



May Events

Club Meeting: Tuesday, May 10, 7:15 PM at the field. This will also be the beginning of Tuesday night training for this season. Come early and get some flying time in!

Fun Fly: Saturday, May 28th.

Hello

Thank you to all that came and helped with the mall show, It was a success. lots of traffic this year, a lot of out of town people due to the concert at MSU. We made about \$40.00 off of our raffle prize that we received from Central Hobbies in Billings. Alan brought his 3D printer which received lots of attention and helped get our planes noticed. I made some hand outs thanking High Country Paving for their work on the runway and to invite people to come out and see it. Derrick from High Country also stopped by to see all our planes.

As you hopefully know by now, the runway is done! it is amazing and I cant wait to get some take offs and landings on it. I have heard some concerns about the realistic runway markings on the runway, mostly the red xxx on the end of the runway signaling closed runway.

Concerns of the red being visible by air and that the x should be yellow. my action to resolve this issue is that I do have Yellow stripe paint so I propose we paint the center x on each end yellow, that fix should put everyone's mind at ease. Any other thoughts on this, please let me know. As far as the comments, the runway is nice but still too close to the hill, I still have not figured out how to move mountains, just taking over small hills.

Thanks to members of the club we raised \$2000 for the runway! great job. One thing I don't believe most of you know is that there was a little mis-understanding on the agreement on the paving. I told High Country we would give them \$2000 and they would donate the rest. They wanted a sign at the field ,advertising & thanking them when we have our fun fly events and club memberships which I gladly agreed to. Come to find out High Country Paving donated the whole thing \$12,000! The \$2000 we will use to pay for the advertising and the sign which we will have plenty to do that. Wow, just when I thought it could not get any better. So I had a thought, I think on top of what they asked for we should buy an apprentice ready to fly kit which would be around \$280.00, when it comes put it together and put their business logos on it and present it to them as a thank you and invitation to come fly with us. I believe this would go over better than money. please let me know what you think I would like to do this asap. Any extra money would go back into the field for the following in order.

- (1) 4x8 sign with High Country Paving Field on it.
- (2) Advertise in the paper for May 28 fun fly-thanking High Country
- (3) Top Soil trucked in to perimeter runway around 3 feet wide for run off
- (4) Chain Link safety fence where orange snow fence is now.

- (5) Pilot stations or fence(still in development)
- (6) upgrading spectator area

These are just some ideas, this is our club, our money. Send me an email or come to the next meeting to have an input. I would like to have as much as possible done before the fun fly.

Mowing season is coming, we got another riding mower donated so we will have two. Chris Ordeal donated his old mower. It needs a little clean up but should be great, mowing twice as fast. I will let you know when it is out at the field.

keep the ideas coming!
Destry

News from Arizona

While in Arizona in March, Keith and I went to the Scale Master's Qual meet. As usual, there were some very nice planes there including a Cessna Bobcat with two Saito radial 3 cyl engines. Keith found a balsa supplier that was local with very good prices.

When we were going to Las Vegas for the QSAA meets in the 90's, a truck would show up loaded with balsa. There would be a feeding frenzy as those large scale builders mobbed the truck. Several years, he would go back to Calif for another load of balsa.

I ran across a picture of the Bozeman group at the QSAA taken in the 90's, Destry and Ron are in it as well and Keith and I.

At the QSAA one year, someone walked by and asked "Why do all these guys have grey hair?"

I guess it points out, we need to get the younger people into our hobby. If we don't, eventually it will go away.

Regards,
Chuck Curtis

Hold Short

Desperately wanted to test out the new runway, but I had to work a half day today (Saturday), and rain is forecast before end of shift. So went out early to experience the blacktop with a few touch-and-go landings. OK, quite a few. Quit counting after a dozen. Simply cannot get enough of it. The contrast between last weekend and today is almost beyond description. Its just unbelievably smooth.

I was flying Brad's Parkzone T-28, a plane which has been in use for several years and logged hundreds of flights. Everything on the plane is well-worn, loose, or repaired multiple times. On the old runway surface, the plane simply rattled and shook its way down the runway until it was in the air. Every bump would send it in a new direction, and quick rudder action was necessary

to keep it tracking in a straight line. First flight this morning was absolutely shocking. The plane went straight as an arrow, and the only sound was a gentle hum from the tires, barely audible over the propeller noise. Landings were equally uneventful. The foam tires grabbed the blacktop like a magnet and the Trojan rolled to a stop without so much as a twitch.

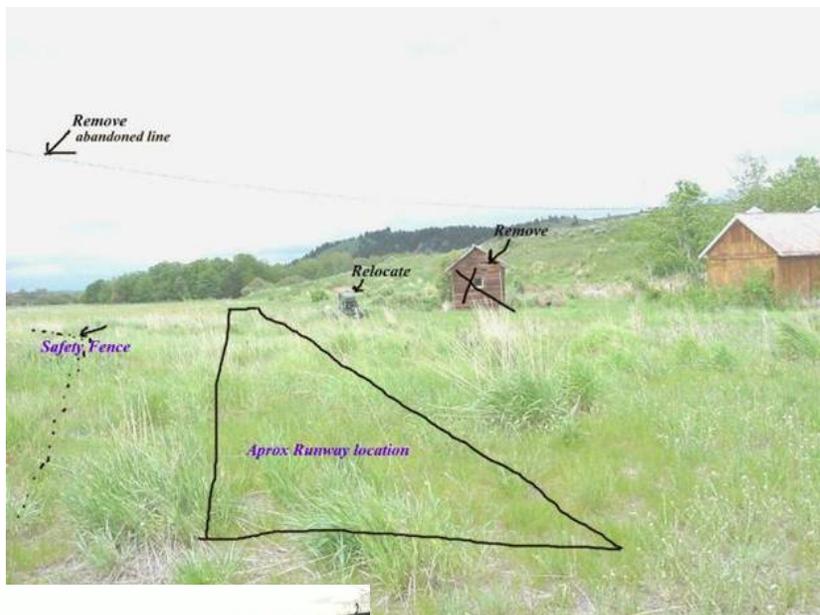


Time to dust off a few more planes, this runway is practically begging to get used. Hope to see everyone else out here in the near future.

Brian

We've Come a Long Way!

I received this photo from Chuck Banta, from 2004 when our club was looking at the possibility of using this site for a flying field. A lot of coordinated effort went into making it what it is today! Originally, we brought the fabric runway pieces from the Belgrade field, laid them out and nailed them down. As I recall, it was a constant struggle to keep the damage



from rock chucks, cattle and wildlife from rendering our runway unusable. The photo (left) is from last week, and is taken from a similar position. Quite the change!

Stan Johnson



Photos from bank window display above and runway painting (next page) courtesy of Chuck Banta

Photos from mall show below and next page courtesy of Destry Jacobs





Above: The crew prepares to paint the approach end of runway 26.

Below: Raffle prize at the mall show.

I've been either out of town, or working lately and have only been able to read about and see photos from the runway, bank window or mall show. I'm excited about getting out to the field this spring and doing a few touch & goes! A big THANKS! to High Country Paving for the great work on our runway, and to Central Hobbies of Billings for our raffle prize.



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FURBALL OVER GEISLER FIELD
Pocatello, ID
Saturday May 21, 2016 at Geisler Field Near
the Pocatello Airport



Hosted by Eastern Idaho Aeromodelers
Spectators Welcome

Registration begins at 9 AM
6 rounds of Open B
Entry fee \$20 for one class or
Bring your own hard hat
Register at RCCOMBAT.COM
AMA Membership required

Combat begins at 10 AM
6 rounds 2610 Scale
\$30 for both classes
Lunch provided
AMA sanctioned

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