

Club Meeting

Tuesday, February 10, 7:15 PM at Methodist Church basement.

The church is on the Northwest corner of Willson Ave. and Olive St. Use the Alley side entrance.

Hello

We had a good turn out at the indoor fun fly on Monday at Journey Church. Thanks to Alan and Brian for getting those dates set up. The next one will be February 16 at Journey Church.

A few of us tried to go to the Three Forks airport last weekend but the wind had other ideas, winds were

16mph gusting to 20mph, so we will try again soon. David Boyd told me have 500 feet of new black top out at Three Forks that is south west of the FBO that we can fly off of, so we should go check it out. Just a reminder we can use the Three Forks airport at any time just make sure you have a frequency scanner to hear local traffic and give David a heads up that you will be out there. I will let you know next time I am headed out.

Travis from the Helena Flying Tigers called, their annual banquet is February 7 at Jorgensen's in Helena. It starts at 5:30 and is \$25.00 a person. it sounds like there are door prizes and it is a good time. Please call Travis and let him know you are coming so he has a head count - 406-431-5877. I am going to try to go in case anyone wants to carpool. The Helena Club and Travis and his family have been good support for our events so let's support them.

Thank you,

Destry

Indoor Electric Fun Fly Schedule

Monday January 26, 6:00 - 9:00 PM Journey Church Monday February 16, 6:00 - 9:00 PM Journey Church

Monday March 2, 5:15 - 9:45 PM Grace Bible Church Gymnasium

Journey Church is located at 1794 East Baxter Lane, Baxter Ln west of Love Ln. Grace Bible Church is on 19th just south of Stucky Rd,

Bring any electric aircraft designed for indoor flight

Thanks to Brian Westberg and Alan Beard for making these arrangements.

Landing Clearance!

Just another engine out right? Yeah, I've done this before. Plenty of airspeed, plenty of altitude, no wind. Making a long approach from the west so that I don't overshoot the runway. Base leg, plenty of height over the trees. Turn to final. crrrrrrrraaaaaaaackkkkkkkkkk. "Where did the airplane go?" says puzzled observer Larry Nelson. Pic below describes it well enough. At least 40' up there.... With the help of Chuck Banta. it came down from the tree. Minimal damage, as when you hit the tops of dead trees, there is some give! It shall fly again. I think I need better glasses. (Photo on page 4)

By the time this newsletter goes out, I'll have submitted an application for the AMA's Take off and Grow Program. Its a \$1000 grant to host an event that gets folks interested in model aviation (and hopefully joining a club and AMA) The event would be slated for June. I'm really hoping we can get the grant, and get a few more people to share in our hobby and join the club! http://amaflightschool.org/sites/ default/files/TAG-PROGRAM-APPLICATION-2015-lt1.pdf

Cheers Mike

New Years Day Fun Fly

What a great turn out we had for our annual January 1st Fun Fly! While the thermometer never went above the teens, it was sunny and dead calm all day which made it quite comfortable.



The parking lot went from full in the morning to packed by early afternoon! We didn't hold any contests but at many times there were anywhere from 3 to 5 airplanes flying.



Lunch consisted of hot dogs or chili dogs and chips, and cookies for desert. Hot chocolate and coffee were available all day.

A few interesting aircraft and technologies were also available to watch and in one case, to try!

Alan Beard had a FPV (first person view) setup with googles we could each wear and watch from the view-

point of his airplane! Brad Westberg even gave flying the airplane a try!

Alan also teamed up with Ron and Chuck Banta to coordinate the flying and launching of his rocket powered glider 'bonsai' which was flown aloft on a Telemaster. Ron flew the Telemaster, Chuck operated the release mechanism, and Alan flew the Bonsai. The first flight tested the release and glide of the Bonsai. For the second flight, a rocket motor was installed and made ready. The Telemaster had a better take-off on



flight #2 as the engine was tuned a bit better, but it was apparent early on that Ron was having some serious control issues. Unfortunately, this flight ended in a crash that seriously damaged the mother ship.



We also had a pretty good representation of 'Club Planes', that being the name of the winter project many of us have been

working on. The plan being for several of us to have as identical as possible airplanes for use in Fun Fly and other events for contests of flying skill. All have the same airframe, motor, speed controller, servos and propeller size. In other words, a test of flying skill rather than aircraft type!

Pictured with our Club Planes are L-R: Chuck Banta, Stan Johnson, Mike Hutchinson and Larry Nelson.



Fun Fly in June

I am contacting RC Clubs around Billings with this short note to let you know that the Billings Flying Mustangs have selected June 26, 27 & 28, 2015 for our Fun Fly.

Details will be forthcoming, but we wanted you to know early so you can put the dates on your calendars. Please pass the information on to your Club members.

We will be getting out a flyer soon with all the activities.

Thanks.

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from article on page 2, Mike's airplane, stuck high in a tree!





Kyosho Valencia 1800 Plastic Body \$50.00

Wood Field Boxes \$25.00 Each



78" Spirit Sail Plane Missing Cover \$50.00

61" Balsa Corsair w Royal 40 \$100.00

Items for Sale

The items pictured above are for sale. Contact Destry if you're interested in any of them! jadestry124@msn.com or 581-4374

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