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A Word from the President



built.

Didn't we just have a newsletter? Tell you folks, time flies. So keep that in mind when you put off building that special airplane kit, and putting it in the air. I know some who have stashed away that special kit for a rainy day. Now they are second guessing themselves years later, wondering if the kit will ever get

I'd like to thank **Joe Halamek**, one of our earlier and current club member, for all the work he has done over the years at creating and maintaining our Western Flyers' website at <http://www.weflyrc.org/>. The website has proven to be an important and useful tool for putting our club out there.



The editor of this fine newsletter tells me that he has "something up his sleeve" for this issue. I can only imagine and wait to see when everyone else does.

Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year. May Santa put all the planes and motors you have on your wish list under the tree.

Thanks!

~ Rick Miller



Next Meeting:

TBD

Papio-Missouri River NRD Bldg



Vice-President's Corner



ready.

Flying season is pretty much over for me. I don't do cold anymore. It's time for me to turn my garage back into a wood shop. I have several things I need to get made this winter. I will still get a couple of planes repaired, and a couple finished to have ready for spring. I should have 5 or 6

Looking forward to seeing some new planes at the field this spring. Have a good winter!

Fly 'em!

~ Rick Haneline

Treasurer's Report



I have the new membership cards for 2017, so there is no reason that you can't send in your renewals for the 2017 season.

From what I hear it is going to be one of the best years for R/C flying ever! Wait a minute that was a dream that I had the other night, sorry just got caught up in the moment. There is no reason that I can't be optimistic, what else can I say.

I am trying to get over a little jet lag. I have been on 14 different planes in the last five weeks, 3 planes to Italy and back, 2 planes to Las Vegas and back, and 2 planes to El Paso and back. A little more traveling than I had planned, but at 79 I may not have the chance again, so why not, had a great time in all places.



The club financial status is pretty much similar to past year's and without any unexpected expenses we should be able to hit the ground running. And on a final note I want to thank all the volunteers that are responsible for keeping the field mowed throughout the year.

Your Treasurer ~ Dean Copeland



FIRST WINTER 2016/17 FLIGHT AT MEAD

On Saturday Dec 2nd the area had its first substantial snow. The next day Loren Blinde made a point to fly his 72" span EP Telemaster at Mead Field. According to Loren: "Put skis on the Telemaster and it worked well. Just a couple of flights, and I was cold enough to go back home."



Mowing Team Kudos

By Jim Henley



I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Mead Field Mowing Team for the excellent job they did this past season.

I suspect that Mead Field is one of the more remote locations in eastern Nebraska. So in able to attract pilots from the surrounding area, the field must sell itself. I feel that Mead Field does just that being one of the premiere sites



to fly. It is due to the job the mowing team has done keeping the field neat and tidy.

Thanks to Doug Clemetson, Nelson Carpenter, Jack Berry, and Dave Kelley for the great job!
Editor's note: Lead Mower and Scheduler was Jim Henley.

Jim Henley



Skunkworks and Things

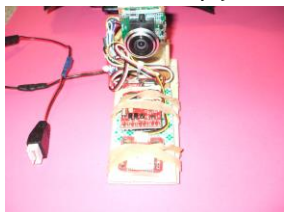
By Tim Peters



I'd like to start off by wishing all of my WRCF friends a happy and safe holiday season! I think 2016 was an exceptional year for R/C flying. Most of the major WRCF events enjoyed great weather this year, and the flying season extended longer than many of us expected. THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the maintenance of the Mead flying site this year. Your efforts are very much appreciated!

Here's what's new in the 'Skunkworks' including my journey to the DARK SIDE:

I have been having fun with fpv and my 30-year old Airtronics Olympic sailplane. The OLY has a plywood platform containing a CCD camera video camera and 200mW video transmitter, all powered from the same lipo that runs everything else. The camera has a 170-degree view, and the OLY flies slow enough that it is easy to keep up with it through my video monitor.



This combination has been good for gaining confidence with FPV. One thing I have been wanting is a simple On-Screen Display to show altitude, position, and groundspeed along with the FPV. My previous experience with OSD is in conjunction with



autopilots, where the OSD is an extension to the autopilot output. When done this way, the autopilot controls the aircraft and also provides altitude and position information overlaid with the video transmission. I didn't

want an autopilot for the OLY, I just needed some simple electronics that can measure altitude, airspeed and position to overlay with the video display. After some searching on several web sites, I found some electronics by 'TAROT' (Tarot OSD Module Video Superimpose



Overlay System with GPS TL300L). It was reasonably priced at \$30, so it soon arrived at the Skunkworks. Instructions were Chinese, but fortunately there are YouTube videos that explain the setup. After playing with

it to make sure it worked, I extended the OLY's video platform to include the OSD and its GPS antenna. Check the photos, the camera and video transmitter are mounted on the vertical platform, the base holds the OSD (board closest to the camera) and GPS (other board). I included a photo to show the video overlay. You'll see some of the available information like battery voltage and

satellites. During actual flying you press a button on the OSD to indicate that the current position is 'HOME'. In flight there is an 'arrow' that shows which direction 'HOME' is relative to the aircraft position. (i.e. 'THIS WAY HOME!') All this in addition to altitude, speed, battery voltage, etc. It's seen only limited use so far, looking forward to extensive use in 2017.

About the DARK SIDE thing. I have been flying Futaba equipment for about 35 years. Yet I keep being tempted by all the very cool Bind-and-Fly (usually foam) aircraft that are available from Horizon Hobbies and others. Idea being you take the aircraft out of the box, bind it to your transmitter, and go fly. Problem is this very cool BNF stuff requires DSM2/DSMX (i.e. Spektrum) compatible



transmitters to bind with. I know a lot of WRCF members use Spektrum or compatible (JR?) equipment. I recall giving Loren Blinde grief earlier this year about 'coming over from the Dark Side' when I saw him using

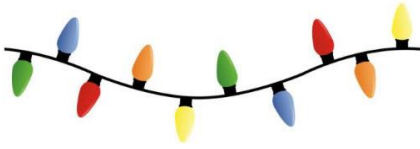
Futaba equipment. Well, it was too much to resist. Last weekend I purchased a like new Spektrum DX8 off of Craigslist. So the DARK SIDE has lured me away—at least somewhat. Now Santa needs to bring me that BNF B-17 Bomber, and ... and ... and ...

I had some health issues (prostate cancer) in 2016. This was caught in a very early stage due to having an annual wellness exam. I had a follow-up exam last week and all signs look good; I plan to accelerate into 2017 with continued good health. So please take steps to maintain your own good health, so I can continue to harass you and critique your flying skills at the field. ☺

Finally, let's look for some opportunities to hold some unique and fun events in addition to the ones already planned. I have been needling Loren Blinde about doing a sailplane cross-country event. What other ideas are there? Let us know!

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





Vintage photo is of a Western Flyers IMAA Fun Fly held at Mead in the late 80s. View is to the north. Note that the trees were not much of a bother back then. Can you identify the models?

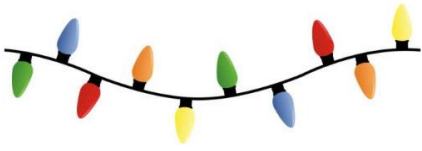
I WANT YOU!



JOIN WESTERN RC FLYERS!



Photo by Rene Mayo
Loren Blinde's tall Love Song sailplane. As you might have estimated, a 12 ft wingspan.



November Flying at Mead



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November Flying at Mead Cont.



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“What was Said.....”

(or “The Joke’s on You”)

2007 thru 2016

By Nelson Carpenter



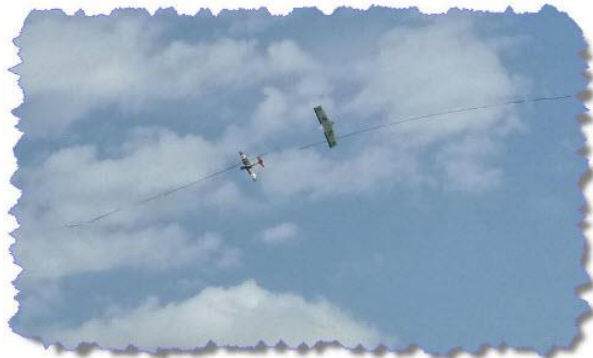
As editor of the *Tailspin* for the past 10 years, it has been my prerogative and privilege to put what I wanted into the newsletter. I have been able to do my own review and approval of stories and photos. Some good, some questionable. While at the same time I’ve been able to include write-ups and stories by many individual club members which were more than welcomed as well as enjoyed by all. That’s helped considerably. Luckily I haven’t yet been fired.

That aside; with my trusty camera, and keen sense of hearing, I have been able to capture certain situations club members found themselves in and documented what was said. This newsletter feature contains the incriminating evidence presented in the club’s 120 newsletters over the past 10 years. You might even see yourself in the photos that follow on this and the next 7 pages. My hope is that this will give you a chuckle or maybe a smirk. My belated apologies to anyone who feels victimized by my attempt at humor at their expense.

NOTE: Please vote on your top 2 favorites, and e-mail me at Nelsonsc3@cox.net I’ll post results in the next newsletter.



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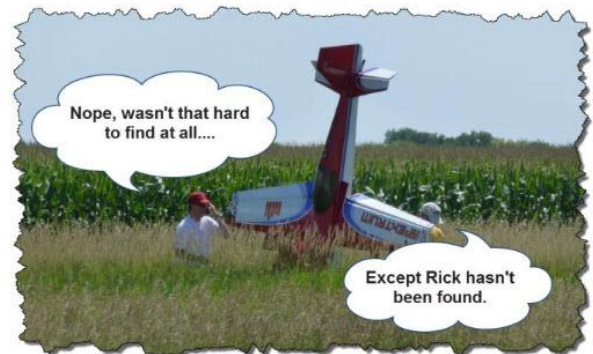


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After Some Tail at Mead Field



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“What was Said” Cont.



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What is Rick Miller Doing????

1. Demonstrating how he taught 'the karate kid' his famous 'crane move'.
2. Saying "No one is leaving until we find out who ate the last brat!"
3. Claiming he can't understand how 'Dancing with the Stars' could have possibly rejected his audition for this season's cast."
4. Treating the lunch crowd to a Broadway show tune.
5. Mr Miller serenades group with a classic from Westward Ho in *Basso Profundo!*



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LINE UP: Bob Burt, Darin Kelstrom, Loren Blinde, Rick Miller, Charlie Tyrdik, Dick Behrens, and Tim Peters. On the loose were Nelson Carpenter, and Tom Wild.

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"What was Said" Cont.



12. Jay Leno's Brother is now Flying at Mead Field



Photo by Rene Mayo

13. "Great Minds"



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"You brought what...????"



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“What was Said” Cont.



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WHAT REALLY WENT ON.....



The October club meeting actually found Dean Copeland explaining his next strategic move while his opponent Jim Henley plans ahead.

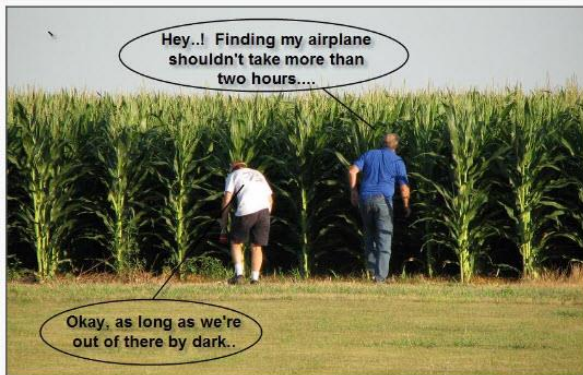
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ATTENTION WESTERN FLYERS MEMBERS

From this date forward the “NO FLYING over the pits” rule will be strictly enforced with severe punishment for offenders.

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“What was Said” Cont.



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25.

Helping put the field back in shape finds **Bob Burt** making quick work with the mowing of the field a few weeks ago. Here you see the club's new mower in action. The mower has a 72" swath and doesn't take long at all to mow the field.



26.



27. **Frank Wisniski** taxing his Fire Baby off the active runway at Mead Field.



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“What was Said” Cont.



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How many does it take to start a Coquette?
Six if you count Rene Mayo documenting the effort with a digital camera.



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Splash at Lake Mead
May 21, 2016



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Action Photo by Tom Wild



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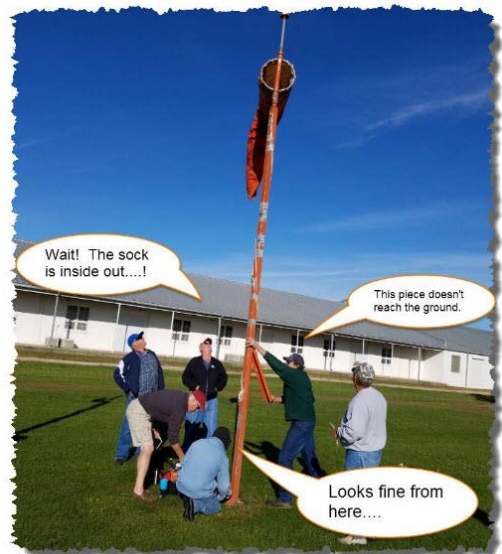
Larry Woscyna brought his newly acquired instrument panel. We all will be waiting to see what airplane he puts this in.



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“What was Said” Cont.

OLD TIMER AIRPLANE-101



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“What was Said” Cont.



The Phantom....

NOTE: Rick was actually using one of those new high power laser tachometers and he was checking his engine rpm.

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49. “Packers fan??? Yes, why do you ask????”



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~ 2017 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

January 2017

- **Saturday, Jan 17th** - Strategic Air & Space Museum's Indoor Air Show 2015

February 2017

March 2017

April 2017

- **Saturday, April 15th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

May 2017

- **Saturday, May 20th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Electric Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.
- **Saturday, May 27th** – Scale Fun Fly and Swap Meet at Mead Field starting 9am.

June 2017

- **Saturday, Jun 17th** – Annual Spring Club Fun Fly at Mead Field starting at 10:00am. Open flying.
- **Saturday, June 17th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Electric Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

July 2017

- **Sunday Jul 9th** - Western Flyers Open House Fun Fly. Starts at 9:00am with flying until dark.
- **Saturday, Jul 15th** - Old-Timers Fun Fly with Electric Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

August 2017

- **Saturday, Aug 19th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Electric Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.
- **Saturday, Aug 26th** – Bud Hall Large Aircraft Fun Fly. Aircraft restricted to IMAA criteria. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch and flying. Rain date Aug 28th.

September 2017

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

October 2017

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

November 2017

December 2017



Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2017 Membership Application

Please print clearly!

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

AMA Number: _____

Amount Paid: \$ _____

2017 Dues: \$35 (Renewals should be paid by **April 1**) New ___ Renewal ___ (Check One)

Sign Here: _____ Date _____

Membership application subject to approval. AMA membership is required.

Make Checks Payable to: Western R/C Flyers

Complete this form and send with check to WRCF Treasurer:

Dean Copeland 15668 Fountain Hills Dr. Omaha, Nebraska 68118