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A Word From The President:



Thanks to all of you who were able to attend the December meeting and the overwhelming vote of confidence keeping me in office to serve as your President for 2010. I will do my best to keep this fine club on an even track.

Further, we must do what we can as a club to get another field to replace Springfield. As has been stated before, it will take a group effort to do so. Please keep your eyes peeled and ears open for that opportunity to get a new field.

In the meantime, we will continue to groom and operate Mead Field which is an excellent field for flying. Some may have problem with the distance, but it is a great place to fly with no worries. Consider giving it a try this year, if you haven't ever flown there.

Also, I would like to remind all members that any communication with the university or its staff over flying field matters at Mead will be conducted by club officers or designates. This will ensure a good relationship with the university that has been such gracious host to our club.

Happy New Year to you all, and best wishes for this year's flying season!

Best Regards

~ Rick Miller

Vice-President's Corner:



Wow! We had quite a turnout at the December meeting. I am highly impressed that the membership was so adamant at keeping all the past efforts of this club on the right path. Furthermore, I truly appreciate all who showed up to support the new officers. I hope that we can find some peace now and get back to the basics of fellowship....

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM Tuesday – January 5, 2010

**Location: NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, inside main entrance to right.)**



.....and flying.

I hope that everyone has had a wonderful holiday season. I have been phenomenally busy at work this month. It has been quite a struggle between work and the holidays. This struggle even made me put the airplanes on the back burner. What a terribly backwards list of priorities, huh? Actually, I am very thankful to be gainfully employed. So with that being said, I challenge all of you club members who are retired to bring those impressive projects to the club meeting on Tuesday. Come on! Dazzle me with what I' have been missing.

In closing I would like to remind everyone that there are three wonderfully cold months of building left. With a winter like this, and the economy cutting into our spending, it would be a great time to dig out that neglected kit and burn up some winter time. Spring will be here before you know it.

Let's Fly!

~ Dustin Anderson

Treasurer's Report



Snow and cold weather has stopped flying for several weeks but provided plenty of time to make any repairs required and continue those new projects. The year 2009 has been interesting to say the least, and it is now behind us. The new year 2010 can only be as good as we make it and as you're new Treasurer, I will do my best to make that happen. As you can see from the November Financial Report, the club ended the year with \$3,181.90 and remains one of the best clubs in the Omaha area. Congratulations to all of the members who have given their time to take care of the many duties needed to keep a great club going. I also want to thank Ed Splittgerber for his work as Treasurer and look forward to seeing all of you in the upcoming season.

Happy Holidays

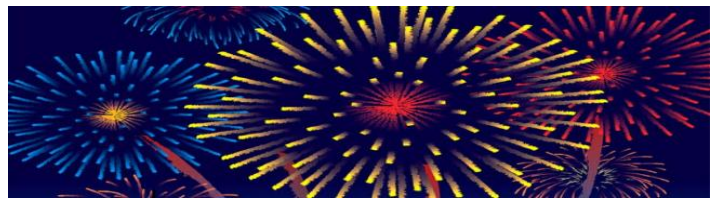
Dean Copeland

Financial Report - November 31, 2009

To be provided at January 5th meeting.

Thank You!

~ Dean Copeland



December 1, 2009 Meeting Minutes:

- Meeting called to order by Rick M. President.

- Old Business

- Motion to pay club's annual 2010 website fee passed.
- Motion to sell Springfield shed to Tom Egbert for \$100 passed.
- Bob Burt will remove remaining Porta-Potty ground anchors at Springfield.
- Motion to have Executive Committee composed of present officers and past presidents plus elected members defeated.
- By-Laws read to membership, corrections made, moved to, and accepted as amended were passed by members present.

- New Business

- Financial report read by Ed Splittgerber, Treasurer. Moved on and accepted.
- Fireman's Hall will be club's auction site on April 25, 2010 and has been reserved.
- Elections were held (by secret ballot) for 2010 club officers. Election results: **Rick Miller** –President; **Dustin Anderson** Vice President; **Dean Copeland** Treasurer; **Bob Boumstein** –Secretary.

- Show & Tell

- Meeting adjourned.

~ Bob Boumstein

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.

Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay



First of all, this next year (2010) will be my last year for the column and as a club officer. It is my intention to live part time in Las Vegas. Further, I do not feel an officer of the WRCF can serve honorably only living in the area part time.

I have looked at The Las Vegas Radio Control club to be member when I am out there. It is a good web-site. I think Joe has made ours more interesting, and Nelson's videos and pictures are great. We need to thank these to guys for keeping our club's newsletter, website and information top notch.

I got an interesting call this week saying that distribution for Webra Model Engines was available and would I be interested? I was very pleased at the compliment paid to me by these folks. For many years I have joked about my engine business as sort of niche marketing gig. I have called my self a junkman in jest. Reality is I have sold some of the finest pieces for many people, most of whom thought my 15% commission rate extremely fair. Locally I sold a four cylinder Conley Engine for Dean C. and he seemed pleased, additionally I have received many letters from satisfied purchasers. And finally if you call Tower Hobbies I am one of the few people they recommend you to contact for discontinued parts or parts motors.

I do not know what the future for model engines holds as electric has effected the hobby severely coupled with the fact the "collectors side" of the model engine hobby is off in some cases as much as 40%. For example your basic O&R 60 Special Ignition sold for \$125-\$140 in the last few years today you might get \$95-\$100. So when I do a consignment sale there is a lot of work involved in pricing correctly.

We all saw the pitiful prices at the last Auction, I bought a complete ready to fly Old Timer Quaker, Radio, Engine everything for \$85.00 a few years ago it would have been at least \$150.00. So I say it is a buyer's market, not a seller's market.

Stay Warm

~ Bob Boumstein



~ Western Flyers Election Results ~

Turnout for the election of 2010 officers at the December 1st meeting was very good. One of the largest attended meeting in some while. There were eight candidates from whom two were running for each of the four offices.

Office Candidates:

- President - Rick Miller and Chuck Poore.
- Vice President - Dustin Anderson and Gale Sherman.
- Treasurer - Dean Copeland and Ed Splittgerber.
- Secretary - Bob Boumstein and Ed Jelinek

Elected officers:

- President - **Rick Miller**
- Vice President - **Dustin Anderson**
- Treasurer - **Dean Copeland**
- Secretary - **Bob Boumstein**

Remaining in office are Rick Miller and Bob Boumstein. While the other two positions, vice president and treasurer, were filled with two new officers.

Congratulations to the 2010 officers. Please continue to give these officers your support as you have in the past. They will do a great job. Happy New Year!

~ Nelson Carpenter

Membership Renewal **EFFECTIVE JAN 1, 2010**

You may send your 2010 dues to **Dean Copeland** (address at top and bottom of newsletter.)

Show N' Tell at December Meeting

Three members brought outstanding airplanes to the December meeting. They included **Fred Becker**, **Jim Drickey**, and **Neil Kilchriste** who presented their winter projects.



Fred Becker presented his Great Planes Electrify Fokker D.VII which has outstanding detail. Fred believes that the model airplane was good quality for the price. "Couldn't build it better unless you wanted to invest 40-50 hours in a scratch build. Fly's well, a good design." says Fred.



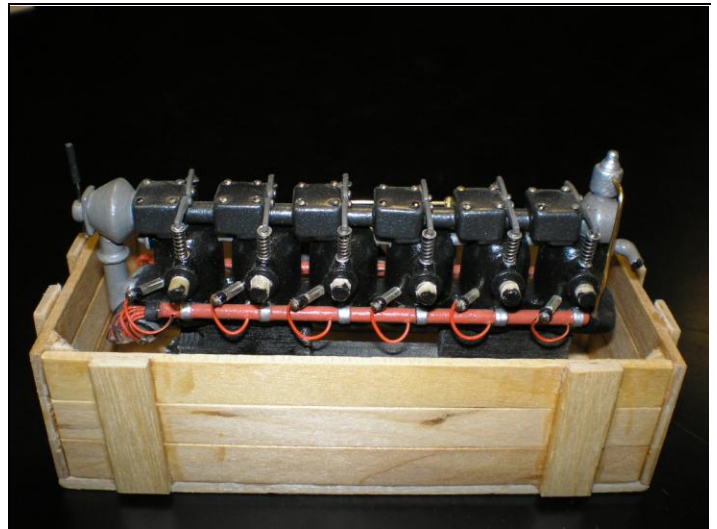
Equipment on the Fokker includes:

- Xtra 2829/10 motor
- 18 Amp Castle Thunderbird speed control
- APC 10-4.7 SF prop
- Older Tanic 1500 3 cell lipo (12C rated) pulling 10 amps static WOT, but unloaded in flight appears to consume 7-8 amps with fairly aggressive flights (40% cruise/60% acrobatics).

According to Fred: "Probably good to 10-12 MPH winds, needed full back elevator for takeoff on thick, but mowed grass. Ground loops well like a WWI biplane does when landing on same grass. Would like to try a ball diamond or putting green as I think this would cure the landings and takeoffs. Way over powered for 'scale' but not overly powered for fun and maneuvers."



Further: "Came out at 27.5 OZ (2 oz. over spec, but hell they always lie. I couldn't use one gram less or it would not balance without weight (reason for the older, slightly heavy, 1500 mah 3 cell). Had to put the battery all the way to the front. All this with the added details I put on for a more scale look."



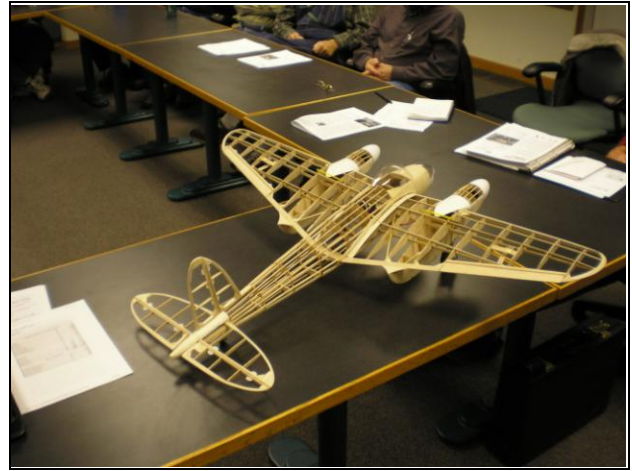
Those added details that really gave it the "wow" factor were: Doctored up machine guns with sight rings, charging handles, addition of the 'top end' of a Mercedes 160 HP 6 cylinder engine, cockpit combing, and painted pilot, radiator, and engine compartment."

Great model Fred! Thanks for sharing it with us!!

Show N' Tell Continued....

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Long time scale modeler **Jim Drickey** is also a "stickler" for detail as seen with his electric powered stick n' tissue de Havilland Mosquito. When we last saw Jim's model several meetings ago, it was without the skin as seen in some of these photos. One of the most remarkable combat aircraft of World War II, the British de Havilland "Mosquito" was a fast twin-engine aircraft made largely of wood, which excelled as a reconnaissance aircraft, night-fighter, and fighter-bomber.



Jim's barebones Mosquito as displayed several months ago.



The Mosquito frame has intricate construction like Guillow kits from long ago.



Show N' Tell Continued....

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Neil Kilchriste's great looking model takes quite a few of us way back in time. According to Neil: "*It is built from an old mid 70's Bridi Kaos 60 kit that I had bought from Joe Halamek about 10 years ago. I worked on it off and on over the next couple of years, when finally I completed it in a few years ago in 2005. Some of its modifications include an added dorsal fin and a turtledeck. The supplied canopy was cut in half and the rear portion was turned and fitted out front giving the plane a much sleeker appearance. The wing was also modified from the original plan in that the bottom surface was joined completely flat on the building surface giving the top surface a slight amount of anhedral. The power plant is a new (old stock) HB .61 with Tuned pipe and header. The aircraft weighs about 5.8 lbs and is covered with a TopFlite Monocote finish, in gloss white, metallic copper. The black trim stripe gave it the old school sunburst top and striped bottom we used to see on the older aerobatic birds. With a little different twist on the colors.*"



NOTICE
EFFECTIVE DEC 31, 2009
OUR FLYING FIELD AT
SPRINGFIELD WAS
OFFICIALLY CLOSED.



For Sale!
Club Classifieds
FOR SALE
FOR TRADE
WANTED
Free listings with Club Membership
Western R/C Flyers

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



~ 2010 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~ TO BE DETERMINED

January 2009

Tuesday, Jan 6th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

February 2009

Tuesday, Feb 3rd - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

March 2009

Tuesday, Mar 3rd - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

April 2009

Tuesday, Apr 7th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)
- Sunday Apr 26th – Western RC Flyers 28th Annual R/C Auction at Fireman's Union Hall located at 6005 Grover St. in Omaha. Doors open at 7:30am with bidding starting at 10:00am. Admission \$5.00 per person.

May 2009

Tuesday, May 5th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food
- Sunday, May 17th – Q500 races at Mead.
Registration at 9:00am.

June 2009

Tuesday, Jun 2nd - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food.
- Saturday, Jun 6th – Annual Spring Club Fun Fly at Mead starting at 10:00am. Open flying.
- Sunday Jun 14th – Glider Event at Mead Field.
- Sunday Jun 21st – Q500 Races at Mead Field.
Registration at 9:30am. Racing starts at 10:00am.

July 2009

Tuesday, Jul 7th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site bring a plane, open flying & Food
Saturday, July 11th - Old-Timers Fun Fly - 9am until noon Mead field
Sunday, July 12th – Glider event at Mead
Sunday, July 19th - Quicke Racing
- Mead Field - Check in 9:30am, Racing 10am

August 2009

Tuesday, Aug 4th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & food
- Saturday, Aug 8th – Old Timers Fun Fly
9am until noon, Mead Field
- Saturday and Sunday, Aug 15/16th – Bud Hall IMAA Fun Fly at Mead. Aircraft limited to IMAA criteria and membership, large scale aircraft. May join IMAA at field. Criteria 80" wingspan monoplane, 60" wingspan biplane, or a true ¼ scale aircraft. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch both days and flying.
- Sunday, Aug 23rd – Q500 races at Mead.
Registration at 9:30am. Racing starts at 10:00am.

September 2009

Tuesday, Sep 1st - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & Food (Last Tuesday food will be served)
- Sunday Sep 6th – The 3rd Annual Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet. Outdoor swap meet free to WRCF members, \$5.00 for non-members. Swap meet setup after 9am. Open flying 10am through 3pm.
- Sunday, Sep 12th – Old Timers Fun Fly – 9am until noon. Mead Field
- Sunday, Sep 20th – Q500 races at Mead.
Registration at 9:00am. Racing starts at 10am.

October 2009

Tuesday, Oct 6th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

November 2009

Tuesday, Nov 3rd - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, inside right of main entrance)
- Nominations taken for 2010 Officers

December 2009

Tuesday, Dec 1st - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, inside right of main entrance)
- 2010 Officer elections

Want to schedule a 2010 event? Contact any officer or attend a club meeting with a proposal.



Tailspin Newsletter
Western RC Flyers
Omaha, Nebraska

TO:

Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2010 Membership Application

Please print clearly!

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

AMA Number: _____ IMAA Number: _____

Dues Paid: \$ _____

2010 Dues: \$35 (2009 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:
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