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A Word From The President



I hope you all have been out flying when you can, I certainly have been. The field is in good shape thanks primarily to Terry as well as others who have been working the field.

The July meeting night didn't go that well with the storm that came through. I never was comfortable with holding a transmitter

with its antenna when lighting was around....!

Here's a bit of story about a plane that I have which had a wing incidence issue. I purchased this plane at an auction. It had been broken up somewhat, and then repaired.

Following the repairs to the plane, there was one wing half that was not exactly even with the other. Meaning one wing was twisted more than the other. I needed a device to adjust my plane's wing incidence. I did not have one and could not find an article on how to build it or to be able to purchase a such a device that would fit my plane. So I built one from



solid wood and included a long bolt through it. It was made of 1/2" thick bass wood with a 10x32 bolt and nut.

After multiple flights and adjustments I got this dialed in very well. I thought that I would pass this

design on and maybe this would help someone else.

We extended an invitation to the members of area RC clubs, whose fields have been flooded, to fly at our Mead Field. This was a good will gesture. Several of the impacted flyers have already expressed their appreciation. I hope to see some of the flooded flyers out at the field with our group real soon.

Our annual Bud Hall large airplane event is coming up in a couple of weeks. Please consider helping out if you can.

Thanks

~ Rick Miller

Next Meeting

7:00 PM Tuesday – August 2nd, 2011

Location: Mead Field

(Flying starts 5pm; brief meeting, bring an airplane!)



Treasurer's Report – July 2011



A copy of the Financial Report will be passed out at the August meeting.

~ Dean Copeland

Vice-President's Corner



This month we hold the 22nd annual *Bud Hall Large Airplane Fun Fly* at Mead Field. In the past, this event has been a hallmark for our club. Although this event is very much laidback, help would be appreciated such as with the grilling and feeding of the flyers.

Please contact me if you are able to help even a couple of hours. Thanks.

This summer, several Omaha area RC clubs were impacted severely by the Missouri River flooding. Their fields are still



very wet or under water rendering them unusable and leaving many without a place to fly for the summer. A few weeks ago, **Bob Boumstein** proposed that these flooded out flyers be offered

permission to fly at our Mead Field. Further, that we allow them to fly at our field at no cost through November 1st. There were provisions such as flyers holding a current membership with the affected club, paid-up dues with AMA for 2011, no helicopter flying, and the need to abide by *Western RC Flyers* club rules. This proposal was put before our club officers and board members. It was passed and the invitation extended. (copy included on this page.) Many of the flooded out flyers have expressed their gratitude for allowing use of our Mead Field, and wish to pass that on to you.

It was really difficult to get any flying in during the month of July. Sporadic thunderstorms did us in, as well as the brutal heat. There was very little flying. Let's hope August brings us better flying weather.

But we did get the *Old Timers Fun Fly/Glider Fly* in on the last weekend of July! It had been postponed twice due to weather. The turnout was great with 14 flyers. Also, there was one potential new club member who showed up to see what the fun fly was all about. We started at 9am and by 11:30am we broke for a grilled lunch before transitioning over to gliders. This combined fun fly has been a huge success! Besides, where else will you see **Tom Wild** hurdle over his glider as he lands it at his feet????

Often I mention the rewards program at *HobbyTown*, and how our club benefits. Well the earned credit from purchases made by our club members since September 2009 amounts to approximately \$145.00. No chump change! So remember to mention your affiliation with *Western RC Flyers* when you make a purchase at either *HobbyTown* locations in Omaha.

See you at the *Bud Hall Large Airplane Fun Fly* that's coming up in a few weeks! Don't forget to bring bug repellent to the field as well as sun screen.

Come out and fly!

~ Nelson Carpenter

22nd Annual Bud Hall Large Airplane Fun Fly

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



Location: Western R/C Flyers Field - Mead Nebraska
When: Saturday & Sunday August 13th & 14th 2011
Time: Registration begins at 9:00am – Open Flying from 9 a.m. till 3p.m. Both Days!
Details: IMAA **NOT** required to fly. Open flying both days! Aircraft limited to minimum of 1/4 scale or 80 inch & up monoplanes, 60 inch & up biplanes.
All pilots must present AMA membership card upon registering.

\$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 78F, go south 3.7 miles watch for signs at Mead & field entrance. 20 minutes west of Omaha.
Info: Rick Miller rick.miller@kellogg.com Phone:402-624-2530 cell: 402-510-6714

Go to www.WestflyRC.org for maps & details!
Downloadable maps available at the Western R/C Flyers website!

Flying & Flooding

July 13, 2011

The Western R/C Flyers Club, by approval of its officers and board members, wishes to extend their hands in friendship to:

- Western Front Dawn Patrol
- Cobras R/C Club
- Twin City Eagles
- Bellevue R/C Club

The offer is that members of these clubs (providing both their membership card and an AMA card) will be able to use the Western Flyer Field in Mead NE. This offer is good through the 1st of November 2011. No membership fee in the Western R/C Flyers is required.

The Western R/C Flyers ask that the following rules be followed, with the understanding that violators will be asked to leave and not fly there again:

1. All field rules as posted will be adhered.
2. The Mead field is for model airplanes only; helicopters are not welcome at Mead.
3. Courtesy during field use is a must, as well as sharing the field with all other flyers.
4. Trash to be removed by all flyers.
5. No open flying during scheduled events (consult the Western Flyers Newsletter for event dates and times).

Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay

Brotherhood: a term that I really think applies to our model airplane hobby. Recently we have witnessed an unusual thing happen in this area -- flooded model airplane flying fields. Where have all these impacted flyers gone? Most likely nowhere because the availability of flying fields is limited in this area. Only one club has available a public park to use as a flying facility. A real shame on the City of Omaha and Douglas County. There is no state park that has a flying facility, and probably because nobody ever asked for one. I think if anything is to be learned from this loss of flying fields, it is that an effort needs to be made to get more public flying facilities. I see soccer fields everywhere, golf courses on every corner, and baseball diamonds everywhere I look.

The Western RC Flyers officers and board members are a group that we should all be proud of as club members. On behalf of the club, an invitation was extended to the flooded out clubs to fly at our field at no cost for the remainder of the season. As the only area AMA club to step up to the plate and reach out to these clubs in friendship, I applaud us all. The caveat may be that we get a few new members as a result. I know this action cannot do anything but create a positive spin for the Western RC Flyers. I am so proud.

Sadly, Omahan **Ron Beranek** (*Train Man*) has passed away. Ron was a fixture in this area for many years. He liked old timer airplanes too, not just trains. Also, Ron attended our annual auction actively for years. I would like to express my condolences to Ron's friends and family. Ron was a good fellow. By the time you read this column, an auction of his vast collection will be over. I intend to attend some or all of the auction and will report next month.

Stay Cool!

~ Bob Boumstein



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.



CHALCO HILLS WEATHER CENTER



http://66.37.246.222/weather_center/usa.htm



OLD - TIMER Fun - Flys

Hosted by

Western R/C Flyers



www.WeFlyRC.org



AMA Card Required

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

2011 SCHEDULE

Saturday May 21st

9:00am till 2:00pm Open flying

Saturday August 20th

9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying

Saturday June 18th

9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying

Saturday September 17th

9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying

Saturday July 16th

9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying

Weather Permitting for October
TBD

All AMA pilots & spectators welcome, Flying limited to Old-Timer type aircraft. Open flying from 9:00am till 2:pm.

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.

Visit our Western R/C Flyers website!

www.WeFlyRC.org

ROAD TO MEAD FIELD



Trouble getting to the field? At the Town of Mead corner on Highway 92, turn south driving 3.7 miles on the hard surfaced county road to a dirt access road leading to field. Turn east here in direction of water tower, then take very short winding road to east side of long white warehouse building. See aerial below. However be advised that there are 3 routes from the county road into Mead Field. Those are shown on enlarged aerial to the right.

Primary route into the field is the **dirt road**, unless conditions are too wet. Route "A" is an improved gravel road few hundred yards south of the dirt road turnoff that takes you through the university facility. Continuing further south on the county road is alternative route "B" (*addt'l 2.5 miles*) that is a hard surfaced road on 3 of its legs. On last leg, turn at the white block building and follow road around to field.

Note: Increase newsletter page size on your PC to minimum 150% for best view of aerials and notations.



(Enlarged View)



Mead Field
(South View)

JULY FLYING AT MEAD FIELD



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Website: <http://www.weflyrc.org/>

Old Timers/Gliders Fun Fly 30 July 2011



~ 2011 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

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

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. Starts at 9:00am with flying until noon or later.

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 - Starts at 9:00am with flying until noon or later.

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 Starts at 9:00am with flying until noon or later.

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 – Starts at 9:00am with flying until noon or later.

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





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: ___ 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**