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A Word From The President:



Greetings everyone, Spring is here are you ready, planes done, batteries charged and tested???!!!!

A week ago the Strategic Air & Space Museum hosted a celebration of flying. Many facets of flying were represented. Hope you had a chance to either participate

or attend.

A hearty welcome to the new club members who have signed up this year. Hope to see you at Mead and that you enjoy our great flying facility. The area we fly in is wide open which is ideal compared to some fields.

Also, I'd like to compliment **Rick Johnson** for his outstanding effort with the secretary duties. Well done!

Thanks

~ Rick Miller

Vice-President's Corner:



The April 5th meeting will be our last inside at the Natural Resources Center. We move the monthly meetings to our flying field at Mead starting in May for the summer season.

Club dues have been paid up by 28 of the membership as of 24 March. That puts us

ahead of the game compared to last year at this time. For those of you who haven't paid yet, remember they are needed by April 1st. Thank you.

Bob's column this month has some great advice on preparing your estate, in particular your model engines. I plan to use this advise myself. Most importantly you want to choose someone you can trust who will do help settle your estate properly and honestly. Hopefully I won't need this for a long time.

The way the weather is looking, it won't be long and Mead Field will be active again. Last report is that the field survived the winter in good shape. **Bob Burt** located and picked up a

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM Tuesday – April 5th, 2011

**Location: Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills
(Lower Level - North End of Bldg)**



used sprayer to pull behind the lawn tractor a few weeks ago. This will surely help keep the field in good condition.

Come out and fly!

~ Nelson Carpenter

Treasury Report – March 2011



A copy of the March 2011 Financial Report will be passed out at the April 5th meeting.

Thank You!

~ Dean Copeland

March 2011 Meeting Notes:



Old Business:

Reminder: Memberships are delinquent after March 31, 2011. There is no penalty for being delinquent.

Second Field: There was much discussion regarding acquisition of a second field. The current status has not changed.

Mead Field Staff: There was discussion about doing something nice for the staff that supports our use of the Mead Field. A plan was decided to provide sandwiches or cookies for the office staff in the near future

Club Charter: **Rick Johnson** (Secretary) filed the Club Charter and fees with the AMA for 2011. Fees = \$90

Non-Profit Registration: **Rick Johnson** (Secretary) contacted attorney Deborah Cunningham about representing the Western Flyers and filing the Non-Profit Registration with the State of Nebraska. **Ms Cunningham** offered this without a fee for herself and only required the State filing fee of \$10.

Treasurer Report: Club had a gain of \$214.69 for the month.

New Business:

SAC Museum: On the weekend of March 26 and March 27, we will have a representation of the Western Flyers at the SAC Celebration of Flight Event: The following items were discussed about the SAC Event:

- Planes: **Terry Lamm** is planning on bringing a 1/3 scale *Fokker DR1*. Other members are encouraged to bring planes for display and flying if desired.
- Flying: There will be flying indoors in the restoration hanger and outdoors weather permitting.
- Information Flyers: There was discussion regarding how many color flyers should be printed. Flyers for handout will be in black and white. A larger one will be printed for display near our booth. It was requested that we have a panoramic picture of the field at Mead.
- Staffing: Many attendees volunteered to staff our booth.
- Magazines: It was suggested that anyone with older AMA or other RC magazines to bring them to hand out.
- Reminder: It was requested that a reminder be sent out 4-5 days before the event as a reminder to the club members.
- Club Attire: Those members volunteering have been asked to wear their Western Flyers shirts and hats. **Dean C.** stated that he had a few hats left.

Mead Field: There was much discussion regarding field and equipment status. It was mentioned that a new battery will probably be needed for the mower. It was decided that arrangements need to be made to roll the field. It was suggested that some other members need to be trained on mowing the field. There was discussion regarding the two mowers cutting abilities.

Club Attire: If any Western Flyer members would like a club ball cap, **Dean Copeland** has a few left. However, if a shirt is wanted, you will need to make arrangements to order it through the club.

Dean Copeland: Dean will be attending the RC Top Gun event in Florida on April 27 through May 1. Dean will be flying on that Saturday and Sunday as part of the Masters class. There are 16 entries into the Masters class including Dean's Cri Cri.

Show-N-Tell:

Dean Copeland: Brought a scratch built dummy engine for the *Cri Cri* he is scratch building. The original Cri Cri had two engines at 15 hp each. Dean's dummy engines have 65 pieces of balsa for each.

Bob Burt: Brought a current project called a *Widgeon*. It is 50% complete and weight is about 20 lbs. He has added Sontronic lights as navigation lights and will be pulled with two Enya .80 4-stroke engines using 12x6 props. It has on-board glow. It will be able to fly off water and land with minor alterations. Bob is going to fiberglass all of the plane but only use epoxy on the bottom that will be exposed to water.

Rick Johnson: Brought a Parkzone P-51 BNF foam airplane. 39" wingspan and had not had its maiden flight yet.

Bob Boumstein: Brought an *Imp Tornado* Co2 engine that generates its own Co2 for \$7.50 from an estate sale. It is up for sale. He also displayed an *Ok Cub* Co2 Motor and an Monogram E-Power Motor from 1975. He had one more motor to show from earlier RC electric period named an *AP35* geared motor. Bob commented that he bought 206 motors and they would have retailed at about \$26000.

Nelson Carpenter: Brought an *Austrian HP .21* 4-stroke motor purchased over 25 years ago. It was a very heavy motor in comparison to today's much lighter engines.

Jim Welshons: Brought an electric helicopter type of flying craft called a *WowWee*. It uses an IR type of transmitter and receiver. The flying unit charges off of the transmitter

Winner of \$25 Gift Certificate to Hobby Town was **Dean Copeland**.

That's it!

~ **Rick Johnson**



Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay



Recently I was reading a **Clarence Lee** article on engines, he is quite the expert. However he has never discussed or advised on what to do with you hobby stuff when you get old or may be in a position to be abducted by aliens (beats getting sick!). There is question of who will want your stuff or if you even want it sold so the money goes to your

family. Some of you may know that in the last ten years my efforts on selling engines have been aimed at estates. My goal is to provide the family with a safe place to send their stuff and the potential to get a fair value. I sell items on consignment charging 15% of the selling price (minimum fee is \$7.50 per item). Several people have put a note in their will for family members to contact me to assist. I suggest you keep a running list of your stuff (hidden from your wife, of course) with the value you have in your mind. It is the same principle that many insurance companies provide for fire advice. If you're stumped on value try half of what you paid as a starting point. Keep your list in a safe place.

As always my hopes of getting stuff done seem to fall apart every winter. I am dealing with two huge estates of engines right now and frankly it is keeping me busy. However, I really do look forward to spring, and flying at different places. Hopefully improving my Old Timer airplane flying skills. I would like to make some aerial videos like **Nelson C.** has done, more for my own entertainment or to torture my grandchildren.

See you at the Field!

~ Bob Boumstein

Hobby & Collectables



Garage Sale!!



April 28,29,30 2011 (Thur.,Fri., Sat.)

9am to 5pm each day - CASH ONLY!!!!

7705 S. 155th Ave (Giles Ridge)



- Radio Controlled Airplanes
- Radio Controlled Cars
- Parts, engines, propellers, misc ---- from 25 cents.
- G-scale trains & track.
- Original Orange County Schwinn Chopper 20" Bike New ----- \$150
- 15 year collection of collectable items; mostly toys, such as race cars, and motorcycles that are from my closed office.
- 50cc Mini Chopper ----- \$300 like new
- 50 cc pocket bike, new never assembled ----- \$200
- Hundreds of items to sell, this is a **BIG Sale!**

Directions: Take 1-80 to Harrison Exit West on Harrison to 156th; south on 156th; just after you cross RR tracks take left into Giles Ridge follow signs short distance.



~ March Show N' Tell ~

The following photos were taken at the Show N' Tell portion of the March 2009 club meeting. Several members brought their winter projects and RC related items for presentation. Winner of the \$25.00 raffle was **Dean Copeland**. The April indoor club meeting will be your last chance with the \$25.00 raffle until next fall when we move our meetings back inside.



You would have to get up close to the *cylinder head* to realize that it was made from 65 pieces of balsawood! **Dean Copeland** showed us one of two cylinders to be mounted on his half scale *Cri Cri*. Each cylinder weighs a mere 1.75 ounces.



It is evident that **Bob Burt** has worked hard on his built-from-plans *Widgeon* seaplane all winter. An outstanding build! His concern right now is to make sure it is waterproofed completely.



Bob's Widgeon will have wing strobes and he feels it is about 50 percent complete.



The wings will have a total of six servos to operate the ailerons, flaps, and throttles of each engine.



A paint scheme has not yet been determined for the *Widgeon*. Either military or civilian says **Bob**.

March Show N' Tell Cont....



Bob Boumstein brought some collectables he picked up from an estate. The "*Imp*" Tornado motor purportedly ran on self generated Co2 and sold for \$7.50 in the V-4 version. Bob says it is a 1936 model. The others were a *Monogram Electric Power Module* & an *AP-35* early geared electric module both from the 1970's.



Rick Johnson had a new *Parkzone P-51 Mustang* that he flew that afternoon at the soccer field there at the lake. It is a Bind N' Fly five channel with 39" wingspan and pulled by a brushless electric motor.



Jim Welshons had a very unusual radio controlled aircraft called the "*WowWee*." It flew on blades mounted to a center located motor that also had sensory telling it to back away from objects. Very cool.



Here is an unusual four-cycle motor that **Nelson Carpenter** displayed. It is an *Austrian HP .21* which has the smallest displacement of all four-cycle motors built. Instead of push rods to open/close valves, it has a rotary shaft on the backside that runs from the crankcase to rotary gears on the top. He bought this motor over 25 years ago. Says it sounds like a sewing machine when running.

Website:

<http://www.weflyrc.org>

~ MEAD FIELD FROM ABOVE ~



Jim Welshons took these outstanding photos of our flying field at Mead. They were shot late last summer. Jim has been experimenting with use of cameras in his airplane. Looks like he has the right setup from what these photos show.



DID SOMEONE ASK IF CORN WOULD BE PLANTED AT MEAD THIS YEAR????



NOTE: A few years ago corn did grow tall along the edge of our runway at Springfield as seen above. This will never be the case at Mead due to the setback the field has from the ground that is planted. So not to worry.



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REWARDS PROGRAM

Remember **Hobbytown's Reward Program**. With every purchase by a WF member, the club receives a credit for an amount equal to 1 percent of your purchase. Be sure to mention your Western Flyers affiliation when making a purchase at either Hobbytown location.

~ 2011 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

2011 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys, Springfield, Every Tuesday night May 3rd through September 6th!
(Weather Permitting)

Food – Fun – Flying – Friends!

January **2011**

- **Tuesday, Jan 4th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

February **2011**

- **Tuesday, Feb 1st** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

March **2011**

- **Tuesday, Mar 1st** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

April **2011**

- **Tuesday, Apr 5th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

May **2011**

- **Tuesday, May 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.
- **Saturday, May 21st** – Old Timers Fun Fly at Mead. Registration at 9:00am with flying until noon.

June **2011**

- **Sunday, Jun 5th** – Annual Spring Club Fun Fly at Mead Field starting at 10:00am. Open flying.
- **Tuesday, Jun 7th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.
- **Saturday, June 18th** – Old Timers Fun Fly at Mead. Registration at 9:00am with flying until noon.

July **2011**

- **Tuesday, Jul 5th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD bring a plane, open flying & Food. - **Saturday, July 16th**
- Old-Timers Fun Fly - 9am until noon Mead field.

August **2011**

- **Tuesday, Aug 2nd** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD a plane, open flying & food.
- **Saturday and Sunday, Aug 13/14th** – Bud Hall Large Aircraft Fun Fly. Aircraft limited to IMAA criteria and membership. IMAA membership NOT required. Criteria 80" wingspan monoplane, 60" wingspan biplane, or a true ¼ scale aircraft. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch both days and flying.
- **Saturday, Aug 20th** – Old Timers Fun Fly 9am until noon, Mead Field.

September **2011**

- **Sunday Sep 4th** – The 4th Annual Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet. Mead Field. Free to WRCF members, \$5.00 for non-members. Swap meet setup after 9am. Open flying 10am through 3pm.
- **Tuesday, Sep 6th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD - bring a plane, open flying & Food (Last Tuesday food will be served)
- **Saturday, Sep 17th** – Old Timers Fun Fly – 9am until noon. Mead Field.

October **2011**

- **Tuesday, Oct 4th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.

November **2011**

- **Tuesday, Nov 1st** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
- Nominations taken for 2012 Officers

December **2011**

- **Tuesday, Dec 6th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
- 2012 Officer elections

Want to schedule a 2011 event? Contact any officer or attend a club meeting with a proposal.

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Tailspin Newsletter
Western RC Flyers
Omaha, Nebraska

TO:

Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2011 Membership Application

Please print clearly!

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

AMA Number: _____ IMAA Number: _____

Dues Paid: \$ _____

2011 Dues: \$35 (*Renewals must be paid by April 1*) ___ New ___ Renewal ___ (Check One)

Sign Here: _____ Date _____

Subject to approval. AMA membership is required

Make Checks Payable to: Western R/C Flyers

**Print this form and send check to WR/CF Treasurer:
Dean Copeland 15668 Fountain Hills Dr.. Omaha, Nebraska 68118**