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TAILSPIN NEWSLETTER

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A Word From The President:

Greetings everyone, I hope all have had a great Spring and Summer flying season.

Its time to get ready for the Bud Hall IMAA Fun Fly event. So let's get those big planes checked out and ready to go.

We are going to need a few helpers this year for the IMAA event, especially for the sign-in duties on Saturday morning.

I believe that this year has been great for the club so far. Let's have the rest of the year be as good as what we've had this Spring.

We need everyone's help in watching our fields for non-member flyers. We need to approach these folks to get them signed up with the club. Please take the time to talk to these folks and record any information that we can. Preferably sign them up for the club; a little salesmanship goes a long way. If not, let's get what information about them as we can.

See you at the IMAA event.

Thanks

~ Rick Miller

Treasurer's Report:

To be provided at club meeting on August 7, 2007.

Thank You!

~ Bob Zitzlperger

Next Meeting:

7:00pm Tuesday, August 7, 2007

Location: Springfield Flying Site

Vice-President's Corner:

The eighteenth annual Bud Hall IMAA Fun Fly will be at the Mead flying site on August 18th and 19th. Hope to see everyone there, with or without a large scale airplane. If anyone is able to help out with the fun fly, it would be very much appreciated.

Hope the collage of photos on the newsletter pages below keeps your interest. I can always cut back on the photos when articles/reports dictate more room is needed for such. For that matter, send me your articles/reports/stories/photos for insertion.

Let's continue to keep our flying fields clean with the intent of maintaining a good image in the eyes of our neighbors and landlords as well as visitors to our fields. Trash at the two fields has not been a problem. But please pick up your trash and waste when done for the day.

Will your sunglasses stop a wayward propeller from sticking you in the eye? How about preventing fuel from getting squirted in your eye? A better question is to ask if the glasses are OSHA compliant for safety. Dean Copeland and I recently purchased a couple of pairs of wrap-around sunglasses that not only are OSHA rated resistant to projectiles, but also provide UV protection. We bought these Smith & Wesson safety glasses on the internet. They are excellent. Ask Dean or me about the glasses next time you see us. The safety glasses sold for under \$7.00 a pair plus a reasonable shipping cost. If anyone is interested in buying a pair, they were purchased at the following website: <http://www.abcsafetyglasses.com/mly-8843.html>

As of press time, we have 68 memberships in good standing within the Western R/C Flyers club.

Come out and fly!

~ Nelson Carpenter

July Meeting News:

It was announced that our current membership stands at 65. Bob Burt requested help to clean up around our storage building at Springfield. Several members volunteered to help on Saturday, July 7th. Thanks to everyone that participated.

Dean Copeland purchased the 2 folding tables OK'd at our June meeting, and are now kept in the storage building at Mead for use at our fun-flies.

Discussions took place concerning our Bud Hall IMAA event in August. We are looking for volunteers to help work the event. Also help was requested for our pylon racing events. If you can help at any of our events it would be much appreciated. Contact Rick Miller or Nelson Carpenter for details.

Nelson will be looking into sharing our club newsletter with the AMA to help promote our club and to inform the AMA to the extent of our club's participation in the hobby.

A discussion took place concerning out of state visitors flying at our sites. A motion was made to continue to allow AMA pilot visitors 2 visits free, visitors must be accompanied by a current Western R/C Flyer member. The motion also continued with, allowing out of state AMA pilot visitors to join the Western R/C Flyers for a \$5 per month fee, lasting up to 2 months. After the 2 month period, a full membership of \$35 is required by any out of state visiting AMA pilot. The purpose of this motion is to cover those AMA folks that are visiting the Omaha area for a few weeks, or months, and would like to fly at one of our sites. The motion was made, seconded, and passed.

We discussed the issue of what do we do if we run into someone at the field that we do not know or don't know if they are a member of the club or not. Be polite and ask, all of us should carry our membership cards and be prepared to show them to anyone at anytime. We simply can't know everyone in the club. If the person is not a member, offer them a membership form from the mailbox, and offer to let them fly with you, as long as they have their AMA card. A motion was made with this discussion to generate a 3x5 card for non-members to fill out. The information on this card will consist of their name, address, phone number, AMA number, etc.. If the visitor refuses to fill out the card, jot down their license number, type of vehicle, and give one of the officers a call with this info. The information cards will be available in the mailboxes at both fields. The motion was made, seconded, and passed to generate the cards. Just remember be friendly, and that we do not want anyone in major confrontations at the field. Get what information you can, and talk to an officer ASAP.

Gale Sherman has the club trainer finished. He modified the wing with hold down bolts rather than rubber bands for convenience. Thanks Gale, and everyone that donated items to our club trainer.

Thanks

~ Joe Halamek

~Western R/C Flyers Website~

www.WEFLYRC.org



NOTE: See close-up photo of Jim Drickey's powered parasail on page 5 below. Pay particular attention to the detail and scale-like appearance of the pilot.

Why Old Timers

By Bob Burt

Why Old Timers? For those of us that were lucky enough to be born in the 1920s and 30s, the golden age of aviation, and did not have all of the modern day distractions, it was a time of discovery.

We started out with paper airplanes, then 10 cent balsa gliders. Or we flew pasteboard planes cut out of cereal boxes. When we could afford it, we would build rubber powered planes that were a wonder to us



because we had to carve our own props. Wow! Was that ever a new experience.

As we got older we saved our money, lots grass cutting with an old push mower, and bought our first engine. The power of those engines, when we could get them to run, was marvelous.

We could at last build a plane that would go fast and climb high. Then things really got interesting because this created a new set of problems. Cub fingers to start with and then how to limit the engine run. We did manage to build small tanks. Trimming was another problem. Engine off-sets and rudder trim would give us a nice spiral climb and a nice circling descent. Thermals would take the plane out of sight, and so would the wind if you couldn't keep up with it. We would run after the plane, or jump on our bikes and peddle as fast as we could while trying to keep one eye on the plane and the other on where we were going.



So it is nostalgia that now has us flying some of the same old airplanes. Now that we are older and can't run or ride our bikes in pursuit, we depend on our radio control to hopefully keep the plane in sight, and land it a lot closer and without damage.

So if you want to see a bunch of old guys still living our youth, come join us for one of our OLD TIMERS FUN FLYS.

Featured Western Flyers

OLD - TIMER Fun -Flies

Hosted by

**Western R/C
Flyers**



www.WeFlyRC.org

Location: Western R/C Flyers Mead Field 20 minutes west of Omaha, Ne.

2007 Schedule

MAY 12th Saturday

9:00am till 2:00pm Open flying

AUGUST 11th Saturday

9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying

June 9th Saturday

9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying

SEPTEMBER 8th Saturday

9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying

JULY 14th Saturday

9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying

OCTOBER 13th Saturday

9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying

All AMA pilots & spectators welcome, Flying limited to Old-Timer type aircraft. Open flying from 9:00am till 2:pm. Food & Pop served to pilots. Bring your lawn chairs and portable shades welcome! Unisex Porta-Pot, plenty of flight line parking.

Western R/C Flyers Mead field 3.7 miles south of Mead on highway 78F. Take Center street (Omaha, Highway 92) west, past Yutan to Mead. Turn South on Highway 78F, Go approximately 3.7 miles turn left at sign.

For more information contact: Bob Burt Phone: 402-651-4805 Email: reburt@yahoo.com

or
Visit our Western R/C Flyers website!
www.WeflyRC.org



Photo is of the late **Bud Hall** for whom the annual August 18/19 IMAA Fun Fly is named. Bud was an avid RCer who promoted large models and the IMAA throughout the country during his travels. He was well respected and admired. Today, Randy Tentinger is the proud owner of Bud's Roadrunner in the photo. Likely you will see it at this year's Bud Hall Fun Fly.

Quickee 500 Races



Sponsored by the Western R/C Flyers AMA 857
Omaha Nebraska

Location:

Mead Flying Site, U.N.L. field lab. grounds. 3.5 miles South of Mead and 1/3rd mile East on the East side of the large storage building. Mead is located west of Omaha on hwy. 92. Spectators welcome! AMA membership required to fly.

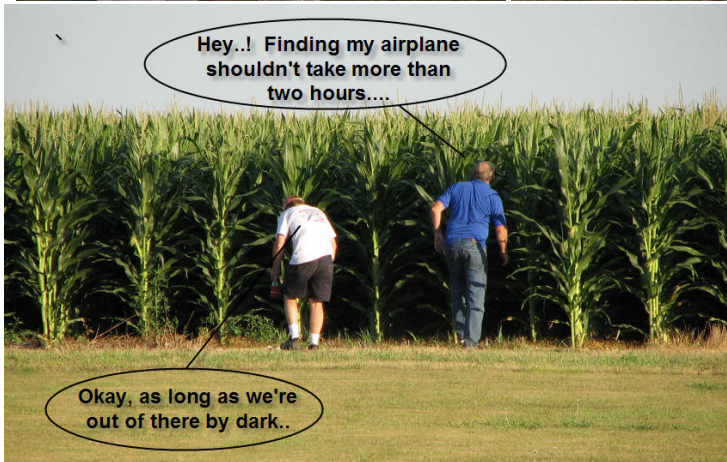
**Next Race Day: Sunday
August 26th
at 9:30 AM**



Member **Rick Johnson** with his M.E. 109 built from a Wing Mfg short kit. It has mechanical retracts and powered by an O.S. Max FP .40. Rick has been flying for over 10 years, and handles his 109 well off the grass field and over the tall corn.

Tuesday Nights at the Field

On Tuesday evening July 3rd the club held its monthly meeting at Springfield. Photos on this page are of the activity by the twenty or so club members who attended. It was too hot and steamy for firing up the barbeque. So we all dined on baloney and cheese sandwiches provided by Chef Burt. There were several glow-powered airplanes, some electric, and a few gassers.



CLUB FLYING IN JULY



2007 18th Annual

Bud Hall

Memorial IMAA Fun Fly

284 Aero Squadron IMAA 284
Sponsored by the Western R/C Flyers
Omaha Nebraska - AMA 857



Location: Western R/C Flyers Field - Mead Nebraska

When: Saturday & Sunday August 18th & 19th 2007

Time: Registration begins at 9:00am – Open Flying from 10 a.m. till 3p.m. *Both Days!*

Details: All AMA - IMAA rules apply. *Open flying both days!* Aircraft limited to minimum of ¼ scale *or* 80 inch & up monoplanes, 60 inch & up biplanes as per IMAA rules.

All pilots must present AMA & IMAA membership cards upon sign up.
AMA pilots may join the IMAA at the field and fly the same day!

\$10.00 Landing fee includes a great pilot lunch, drinks

AIRCRAFT ENGINE RAFFLE!

Spectators Welcome! - Bring your lawn chairs & Sunshades!

Transmitter impound. - Large well maintained *low cut* grass runway!

Back up pit parking! - Large Spectator parking area next to white building.

Take Highway 92 (Center/ Industrial Road) west from Omaha to Mead Nebraska. Turn south on County road 78F, go south 3.7 miles watch for signs at Mead & field entrance. 20 minutes west of Omaha.

Info: Bob Burt reburt@yahoo.com 402-339-7482
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Go to www.WeflyRC.org for maps & details

Downloadable maps available at the Western R/C Flyers website!

~ 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 - Old-timers 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 - Old-timers 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 - Old-timers 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 - Old-timers 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 - Old-timers 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 - Old-timers 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!

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Tailspin Newsletter
Western RC Flyers
Omaha, Nebraska

TO:

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**