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A Word From The President:

Well I hope all of you are enjoying the summer and the flying season. I know the weather has been a damper on some of the local events.

I haven't been able to share much time flying with the club this year, hopefully that will change by the end of summer sometime. Looking forward to seeing all of you.

Thanks

~ Rick Miller

Vice-President's Corner:

Yes, it is true. This will be our last year at Springfield. We were fortunate to have gotten the 2 or 3 years beyond the date the landowners started talking about ending our flying there. The club should be very appreciative to have had available such a great field for over 30 years. If anyone has knowledge of property that may be suitable for a new field, please advise one of the club officers.

With both Sarpy and Douglas counties developing at a fast pace, I believe it will be difficult to find the 4 to 10 acres we need to fly. Our search will also look in the adjoining counties. Remember, we still have Mead which is an outstanding field only 20 minutes west of Omaha.

Did any of you have the opportunity to see the B-24 Liberator that was on display at Eppley a few weeks ago? That was a rare sight when it flew over Omaha. Not many of these old bombers are around or still flying.

The field rules are included within this newsletter. Please review them. Especially if you are a new member and not familiar with them.

The Bud Hall Fun Fly is a few weeks away. Dust off that large scale airplane and see you at Mead.

According to Ed Splittgerber, total membership in the club at this date is 70. This is an increase over what it has been prior years.

Come out and fly!

~ Nelson Carpenter

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM Tuesday – August 4th, 2009

Location: Springfield Flying Field

(Bring an airplane to fly!)



Financial Report – June 2009

To be provided at next club meeting.

Thank You!

~ Ed Splittgerber

July 7, 2009 Meeting Notes:

- The meeting was called to order by Nelson C. VP. It was held at the Springfield flying field.
- A motion was made and passed to spend \$25 to support Keith Paskewitz's efforts in promoting our club via the internet.
- A discussion was held as to the Springfield field and the fact we will be leaving the facility on 12/31/09.
- Club officers agreed to re-contact the landlord to test the waters for an extension at Springfield.
- Officers also discussed other opportunities.
- Meeting adjourned.

~ **Bob Boumstein**

SPRINGFIELD CLOSING

It was approximately 3 years ago that the club received its first indication that we would not be at our Springfield location very long. Luckily we did get another 2 or 3 years at the field. However, in June of this year our club officers were given verbal notification by the property owners that this would be the last year. In a follow-up letter from the Startzer family dated 14 July 2009, it was stated that we have the field until 31 December 2009. Then we must cease flying and vacate the ground.

Although we tried to further extend our stay at the field, our effort failed as it became evident that the Startzers truly want a change and not be bothered. We've had a long and welcomed stay, lasting since the mid 70s. Now we must move on.

A committee has been pursuing other possible flying sites that would be in easy proximity to Omaha. This is not an easy task for three individuals to take on. Anyone with knowledge of property that might be suitable for a flying field should contact one of the club officers. It will be further investigated.

This does not mean the end of the Western RC Flyers as a few have been advocating. Mead is available for flying, and well maintained by the club. Eventually we will have a second flying field again. But we must stick together.

~~ *IN MEMORIAM* ~~



Robert "Bob" Hess



Fellow modeler, club member, and friend to many of us passed on to that big hangar in the sky on June 30th of this year. Bob is remembered as one who always had a cheerful smile and a friendly comment for everyone. Most notably Bob was a part of the "Greatest Generation" having served during World War II as a combat aircrew member in the Army Air Corps with the 8th Air Force. We will remember our friend Bob.

Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay



Park Flyers: I had wondered what these really were so I ordered a Winged Dragon, high wing park flyer pusher trainer. First I tried to fly it indoors with the gracious help of Dean Copeland. On our two attempts it flew but was too fast for indoor flying in a limited space. Then about two weeks ago I brought it to Springfield. Tom Egbert kindly helped me to trim it out so it did not

porpoise, however any slight wind will lift the wing and upset the routine. It is flyable in about 3-5 MPH wind, fairly rare in these parts. So let's review this:

1. Lightweight Electric airplane with adequate power for about \$129 with 72 MG radio on channel 25, but channel not indicated on transmitter.
2. Not for indoor flying and only suitable for outdoors on calm days.
3. Overall, a "C-" on usage certainly not informed of this by suppliers or manufacture.

If the AMA is courting these park flyers with this type of airplane I believe it is a waste of time. Just like the old Cox U-control plastic airplanes (flew awful if you could get the engine to run!) these airplanes will cause more people to not get in the hobby than promote it. The AMA should come up with a list of park flyers that people will have success with if they want to promote this aspect of the hobby. Myself, I say save your money.

As you know Bob Hess, my dear friend and fellow modeler, has passed away. "When a modeler dies a library is burned" as my friend Jim Crawford in California says. A memorial service was held on 7/22/09 and many of us got to speak about Bob and his love of family and our hobby. Sometime in the future an estate sale will occur as I am assisting his wife in this matter. I will let everyone know as several fellows have contacted me. Robert S. Hess -- may God rest your soul.

Regards

~ **Bob Boumstein**

~ SPRINGFIELD FIELD RULES ~

- **All AMA - IMAA rules apply**
- Helicopters are NOT allowed to fly at the Springfield Site at any time
- Mufflers required on all aircraft
Aircraft Noise Limited to 90db @ 9 feet
- Visiting non-member pilots (flying) must be accompanied by a Western R/C member.
Club sponsored events not included
- Flying Monday thru Saturday 9am till dusk.
Absolutely NO FLYING before 9am Monday thru Saturday
- Flying Sunday from 12noon till 6pm
Absolutely NO activity before 12pm or after 6pm on Sundays - Subject to civil fines!
- Absolutely No flying over north fence line – Subject to civil fines!
- Absolutely No flying over pit area
- Absolutely No running up engines in pit area.
- Do Not Taxi through the pit area.
- All pilots MUST use frequency board system by placing WRCF membership or AMA card on board.
- Hi-Starts or bungees for glider launches MUST be placed at the far northeast end of the field, off of the active runway and pit areas.
- All aircraft not flying MUST be behind the safety fences in pit area.
- All pilots flying an aircraft MUST be at one of the pilot's stations on flight line.
- Must sign in.
- Be prepared to show other club members your membership card, *proof of club membership*, when asked.
- Non-Members limited to 3 visits and must be accompanied by a Western R/C Flyer Member to fly, club sponsored events not included.
- Courtesy, Cooperation, Common Sense and thought toward others is a MUST!
- **Special Attention!**

Aircraft going down into the fields north of the fence line, you MUST call President or Vice President of the Western R/C Flyers for permission and assistance in retrieving it. DO NOT ENTER the property North of the fence line without calling the President or Vice-President of Western R/C Flyers, you can be charged with trespassing! Any problems, contact the President or Vice President of the Western R/C Flyers immediately.

~ MEAD FIELD RULES ~

- **All AMA - IMAA Rules Apply**
- Visiting non-member pilots (flying) must be accompanied by a Western R/C member.
Club sponsored events not included
- Flying from 7am till dark Monday through Sunday
- All Pilots Must use frequency board system by placing WRCF membership or AMA card on board
- Mufflers required on all aircraft
- Absolutely No running up engines in pit area.
- Do Not Taxi through the pit area.
- Absolutely No flying over pits
- Hi-Starts or bungees for glider launches MUST be placed at the far East end of the field, off of the active runway and pit areas.
- All pilots flying an aircraft, must be at one of the pilot's stations on flight line.
- Non-Members limited to 3 visits and must be accompanied by a Western R/C flyer member, club sponsored events not included.
- Be prepared to show other club members your membership card, *proof of membership*.
- Courtesy, Cooperation, Common Sense and thought toward others is a MUST!
- Must sign in.

2009 20th 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 15th & 16th 2009

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 1/4 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

PILOT 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 79F, go south 3.7 miles watch for signs at Mead & field entrance. 20 minutes west of Omaha.

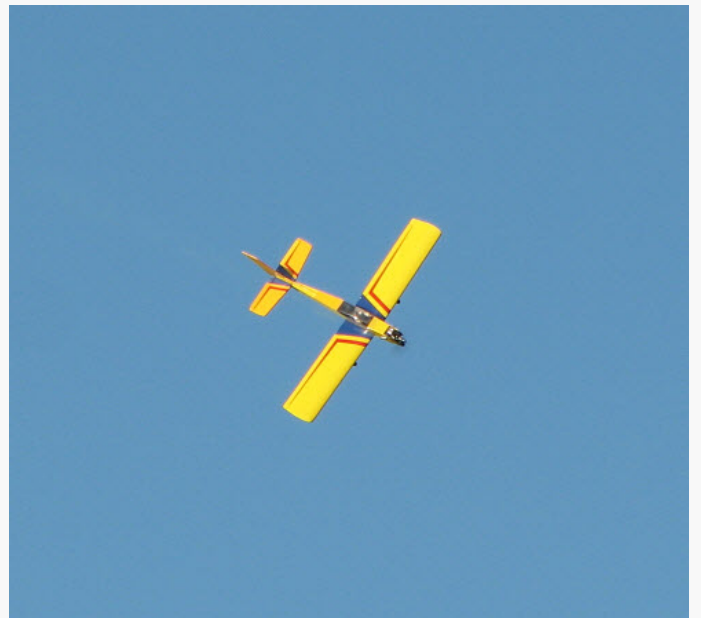
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Go to www.WeflyRC.org for maps & details!

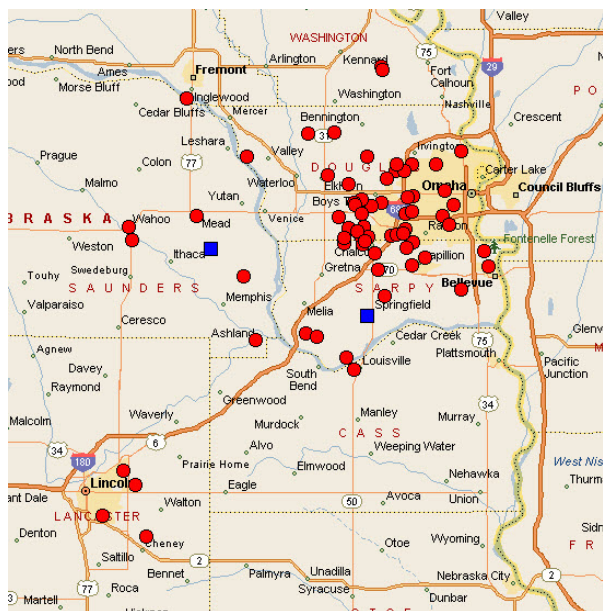
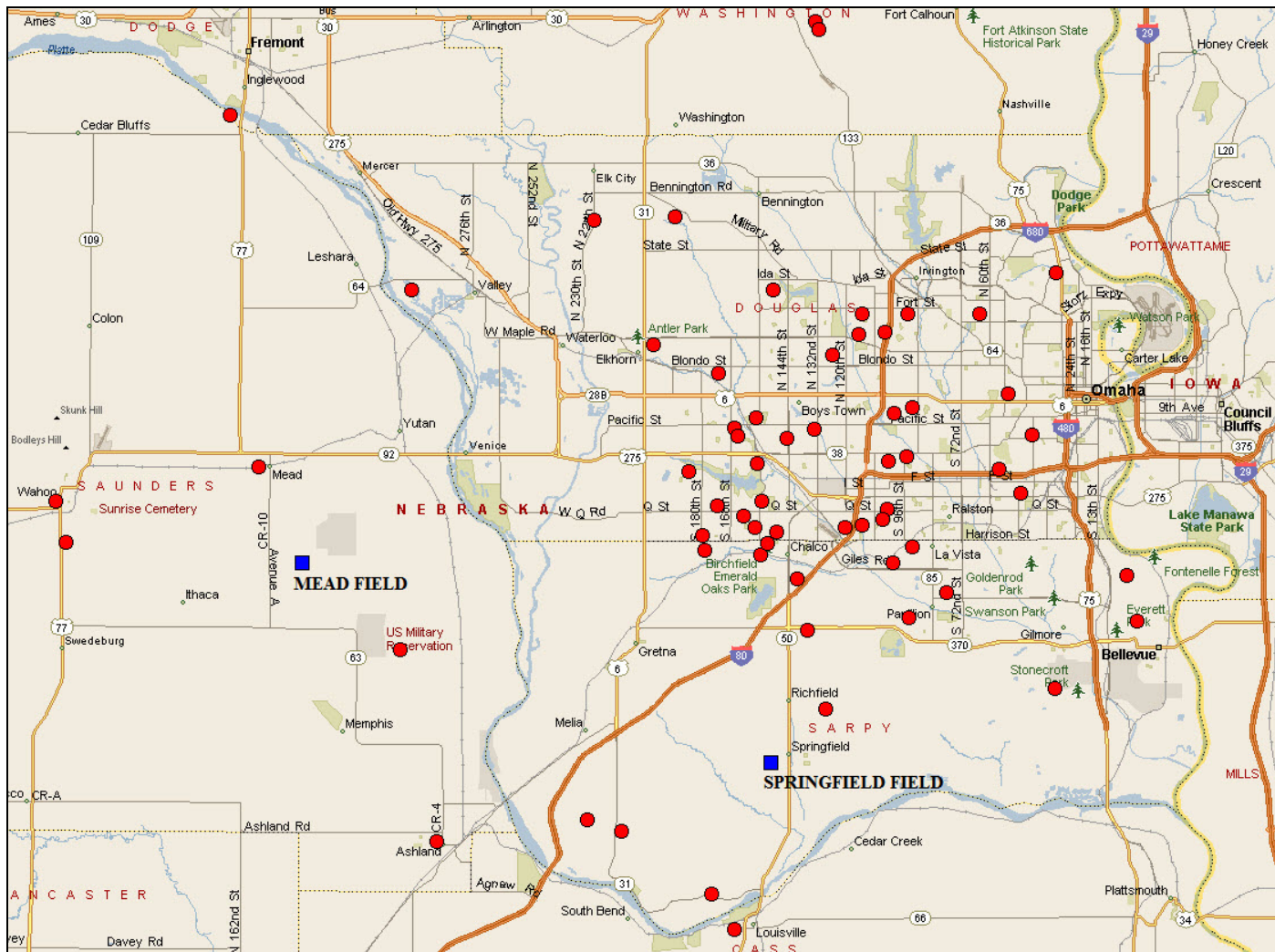
Downloadable maps available at the Western R/C Flyers website!

Club Flying at the Field





Demographics of Western RC Flyers Membership



- The map displays location of the club's 67 members (May 2009) in relationship to our two flying fields – Springfield and Mead.
- Residing within 15 miles of **Springfield** are 47 members; 20 miles are 56 members; and greater than 20 miles are 11 members.
- **Mead** has 13 members within 15 miles; 39 members within 20 miles; and 28 members greater than 20 miles. Distances were determined by straight line from each field to member address.
- Source: Microsoft Streets & Trips 2007



- Photo of current and former Western RC Flyers members who were participating in an IMAA fun fly at Bud's Field in 1986. One of the members is **Bob Hess** shown far right in front row with **Bud Hall** third from right. Current members in the photo include **Nelson Carpenter** (2nd fm left front row), **Jim Phillips** (2nd fm right front row), and **Chuck Leitch** (far right back row.)



- While flying at Mead one Saturday in July, we had to ground our airplanes while an Ayers Thrush Turbo sprayed the field ¼ mile to the east. His turns were made directly over the building and field. The pilot purposely put on an airshow for us that lasted a good half hour. To see the video and hear the turbine go here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jSMuJd7Fwfo>

Use of Frequency Board

With the growing popularity of 2.4 GHz, many of us are getting lax with use of the frequency board and simply not bothering with it. This is a dangerous practice.

Relative to the use of the frequency board is abidance to our AMA club charter whereby all flyers **MUST** be members of AMA for the insurance coverage. Placing your Western Flyers membership card and/or AMA card in the slot let's us know that you are indeed a current AMA member and status with our club. Everyone does not know everyone, and there are often guest pilots.

Concerning the safety aspect, it has been observed that some flyers on the numbered frequencies are so used to just turning on a 2.4 that they are not using the frequency board first. If this continues, it is a disaster waiting to happen. Not only is a crash with injury possible, but do you want to owe a lot of money to someone flying an expensive plane that you just shot down? So, please put your card in the slot, even if you are flying on 2.4. The boards are in use at both Springfield and Mead.



- Tied down in the pits at Mead is **Jim Albin's** beautiful Fokker Dr-1 triplane in the photo taken August 2004.



CHALCO HILLS WEATHER CENTER



www.papionrd.org/weather/usa.htm

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.

~ 2009 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

2009 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys, Springfield, Every Tuesday night May 1st through September 1st 2009
(Weather Permitting)

Food – Fun – Flying – Friends!

**January
2009**

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

**February
2009**

Tuesday, Feb 3rd - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

**March
2009**

Tuesday, Mar 3rd - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

**April
2009**

Tuesday, Apr 7th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)
- Sunday Apr 26th – Western RC Flyers 28th Annual R/C Auction at Fireman's Union Hall located at 6005 Grover St. in Omaha. Doors open at 7:30am with bidding starting at 10:00am. Admission \$5.00 per person.

**May
2009**

Tuesday, May 5th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food
- Sunday, May 17th – Q500 races at Mead.
Registration at 9:00am.

**June
2009**

Tuesday, Jun 2nd - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food.
- Saturday, Jun 6th – Annual Spring Club Fun Fly at Mead starting at 10:00am. Open flying.
- Sunday Jun 14th – Glider Event at Mead Field.
- Sunday Jun 21st – Q500 Races at Mead Field.
Registration at 9:30am. Racing starts at 10:00am.

**July
2009**

Tuesday, Jul 7th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site bring a plane, open flying & Food
Saturday, July 11th - Old-Timers Fun Fly - 9am until noon Mead field
Sunday, July 12th – Glider event at Mead
Sunday, July 19th - Quicke Racing
- Mead Field - Check in 9:30am, Racing 10am

**August
2009**

Tuesday, Aug 4th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & food
- Saturday, Aug 8th – Old Timers Fun Fly
9am until noon, Mead Field
- Saturday and Sunday, Aug 15/16th – Bud Hall IMAA Fun Fly at Mead. Aircraft limited to IMAA criteria and membership, large scale aircraft. May join IMAA at field. Criteria 80" wingspan monoplane, 60" wingspan biplane, or a true ¼ scale aircraft. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch both days and flying.
- Sunday, Aug 23rd – Q500 races at Mead.
Registration at 9:30am. Racing starts at 10:00am.

**September
2009**

Tuesday, Sep 1st - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & Food (Last Tuesday food will be served)
- Sunday Sep 6th – The 3rd Annual Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet. Outdoor swap meet free to WRCF members, \$5.00 for non-members. Swap meet setup after 9am. Open flying 10am through 3pm.
- Sunday, Sep 12th – Old Timers Fun Fly – 9am until noon. Mead Field
- Sunday, Sep 20th – Q500 races at Mead.
Registration at 9:00am. Racing starts at 10am.

**October
2009**

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

**November
2009**

Tuesday, Nov 3rd - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, inside right of main entrance)
- Nominations taken for 2010 Officers

**December
2009**

Tuesday, Dec 1st - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, inside right of main entrance)
- 2010 Officer elections

Want to schedule a 2009 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. 2009 Membership Application

Please print clearly!

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

AMA Number: _____ IMAA Number: _____

Dues Paid: \$ _____

2009 Dues: \$35 (2009 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:
Ed Splittgerber 5046 S. 174th St. Omaha, Nebraska 68135