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A Word From The President:

I wish everyone a Happy New Year!!

Thanks

~ Rick Miller

Vice-President's Corner:

Our newsletter just might get a little thin over the winter months. I'd appreciate receiving write-ups or photos related to our hobby for insertion in the newsletters. Photos of your favorite airplane or ongoing project with a description of it perhaps? Check out **Dustin Anderson's** project in this issue.

Officers have been elected for 2008. Two new positions have been created that include Safety Office, **Dean Copeland** and Field Marshall, **Bob Burt**.

Take note that the January meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month.

In this issue you will see some of the indoor flying activities that some of us club members are involved with over the winter months. The Center is an indoor soccer center located at 146th and Giles Road. It contains three soccer fields which is plenty large enough for our flying. Everything from Sig Demoiselles slow flyers to faster moving jets (prop driven) can be found during our Wednesday gatherings. There are the rare midair collisions, and every so often an airplane meets up with one of three wires that stretch across the floor about 15 feet in the air. Makes for interesting and entertaining flying. Come out and see it sometime, if not with an indoor electric.

Come out and fly!

~ Nelson Carpenter

Next Meeting:

7:00pm Tuesday, Jan 8, 2008

**Location: Papio-Missouri River NRD Office
154th and Giles Road**



Treasurer's Report:

To be provided at the next club meeting.

Thank You!

~ Bob Zitzlsperger

December Meeting Notes:

Meeting was called to order by **Rick Miller** at 7:15pm
Tuesday December 4, 2007.

Auction date was set for April 19th 2008. Setup will be Friday
April 18th at 7:00pm. Motion was made, seconded and passed...
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Website: <http://www.weflyrc.org/>

December Meeting Notes Cont...

.....to make the minimum bid \$20.00. Raffle items were discussed. The Western Flyers Club Credit, at Hobbytown, was approximated at \$30.00. Discussion was made as to how the flyer was going to be configured. It was volunteered by and decided that **Joe Halamek** is doing the auction flyer.

Elections were held for officers of 2008 they are as follows:

President..... **Rick Miller**
Vice President..... **Nelson Carpenter**
Treasurer..... **Ed Splittgerber**
Secretary**Dustin Anderson**
Safety Officer.....**Dean Copeland**
Field Marshall.....**Bob Burt**

All candidates ran unopposed. Motion was made seconded and passed to accept these people as club officers for 2008.

Schedule of events was discussed and decided for 2008. The events and activities will be posted on the club's Calendar of Events.

Discussion was held as to making a list of volunteers to be club trainers and have their names and numbers posted on the club website. If you would like to volunteer for this get with **Nelson Carpenter** and he will add your name to the list.

Reminders were made to tell Hobbytown cashiers to post your purchase to the Western Flyers club credit. We still need volunteers for the positions of event chairmen. Remember Bob Burt has retired as Contest Director so we still need someone to step up. Please contact **Rick Miller**.

A great deal of thanks was given to **Bob Zitsperger** for his many years as club Treasurer. A fine job of securing our club funds, and never one question as to where our money is or where it was going. His service to our club will be missed. Good luck Bob!

On that note welcome to **Ed Splittgerber** as our new Treasurer. A big thanks for stepping up and accepting the position.

Joe Halamek retired as club secretary. His services will be greatly missed. Thankfully he is still there for the Auction flyer. A big thanks goes out to Joe for all his services. I can only hope to do as good a job as your Secretary in 2008.

Blue Skies

~ Dustin Anderson

NOTICE

~ Saturday Jan 19, 2008 ~

KC RC Swap N Shop

MCC Business Technology Center
1775 Universal Ave KC, MO
I-435 at Front Street (Exit 57)

1/2 mile north on Universal look for signs

\$5 admission 8' table is \$25 call Jim Cianciolo 818.795.7382.

Vendor set-up 9am Buyers at 10AM- 4pm

Contact Bob Boumstein if interested in going as a group.

News, Rumors, and Gossip

Okay I was searching for a catchy title and this is what I came up with. The indoor Flying on Wednesday 11:30 to 1:30 is going full blast (\$3 entry) and a good deal of fun! Creative guys; like Nelson C. have their own designs, me I buy every piece of Chinese weird hard to fly aircraft or Heli I can find. I just want a good scare!

I bought this \$84 Heli at Hobby Town it is called an Arrowhead, basically a giant version of the \$20 foam ones, it



flies very similar. It has one big flaw this device that grabs the rotors (a MAGNET) to supposedly go forward, Ha Ha! It makes it go down not forward, so okay this is still not bad for 84 bucks because it hovers pretty darn good and the battery is mighty. I'd say 10

minutes of flying minimum. So I give a "good" rating and feel ok with my purchase, great beginner for young or old kids.

Next I just got this Chinese "Kite" it looks like a UFO with dazzling lights!! However the builders put the controls on upside down and backwards.this will be Hell to fly! I already feel tinges of \$100 bucks blown into the wind. Come see it perhaps on the 19th but certainly at our next Show 'N Complain --- I mean Tell.

There seems to be a lot of good spirit around as I believe in having fun, it is good to see most everyone happy! Let us keep it up throughout 2008. My family and I wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year!

Keep Smilin'

~ Bob Boumstein

REWARDS PROGRAM

Remember to use **Hobby Town'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 Hobby Town location.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dustin's Tips and Tricks Cont....

Now here is where it gets messy but work quickly and efficiently and it is easy. Lift the tape with a piece of wire or something and position it on the inside lip of the wheel pant. Once in position smooth it out by dipping your finger in the rubbing alcohol and lightly rubbing over the tape. Now wipe off the outside of the wheel pant with rubbing alcohol to remove any epoxy and finger prints, then set aside pant to dry. Repeat for the other pant.

When the epoxy is fully cured (i.e. 24 hours), you are ready to mount them. Mount the pant with the Sig mounts according to the directions. When you have your Sig mounts installed you are ready to finalize the bulletproofing of the wheel pants.

Drill a hole in the middle of the four pieces of 3/16 light ply the same diameter as your axle. These will serve as doublers on the inside of the wheel pants, but on the outboard side of the wheel collar. Now test fit everything on the axle and make sure the wheel will spin freely. When you are satisfied

that the wheel spins freely remove the assembly. You are now ready to glue the doublers in place.

Mix up 1/4 ounce of 5 min epoxy and brush on both doublers. Put the wheel pant on the axle with the doublers in position to be glued to the wheel pant on the outboard inside of the pant. Once you are satisfied with the position clamp the doublers in place and allow to cure.

Now that everything is dry and cured you can mount up the wheel and wheel pant assembly and they are virtually bulletproof.

I did this to my Dynaflyte Decathlon and they are stiff, absolutely no wiggles or flexing. I am confident that they will give me years of enjoyment with no headaches.



Dustin's Tips and Tricks By Dustin Anderson

Well winter has set in hard. Definitely put an end to the flying season. Sorry no article last month. Things got a little hectic for me. Haven't done much to the Stinson. The tail group is built and the wing is ready to be framed. I got a little sidetracked this month with another project which gave me a good idea for my next article. "How to bulletproof wheel pants."



Nothing is more discerning than doing a great job on a plane and then the wheel pants start to crack and break. Well Mike Crosby has shed some light on this and I found it to be so easy I had to share it with you.

First off you will need to get these parts:

- Carbon Fiber tape by Dave Brown products
- Wheel Pant mounts by Sig
- Four pieces of 3/16 light ply 1" x 2"
- 30 min and 5min epoxy
- plastic wrap
- Rubbing alcohol

You will want to work with one wheel pant at a time so get your wheel pants and sand the pant inside just around the wheel opening and up about 1/2". Mix up about 1/4 ounce of 30 min epoxy then pour out a bead about 13" long onto the plastic wrap. Cut a swatch of carbon fiber tape about 13" long. Use a mixing stick to hold the tape down and work the tape into the epoxy generously coating it.



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~ FOR SALE OR WANTED ~

WANTED: New/Used Zenoah G-23 or G-26 with either magneto or electronic advance – Contact: Joe Halemek docsiggs@aol.com or 402.592.7876

FOR SALE: (Your item here.....)

DECEMBER MEETING SHOW 'N TELL

The Club listen closely at the December meeting during Show 'N Tell as Bob briefed on his on-going project. There were three projects presented.



Bob Burt showed us the left wing of his 1/3rd scale Aeronica that has been his project for the last year or so. Very impressive wing. Bob hopes have his Aeronica airborne this coming summer.



Nelson Carpenter brought his own design and scratch built project. It is affectionately known as the "Fat, Flat, Foam Corsair" which he made from 1/2" pink insulation foam purchased in a 4X8 sheet at Menards. Shown is his first Corsair powered by an electric motor swinging a 10X4.7 prop. It has a wingspan of 30" and length of 26" while the weight is a mere 15 oz. with all equipment including a 3 cell lipo battery. Control is with just the rudder and elevator as well as electronic speed control. It's had several flights at the Center and flies very well. Dean Copeland has flown it and he has commented that it flies like it had ailerons. Corsair number 2 has been redesigned to have a 36" wingspan and longer moment between tail and wing. It is also a great flyer and lots of fun.



Marvin Goldberg presented his "mystery plane" which he has no clue as to what it is called. He bought it at an auction, and brought it to the Show 'N Tell with hopes someone could identify it. Several of us thought the tail resembled the old Kaos that was around in the late 70s or early 80s. Can anyone help Marv out with an ID?

CLUB FLYING ACTIVITIES - INDOORS DECEMBER 2007



CLUB MEMBER PROJECTS - DECEMBER 2007

From **Dustin Anderson**: Here are some pics of My **Dynaflite Decathlon I** purchased from Joe Halamek. Did a lot of work to it and ended up with the best looking plane I've ever owned. Thanks Joe! Also in the photos you can see one of the workbenches that Dustin had detailed in his November Tailspin column. Very nice setup.



~ 2008 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

2008 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys, Springfield, Every Tuesday night May 1st through September 4th! 2008
(Weather Permitting)

Food – Fun – Flying – Friends!

**January
2008**

Tuesday, Jan 8th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center,
Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S.
154th St.
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of
entrance)

**February
2008**

Tuesday, Feb 5th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco
Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

**March
2008**

Tuesday, Mar 4th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco
Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

**April
2008**

Tuesday, Apr 1st - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco
Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)
Friday, April 18th - WRCF Auction Set-Up
- 7pm, BJS Building - Bellevue
Saturday, April 19th - Annual R/C Auction
- BJS Building - Bellevue - Sign in at 8am
Auction Starts at 10am (Members should be there
no later than 7:45am Auction day)

**May
2008**

Tuesday, May 6th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open
flying & food
Saturday, May 10th - Old-timers Fun Fly
Spring Round-up
- Mead Field 9am
Sunday, May 18th - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts
@ 10am

**June
2008**

Tuesday, Jun 3rd - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open
flying & food
Saturday, Jun 7th - Spring IMAA Fun Fly
- 10am Mead Field (Limited to Giant scale IMAA
aircraft, \$5.00 landing fee, Open Flying)
Saturday, June 14th - Old-timers Fun Fly
- 9am, Mead field
Sunday June 8th - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts
@ 10am

**July
2008**

Tuesday, Jul 1st - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site bring a plane, open
flying & Food
Saturday, July 12th - Old-timers Fun Fly - 9am,
Mead field
Sunday, July 20th - Quickee Racing
- Mead Flying Site - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing
starts @ 10am

**August
2008**

Tuesday, Aug 5th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open
flying & food
Saturday, August 9th - Old-timers Fun Fly
- 9am, Mead Field
Saturday & Sunday, August 16th & 17th - 19th
Annual Bud Hall Memorial IMAA Fun Fly
- Mead Field -9am both days, aircraft limited to
IMAA members, large scale aircraft all AMA -
IMAA rules apply. May join IMAA at the field.
(80inch & up monoplanes, 60 inch up biplanes)
Sunday, Aug 24th - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts
@ 10am

**September
2008**

Tuesday, Sep 2nd - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open
flying & Food (Last Tuesday food will be served)
Sunday, September 7th - Open Fun Fly and
Outdoor Swap meet - Mead Field - Swap Meet
set-up after 9:00am, Open Flying @ 10am - 3pm
Saturday, September 13th - Old-timers Fun Fly
- 9am, Mead Field
Sunday, Sep 21st - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing @
10am

**October
2008**

Tuesday, Oct 7th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco
Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of
entrance)
Saturday, October 13th - Old-timers Fun Fly -
9am, Mead Field

**November
2008**

Tuesday, Nov 11th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco
Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main
entrance)
- Nominations taken for 2009 Officers

**December
2008**

Tuesday, Dec 2nd - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco
Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main
entrance)
- 2009 Officer elections

Want to schedule a 2008 event? Contact any officer or attend a club meeting with a proposal.

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Tailspin Newsletter
Western RC Flyers
Omaha, Nebraska

TO:

Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2008 Membership Application

Please print clearly!

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

AMA Number: _____ IMAA Number: _____

Dues Paid: \$ _____

2007 Dues: \$35 (2008 Renewals must be paid by **February 1**) New/Renewal: ___ New ___ Renewal ___ (Check One)

Sign Here: _____ Date _____

AMA membership is required
Make Checks Payable to: Western R/C Flyers

**Print this form and send check to WR/CF Treasurer:
Bob Zitzlspenger 12568 Brownley Circle Omaha, Nebraska 68164**