

# Horse Feathers



May 2016

Official Newsletter  
**Billings Flying Mustangs**  
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## Board Highlights

The May Meeting was light. We have 61 members with 16 being new members. PayPal is functioning well and is being used to signup or renew memberships and to signup for the Fly-Ins. Other business included work day and the car track grass planting, which is covered elsewhere in this newsletter.

Scott Cranston encouraged everyone to read the April AMA article about welcoming the public to the field. Approach people who stop by, talk with them and welcome them to enjoy themselves. You never know when you are talking to a potential member. Help new members have fun without scaring them with all the technology and skills talk.

## Work Day

On May 3rd, we had a work day to paint and repair the tables. Originally scheduled for



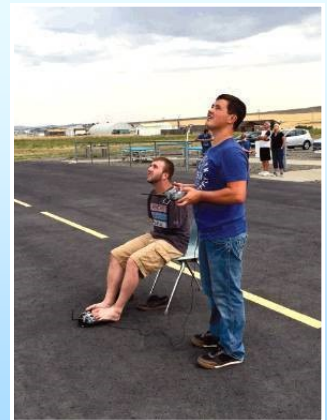
Sunday, rain put a couple days delay into the schedule. But we had several members come to help. Repair was made to 3 tables where braces or boards were broken. Carpet was replaced on 3

tables. And all tables were given a nice coat of paint. Not only do they look nice but they are now solid and a person can set on any of them without feeling like the braces will give way.

A big thank you goes out to all who helped, but

## A Different Way to Fly

**Ryan Zahn**, a Billings Flying Mustangs member, was featured in the June issue of the AMA's Model Aviation Page 13. Way to go **Ryan**!



especially to **Art Mulkey**. He & others pressure washed the tables on Sunday. After a



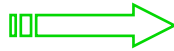
couple of days to dry, he brought his trailer loaded with materials, paint and plenty of tools to do the job. He also, talked with **Rob** at Sherwin-Williams Commercial Paint Store (2051 Rosebud

Dr.), who donated the paint for all the tables. So give a big thanks to Art and Rob.



## Magic City Pylon Race

Magic City Pylon Race is June 4th & 5th. Fast action! Fast planes! Great Pilots! Sign-up to the right



Contact Shane Elbert: shaners@hotmail.com/406-459-4855.

*Come out and see the action!*



## Pylon Race

The Billings Flying Mustangs RC club is proud to present:

### The Magic City Pylon Race

June 4th & 5th 2016  
Billings, Montana



- 1st-1, 4th & 4th both Saturday & Sunday
- 1st event \$25, 2nd & 3rd \$20 (event)
- Preregistration much appreciated!
- Lunch provided with entry fee
- Register via email with Shane OK
- Register online at: <https://billingsflyingmustangs.com>

**Event Schedule:**

Friday, June 3rd	Sat June 4th	Sun June 5th
Afternoon test flying	8:00 AM Test Flying Open	8:00 AM Test Flying Open
Tech inspection	8:45 AM Test Flying Closed	8:45 AM Pilot's Meeting
Registration	9:00 AM Pilot's Meeting	9:00 AM First Heat
	9:15 AM First Heat	

Free dry camping available at the field

**Contest Director:**  
Shane Elbert  
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(406)-459-4855

Billings Flying Mustangs R/C club 8223 Grand Ave, Billings, MT

[Click to Signup online.](https://billingsflyingmustangs.com)

## Swap Meet

**Swap Meet.** June 11, 2016. Free admission and free to sell you items. Bring your own table or sell from your tailgate. Field will be open for members to fly and demo products. Check out the [Flyer](#) on the events web page.

## Billings Flying Mustangs



### Swap Meet

Free admission and free to sell your items. Bring your own table or sell from your tailgate. Field will be open for members to fly and demo products. Must have current AMA to fly.

**Location:** BFM Field 8223 Grand Ave

**Time:** 9:00am to 1:00pm

**Date:** Saturday June 11th





## Fly-In

The Billings Fly-In is June 24th– 26th. Good fun!  
Great Planes! Lots of action!

Signup Online.



Contact Carl Thuesen: 406-855-7644.

**Come out & have some fun!**



### Fly-In

**Billings Flying Mustangs 2016 Fly-In**  
Open to the public

*All ages and flying abilities welcome... come join the FUN!*

Enter a raffle for a weekend in 1930's Mustang!

June 25 - 26 at Chamberlain Field, 8223 Grand Ave., Billings, MT 59106  
- open flying Friday  
- sanctioned event Saturday & Sunday  
- pilots meeting 8:30 AM Saturday  
- Landing fee \$15 per pilot includes:  
- pilots drawing entry over \$1,500 in prizes to be given away!  
- Dry camping and vault toilets on field

Signup Online Click here.

### Don't forget the shirt.

Nice Polo with BFM embroidered patch.  
Shirts have to be ordered by June 6th to be ready for the Fly-In.



## Grass Planting

This spring, the final renovation of the car track was planted to grass seed with hydro turf. Scott Cranston brought his trailer out loaded with three (3) 250 gallon water tanks. Luckily, watering was required only twice. And then it started to rain. We have had nice rains since planting and the grass loves it. As you can see in the picture and nice green carpet of grass is emerging. This will keep the weeds at bay and reduce the maintenance effort substantially.



## By-Law Ballots

Just a reminder that By-Law changes are in process. We sent out an email to current members that described the process. The ballots will be sent out through the Postal Service mail.

Current members should expect a ballot in the mail near the end of May. The deadline for ballots being returned and counted has not been

set, but we expect the deadline will be about June 7, which is the day of the June meeting.

If you have questions, email to [bfmustangs@outlook.com](mailto:bfmustangs@outlook.com).

You may view the current By-Laws and the proposed By-Laws on the web site under Documents: <http://billingsflyingmustangs.us/>

## Membership

### Oh! Man! The flying's been great!

We have a viable club with 61 members as of the May Meeting. Currently, the membership has increased to 63 members. For members who have yet to renew for this year, if you have questions, let me know, so we can get them answered before the flying season slips away ([bfmustangs@outlook.com](mailto:bfmustangs@outlook.com)).

Renewing online is easy (click here: [billingsflyingmustangs.us/bfm/membership](http://billingsflyingmustangs.us/bfm/membership)) or mail a check (P.O. Box 22406, Billings, MT 59104).



The picture is from Sunday May 22nd at the field.