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A Word From The President:

Well folks its time to get ready for the Club's annual Fund Raising activity, our AUCTION.

We need all members to attend the April meeting, and to help with the Auction. We really need a big event this year. This years Auction Captains are Nelson Carpenter for the Tables and Item placements, with Bob Burt taking on the duties at the Check In and Item Entry areas. Bob Boumstein and I will head up the Team of Auctioneers. We need all members to help with the Auction, including setup on Friday evening about 6:30PM and then early Sat morn till we're done. With lots of help present, it cuts down on the time each person works. Bring lot of goodies to sell and be ready for all those good deals that will get you through the year.

We will have some additional important items to discuss this next meeting, with significant impact from voting, please attend the meeting.

Thanks to all that helped with the mailings during the last meeting. This approach saved a lot of time, again thanks to all.

It's time to get those planes charged and ready to go. Flying season is just around the corner, and I hope to see you all at the field real soon.

Bring some show and tell to the meeting, we want to see that new plane / motor/ engine/etc. The last few meetings have had some great show and tells.

Thanks

~ Rick Miller

Next Meeting:

7:00pm Tuesday, April 3, 2007

**Location: NRC, Natural Resources Center
Chalco Hills Recreation Area
8901 S. 154th St.**

Vice-President's Corner:

And has anybody notice the weather lately? It is time to dust off our airplanes, and make sure everything is in working order for another flying season. This year's season appears to be starting early. Don't forget the Tuesday evening gatherings at Springfield. There will be just one more monthly club meeting at the Papio-Missouri River NRD building. Keep that in mind if you have something to bring to the April meeting for "Show 'N Tell." Starting in May the monthly meetings move to Springfield.

Concerning the auction, it appears that we are in good shape, and the club will be ready. But we are counting on your help with it, and hope you have the 21st of April marked on your calendars.

Have you sent in your 2007 dues? Please take time to do so if you have not.

There will be new faces at our two fields this year. Several new flyers have joined Western Flyers this past month. We welcome all of you.

Come out and fly!

~ Nelson Carpenter

Treasurer's Report:

Will be presented at the April 3rd meeting.

Thank You!

~ Bob Zitzlperger

March 6th Meeting News:

There was an excellent turnout for the March meeting with approximately 25 club members present.

Our President Rick Miller reported on the Mead flying site agreement with the UN Board of Regents. Everything is in order, and basically there will be a renewal of our use of the Mead grounds. Rick also requested funds from the club's treasury to pay for the AMA annual club dues.

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On another matter, Rick Miller had been contacted by AMA with regard to publishing USGS coordinates for our two flying fields. At question was whether the club wished to do so or not. No reason was found to not publish the coordinates. Rick will inform the AMA.

Preparation and planning for the April 21st auction was the primary focus of the monthly meeting. It was reported by Rick Miller that he had contacted Rich Ross from Minnesota concerning the Spektrum DX7 radio for our auction raffle. Ross has discounted the price of the radio and will provide to the club for the raffle. Approximately 400 tri-fold flyers announcing the auction were assembled by the club members present. That included affixing mailing labels and return labels along with stamps on each flyer. The flyers were sent by postal mail following the meeting.

The use and control of spread spectrum radios at the flying fields was discussed at length. See accompanying article in newsletter.

Auction procedures were reviewed to assure everyone understood how the auction would be conducted. Bob Boumstein will be the lead auctioneer with several others providing him relief. An inventory of the auction bid cards, sign up sheets, stickers and other paraphernalia was performed at the meeting to assure everything is in order.

It was reiterated that every club member's assistance with the auction would be greatly appreciated. Help is needed with the auction set-up the night before, as well as the auction itself on the 21st. Even if one could only devote a few hours. There is a lot to do to make the auction run smoothly, and the more people we have helping, the easier on all of us. Show 'n tell concluded the evening meeting.

~ Nelson Carpenter

Radio and Flightline Control

Paraphrasing AMA's take in the March 2007 issue of Model Aviation on the use of spread spectrum radios and control of such at flying fields; they think it is a good idea. It's suggested that this new radio system should be controlled at flying sites similarly to existing channeled radios. Recommended by AMA is the use of multiple identification spaces on the frequency board for spread spectrum.

This has been recommended for two reasons; the first is that it keeps spread spectrum flyers in the practice of using the frequency board. Especially if they ever return to 72 MHz use. Second, it provides the flying field with a method of flightline (not just frequency) control. For that matter, we all must maintain radio and flightline control with the frequency board to be safe.

~ Editor

~ Items for Sale ~

- 1) Hangar 9 Spitfire NIB.....210.00
- 2) OS 91 FS w/Pump.....300.00

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REWARDS PROGRAM

Remember to use Hobby Town's Reward Program. With every purchase by a WF member, there is a credit to the club for an amount equal to 1 percent of the purchase. This adds up. Be sure to mention your Western Flyers affiliation when making a purchase at either Hobby Town location in Omaha.

Auction Preparation

Fold, peel, stick, and then stamp made it a pretty simple task for club members at the March meeting. The exercise was to



assemble approximately 400 flyers announcing the Western Flyers auction on April 21st. The group made quick work of it, and we were done in about an hour.

The flyers were sent by postal mail to those on our mailing list who have attended past auctions, or expressed interest in this year's.

Soon the club will have the new Spektrum DX7 radio system that will be raffled at the auction. This typically is a pretty good money maker for the club. Especially so this year in that we are raffling a radio with the latest technology that



most are interested in having. Please help with either buying raffle tickets, or promoting the raffle to others.

~ Editor

Come and Join Us
for our
26th Annual R/C Auction
Saturday April 21, 2007
Registration starts at 8am, Auction Starts at 10am
BJSA BUILDING 1001 High School Drive, Bellevue Nebraska

Buy - Sell
One of the largest R/C auctions in the Midwest!

Spektrum DX7 Radio System Raffle
Free raffle ticket with paid admission, additional tickets \$1ea
Radio System valued at \$349.99



Click Here for Full Auction Details!

March Meeting Show N' Tell

Bob Burt brought his large Pilatus Porter P6 which was mostly complete. Says he added flaps to the Porter to help compensate for the weight of the plane, and possible hard landings. A smaller version of the Pilatus was shown by me. On the other end of the scale, this Dumas electric kit weighs in at 9.5 oz with a 40" span. Neither Bob nor I knew the other was



bringing a Swiss Pilatus Porter P6 to "Show N' Tell", or that each airplane would have the same base color of white.

Jim Drickey had his Fairchild 24 completed. It is also an electric



model made from a Guillows kit. Although this Fairchild is small, it flies great indoors at the soccer center.

Keith Roumph presented his P-51 Mustang and demonstrated his new Spektrum radio that he just installed in it. He explained the workings of this new radio system.



The Mustang is equipped with flaps that deploy in 3 positions. Keith promised to have the plane ready to make its maiden flight at the first Tuesday night gathering at Springfield.

As of Friday March 23rd, Keith's new Mustang made its first successful flight at Springfield. Reports are that it flew great!

Lastly, Dean Copeland apologized for not bring his Northrop Wing as it was not quite convenient to do so at the time. He briefed us on his progress, and will try to bring it to the next meeting on April 3rd.

The above were just a few of the Western Flyers members who have been working on a winter project. Attend the April 3rd meeting to see more. For that matter, bring your winter project to Show 'N Tell for all of us to see.

~ Editor

Featured Western Flyer



Can anyone identify the Western Flyer in this photo?
How about the airplane? Answer below.

WANTED: Articles, notes of interest, and photos for the Tailspin newsletter.

Early Aviation - Western Front Dawn Patrol

The "Western Front" is an Omaha-area special interest group focused on sharing their enthusiasm for scale aero modeling of "Pioneers of Flight"-era, World War 1, and Golden Age-era planes. Though the Western Front is not a chartered club itself, it is comprised of individuals from several different local area R/C clubs. The purpose of the group is primarily to foster interest in the R/C aero modeling of "early aviation" airplanes, and to get together occasionally to fly "early aviation" type R/C models indoors during the winter, and outdoors during the warmer months. We meet for indoor flying from 11:30 to 1:30 every Wednesday at "The Center", near 144th and Giles Rd. in Omaha. Outdoor flying will consist of informal evening "dusk patrols" at various local club fields. Also, an annual "Dawn Patrol" event is now planned, based on similar events hosted by the Hoosier Dawn Patrol in Indiana and by the Arkansas Dawn Patrol near Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

This year's Western Front Dawn Patrol is to be held at Cobras Field south of Council



Bluffs, Iowa on May 19-20, 2007. Anyone interested in the group or early aviation modeling activities may contact Dean Dingman at PfalzPflyer@netscape.net or Nelson Carpenter at (Nelsonsc3@cox.net) The website for the area's Dawn Patrol can be found at: http://metrorcflying.com/dawn_patrol.htm

~ Dean Dingman

Photos left to right: Kent Williby and his sleek electric powered glider; Keith Rounph warming up his motor with Jim Albin's help; Mike Crosby cranking on the stubborn Zenoah G-62 along with Dean Copeland ready at the throttle of the huge P-47 Jug.



Photos left to right: Ed Splittgerber showing his beautiful Pica Waco; Dustin Anderson demonstrating how he performs a knife edge; and a portion of the evening flight line at Springfield last Fall.



Identification of "Featured Western Flyer" is Ron Brandt with his EU-1 pattern ship finished in the paint scheme of an Air Force F4 Phantom from the Viet Nam era.

Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2007 Membership Application

Please print clearly!

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

AMA Number: _____ IMAA Number: _____

Dues Paid: \$ _____

2007 Dues: \$35 (*2007 Renewals must be paid by February 1*) New/Renewal: ___ New ___ Renewal ___ (Check One)

Sign Here: _____ Date _____

**AMA membership is required
Make Checks Payable to: Western R/C Flyers**

**Print this form and send check to WR/CF Treasurer:
Bob Zitzlspenger 12568 Brownley Circle Omaha, Nebraska 68164**

~ 2007 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

2007 Tuesday Night Fun-Flies, Springfield, Every Tuesday night May 1st through September 4th! 2007

(Weather Permitting)

Food – Fun – Flying – Friends!

**January
2007**

Tuesday, Jan 2nd - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

**February
2007**

Tuesday, Feb 6th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

**March
2007**

Tuesday, Mar 6th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

**April
2007**

Tuesday, Apr 3rd - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)
Friday, April 20th - WRCF Auction Set-Up
- 7pm, BJSa Building - Bellevue
Saturday, April 21st - Annual R/C Auction
- BJSa Building - Bellevue - Sign in at 8am
Auction Starts at 10am (Members should be there no later than 7:45am Auction day)

**May
2007**

Tuesday, May 1st - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food
Saturday, May 12th - Oldtimers Fun Fly
Spring Round-up
- Mead Field 9am
Saturday, May 19th – Spring Fun Fly
Registration 9:00am Events start at 10:00am - Mead field. 3 Events - Awards! Members free, non members \$5, Open flying between events
Sunday, May 20th - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**June
2007**

Saturday, Jun 2nd – Spring IMAA Fun Fly
- 10am Mead Field (Limited to Giant scale IMAA aircraft, \$5.00 landing fee, Open Flying)
Tuesday, Jun 5th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food
Saturday, June 9th - Oldtimers Fun Fly
- 9am, Mead field
Sunday June, 10th - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**July
2007**

Tuesday, Jul 3rd - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site bring a plane, open flying & Food
Saturday, July 14th - Oldtimers Fun Fly - 9am, Mead field
Sunday, July 22nd - Quickee Racing
- Mead Flying Site - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**August
2007**

Tuesday, Aug 7th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & food
Saturday, August 11th - Oldtimers Fun Fly
- 9am, Mead Field
Saturday & Sunday, August 18th & 19th – 18th Annual Bud Hall Memorial IMAA Fun Fly
- Mead Field -9am both days, aircraft limited to IMAA members, large scale aircraft all AMA - IMAA rules apply. May join IMAA at the field. (80inch & up monoplanes, 60 inch up biplanes)
Sunday, Aug 26 - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**September
2007**

Tuesday, Sep 4th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & Food (Last Tuesday food will be served)
Saturday, September 8th - Oldtimers Fun Fly
- 9am, Mead Field
Saturday, September 15th – Open Fun Fly and Outdoor Swap meet
- Mead Field – Swap Meet set-up after 9:00am, Open Flying @ 10am – 3pm
Sunday, Sep 16th - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**October
2007**

Tuesday, Oct 2nd - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)
Saturday, October 13th - Oldtimers Fun Fly - 9am, Mead Field

**November
2007**

Tuesday, Nov 6th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)
- Nominations taken for 2008 Officers

**December
2007**

Tuesday, Dec 4th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)
- 2008 Officer elections

Want to Schedule a 2007 event? Contact any club officer or attend the meetings & let us know!