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A Word from the President



We're smack-dab in the midst of the holiday season. And what better time to remind you of that long-standing tradition of gift-giving to the club president. Don't be too bashful to give me an expensive reminder of how much I mean to the club.

Be proactive! Don't let time run out on you. 😊

We had a productive WRCF quarterly meeting November 9; officers were elected, bylaws approved, club's non-profit status was successfully re-enabled, and some items were tabled. There's some traction on a club web site. Dan Fitzgerald and VP (Elect) Brian Peterson will be key players on making this happen.



Previous Talespin issues have had me droning-on about my first-ever scratch build. The *Slingsby Capstan*.....



.....*T-53B* sailplane is complete. I did a test-glide on November 15. It was underpowered, somewhat nose-heavy and sustained some moderate fuselage damage. auction I was elated to purchase a classic Airtronics Olympic 88/99 kit from the 1970's. It was fully framed-up by a builder who is much more skilled-and-talented than I. All ready for covering. Needs to be electrified. This plane was the 'must have' glider during the early-to-mid 1970's.



Let's start thinking about flying events for 2022. I've suggested that we lock-in the 3rd Saturday of

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each month, May through September for (5) activities. Help us plan for something you will enjoy and anticipate. Our next meeting (*Zoom*) will be Tuesday, February 8th; the agenda will focus on events for 2022.

On a personal note, my good friend and flying buddy from the 1990's, Ray Pancake, passed away at the end of October. I remember doing an Iowa R/C cross-country event with him. Ray was my spotter. We were riding in lawn chairs in an open utility trailer (*no suspension*) being pulled by my friend Dave Korte who was driving his very comfortable and warm minivan. Did I mention a light, but cold autumn rain during the 30-mile drive? We had some good times, and he will be missed.

Come out and fly!

- Tim Peters

Treasurer's Report



The 2021 season is drawing to a close and chances of flying will become less and less. With that said I believe that building tables and new projects will become our primary interest for the next few months. I have received the new membership cards for the 2022 season and renewals from now on will be for the new season.

Thanking you all for a fantastic season and a safe one at that. We all owe a lot to the field maintenance committee for keeping the field in prime condition. Until next time this is your Treasurer signing off.

Happy Landings

- Dean Copeland

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND A
BETTER NEW YEAR!**

*Western R/C
Flyers*

GET READY FOR IT!

(SPRING DATE TO BE SET SOON)



Western R/C Flyers
AMA OMAHA NEBRASKA AMA 557

WWI and Golden Age Fun Fly
2022 MEAD FIELD

All Models this Era*
Welcomed!

*Inclusive WWI acft thru 1939
Civilian or Military

Contact: Nelson Carpenter J3flyah@gmail.com
AMA Required to Fly - Wide Open Space - Large Runway - Easy access Fits

MEAD FIELD WEATHER

<https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KNEMEAD16>

UPGRADED STATION



**Aviation Weather Forecast at Wahoo
Municipal Airport, Nebraska**

<http://www.usairnet.com/cgi-bin/launch/code.cgi?Submit=Go&sta=KAHQ&state=NE>

WRCF Zoom Meeting - Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Submitted by Tim Ryan, Secretary



The meeting was called to order shortly after 7pm, with 11 members in attendance. **Tim Peters** mentioned that **Mike Lawver** wanted to thank the field maintenance team for the great job they have done during this year's flying season.

Agenda:

Items to be discussed and voted:

1. Officers for 2022. President **Tim Peters** provides slate of candidates who have been approached and are willing to serve. Additional nominees taken from membership. Election of officers. No additional nominees were presented prior to, or at the meeting. A vote was taken amongst those present, and the following individuals were passed as the 2022 WRCF group of officers:

Tim Peters - President
Brian Peterson - Vice President
Dean Copeland - Treasurer
Tim Ryan - Secretary
Loren Blinde - Field Maintenance
Mike Lawver - Safety Coordinator
Nelson Carpenter - Newsletter Editor

2. Dues increase for 2022. Alternate suggestion: Keep dues as they are (\$35/year), but allow voluntary contributions, maybe part of the membership application form.

Tim Peters wants to keep the dues the same for 2022, and revisit the issue at our February meeting regarding a possible dues increase for 2023.

3. WRCF non-profit corporation status.

Tim Peters has renewed the non-profit corporation status with the *State of Nebraska*.

4. Supplemental liability insurance to cover Officers and Directors.

Tim Peters looked into this issue but found the level of personal information required of the officers was much greater than he was comfortable with. A couple of members offered other insurance options that may not be as demanding. Tim asked that all members continue to emphasize safe and polite activities at the field.

6. Holiday Sandwich Tray (*meats & cheese*) for UNL Ag Workers.

Tim Peters proposed we continue the tradition of buying a holiday snack tray for the UNL personnel as a show of appreciation for our continued use of this wonderful flying site. A vote was taken and the suggestion passed. **Nelson Carpenter** agreed to purchase and deliver the spread to the Mead workers. It was agreed that the price should be limited to \$50.

7. Continue AMA Club Membership.
This was voted on and passed.

Items discussed:

1. Maintenance of club documents.

It was agreed that duplicate sets of the club documents should exist, but where was not resolved. We will need to revisit this at the next meeting.

2. Web site proposal (need volunteers).

We will proceed with approaching Dual Rates with constructing a web presence for the WRCF club, and club member **Dan Fitzgerald** volunteered to help with creating the site. We have a generous donor that agreed to pay the first two years cost of the web site (Thank you, **Dean Copeland**).

3. Possible SAC Air Museum (Ashland) indoor air show.

At the time of the meeting, it was not known if the SAC Museum would host an indoor RC show this winter, but since then it has been confirmed that it will happen on Saturday, January 15th, 2022, from 10am to 2pm. **Tim Peters** plans to attend to make visitors aware of our club.

4. Continued need for safe, polite activity at the field. Let's not do anything to jeopardize our stay at Mead.

5. Misc. items from attendees.

Rick Sessions requested advance notice of our 2022 event dates so the Omahawks do not schedule events on the same date. **Tim Peters** told Rick to plan on the 3rd Saturdays from May through September for WRCF events in 2022. Rick also mentioned that the *Omahawks* are using space inside the *Oakview Mall* for meetings and building sessions on Thursday evenings.

Next Meeting: Zoom, February 8.

Agenda: Flying events for 2022.



2021 WESTERN RC FLYERS MEMBERS

Current November 30, 2021

	<u>2021 Members</u>		<u>AMA</u>
1	Jim	Hoff Jr.	858014
2	Mike	Vlcek	101775
3	Marvin	Goldberg	6768
4	Jim	Drawbaugh	1215297
5	Rick	Sessions	105968
6	Brian	Peterson	112922
7	Tim	Peters	41409
8	Loren	Blinde	91210
9	Tim	Ryan	1151475
10	Tom	Wild	129512
11	Larry	Inness	883391
12	Jeff	Jacobs	422320
13	David	Reiber	281
14	Doug	Clemetson	1079758
15	Dean	Copeland	700148
16	Larry	Woscyna	1061039
17	Jack	Barry	741022
18	Dennis	Bender	916241
19	Skip	Brown	90624
20	Jud	Bock	558416
21	Earl	Pollard	865026
22	Richard	Jonas	997091
23	Jim	Henley	816592
24	Don	Pieken	491585
25	Bud	Kilnoski	7572
26	Nelson	Carpenter	5730
27	Harold	Walsh II	716337
28	Jacob	Brown	596446
29	Frank	Trouba	54712

	<u>2021 Members</u>		<u>AMA</u>
30	Jack	Wilhelmi	NA
31	Tom	Floyd	130852
32	Steve	Rasmussen	1086761
33	Michael	Watson	794778
34	Rick	Haineline	445993
35	Rene	Mayo	1038588
36	Bud	Mitchell	747892
37	Mike	Lawver	1010979
38	Dave	Kumm	1080862
39	Scott	Kuhn	509990
40	Dean	Howard	NA
41	Bernie	Baker	928732
42	Curly	Roy	313239
43	Jim	Simonitch	108012
44	Ron	Pacana	96202
45	Bob	Wheeler	775001
46	Skip	Prusha	333250
47	Don	Fiedler	1082603
48	Barry	Rubin	525069
49	Duwayne	Schmelzer	655512
50	Carroll	Jolly	847183
51	David	Wirka	626413
52	Rich	Walker	923881
53	Rick	Miller	5906
54	Jim	Mather	828463
55	Dan	Fitzgerald	1189735
56	Doug	Lichti	239294
57	Luke	Hughes	1137442

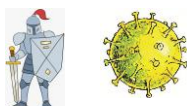
Source: Dean Copeland, Treasurer

WF MEMBERS NOTE: DEAN IS ACCEPTING DUES FOR 2022 AT THIS TIME. DUES FOR 2022 ARE \$35. SEND TO HIS ADDRESS ABOVE. INCLUDE YOUR AMA NUMBER AND EMAIL ADDRESS.



CHRISTMAS CARD FROM LIEVEN AND OUR RC FRIENDS IN BELGIUM.

KEEP YOUR GUARD UP



A Message from Across the Pacific

From M.G. Chen

NOTE: My last (and best) assignment in the USAF was a mountain top outside of Taipei, Taiwan in 1970. Today I correspond with my friend Chen who lives in Taipei and who also flies RC. Recently I asked him if he could write something about flying RC in Taipei. I thought it would be interesting reading for our club members. Chen obliged with the following. You will see that it is not much different than in our country and that they have some really nice flying fields – Nelson Carpenter



Most of our radio control flying fields in Taiwan and Taipei were built along local rivers, and between the river and concrete river bank. This is the floodway and our flying fields make very good use of the land. In Taipei we have two flying fields. One grass and one paved, that are actually

a part of the city's public parks. So most clubs did not pay for the field or the runway. The club just applied to government authority for the use of the field or runway. Club members have the priority to fly on the field, and they are requested to keep the runway clean. While people other than members are still welcome to fly on it. The members certainly encourage and invite nonmembers to join the club.



I've been told that actual helicopters are allowed to land on the paved model runway, because both our field and theirs are all under helicopters' flight route. Because of that, we are only allowed to fly under 200 feet. Also, we have to fly far away from flying helicopters when they are passing over the two fields.

All R/C pilots need to register with our Civilian Aviation Administration (CAA) office for their remote-controlled aircrafts which are heavier than 250 grams (approx. 9 oz.). While pilots have to pass a test for having their license for flying any R/C aircrafts that are heavier than 15kg (approx. 35 oz.). All drone pilots need to obey the same law. The penalties for people who do not obey the law are up to 300,000 NTD (New Taiwan Dollars), which is 10,000 US dollars.

Ironically this special law was made due to people flying their drones over airports, or circling high buildings in downtown Taipei. We R/C pilots have actually never tried to do so since 1960s. That was when people only flew single channel airplanes at that time. Most of today's pilots have no idea about the single channel R/C set. I have told them that today's low end 4-channel system was a very advanced and expensive system for beginners in 1970s.

We have special zones that only allow us to fly under 400 feet in the areas determined by our CAA. They are called Green zones (fly up to 400 feet or 120 meters) and Yellow zones (up to 200 feet or 60 meters). Last are the RED zones where flying is prohibited. We can find out if the areas that we want to fly are allowed through the internet by our mobile phones.

Yes, there are noise restriction on all fields. Pilots are requested to add muffler or silencer to their nitro or gas engines. Because of this, the paved runway field (we call it ShiShen field) is not open to flying until 9:00 am every day. Some pilots used to fly jet airplanes on this field, until one day a pilot made a mistake and his jet crashed at a parking lot across the river. His jet hit a man that caused him severe injury. So, our government authority prohibited any jet airplanes to fly at this field next day on.



I'd have to fly my nitro engine airplanes at the paved field if I decide to do so. Because our club only allows electric airplanes to fly at the grass field. And, same, members have to pay annual fee for their membership. While other pilots as guests could fly at all fields, they cannot participate in the clubs' activities, and they do not have the membership priority and treatment either.

All the best, Chen



Tiger Moth

By Bernie Baker



This past month I've been able to finish up the four wing panels, install the wing tubes with proper alignment (*hopefully*), and get the panels covered with *Sig Koverall*. The wing alignment was a real challenge. The lower wing has a different dihedral than the upper wing, and the lower wing also has a different sweep than the upper wing. There were no guides or jigs for getting this done, so I had to make some sine calculations to determine how to set dihedral and sweep, and then block up the wings to epoxy in the tubes. (*My geometry is pretty rusty. Thank goodness of Google.*) I also borrowed an incidence meter since that needed to be baked into the alignment as well. Neither the instructions nor the plans had any reference to proper incidence, so I used information I found on the full-sized aircraft.

If you take a close look at the wing tips, you can see the built-in washout. I've never seen this approach used before, but it seems like it should work.

We've got a long winter ahead of us, so I'm hoping to continue making progress. I've got some repairs to tackle next, which should be the end of that for a while since most of our flying days are gone until next year.

Have a great holiday season.

Bernie



SPAD XIII Build

By Nelson Carpenter

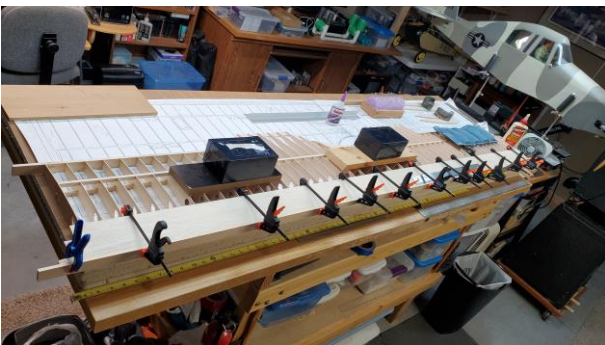


The BUSA ¼ SPAD XIII got started on October 26th. Also building one is **Larry Inness**. It is our intent to have these ready by Spring to fly against **Bernie Baker's** Fokker DVII and other adversaries who dare.

At this time, I have both wings built and will move on to the tail feathers. Like the full scale SPAD, there is no dihedral in either wing. Also, there are a lot of ribs in this model. A total of 96 ribs are spaced two inches apart. Wingspan is 82 inches, against a fuselage length of 59 inches. *Sig Koverall* will be used and *Behr* exterior latex paint used. I'll be using my reliable 35-yr old Zenoh G-38 swinging an 18x8 prop.

In my photos, you may notice the building surface I use on top of my bench. That is the smooth backside of ceiling tile that comes in 2ft x 4ft size. It holds pins firmly. *Menards* is where I buy these tiles that are sold in single pieces for approx. \$5.00. For my SPAD build, I have two tiles butted for a length of 84 inches to accommodate the wing span of both wings.

If you have never built a Balsa USA kit, it should be on your list to do some time. They are well thought out and go to together great. This is my fifth.



Western R/C
Flyers

2021 Dino Digiorgio Sr. Memorial - Hodges Field

Georgia

By Dave Kelly



Leaving home twelve days earlier, Renae, Mo, and I took the long way to Georgia. Arriving two days early on Tuesday the 2nd of November. To our surprise, some thirty pilots had been there since Friday before! Brother Larry, and Top Gun Builder **Heinze Ayvas** was patiently waiting for us with a great spot near show center.

This is an all-military aircraft event. No size restrictions!!! All types are welcome. Foamies, electrics, gassers, and rotary wing. Korea, Nam, WWII, Afghanistan, post war types, you name it. Like I mentioned last month, a resurgence in WWI aircraft has caught my attention, and this event put an exclamation mark on those aircraft. Of the 110 registered pilots that came, approximately 30% showed up with Fokkers, Nieuport, Spads, and others.

A lot of Top Gun competitors show up, so I wanted to make a good showing with my 36 yr. old *Nieuport 17*. I put a lot of work into it. Some of the items were age related, and some were surprises considering. New rigging and connectors, refreshed threads that had stripped out over the years, old hinges cut out and replaced even those that had been repaired previously. Old batteries that no longer held proper charge were replaced. A bad optical kill switch replaced., and twitchy receiver replaced. Then I dipped brushes into graphite and started in on making it look like a Warbird. Added some oil stains around the cowl, and tea stained the Coverite to detail all the ribs. Upsized the prop a bit with a scale Carbon prop, a few tests at my local field here in the Ozarks and she was ready.

Hodges field is in the middle of many Civil War era historical sites. So.... We took an afternoon to go see *Andersonville Civil War* museum, cemetery, and encampment grounds. 14,000 graves in fourteen mos. Andersonville Prison camp was a terrible place to end up as a prisoner of war. If the lack of food and medicine didn't kill you, the bugs did. You can still see the relatively small prison area with corners marked today. My my my.

Weather could not have been more perfect for good times and flying. 50-degree mornings greeted the Dawn Patrol each morning with a light fog over the warm Georgia cotton fields. Afternoons brought mid-seventies daily. Winds were less than 10 knots every day. If you came to fly, you sure had plenty of opportunities to do just that. My *Nieuport* flew flawlessly. Also, my friend

and Top Gun Builder, Heinze, brought me a new toy to fly daily as well. A 1/3 scale Stearman with a *Moki 215* on it. So... I logged plenty of *Moki* time. Amazing torque from a great sound.

Last day of the event was fun fun fun. Prior to the awards dinner (*steak chicken or BBQ and fix'ns*) Dino hosted a "shoot down" flight. *Nerf* guns against an electric foamy It was hilariously funny. After that a selection of ace pilots, each with a transmitter, and one airplane with four receivers. Each pilot had control of only one flight control. They got it up, barely, then became relatively smooth for a half dozen laps. A couple go arounds on poor approaches, then a successful landing. Exciting and funny to watch for sure.

Dinner was fantastic. Then awards time. I was very pleased that my *Nieuport* won a fantastic award. To be so honored by those who voted for my *Nieuport's* age of model and realism was humbling. Warm fires burning and libations with friends to top off the evening as well. My My My

I sold the *Nieuport*, it wasn't for sale but.... someone just had to have it. So.... the only aircraft I brought home with me was my *Byron Corsair*. It's an oldie Goldie as well. This brings me to a member of *Western Flyers*. **Steve Rasmussen**. Steve acquired a *Fokker DR1* several years ago. As it turns out, it was another survivor from my building board from the 80's. Again, it was a *SAP (Scratch a Plane)* plans built model in quarter scale. Steve had decided that he was not going to fly it and thought it should go back to its builder, yours truly. The Red Barron and the DR1 will rise again! Thank you so much for thinking about me Steve!! I'll do you proud! I will get it up to Mead next year I hope!! Possibly a 1/6 scale B-26 as well.

My shop is calling me, and I'll get to it right after shoulder surgery on the 20 Dec. A torn rotator cuff. I fell on a rocky slope opening morning of archery deer season. It's always sump'n. Take care everyone!!

Dave Kelly



Dino DiGiorgio Sr. Memorial Pics

Dino DiGiorgio Sr. Memorial Warbird Rally

NOV 3 - 6th

Open Flying 3-6th - Warbirds Only 5-6th
NO SPORT FANTASY SCHEMES
AMA required
Landing fee: \$40
Additional meal: \$20

Mac Rodges field
428 Neil Hodges Rd
Andersonville GA 31711

Campsite
\$20 per night (electrical hook up only)
Friday night BBQ Ribeye or chicken dinner

Nov 3 - 6th 2021

Contact Info: Chris Stellan (561) 853-6661
Dino DiGiorgio (772) 812-2391

World Warbird Association

5th & 6th Awards
Best Warbird
Best of Show
Flyer Choice
Best Warbird Pilot
Best Warbird



Dino Digiorgio Sr. Memorial Pics





Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule*

*Posted on **Metro Area RC Flying** website calendar.
http://www.metrorcflying.com/metro_schedule.htm



Western R/C Flyers Inc.

Membership Renewal and Application 2022

Membership application subject to approval. Current AMA membership is required.

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

AMA Number: _____

2022 Dues: \$35.00 (Renewals due by **April 1st**)

Sign Here: _____ Date _____

Checks Payable to: Western R/C Flyers

Complete this form (new applicants only); Current members send payment and include AMA number. Applicants provide AMA number, postal address, and email address.

send to:

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