

TAILSPIN NEWSLETTER

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A Word From The President



Greetings! I suspect you all are having a great and warm summer flying those planes, I know I have.

Our field looks great and it has been fun to fly off the field in such good conditions.

The July club meeting was great with food and drink for a large turnout. We picked up some new membership too.

I have been working on a Excel spreadsheet for building Styrofoam Floats for planes, let me know if I can help you with building floats. They are cheap to build and seem to work great.

I spent some time with other clubs in the area in July. *Omahawks* Float fly event, the *Harlan Iowa club's Fun Fly*, and the *FBI* (Flying Boys of Iowa) gathering. A great time for all at these events, and I invited them to the Western RC Flyers' *Bud Hall Big Bird Fun Fly*.

We have a number of events in August and I hope all of you will be there. I am looking forward to the *Bud Hall Big Bird Fun Fly* and the *Scale* event as well. I will have planes for both and getting them ready, hope you do as well. See you there.

Thanks ~ Rick Miller

Vice-President's Corner



This brutal heat doesn't really matter if you are a dedicated hobbyist because we manage to fly during the not-so-hot parts of the day. For instance, the Old Timers Fun Fly on July 21st started early in the morning. Most of us were out of there by 10:30am and avoided the peak heating.

Staying hydrated was important, and we made sure there was plenty of water for that. So if you really want to fly, you can by wisely planning your time at the field.

Two events are happening at Mead Field the month of August in addition to the monthly Old Timers/Glider Fun

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM Tuesday - August 7th, 2012
Location: Mead Field
(Flying starts 5pm and lasts until dark; brief meeting, bring an airplane!)



Fly. The 23rd annual *Bud Hall Large Airplane Fun Fly* put on by our club, and the new tri-sponsored *Don Neill Fun Scale Contest* hosted at our field. Try and make it.

A digital camera! Do you have one? Not always can I make it to the field with my camera for taking pictures of all our club's activities or members with their airplanes. Next time you go out to Mead, please take along a digital camera and get some pictures for the newsletter. For that matter, plan on having your camera with you at the events this upcoming month. Then we could include a greater variety of photos in the newsletter. Thanks!

Most of the flying at Mead in July was with the Old Timer Fun Fly as you will see on the photo pages. On July 21st we had below 100 degree weather from 7:30am until 10:30am. There were 12 of us flying our old timer airplanes.

Come out and fly!

~ Nelson Carpenter

Treasurer's Report



A copy of the July 2012 Treasurer's Report will be passed out at the August 7th meeting.

Thank You!

~ Dean Copeland



July 2012 Meeting Notes

Attendance: 14 Members / 2 guests

<u>Details</u>: Food and drinks were provided for those attending. (Pizza and sodas)

Old Business:

<u>Mowing:</u> Thank you goes out to **Terry Pollard** for his continued dedication to the maintenance of the field. It is in amazing shape.

Events:

<u>July 21, 2012</u> - Old Timers & Glider Fun Fly <u>August 11 & 12, 2012</u> - 23rd Annual Bud Hall Memorial GIANT SCALE Fun Fly

<u>Details</u>: \$10 Registration Fee for Saturday and Sunday includes pilot lunch. Food: Brats, hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks. Tickets to the Don Neil Memorial Fun Scale Contest will be sold during the event

<u>August 25, 2012</u> - Don Neil Memorial Fun Scale Contest

> <u>Details</u>: AMA Sanctioned. Partner Clubs: Lincoln Sky Knights, Omahawks and Western Flyers.

> <u>Confirmed sponsors</u>: SIG, RTL Fasteners <u>Unconfirmed sponsors</u>: Tower Hobbies, Giant Models

> <u>Marketing</u>: Flyers are ready. **Keith Paskewitz** will be asked to e-mail announcement flyers.

Organizer: Jim Henley.

<u>Description</u>: This is a fun event so any type of scale model can be brought and flown including ARF's.

<u>Competition Classes</u>: Military, civilian and ARF.

<u>Contest Director</u>: **Rick Miller** was nominated and accepted.

<u>AMA Event Number</u>: AMA Event Number is 520

<u>Other Events</u>: Refer to club's website for further details (http://www.weflyrc.org/events.htm).

Treasurer Report:

Dean Copeland presented the treasurer's June report.

New Business:

<u>Wind Sock</u>: Bob Burt made a motioned and seconded that to purchase a new wind sock. Voting approved the purchase. The size is 18" x 8'.

<u>Bob Burt Story:</u> Bob commented that he ate some Kellogg's Corn Flakes the other day and he got some really bad gas...... (*Believe he directed that comment at Rick Miller*, the Kellogg's plant engineer.) Thanks for sharing Bob. We all had a good chuckle!

<u>New Members:</u> We are happy to welcome **Richard Jonas** and **Gideon Wild**.

The meeting adjourned and flying commenced.

That's it! ~ Rick Johnson

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

RUBBER BANDS



Most of us, especially old timer fliers, are in the habit of using #64 rubber bands. Those are 3 1/2" x 1/4" x 1/32". Tried and true. But on some of my old timers with a wide wing chord, those seemed to be stretched a bit tight. Using two #64 bands end to end is too stretchy and (ahem!, not mentioning names) has been known to fail.

I discovered an alternative at *Dykema Rubber Band Co.* http://dykemarubberband.com/ In their specialty band section is size "4B". These are 4" x 1/4" x 3/64", both longer and thicker than #64 bands. They are about 7 bucks a pound (275 bands) plus shipping. But if you figure what we spend on everything else, especially fuel, 25 cents worth of bands for a flying session is a pittance.

I never re-use rubber bands, but **Tom Wild** claims to follow me around picking them up and re-using them 2 at a time on his glider. So they are also durable ...:-) I just re-ordered a stash, so if you want to try them sometime, just ask

Loren Blinde

Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay

If you didn't make over to Bud's House on July 7th, you

missed some darn good donuts! **Bud Kilnoski** was a congenial host to everyone that showed up. Though scheduled to begin at 10am; being the rookie I am, got there just 10 minutes early.... I missing out on the early bird deals. The truth was I was hoping to meet up with someone that had some engines for me. Alas poor me, he was



a no show and now out of touch. No problem, I got 16 engines since then. Always another deal at my door.

Dean Copeland has made my dreams come true! He sold



me Chuck Lietch's Mercury old timer (yes the wing is held on with rubber bands!). The Mercury looks like a gem, but I removed the OS FP 40 that was on it and put on an OS .30

Surpass 4 cycle. I have heard these are tough little motors with "40" power as it employs OS's latest's technology. we found out how well it flies a few weeks ago. It sounds great and a real fuel miser.

Shopping around I came across a new product that you will love! Loctite Power Grab Construction Adhesive. You can buy a tube at Wal-Mart for under \$5. It is unique stuff. Got a piece of trim coming up on your airplane use this, it dries clear. You can glue wood, metal, brick, foam board, plaster, and plastic, about anything with this. You have 15 minutes from application to adherence, the fully cured in 24 hours. I found it handy in the

house and for hobby stuff. Cleans up with soap & water prior to drying. Try it!



Additionally, Marlin Goldberg, of Nebraska Motorcycle Parts fame, has given me a "BUZZRDBOMSHELL" (all one word, being that he calls every old timer that.) It has been flown and does very well. It has

a raggedy old OS 40 4 cycle turning an 11x5 prop; you know, that old motor does just great! I cleaned the carb, put on a new arm for the control of speed, and one new OS 4 cycle plug, flushed some after run oil through and "Wal-La" it worked. Marvin came to the July club meeting and even got to fly his plane.

See ya at Mead!

~ Bob Boumstein





REWARDS PROGRAM

Remember <u>Hobbytown's Reward Program</u>. 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 <u>Western Flyers affiliation</u> when making a purchase at either Hobbytown location.



JULY FLYING AT MEAD FIELD

Photos include the Old Timer Fun Fly held monthly at Mead Field. Some miscellaneous photos taken on the few days we had for flying at Mead. Note to new windsock that **Bob Burt** and others installed at the field. (*Please send photos you may have of club members and their airplanes for future newsletters.*)























JULY FLYING AT MEAD FIELD Cont.....































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~ 2012 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

2012 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys at Mead, *Every* Tuesday evening May 8th through September 6th!

(Weather Permitting)

January 2012

- Tuesday, Jan 3rd Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154h St.
- (CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)
- February 2012
- Tuesday, Feb 7th Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. $154 {
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- (CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)
- March 2012
- Tuesday, Mar 6th Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154-5 St
- (Downstairs meeting room north end bldg)

April 2012

- Tuesday, Apr 3rd Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154 ± 0.05 kg.
- (Downstairs meeting room north end bldg)

August 2012

July

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- **Tuesday, Jul 3rd** *Club Meeting* 7pm, MEAD FIELD bring a plane, open flying.
- Saturday, Jul 21st Old-Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.
- Tuesday, Aug 7th Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD a plane, open flying.
 - Saturday and Sunday, Aug 11 and/or 12th Bud Hall Large Aircraft Fun Fly. Aircraft restricted to IMAA criteria. However, 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 18th** *Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly* Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.
 - Saturday, Aug 25th Don Neill Scale Contest.
 Multi-club Fun event hosted at Mead Field.
 Various classes. Rain date 26th.

September 2012

- **Sunday Sep 2nd** The *5th 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.
- Saturday, Sep 15th Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

June 2012

May

2012

- **Sunday, Jun 3rd** – *Annual Spring Club Fun Fly* at Mead Field starting at 10:00am. Open flying.

Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

- Tuesday, May 8th - Club Meeting 7pm, at MEAD

- Saturday, May 19th - Old Timers Fun Fly with

FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.

- Tuesday, Jun 7th Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.
- **Saturday, June 16th** *Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly* Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

October 2012

- Tuesday, Oct 2nd Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
- **Saturday, Oct 6th** *Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly* Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

November 2012

- Tuesday, Nov 6th Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area. 8901 S. 154th St.
- Nominations taken for 2012 Officers

December 2012

- Tuesday, Dec 4th Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
- 2012 Officer elections



TO:

Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2012 Membership Application Please print clearly!

Dues Paid: \$______ **2012 Dues: \$35** (*Renewals must be paid by April 1*) New/Renewal:___New___Renewal___(Check One)

Sign Here:______ Date_____

AMA Number:_____ IMAA Number:_____

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:
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