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A Word From The President

Well folks, we've gotten the elections out of the way for another 12 months. The current officers, including myself, offered to stay in place and guide the club for another year.

Now that the new year has begun, it is also time to pay your yearly dues. Please send your dues to Dean Copeland whose address can be found at the top or bottom of the newsletter. You don't need to fill out the form if you are simply renewing. Thanks for your support of the club and its fine flying facility.

See you at the next meeting!

Thanks

- Rick Miller



Vice-President's Corner

Welcome to 2012 and another flying season for the club.

The officers for 2011 will stay in place for 2012 as a result of our December meeting and concurrence by members present.

Our club's schedule of events has been updated for 2012. It is a flexible schedule but most of the dates you will find firm. See the calendar at bottom of this newsletter.

Again, if you have any ideas or thoughts about what flying activities and/or events to hold this year, please contact one of us officers. You can of course bring your idea to the monthly club meeting as well.

Happy New Year to all of you.

Come out and fly!

- Nelson Carpenter

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM Tuesday - Jan 3rd, 2012

**Location: Papio-Missouri River NRD Bldg
(Lower level, enter bottom left side of building.)**



Treasurer's Report



A copy of the December 2011 Financial Report will be available at the January 3rd meeting.

Thank You!

- Dean Copeland



Tom Wild's 84" Lazy Ace designed by Chuck Cunningham during the early 1970s. Great flyer with a 1.20 four-cycle for power. See Tom's Lazy Ace flying at Mead Field at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YdFW3Y3eF68>

BRIEF HISTORY OF MEAD ARMY ORDINANCE PLANT



Source: Omaha World Herald 11 Dec 2011

Stacks of 500-pound bombs at the Nebraska Ordnance Plant located at Mead awaiting shipment in 1944. Plant employed 3,000 workers at its peak during the war.

On October 14, 1941 the War Department announced that an ordnance plant would be built near Mead, Nebraska. The plant would take 17,290 acres of land which was being used by farmers. The government contracted with the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio to run the plant. Construction began on January 1, 1942 and operations began on September 10, 1942.

The purpose of the plant was to make bombs in support of the war effort. By the end of World War II the plant had produced over two million bombs. At its peak, the plant employed approximately 3,000 workers.

As we know Mead today, our flying field is adjacent to one of the four "lines" or bomb manufacturing facilities. The land and buildings are currently owned by the University of Nebraska and used for agricultural research. We have been fortunate to be allowed the ground used for our flying field. The club has maintained the field since the mid 1980s.



Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay



First a Happy Holidays Wish to Everyone!

Some of you may have heard or read about a group called MECA (Model Engines Collectors Assoc.) They have been around for many years and I have belonged to it for about 20 years. In my latest issue of the Bulletin, there is

conversation regarding diminishing membership. I wrote to the VP John Lorenz, Treas. of MECA. In my letter I explained that this most likely would be my last year. It was not the \$40 cost but the attitude of those who advertise in the Bulletin. What we have here is a classic example of unrealistic expectations. The Bulletin is a vehicle for collectors to advertise what they want to buy or sell. However, there is no real advice on how to sell your engines or where the market is heading. Classically, we have ads that are asking prices that might have even been high 5 or 10 years ago. I will not bore you with examples but I am skeptical that much of anything was bought or sold at these inflated prices. Moreover who will want these motors 10 to 20 years from now? The hobby is going gas and electric, glow will be around but the remaining engine manufacturers have raised prices. We see fair prices at the local auctions although you may be buying an unknown quantity. The issue that drives me nuts is those MECA members advertising to buy estates, at least two of them are not a pleasure to deal with. MECA does nothing to police the situation.

The purpose of my "rant" is to get everyone thinking about where the Western Flyers fit in the scheme of things. There are now at least six model airplane clubs in the Omaha area. We have seen a lot of changes in the last few years. I believe that our clubs future still lies in being a sport club. We can have activities that attract other modelers, Old Timers, Scale, Gliders, Quickies, and Big Planes. What we gain each year are a few new members who realize that the drive to Mead is worth it. Probably the best grass field in the area. No major obstacles, drive-up and unload flying.

On Sunday January 8th the *Grand Island Modelers* will be conducting their annual auction. Registration at 8am with auction starting at 11:00am. There's a \$5 buy/sell fee. This is a good auction to attend and find that special deal or off-load your used RC gear.

The Western Flyers R/C Club is the best buy around at \$35 a year, now go tell someone.

See you Soon!

~ Bob Boumstein



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

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.



December 2011 Show N' Tell



Jim Henley brought a Pica 1/5 scale Waco YMF he has been building for the last several months. With a SISA 30cc gas motor it will weigh approximately 20 pounds. Jim will cover it with Solartex. The aircraft has eight servos, and operating navigational lights including landing lights. Designed into the Waco are several access hatches to access servos, radio, and fuel loading area. Excellent craftsmanship has been exhibited by Jim with this model.



Holding the pilot of his next model is **Randy Fields**. It is a highly detailed Japanese military pilot that Randy found on eBay for \$40.00. He found it under "action figures" and the pilot is similar to the GI Joe series that came out years ago.



Displaying his new Spektrum DX8 transmitter was **Rick Johnson**. This has become Rick's sole radio system which is interchangeable with his many airplanes.

~ 2012 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

2012 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys at Mead, Every Tuesday night May 8th through September 2nd!

January 2012

- **Tuesday, Jan 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

February 2012

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

March 2012

- **Tuesday, Mar 6th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

April 2012

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

May 2012

- **Tuesday, May 8th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.
- **Saturday, May 19th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

June 2012

- **Sunday, Jun 3rd** – Annual Spring Club Fun Fly at Mead Field starting at 10:00am. Open flying.
- **Tuesday, Jun 7th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.
- **Saturday, June 16th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

July 2012

- **Tuesday, Jul 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD bring a plane, open flying.
- **Saturday, Jul 21st** - Old-Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

August 2012

- **Tuesday, Aug 7th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD a plane, open flying.
- **Saturday and Sunday, Aug 11 and/or 12th** – Bud Hall Large Aircraft Fun Fly. Aircraft limited to IMAA criteria and membership. IMAA membership NOT required. Criteria 80" wingspan monoplane, 60" wingspan biplane, or a true ¼ scale aircraft. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch both days and flying.
- **Saturday, Aug 18th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

September 2012

- **Sunday Sep 2nd** – The 5th Annual Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet. Mead Field. Free to WRFC members, \$5.00 for non-members. Swap meet setup after 9am. Open flying 10am through 3pm.
- **Tuesday, Sep 6th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD - bring a plane, open flying.
- **Saturday, Sep 15th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly – Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

October 2012

- **Tuesday, Oct 2nd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
- **Saturday, Oct 6th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly – Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

November 2012

- **Tuesday, Nov 6th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
- Nominations taken for 2012 Officers

December 2012

- **Tuesday, Dec 4th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
- 2012 Officer election





Tailspin Newsletter
Western RC Flyers
Omaha, Nebraska

TO:

Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2012 Membership Application

Please print clearly!

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

AMA Number: _____ IMAA Number: _____

Dues Paid: \$ _____

2012 Dues: \$35 (Renewals must be paid by **April 1**) New/Renewal: ___New___Renewal___(Check One)

Sign Here: _____ Date _____

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**