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A Word from the President



Well folks I am still very occupied with work and family. I did get the Emergency contact and field location information as well as the Field operations info posted at the field; as promised some time ago. Please take a look at it when you have a minute.

It's been great flying this year, when I can get a free minute. Our field is been a little wet this year, but the grass is a nice dense green and it mid-summer already.

Hope to see you all out there for our *BIG BIRD* fun fly this August.

Thanks!

~ Rick Miller

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~ NEXT BIG EVENT ~

Saturday, Aug 22nd – Bud Hall Large Aircraft Fun Fly.
Aircraft restricted to IMAA criteria. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch and flying. Rain date Aug 23rd.

Next Meeting:

7:00PM **Tuesday August 4, 2015**

Mead Field – Come Early to Fly!



Vice-President's Corner



The field is in good shape right now, remember your mosquito repellent with all the standing water. I had the University spray for weeds on field. Not sure it is making any difference but at least we are trying.

Keep those airplanes flying!

See you on the Field!

~ Richard Jonas

July Treasurer's Notes



We continue to have some new and existing members trickling in each month. As of this writing we have 45 members for the 2015 season. The weather continues to be very hot or rainy, but there are still some who will grace the field with their beautiful creations and amaze themselves along with the other members who have braved the weather.

In spite of the weather the field is in as good a shape as I have seen for some time. The weather for our meeting is forecast as 82 deg., 49% chance of rain with the wind at 7 mph from the south east. Don't let that chance of rain stop you from coming to the monthly meeting and enjoying your fellow members in some story telling.

Your Treasurer ~ *Dean Copeland*

BIG BUZZARD BOMBSHELL FLIES!



Photo by Larry Woscyna

Joe Mock's enlarged plan-built *Buzzard Bombshell* made its first flight on July 18th under the trustful hands of Tom Wild. It has an *E-Flite 90 Max* rated at 50 amps and flown with an 18-10 prop. At 44 amps it produces 960 watts with 9.2 lbs of thrust. Joe is an outstanding builder. He has one sleek and beautiful old timer airplane!

July 2015 Meeting Notes



Western RC Flyers meeting minutes, Tuesday, July 7, 2015 7 PM. (*Mead Flying Site*)

(6) Members and (1) guest present.

The meeting was called to order by WRCF President Rick Miller 7:05 PM.

Treasurer **Dean Copeland** presented the monthly report. WRCF has total of (44) paid members so far for 2015. This is an increase of (1) from the previous month. Dean provided income details for the month and expenses for the *May Fun Fly*, *Port-A-Potty*, and misc. items. **Rick Miller** indicated there would be bills for mower repair parts. It was moved/seconded/approved to accept the treasurer's report.

It was moved/seconded/approved to accept the June 2015 WRCF meeting minutes as published in the July, 2015 *Tailspin Newsletter*.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Upcoming WRCF Events:

The *WRCF Open House* event is planned for Sunday, July 12. Rick Miller will coordinate the food/water/sodas for the event. Donations will be accepted for lunch. The monthly *Old Timer/Glider* event is July 18. The **Bud Hall** event is scheduled for Saturday, August 22, with a rain date of Sunday, August 23.

Misc.:

The mower is in need of minor repairs. Rick Miller will obtain the parts and coordinate getting it fixed. Those present agreed that the runway is in good shape; thanks to the members who have helped with maintaining the field. There was discussion regarding the safety fence; the openings need to be larger to accommodate the Bud Hall aircraft. It was suggested that the openings should contain fenced side panels; these will provide additional safety to those in the pit areas.

It was moved/seconded/approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM.

That's it!

~ *Tim Peters*



July 2015 Meeting Notes Cont.

Show-and-Tell

The weather that evening was perfect for flying activities.

Jere Ferrazzo had a *Sig Kadet Mk II*. It uses an *OS 46 AX* for power and *Futaba* controls. Jere has flown the plane 6-7 times and it looked great in the air and on the ground.

Rick Miller brought his scratch-built large-scale *Eindecker* monoplane. It uses a *US 41* gas motor. He did the maiden flights that evening; it looks like a strong performer.

Rick Haneline showed his *eFlite P-47 Thunderbolt* electric plane; the model has functional flaps and retracts. It was also the first flight for that plane; Rick put it through the paces and looked very comfortable flying it.

Tim Peters is using a tripod-mounted video display monitor for 'First Person View' flying. His electric *Bixler* contains a color video camera and 5.8 GHz transmitter; these are powered through the balancing port on the aircraft's lipo battery. He is having good success with this setup; the transition from watching the plane in flight to watching the plane through the monitor is much simpler than the same process using goggles. Rick and Dean watched the *Bixler* through the monitor while it flew. The monitor is a complete self-contained unit with video display, 5.8 GHz receiver and lipo battery. Tim mentioned he is having very good experiences buying merchandise from China through 'Banggood'. Prices are very compelling; most purchases have free shipping and the package typically arrives in about (10) business days or less.



NOTE: Bob Boumstein's "Las Vegas RC News" will return next month.

Coquette Maidenred

By Nelson Carpenter



During July I was able to fly my old timer biplane - the *Coquette* - for the first time. This is the biplane I built from plans obtained from the designer in England. Unusual to this airframe, other than the shape, is that there is no elevator. Instead, the horizontal stabilizer is fully flying with 5 degrees of throw up and down. A sub fin makes up for the vertical stab fixed on top of the horizontal stab with no rudder control. The rudder surface is on the sub fin.

I've powered this bird with an *OS FS .61* four-cycle engine which is plenty adequate. Although it can be flown with a .90 size four-cycle. That and the two undercamber wings fly it well through the air. But it does need maximum throw on the not-so-large rudder to make my turns. There is just rudder and elevator for flight control, and of course throttle.

I started building the *Coquette* in November of last year. By June it was mostly done. Some have noted my "nervous" air crew sitting in the cabin of the biplane. **Mr. Bean** and the "*Carpetman*" are bobbleheads I purchased and amputated just above their belly buttons. Yes, they are always shaking their heads.



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Coquette Maiden Cont.



Flying Up-North Country

Report by Jim Drickey



Not doing much up here in North-Country. But I am getting this TopFlite P-47 arf ready to fly. After hearing about Nelson's inverted 4 stroke engine "flame out" story, I dug around and found on-board glow system I had. So I installed it in the Jug. Engine in the "Thunder Bolt" is inverted also. Might as well use it.

Put charge port and indicator light for the on-board glow driver in bottom near cowl. The battery is mounted to the fire wall. Now I just need to balance and fly!why do I beat myself up with these War Birds?

Been fishing with a non-flying friend Phil, caught some, had fish fry the other day. Went down to field and flew a couple airplanes the other day, had good success! I'm taking advantage of summer time, it's going by fast!

Keep on, Keep'in on.....



FIRST PERSON VIEW (FPV)

Report by Nelson Carpenter



Some of you have become curious while at the field and you see Tim Peters unload a tall tripod setting it up along the safety fence. Especially when he pulls out of a bag what looks like a tablet with a hood and mounts it to the tripod at eyelevel. What Tim has going is a televised video from his motorized glider. We will learn more about Tim's experiment with FPV in an upcoming article for the newsletter. Stay tuned.



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Open House July 12th

Report by Nelson Carpenter



Almost record setting heat for the day of our club's Open House. But that didn't dampen a decent turnout of flyers and airplanes. Many arrived early and got some good flights in. We lasted into the afternoon, ignoring the sun beating down and the sweat under our hats.

Rick Miller as usual did a good job with the brats (*sounds like a broken record*) on the grill which we all had for lunch. Plenty of bottled water was on hand throughout the day, packed in ice within the cooler.

Flying was continuous and everyone had an outstanding time.



Open House July 12th Cont.



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Old Timers July 18th Fun Fly

Report by Nelson Carpenter



The day started out excellent with slight southeast breeze and temperature bearable until noontime. All total, we had 15 vehicles at the field with that many or more old timer airplanes as well as the gliders. We enjoyed the company of several visiting pilots who joined us with their old timers and gliders.

There was one bad smack in the middle of the runway due to pilot error that totaled a Quaker. Otherwise everyone managed to get several flights in before packing up soon after 12 noon. We do the old timers/gliders typically on the third Saturday of the month. Hope to see you all there again.



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Old Timers July 18th Fun Fly Cont.





~ 2015 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

January 2015

- **Wednesday, Jan 7th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th St.
- **Saturday, Jan 17th** - Strategic Air & Space Museum's Indoor Air Show 2015

February 2015

- **Tuesday, Feb 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.

March 2015

- **Wednesday, Mar 4th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th St.

April 2015

- **Wednesday, Apr 8th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th St.
- **Saturday, April 18th** - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

May 2015

- **Tuesday, May 5th** - Club Meeting 7pm, at MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying.
- **Saturday, May 16th** - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.
- **Saturday, May 30th** - Scale Fun Fly and Swap Meet at Mead Field starting 9am.

June 2015

- **Tuesday, Jun 2nd** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying.
- **Saturday, Jun 14th** - Annual Spring Club Fun Fly at Mead Field starting at 10:00am. Open flying.
- **Saturday, June 20th** - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

July 2015

- **Tuesday, Jul 7th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD bring a plane, open flying.
- **Sunday Jul 12th** - Western Flyers Open House Fun Fly. Starts at 9:00am with flying until dark.
- **Saturday, Jul 18th** - Old-Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

August 2015

- **Tuesday, Aug 4th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD a plane, open flying.
- **Saturday, Aug 15th** - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.
- **Saturday, Aug 22nd** - Bud Hall Large Aircraft Fun Fly. Aircraft restricted to IMAA criteria. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch and flying. Rain date Aug 23rd.

September 2015

- **Tuesday, Sep 1st** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD - bring a plane, open flying.
- **Saturday, Sep 19th** - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

October 2015

- **Tuesday, Oct 6th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
- **Saturday, Oct 17th** - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

November 2015

- **Wednesday, Nov 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
- Nominations taken for 2015 Officers

December 2015

- **Thursday, Dec 1st** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
- 2015 Officer elections



Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2015 Membership Application

Please print clearly!

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

AMA Number: _____

Amount Paid: \$ _____

2015 Dues: \$35 (Renewals should be paid by **April 1**) New ___ Renewal ___ (Check One)

Sign Here: _____ Date _____

Membership subject to approval. AMA membership is required.

Make Checks Payable to: Western R/C Flyers

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