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Club Meeting

Tuesday, July 8, 7:15 PM at the field! This is also a Tuesday Training night. Come early and fly, if you're new to this hobby, arrange with an instructor for some dual time. . . . or just come for the meeting!

Greetings everyone!

Hopefully some of you were able to attend the state fun fly in Helena this weekend. Heard the turnout was great, but the weather was awful!

Unfortunately, I had an unexpected family medical emergency, so I was unable to attend. I guess I will have to plan on next year. Hope to hear from someone who went how it was.

Our local weather has not been that great, which has made it hard to keep up with mowing the field. Myself included have not made it out there either to assess the situation.

Our combat meet will be coming up soon, hope to get the field in tip top shape before then. Let's keep hoping for better weather!

On a side note, I spoke to central hobbies in Billings, & visited with Shane Elbert who is brother of Travis, president of the Helena club. He is very willing to work with us on any parts & supplies that we may need. He also offered to bring us our purchases as he travels to Helena a lot, which would help on shipping charges. I appreciate it, because Central Hobbies is our local hobby shop.

See you at the next meeting at the field.

Destry

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Red Barons Turkey Shoot D-Day (Open-B, 2610 Combat) June 7, 2014 Shelley, Idaho By Brad Westberg

This year I attended the Red Barons Turkey Shoot with Charlie. We left in the morning on Friday, and began to have a blast as soon as we arrived, finishing planes and going out for dinner. That night, we camped in Charlie's van. In the morning, we had a hearty breakfast of burritos and did some test flying.

Over the course of the day I only broke one propeller, despite flying all six rounds, and mid airing once. Even with a grand total of only one cut, I still found myself giggling like a schoolgirl every time the horn blew, signaling the start of the round.

The next day, when Charlie had claimed, and thoroughly spit-shined his first place award, we went to see Mesa falls, and then to Quake lake, before heading home. I had a great time and am excited for the next one!

Field Safety

Summer is finally here, at least according to the calendar. The field is getting more and more use each week so I would like to remind everyone to be safe. The native American club has been out, although I have not seen much of them. If we are out there together, please remember to keep clear of their sweat lodge, the ugly hobo looking building covered in rags. If you happen to come in when there are cars parked at the end of the runway, please politely ask them to move, or just fly at another time. Remember that our field is owned by MSU and both clubs were given permission to be there. Let's not stir up any more tension than we need. The other safety issue that I have come across this year is mowing. If you are flying and there is someone on the mower BE SAFE. Remember that the person on the mower can not hear what is in the air coming at them so it is up to the pilots to be diligent. If the mower is on the other side of the runway or mowing the infield, please wait the 10 minutes for them to finish up before you take your plane to the skies. If you are crossing the active runway, make sure to announce yourself to anyone who is in the air. It now becomes as much your responsibility to watch out for flying things as the pilots watching out for you. Ooh, one more thing. It is fun to share our hobby with other people. If you happen to have guests at the field, please encourage them to stay behind the safety fence when others are flying. If they would like to see closer please ask for the pilots permission before you send them over to watch over their shoulder. Some people get nervous when others are watching and talking when they are trying to fly. Let's be safe out there!

Ron Banta Safety Officer

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