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September Events:

Tuesday, September 13, Club Meeting, 7:15 PM at the field.

Saturday, 24th, Fun Fly and Swap Meet at the field.

Every Tuesday: Training Night

Hello

Welcome to September and fall flying. I have some input on our September Fun Fly. Our Fun Fly and swap meet will be Saturday September 24. This annual event in the past has been a great event. I will do some advertising to make it great, and first annual at the new runway. We will do the usual open flying and an all day open swap meet. If possible, bring an extra table to display your items. I would leave an open invitation to anyone who would like to bring items to the swap meet. Depending on the turn out it would be great to have some flying events and some combat. We can make that decision on event day. We have one more meeting before then so we can also talk about it.

One last piece to the runway for this year is the pilot station fence. I have done some research, the best thing I found is an outfield fence. This would be a fabric fence with removable poles that we can take in and out. I am working on getting this before the fun fly. If you can think of things we may need out at the field please bring them up at next meeting.

For me personally, I need to make more time to do some flying on our awesome runway. So I am making that a goal for myself. Please join me!

One last reminder from an earlier note, be sure to be aware of the Native Americans when flying out at the field and not fly over their area while they are present.

Looking forward to the fun fly! See you soon,

Destry

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A Tough Lesson

My hand is about healed up although I have a permanent droop to the end of my ring finger and the end of my middle finger is still tender. The Rascal is about healed too. The firewall is epoxied back in place and Keith is looking for windshield material for me. A tough lesson but one that I will remember.

We're going back to Arizona this fall for 17 days. We'll pick dates when we know the model aircraft meet dates. We hope to get to the Scale Master's Qual meet again. The all electric meet is a great one for vendors but I think it is in the winter or early spring.

I still have lots of storage containers-about 4" in diameter with a screw top and made of heavy plastic. I paid \$1 each and will sell for that. I'll bring them to the meeting if I can.

Chuck Curtis

Events in 2016:

September

3rd-5th Helena pylon race, 424, 426, EFI class

10th-11th Kalispell fly-in / swap meet

17th Missoula scale fly-in

24th Gallatin Eagles Fun Fly / Swap meet

24th Helena AELS 25th Helena float-fly

October 8th Great Falls float-fly 29th Helena AELS

SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT

The Habu 2 Incident (Crash) team has reviewed the physical evidence, the black box data and statements from the flight crew. The results have been compiled and findings from the crash team indicate the plane flew beyond the range of the transmitter. Accustomed to flying 2.4 GHz; the pilot failed to extend the antenna on the 72 Mhz transmitter. PILOT ERROR!!

Fortunately, no one got hurt.

Remediation: I have put an orange tag on all my 72 Mhz transmitters to remind me to extend the antenna.



On another note; I have made labels for my airplanes that provides name, AMA # and FAA #. These labels were made using Avery #5161 labels. The label is 1" x 4"and provides adequate room for long numbers. Twenty labels fit on one page. After printing, I protected the labels with clear acrylic spray. A picture is attached.

Safe flying, Larry Nelson

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Gallatin Eagles Safety Code

- AMA membership is required to fly at the field.
- Your name and address or AMA number should be attached to each aircraft. (not required for indoor aircraft)
- An inexperienced pilot should be assisted by an experienced pilot.
- Area away from pits must be maintained for spectators.
- A spotter for First Person View (FPV) aircraft must be capable of taking over flying duties in case of an emergency.
- Flying over the pit area and vehicles is strictly forbidden. Never fly near full size aircraft.
- Observe noise limitations and flying times at the field.
- Engine starting should be performed in designated areas.
- Aircraft hand launched should be away from individuals and vehicles.
- Pilots will stand behind the pilot's safety barrier or 25 feet away from the south edge of the runway while flying and be clear of the runway.
- Please be aware of who is flying and what they are flying.
- Pilots should give notice of preparing to takeoff or land.
- Pilots must give notice of walking on or crossing the runway.

Flying times / Noise restrictions

There is **no ordinance** for **electric** powered aircraft. Fly when you want.

Monday through Friday there will be no flying before 7:30 AM.

Monday through **Friday** (**Summer**) there will be no flying **after 9:00 P.M**. Summer is defined as May-August.

Monday through **Friday** (**Winter**) there will be no flying **after sunset**. Winter is defined as September-April.

Saturday and Sunday (all year) there will be no flying before 9:00 A.M. or after 9:00 P.M.

Modified exhaust systems i.e. mouse can mufflers, non-muffled tuned pipes, and open exhaust systems will **only** be **permitted between** the hours of **9:00 A.M**. and **6:00 P.M**. **Monday** through **Sunday**. If your plane can pass the AMA's 90 db @ 9 foot rule, you will be allowed to fly within the stock exhaust times.

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