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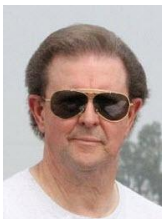
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A Word from the President



I want to extend my thanks to all the members who were able to attend the December meeting. There was lively discussion but more importantly, we got some important issues on the table.

January's meeting will be very important as we continue to address issues ranging from condition of the field, membership, coming events and finances. The club needs everyone's support and input as we move into 2014. Wishing everyone has had a safe and pleasant holiday season.

Let's build and fly! - Jim Henley

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM Tuesday January 7, 2014

**Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills
Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.**

(Bring something to Show N' Tell!)



Happy New Year

Vice-President's Corner



Gosh, a new year! If you were paying attention, you noticed my mug shot has shifted down on this page and over to the bottom left. We begin a new year with **Jim Henley** in the left seat, while I'll be flying second in command of our ship for 2014.

Sadly, our club lost one of its long-time and outstanding members who passed away on November 27, 2013. **Jim Albin** was personable to all, and he built some really nice airplanes as seen within this newsletter. Jim always helped out when asked. He will be missed.

Well folks, hope you are taking advantage of the winter while being cooped up indoors. Meaning you're building an airplane or two for next season.

Happy New Year! - Rick Miller

Dec 2013 Treasurer's Notes



Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and the cold weather that came with them. I assume that you are all well under way with a new project for the new season as well.

I have been invited to *Top Gun* again for 2014, and I too am building a new aircraft for the event.

Another reminder that the 2014 season is upon us and it's time again to renew your dues. At the end of the newsletter is a renewal form and my address.

A detailed financial report and 2013 expenses will be presented at the January meeting.

Keep your wings level and the wheels down.

Thank You!

- Dean Copeland

JAMES F. ALBIN 1930 - 2013



Jim Albin, Stinson Sr-9, "Best of Show civilian", Scale Funfly

2004



1986



Jim Albin's Fokker DR-1 Triplane

2006

Dec 2013 Meeting Notes



(9) members present

Called to order by **Jim Henley**

Preceding meeting topics, condolences were expressed for the passing of long-time club member **Jim Albin**. Jim was an active member of the club and well liked.

Dean Copeland presented Treasurer's report.

Discussion items:

- Proposals for increasing club revenue:

Dues increase - After discussion the general feeling was that dues should not be increased.

Discontinue Meeting Drawing - It was agreed upon that the \$25.00 drawing for those bringing *Show N' Tell* items to the meetings be discontinued at a savings to the club. There will no longer be a drawing.

Fees for flying events - Possibly set the landing fees up in such a way to provide incentive for non-members to join *Western Flyers*.

Donations - Accept donations for lunch at flying events to cover such expense.

Membership drive - Maybe include incentive (*cash reward*) for existing members to sign up new members.

Club Raffle - Talk with **Ed Paasch** about fund raising—he has successfully assisted other clubs with such.

Field Finder's Fee - *Western Flyers'* web site had been promoting a 'finder's fee' for assistance in locating an additional flying site for several years now. It was agreed that this should be removed. **Dean Copeland** to discuss with **Joe Halamek** (*web master*) regarding getting this removed.

Club Budget - **Dean Copeland** indicated that he will project income and expenses for 2014 and will present during the January meeting. It was moved and approved to defer further discussion re: budget until January meeting.

- Field Maintenance:

Discussion on repair of the 'dip' at the south end of the field. **Jim Henley** will speak with **Bill Davis** regarding equipment for making repairs to the field. **Bill Davis** had indicated that he would assist with operating the equipment if the club provides it. This discussion centered around the need or not to repair the dip. Instead perhaps focus on establishing good stand of grass.

The club needs to hear back from **Bob Burt** about his conversation with the manager **Lanny** of the research station at Mead about how best to perform field maintenance.

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Dec 2013 Meeting Notes Cont...

Repairing/replacing the door on the equipment shed. **Leroy Konecky** to identify options including use of a steel door, and report back next meeting. **Jim Henley** reported that the shed has a newly revamped roof.

Some discussion about moving the pilot set-up stands, and putting them under cover until spring. Determined not necessary.

The club has (2) additional lawn mowers that could be put up for sale. It was mentioned keeping one as a spare might be wise

There was talk about whether water is available for irrigation use on our field at Mead from the existing hydrants. **Leroy Konecky** to check into it.

- Events for 2014

Event dates need to be finalized by 2/1/2014. View *Tailspin* newsletter schedule page regarding events and identify specific dates.

Jim Henley will discuss with IMAA regarding sanction for *Bud Hall* event. Benefit of sanction is additional advertising in IMAA newsletter in addition with that provided in AMA magazine.

How to encourage attendance at monthly meetings. Some ideas were discussed. **Tim Peters** volunteered to contact members by phone to remind them about the January meeting – to call one week before meeting date. **Nelson Carpenter** to provide **Tim Peters** with member addresses and phone numbers.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 PM.

That's it!

~ Jim Henley



Building Up-North Country

Report by Nelson Carpenter

I can report to you after several recent phone calls and e-mails from **Jim Drickey** up in *Longville, Minnesota*, that he is making good progress with his *Newport 17*. This model hasn't taken him more than a month to get where it is today. But perhaps needless-to-say, Jim is sort of snowed in with the winter up there.



When I expressed amazement that he had gotten so far in a short period of time, he remarked: "What ?.....do you think I just threw magic beans down stairs and this thing appeared? Oh contraire my friend, you have to go down in the work room and make it happen." Although I think he does have magic beans.

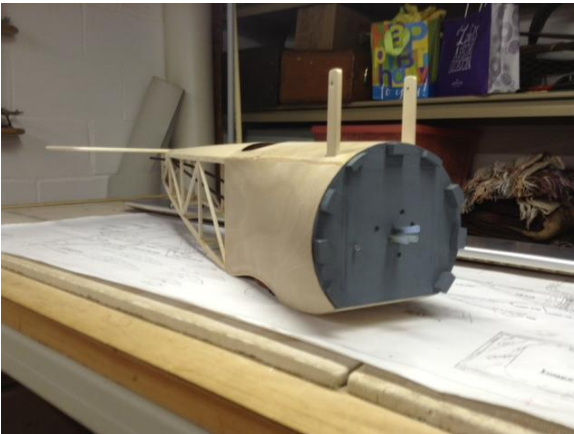
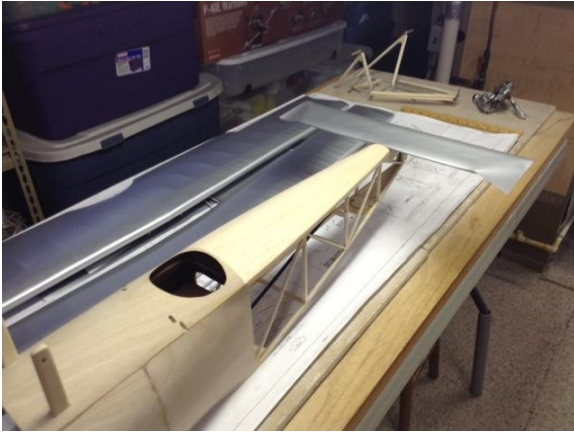
The *Newport 17* is a *Balsa USA* kit with 55 in. wingspan. It will be powered by an OS .40 four stroke. This is Jim's first time using *Solartex*, and he says it seems to be a fine product. Although "pricey", it has the appearance of cloth and is strong. With the firewall on, his next step is to paint the cowl and wheels a medium blue.

Current photos of "Snowshoe Jim's" *Newport 17* are shown here:



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Building Up-North Country Cont...



RC NEWS FROM LAS VEGAS

By Bob Boumstein

“Reflections on 2013”



This has been a year of change for me after living in *Omaha* for 33 years we made the move to *Las Vegas, NV*. leaving behind some dear friends and tons of meaningful acquaintances. This was not an easy decision, but the weather and *Nebraska's* never ending taxes (*particularly property and income taxes*) played a major role.

One of the questions I faced was to continue with my *Engine Business* or not; did anyone even care? Though I have sold maybe two or three thousand motors over the 28 years, was the effort worth anything(?) The money only supported my hobby madness (*oh yes, I know my affliction!*)

Well to my surprise when I decided to re-open I received many emails welcoming me back, a few letters of appreciation too. This overwhelmed me; I have met so many nice people in our hobby that it has helped with the transition here in *Las Vegas*.

I read or hear about the “*media stars*” that die in an accident (*usually doing something stupid*) and the giant out-pouring of grief. Yet I know when my time comes a select few will be affected, no national coverage, no media blitz. My opinion is when any modeler passes the wealth of their knowledge is lost. But our hobby interests are personal; as it is the place our brain goes to get away from the world we live in. The success we have in flying or driving (*RC cars*) or whatever our interests are belong to us. Recognition by our peers is appreciated, but in the end we do what we want for ourselves.

Certainly my hobby interests have evolved over the years, I am fascinated by quad copters, and enjoying great success in these. I love the RC cars, truck, scale crawlers, 1/5th scale gas buggies. So much fun, so much to repair, so much I can change. However, I do miss the *Western Flyers*, the camaraderie was great.

So to all of you I wish a “*Healthy & Happy New Year.*”

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.



~ 2014 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

Tentative Dates in **RED**

2014 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys at Mead, Every Tuesday evening May 6th through September 2nd!
(Weather Permitting)

January 2014

- **Tuesday, Jan 7th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th St.

- **Saturday, Jan 28th** - SAS Museum Indoor Airshow and Chili Bomb. Multi-club event.

February 2014

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

March 2014

- **Tuesday, Mar 4th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th St.

April 2014

- **Tuesday, Apr 1st** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th St.

May 2014

- **Tuesday, May 6th** - Club Meeting 7pm, at MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.

- **Saturday, May 17th** - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

June 2014

- **Sunday, Jun 7th** - Annual Spring Club Fun Fly at Mead Field starting at 10:00am. Open flying.

- **Tuesday, Jun 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.

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

July 2014

- **Tuesday, Jul 1st** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD bring a plane, open flying.

- **Sunday Jul 12th** - Western Flyers Open House Fun Fly. Starts at 9:00am with flying until dark.

- **Saturday, Jul 19th** - Old-Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

August 2014

- **Saturday, Aug 3rd and 4th** - Don Neill Scale Contest. Multi-club Fun event hosted at Omahawks field.

- **Tuesday, Aug 5th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD a plane, open flying.

- **Sunday, Aug 10th** - Bud Hall Large Aircraft Fun Fly. Aircraft restricted to IMAA criteria. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch both days and flying. Rain date Aug 11th.

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

September 2014

- **Sunday Sep 7th** - The 5th Annual Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet. Swap meet setup after 9am. Open flying 10am through 3pm.

- **Tuesday, Sep 2nd** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD - bring a plane, open flying.

- **Saturday, Sep 20th** - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

October 2014

- **Tuesday, Oct 7th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.

- **Saturday, Oct 18th** - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

November 2014

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

- Nominations taken for 2015 Officers

December 2014

- **Tuesday, Dec 2nd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.

- 2015 Officer elections



Tailspin Newsletter
Western RC Flyers
Omaha, Nebraska

TO:

Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2014 Membership Application

Please print clearly!

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

AMA Number: _____ IMAA Number: _____

Dues Paid: \$ _____

2014 Dues: \$35 (Renewals should be paid by **April 1**) New/Renewal: ___ New ___ Renewal ___ (Check One)

Sign Here: _____ Date _____

Membership 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**