



## Hello All

August is upon us already! Summer has been a busy one as always but I hope all of you are getting a chance to get out and doing some flying. I was just out on Sunday, the weather was great and the field is in great shape, thank you to all of you that are making that happen, very proud of our field.

Our last event was our Battle of the Mountains Combat meet. I was unable to attend but it looks like Brian and Stan did a great job putting it all together and the turn out looks great also. I cant wait to hear about it in this letter and at the next meeting, good job guys and gals.

Our next event planned is Sept 22, a Fun Fly and Swap meet, so keep a watch out for the emails and you never know we might have time to sneak in another fun fly in before that. I wanted to mention our Gallatin Eagles Classified. It is part of Facebook for selling stuff you if you are a Facebook user please take a look, if you are not let me know I would be happy to post anything for you, my goal would be to share the page with the other clubs just for more traffic.

A couple of weekends ago I hit the road on a Sunday around 6:30 am and headed to the Helena Flying Tiger Field. I showed up around 7:30 and the weather was great. I had a chance to do some flying with some members of their club, it was a great time. They mentioned it is an open invitation for members of our club to come up any time. It was fun to get out and fly somewhere different. if you have not been up there I recommend it, check it out.

One last thing I need to mention, not to keep beating it up but I just want to make sure it has been heard. Our field is on MSU property and we have a open lease agreement that can be terminated at anytime. We share the property with the Native Americans who use the North East corner from time to time and also the Science group from MSU who they are in the North West corner. At anytime anyone is flying we need to be aware of who is out there and where we are flying. We have had some recent complaints of flying over the Native Americans when they we out there. Our schedules do not overlap very often but please be very aware of your surroundings and fly safe. The last thing we need is an accident or more complaints to MSU and be asked to leave. I know you all know all of this but just make sure we are practicing it and if you see someone not following the rules please remind them.

Thank You, see you at the meeting,

Destry

## 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](http://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

## Gallatin Eagles August Events:

7, Tuesday, Pilot training at the field.  
5:00 until too dark to fly! This happens every Tuesday until end of summer.

14, Tuesday, Meeting at the field.  
7:15 PM. (Pilot training and general flying begins at 5:00).

21, Tuesday, Pilot training.

28, Tuesday, Pilot training.

For more information on club events see our website: [gallatineagles.org/calendar](http://gallatineagles.org/calendar)

## 2018 Event Schedule **Big Sky RC Modelers**

Great Falls MT RC Club.

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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## 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

## Swap Meet and Fun Fly

The Mission Mountain Valley modelers are having a swap meet and fly in on Sept 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 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

## Indoor Flying

Alan Beard has been coordinating with The Commons for some indoor flying dates for this coming winter. These will be evening times, more info will be posted in a future newsletter.

November: Thursday, 8th  
December: Thursday, 13th  
January: Thursday, 10th  
February: Thursday, 7th  
March: Thursday, 14th



Photos from Battle for the Mountains combat event, July 21, submitted by Chuck Banta.



## Tondelayo

It was the morning of July 7 while the Collings Foundation was at Gallatin Field with its four flying museums, a P-51, B-24, B-17, and a B-25 named Tondelayo. I got to the airport about 9:15 that morning with the intention of maybe signing up for a ride that evening and was told the B-25 was preparing to go in about 15 minutes if I'd like to go now, so I did!

The ground crew were pulling the #2 engine through a couple revolutions by hand and they let me pull for one blade's worth. Some oil oozed out (typical) and they proceeded to pull #1 through a couple revolutions. Since oil pools in the lower cylinders it's a necessary procedure if the plane has been sitting several hours.



Looking backwards from the tail.



Preparing for take-off, I'm facing rearward.

I was assigned to the rear (4 of us + crew member) so this view is looking aft. The crew member (grey T-shirt) was in communication with the cockpit. Once in the air, we were allowed one at a time to crawl back to the tail gun position. I was able to keep track pretty well where we were. In 30 minutes of flying we did a pretty good circle around the valley, first heading toward the Churchill area, then heading east along the southern edge of the valley and turning north about where Nash and Sourdough Roads meet. We flew southbound just east of downtown and roughly followed Springhill Rd before turning over Central Park to head back to the airport.



We're looking SW with Main St. where all the white-is buildings are and the University about where the tail fin is.



After the flight, the B-25 parked, next to the B-24 and the B-17 at far end. The Collings

We made a turn mid-field over the airport before landing for the spectators on the ground! After landing they parked it in line with the B-24 and B-17. The P-51 was there but in a hangar.

Great flight, probably better than evening regarding smooth air!

Stan Johnson



**Bitterroot Barnstormers Radio Control Flying Club presents**



# **Annual Fun Fly-BBQ-Swap Meet**

**Sat. Aug. 11 9 am -?**

**Sun. Aug. 12 9 am—Noon**

**Barnstormers' Field—Totem View Dr, Victor, MT**

**CURRENT AMA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED TO FLY**

**NO LANDING FEE OR SWAP MEET TABLE FEE**

*(Bring your own Table)*

**FLYING DEMOS—Aerobatic & STOL**

**STATIC AIRCRAFT DISPLAYS**

**& OTHER ACTIVITIES**

***FREE TO THE PUBLIC***

**SAT. NOON—BBQ—\$5**

*Burgers, Hot Dogs & Fixin's*

**DRY CAMPING ALLOWED**

*Early Arrivals (Friday Night) allowed for Out-of-town Visitors*

**BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS**

*More info, contact Steve @ [ffossil@excite.com](mailto:ffossil@excite.com) or check our Facebook page*