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### A Word from the President



Folks, due to my heavy workload at Kellogg, I am going to take a hiatus from the office of President. Jim Henley (VP) and I have discussed the opportunity to swap offices if there are no other candidates for either office requiring an election. This was further discussed at our November club meeting, and the consensus was to move forward with the plan. Also, club member Tim Peters volunteered to fill the Secretary's office for next year. Dean Copeland said he was willing to stay on as Treasurer. This plan is also laid out in the Meeting Notes.

As you know, the month of November was when nominations would have been received for the four club offices. None were received, so the December meeting will firm up the plan outlined above and officers for 2014.

Because I'm vacating the office of President, does not mean you won't see me flying next year. You can bet I'll be there as often as possible. Besides, I've got tons of airplanes to put in the air.

We've had a great year of flying and some fun events. That will certainly hold true for next year. One thing that must be concentrated on is the condition of the field and growing of a decent stand of grass.

See you at the next meeting!

**Happy Holidays!**

**- Rick Miller**

### Next Meeting:

**7:00 PM Tuesday December 3, 2013**

**Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills  
Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.**

*(Bring something to Show N' Tell!)*



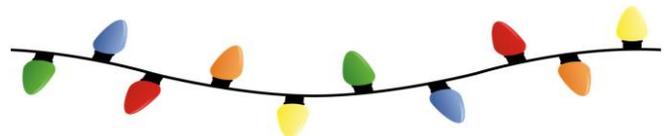
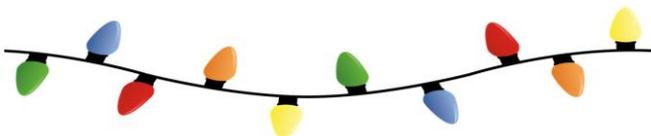
### Vice-President's Corner



December has arrived along with the holidays and a new building season. Regardless whether you are flying indoors or in the shop building, please BE CAREFUL everywhere! This is the time of year for bad weather and distracted driving by those around us. Be a defensive driver, if you use a cell phone, turn it off while driving. No message or text is important enough to risk an accident or injury to you or a loved one. Remember, our meetings are at Chalco Hills for the next few months. So come on out and bring your new project for show and tell.

**Let's build and fly!**

**- Jim Henley**



## Nov 2013 Treasurer's Notes



Our good news, I have just received the 2014 membership cards. With that please feel free to send in your dues and help us start off the new year with a bang. The 2013 flying season appears to be over, and snow is now in the forecast more and more causing us model builders to stay inside building models for the new season.

Bringing your new creations for show and tell can be lucrative in that we are having a \$25.00 drawing each meeting. Don't forget to mention the *Western Flyers* club each time you buy something at *Hobby Town* as the club gets credit and can be used to fund prizes for upcoming events.

Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and look forward to seeing more of you at our monthly club meetings. Of course the reason is the more the merrier.

Now for the *Treasurer's Report*; we are in good financial standing and it will only get better as the dues start rolling in for 2014. Current report will be available at the December meeting.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

Thank You!

- Dean Copeland



## Nov 2013 Meeting Notes

No meeting minutes from October meeting.

### Treasurer's Report:

- **Dean Copeland** presented the report; we currently have 42 members and are in good financial standing.

### Old Business:

- Discussions regarding reseeding of the field were moved to the "new business" category.

### New Business:

- **Jim Henley** indicated that fill had recently been added to the "swale" at the southeast end of the runway. We learned that **Rick Miller** had managed to get some fill dirt dumped and spread.
- Reseeding the runway was the main topic of discussion, it was suggested we rent an "asphalt style" roller to roll the runway after seeding. It was also mentioned we should aerate the field prior to seeding.
- **Bob Burt** indicated he will reach out to "Lanny" at the university to get his input on the type of seed, fertilizer and any suggestions on the best way to get the grass to grow on the damaged parts of the field. Once Bob has this information from the university, we can establish a plan to reseed, fertilize, and then roll the field for maximum results early spring next year.

### 2014 Officer Nominations:

- There were no formal nominations made. Instead it was agreed and accepted that each of the current officers would continue in office. The exceptions being: **Tim Peters** volunteered to take the club *Secretary* position vacated by **Rick Johnson**. **Dean Copeland** offered to stay on as *Treasurer*. **Jim Henley** and **Rick Miller** will trade positions. **Rick** will assume the *Vice President* duties, and **Jim Henley** will assume the duties of *President*. The 2014 officer slate will be:

**Jim Henley** - President  
**Rick Miller** - Vice President  
**Dean Copeland** - Treasurer  
**Tim Peters** - Secretary

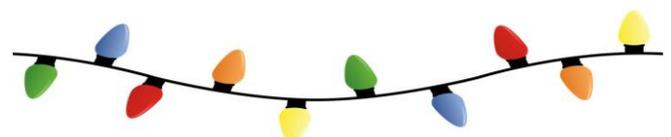
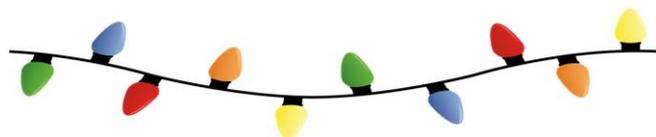
### Show N' Tell:

**Bob Burt** and **Bob Zitzsberger** each brought a *Bixler* design foam airplane. One a *Baby Blender* and a *Duster*. Photos in this newsletter.

That's it!

- Jim Henley

**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS**



### 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.



## Aircraft—Do you Know your Owner?

I have become complacent over the last few years about keeping some sort of identification on my models. I usually assume that if I lose control the plane will crash close enough that I'll be able to find it easily. Looking back I can recall more than one occasion where I lost a plane in the woods or in a tall cornfield. Maybe you have 'enjoyed' a similar experience. If you lose it, will it get returned? Maybe, but your chances are better if you include your ownership information in the model.

Our parent organization, the *Academy of Model Aeronautics*, publishes a *Safety Code* which makes it pretty clear:

*"Ensure the aircraft is identified with the name and address or AMA number of the owner on the inside or affixed to the outside of the model aircraft. (This does not apply to model aircraft flown indoors.)"*

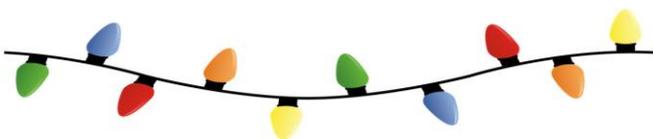
Most all of us have access to a computer with a note pad app or something similar. I used *Microsoft Word*; it took just a few minutes to type up an "owner's card" which I pasted into the document several times. A single page contains (9) copies of the ID, each looks like this:

**This model belongs to:**  
**Tim Peters**  
14422 Hascall Cir  
Omaha, NE 68144  
Cell: 402-880-1508  
Home: 402-758-8936  
AMA #41409

After printing out a page, I can equip (9) items with my ID. I used transparent packing tape to "lamine" the entire page (*both sides*). Scissors cut out each card which I affix to the item using tape (*double stick foam works good*) or string or chewing gum, or whatever you like. If you have business cards, those could also work. You may want to include your email address with the other information.

Now I know that if I lose a model at least there's a chance it may find its way back-- Unless Rick Miller finds your 'Bird of Tim' and tells you some lame story about 'he found the plane but all the electronics were missing'. ☺

**Tim Peters**



# Show N' Tell

Below are photos of the two *Josh Bixler* designed foamies that **Bob Burt** and **Bob Zitzsberger** brought to the November club meeting. Each kit was laser cut and assembled with a hot-glue gun. Unique to these indoor fliers is that there is an interchangeable "pod" that slips out of the nose. The pod contains the motor, ESC, battery, and servos for a quick swap.



# RC NEWS FROM LAS VEGAS

By Bob Boumstein



Hello everyone, hope you all had a good *Thanksgiving* and best wishes for a great *Holiday Season!* I am recovering from foot surgery and doing pretty well. I can't drive so *Meryl* has to chauffeur me around. About another 6 weeks before I am on my own again!

After months of waiting I have taken delivery of my *350QX Quad* copter, and it is everything I hoped. I immediately changed the connectors over to *DEANS* as I have come to learn that these are the best. The connections stay tight even in the most wicked circumstances. Plus my batteries (*other than the one that came with the Quad*) were already *DEANS*. Next, I added some distinctive trim on the bottom to help me if I fly around others with the same bird (*I have*



*2 friends that have them now and a 3<sup>rd</sup> planning on getting one*). I went to a nice park nearby and flew 2 batteries out. The *Eflite* battery 2200 mah 30 C went about 16 minutes and the *Thunder Power* 2250 40C went about



18 minutes. I was happy with both batteries.

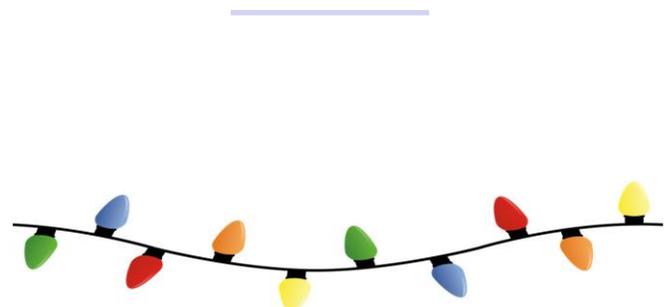
So I have tried to research "C" ratings a little and here is what I have learned:

-C is not a discharge rate but batteries with a higher C rating will discharge cooler than a lower one and should give you better service life.

-The "c" rating of 40 will give you a "burst" rate of 80 for a few seconds the added power you might desire in a maneuver, or in a corner on car when racing, but the burst rate drops significantly as you get into the battery's charge, more on front side almost zero towards the end of the charge.

As you can see in the photo I have now 3 batteries. I cannot see any difference in performance at this time, but I do notice the *eFlite* battery is the warmest after a flight.

Continuing to learn "Stuff!" Regards!





# ~ 2014 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

## Tentative Dates in **RED**

**2014 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys at Mead, Every Tuesday evening May 6th through September 2nd!**  
(Weather Permitting)

### **January 2014**

- **Tuesday, Jan 7th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th St.

- **Saturday, Jan 28th** - SAS Museum Indoor Airshow and Chili Bomb. Multi-club event.

### **February 2014**

- **Tuesday, Feb 4th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.

### **March 2014**

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

### **April 2014**

- **Tuesday, Apr 1st** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th St.

### **May 2014**

- **Tuesday, May 6th** - Club Meeting 7pm, at MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.

- **Saturday, May 17th** - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

### **June 2014**

- **Sunday, Jun 7th** - Annual Spring Club Fun Fly at Mead Field starting at 10:00am. Open flying.

- **Tuesday, Jun 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.

- **Saturday, June 21st** - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

### **July 2014**

- **Tuesday, Jul 1st** - 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 19th** - Old-Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

### **August 2014**

- **Tuesday, Aug 5th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD a plane, open flying.

- **Sunday, Aug 10th** - Bud Hall Large Aircraft Fun Fly. Aircraft restricted to IMAA criteria. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch both days and flying. Rain date Aug 11th.

- **Saturday, Aug 16th** - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

### **September 2014**

- **Sunday Sep 7th** - The 5th Annual Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet. Swap meet setup after 9am. Open flying 10am through 3pm.

- **Tuesday, Sep 2nd** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD - bring a plane, open flying.

- **Saturday, Sep 20th** - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

### **October 2014**

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

- **Saturday, Oct 18th** - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

### **November 2014**

- **Tuesday, Nov 4th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.

- Nominations taken for 2014 Officers

### **December 2014**

- **Tuesday, Dec 2nd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.

- 2014 Officer elections



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**Omaha, Nebraska**

**TO:**

## **Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2014 Membership Application**

**Please print clearly!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

AMA Number: \_\_\_\_\_ IMAA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2014 Dues: \$35** (Renewals should be paid by **April 1**) New/Renewal: \_\_\_ New \_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_ (Check One)

Sign Here: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership 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**