event. See flyer in this newsletter.
- 24, Tuesday, Pilot training.
- 31, Tuesday, Pilot training.

For more information on club events see our website: gallatineagles.org/calendar

2018 Event Schedule Big Sky RC Modelers

Great Falls MT RC Club.

- July 6-7 – Open House and Fly In
- July 8 Fun Fly (Competitive Events)
- July 21 – GF Float Fly
- August 25 – Scale Fun Fly
- September 8 – Quadcopter Event (FPV and line of sight racing)
- October 6 – Power Fun Fly (Leo's)

AMA Required for pilots
For more info contact Pres Dan Woods
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Volunteer judges needed for our model airplane combat event in July.

Saturday, July 21st.
Battle for the Mountains
Gallatin Eagles Flying Field.
9am until 2pm.

No experience necessary, everything will be explained at the event. Just a good set of eyes. Follow the plane belonging to your assigned pilot and keep track of what happens for each 5-minute round. Exciting and fun!

You are guaranteed a FRONT ROW view of the action, and a **free lunch!**

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Membership Update

Just a quick update on membership and a reminder that a few of you have not paid your 2018 dues. We currently have 37 fully paid members. Another 13 people who were members last year have renewed AMA but have not paid local club dues. Our club is still on a calendar year membership (1 Jan – 31 Dec). AMA has converted to an annual membership year based on the date you renew. For example, if you renewed in June your membership would be 1 June 2018 to 30 June 2019. This means that some AMA memberships could expire during the flying season. Two of our members have AMA memberships that expired this spring that have not been renewed. It can be a little confusing but AMA should send you a reminder and you can check your membership at modelaircraft.org – look for membership verification under “members and clubs/membership services”. If you do not have current AMA coverage you should not be flying. Thanks for keeping both memberships current.

Chuck Banta

Volunteers needed

I was recently contacted by the Activities Coordinator at Hillcrest Senior Living about the possibility of the Gallatin Eagles doing a presentation during Active Aging Week. It's held September 24-28 this year, although we would only need to be there on Tuesday the 25th. Time is flexible, they suggested a couple hours or so. Somewhat like the mall show, it would be a chance to present info on the club and what we do. They were also hoping for a flight demonstration. Having looked at their site, it's a little small for most planes, although a park flyer might work if it was a calm day. A quadcopter or drone would be ideal. If anyone is interested in doing this, let me know asap so I can confirm a time with them.

Brian Westberg

Red Barons Turkey Shoot.

Combat! Open-B & 2610 Scale.

Saturday, June 2, 2018

Shelley, Idaho

Sunny day, slight breeze, 70 degrees. *Perfect* weather.

Flew 8 rounds. Got off to a really good start before lunch, kept my streamers and managed 1-2 cuts per round. Nothing dramatic, just a steady pace which usually results in a decent score. After lunch, Murphy's Law decided to take a *personal* interest in me. Engine refused to start, even though it ran fine just minutes earlier. After multiple attempts and some harsh comments, it came to life as though nothing was



ever wrong. Launching late always means trouble. You're an easy target while taking off, and the competitors wait like vultures. Full throttle, threw it like a javelin, the plane climbing smoothly and picking up speed. Made it just past the combat engagement line before someone ripped the virgin streamer off. Next round, the plane fired right up, launched on time, and climbed to a safe altitude to await the horn. Just seconds before the call to "Start Combat", the streamer fell off on its own. You have *GOT* to be kidding me. OK, think positive. The plane's going to be faster, and no worries about who's behind me. Just fly for points. The horn sounds, time for battle. Pushed full throttle and..... the planes not responding. Engine died. Made a safe landing, then watched everyone else mix it up. Now 7th round, everything going well. Tracked another plane just a wee bit too long and drove my own into the ground. Plowed a new furrow in a freshly irrigated field. Messy, but no real damage. Now its the final round, last chance to score. Time to get serious. No more Mr. Nice Guy. Flew fast and reckless. Not much to show for it, but a nice adrenaline rush and no damage to the plane.

For those who have never attended, I highly recommend the Shelley events. Its a beautiful location with a lot of wide open space. It attracts some excellent pilots who take the game seriously. Plenty of action, and a good spectator viewing area. There's a campground on the site. Even if you're not a competitor, its a great weekend destination.

Brian Westberg

Swap Meet and Fun Fly

The Mission Mountain Valley modelers are having a swap meet and fly in on Sept 15th and 16th at the St Ignatius airport. Fee is \$10 and bring your own table. They fly off a 2000 ft paved runway for whatever you want to fly. I may go over as I've never been there-I'd like to see it.

Chuck Curtis



If our club had an award for resourcefulness and innovation, Sam Gregoire would certainly get nominated! Sam (and his father, Rob) joined our club earlier this year and they've been coming regularly to meetings and flying at the field this spring. It was a Tuesday evening about 3 weeks ago that I noticed the goggles Sam was wearing for FPV flying. I asked him how he got started in this hobby, his reply: "I joined the hobby after finding the YouTube channel 'Flite Test' sometime around summer 2016. They are a company that tries to make the RC hobby accessible and cheap for as many people as they can, and I decided I wanted to try it myself. The plane is inspired by a design made by Flite Test, and is made from water resistant foam board and hot glue. The goggles I am wearing are made from cardboard and a reading magnifier." Well done Sam!

Stan Johnson

Gallatin Eagles RC Flying Club

Presents

Battle for the Mountains

Saturday July 21nd, 2018

6 rounds each Open-B & 2610 Scale.

Registration & pilots meeting 9-10am, Carnage begins 10am.

AMA & **hardhat** required.

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 his own. Extreme maneuvering and frequent mid-air collisions result!

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