

BECON

“The Best Way to Find Yourself is to Lose Yourself in the Service to Others.”

-Mahatma Gandhi

What’s on the Horizon...

- ✦ May 13—Outlaws FB (5pm show up)
- ✦ May 20—Kane Brown Concert
- ✦ May 23—Lil Wayne
- ✦ May 25—Outlaws FB
- ✦ July 12-15—National Convention; Phoenix
- ✦ July 28—Whiskey Myers Concert
- ✦ August 2—REO Speedwagon Concert
- ✦ August 13—Ludacris
- ✦ August 26—Food Truck Battle
- ✦ September 15—Goo Goo Dolls Concert
- ✦ November 4—Jon Pardi

Welcome / Introductions / Announcements:

This morning was a business meeting, but in lieu of Cavin reading through that excitement, Matt McDonnell and Reid Pyburn spent the hour with us going over the Air Show. Minutes are supposed to be making their way into your inbox today.

Let Shannon know within the next week or two if you plan on attending the National Convention in Phoenix this July. Our club credential card with all the members from our club attending must be submitted to National no later than June 1st. I hear Phoenix will have beautiful weather in July and you get to hang out with me so why not join in the fun?!

Let Tanner know if you plan on attending Goonies on Wednesday or the Pig Races on June 10th.

Cavin sent around a postcard for the CASA Advocate Appreciation event on June 6th at the Zoo from 4:30p–7:30p.

Cavin gave a report on last weekend’s District Convention. From our club, Rene Critelli will be our Division Director for area 2, Dina Harmon will take District President. Tony Parish and Leif Welhaven will continue in their National Board positions. I can report that Cavin and Craig were quite the party animals...keep your eye on those two at next year’s convention!

Craig announced he is very short handed for the Kane Brown concert next Saturday the 20th. Please go in and sign up if can work. The rest of the events are listed in sidebar.

Cavin called up Hunter Keller to accept his new member certificate and pins. He looked apprehensive about going up. He recently moved back here from CA and is looking to help out our community so we get the pleasure of putting him to work.

Kevin gave a run down of the Grants Committee’s decisions:
Billings Depot—not funded (not in our mission), Billings Resource Officers—funded \$5k, Early Childhood Intervention—funded \$3k, Education Foundation—funded \$7,500, Family Promise—funded \$2,500, Freedom Foundation—not funded (already funded this FY, request moved to next FY), Midland Empire Land Trust—not funded (housing not in our mission), New Day Program—not funded, Safe Kids of Yellowstone County—asked to resubmit with more info., Lockwood H.S. graduation—funded \$500, Spring Into Sight—not funded.
The Grants Committee only had \$18,500 to grant this quarter and many applications so tough decisions had to be made.

Keep in mind, when you volunteer for Metra events, you are helping fund grants to our community organizations.!



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Speakers: Matt McDonnell & Reid Pyburn

Matt and Reid are co-chairs of the upcoming Air Show that will take place August 12 & 13. With an anticipated attendance of 15,000 each day, we will probably need lots of help, so be ready to volunteer that weekend.

30% of tickets have already been sold. The VIP section is sold out. Friday there will be a show for disabled veterans and the Special Olympics participants not open to the public. There will be a beer garden but people will not be restricted to only drinking in that area. There will also be many food trucks

Gates open at 9 am each day. Show will be from 11—4. Beer sales will be from 10 or 11 until 3. Tickets are \$45

for general admission and \$125 for VIP but VIP is sold out.

Sounds like these guys have put a ton of time and energy into this show and it will be fantastic. They have the Navy Seal Team 5 slated for a special half time show. Blue Angels will begin at 3:00 each day. They have quite an extensive list for the days.

If you are planning on flying out on Saturday or Sunday evening, you may want to get to the airport extra early or you may miss your flight.

The team flies in on Monday and Matt and Reid will be giving them tours starting on Tuesday and have fun planned for them. Seems they have seen the show Yellowstone and think that’s really how it is here, so they are going to try and give them a

little bit of real Montana experience.

Take a look at their website for full details:
www.yellowstoneairshow.com

Thoughts for Mother’s Day:

“A toddler can do more in one unsupervised minute than most people can do in a day.”

“Mothers of teens understand why some animals eat their young.”

“Silence is golden. Unless you have kids. Then silence is suspicious.”

“It’s spicy: universal Mom code for ‘I don’t want to share’.”

Happy Mother’s Day this weekend!