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### A Word from the President



Greetings Western RC Flyers! Well a new year is upon us. I hope you all had and are having a wonderful Holiday season. We are going to have a GREAT year!

Thanks to **Mike Lawver** and **Richard Jonas** for the work on the field with the fill dirt. The nasty bump and hole now looks great, thanks again.

All of you are getting those new building projects done I hope? I know I have been working on a couple new planes for next year, with some success.

Remember that batteries are more challenged in the cold temps, so keep that in mind when flying this winter. There is time to fly in the winter also, Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> I was out in the afternoon and it was beautiful, just a breeze and 50 degrees, awesome. I encourage all of you to get some winter flying in this season.

It appears that we have also sustained some vandal type damage to the windows of the storage shed that we use for the mowers. I have installed some plywood to back the damaged windows. This plywood will also complete the obstruction to view inside the building.

Hope to see all of you at the next meeting.

**Thanks!**

**- Rick Miller**

### Next Meeting:

**7:00PM Thursday** December 4, 2014

**Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills  
Recreation Area**



### Vice-President's Corner



With the cold weather here for a while and shorter days... there is limited flying time. I did manage to make it out to the field on Sunday December 28<sup>th</sup>. Had calm winds, 33 degrees. Saw **Mike Lawver** out there.... Sadly I came home with a wounded plane.... dumb thumbs!!!

As many of you know I am not a talker, more of a behind the scenes kinda guy. My wife is helping me with this write-up, lord knows I have been trying to shut her up for over forty-five years!!! She is the talker in our family...

I will try to get something ready for each newsletter, but can't promise it will be worthy of reading. Hope to see you at a meeting soon.....

**Keep Flying!**

**- Richard Jonas**

## December Treasurer's Notes



I would like to wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR. If you have been good I am sure that Santa will fulfill those dreams you have of flying the newest and greatest R/C products.

Being the new year is just around the corner, and I have the new membership cards on hand, there will not be any delay in my getting them out to you upon receipt of your renewal dues for the 2015 season.

Keep the saw dust flying and I look forward to seeing you all in 2015.

Your Treasurer ~ Dean Copeland



## December Meeting Notes



Western RC Flyers meeting minutes, Thursday, December 4, 2014 7 PM. (Chalco Hills) [Note, this was a change in the meeting date in order to access a larger meeting room at the Chalco location.]

(4) Members present.

President Jim Henley and Vice-President Rick Miller were unable to attend due to illness and business travel. The meeting was called to order by WRCF Treasurer Dean Copeland 7:10 PM. Dean had discussed the December meeting agenda with Jim Henley earlier in the day.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Dean Copeland. He reports that WRCF has (40) members at the end of 2014. There are already (4) renewal memberships for 2015. Income items included the 2015 membership renewals. Expenses included stamps, Port-A-Potty pumping and printing of 2015 WRCF membership cards. The end-of-year balance for WRCF account showed that the club did well in maintaining a balance consistent with the end of 2013. It was moved/seconded/approved to accept the Treasurer's Report.

It was moved/seconded/approved to accept the November 2014 WRCF meeting minutes as published in the December, 2014 Tailspin Newsletter.

### Old Business:

#### **2015 Sac Air-And-Space Museum Indoor Airshow:**

Dean outlined the club's participation in the annual SAC Air and Space Museum (Ashland, NE) Indoor Airshow, which will take place January 17, 2015. Nelson Carpenter said that the upcoming WRCF Tailspin newsletter will include a reminder about the event. Tim Peters reminded all that Mike Lawver indicated he might be able to attend and setup/represent the WRCF table; Tim will definitely assist as well. Models for display at the WRCF table are needed. A planning meeting for the event will take place at the museum later in December; Jim Henley will attend. All WRCF members are invited to attend the 2015 Indoor Airshow and are encouraged to participate.

#### **2015 WRCF Officers:**

It was moved/seconded/approved to accept the nominations for 2015 WRCF officers as submitted during the November, 2014 meeting.

President: Rick Miller  
Vice-President: Rich Jonas  
Treasurer: Dean Copeland  
Secretary: Tim Peters  
Field Safety Officer: Mike Lawver

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## December 2014 Meeting Notes Cont...

### New Business:

#### Mead Flying Field and Mower:

The condition of the Mead flying site was discussed. Dean Copeland reported that work has been done to patch some of the holes in the runway. Rick Miller has pulled the mower batteries and will store/maintain them over the winter. WRCF member Leroy Konecky will be asked to do the annual maintenance for the mower. At 7:30 PM it was moved/seconded/approved to adjourn.

#### Show-and-Tell:

Nelson Carpenter showed the *Biplane* Old-Timer that he is building, 'The Coquette'. He found the plans from a modeler who lives in Great Britain. Nelson was able to make working copies of the plans by using local Omaha company "Snappy Copy Center" (5434 F. St., Omaha, NE) <http://www.snappycopy.net>. They provided copy service for the 28"x60" plan sheets at just \$3.75 per sheet. The Coquette has a 72" wingspan and is intended for a 60-90 four-stroke (nitro) motor. Those in attendance are looking forward to seeing the finished product at a future WRCF meeting.

Tim Peters brought a recent offering from *Great Planes*: the *Kunai* 1.4 meter ARF electric glider. This sailplane is a 4-channel aircraft with fiberglass fuselage and built-up fully-sheeted wings. Tim purchased the 'Receiver-Ready' version that comes with (4) servos installed (individual servos for each aileron) and motor/speed controller. Battery is a 11.1 volt 3-cell lipo. Receiver and rudder/elevator servos are positioned in the fuselage under the wing with motor, battery, and speed controller in the forward area under the hatch. According to Tim, the electronics are a tight fit in the fuselage. The *Kunai* is set up with a Futaba Fast-Test 7 channel receiver and Futaba's *Altitude/Variometer* telemetry sensor for 'thermal hunting'. One feature of the *Kunai* is its ability to use its ailerons as spoilers via transmitter mixing.

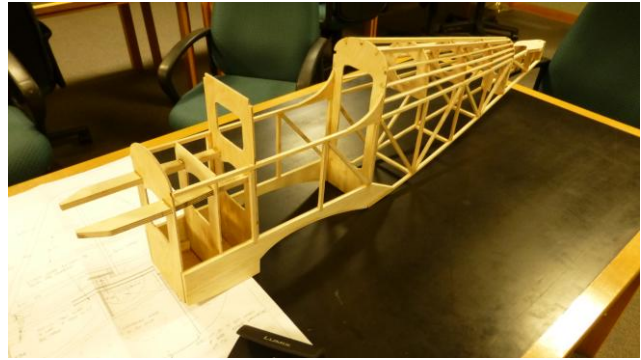
Dean Copeland gave a short overview of his endeavors with the *University of Nebraska's* agriculture aircraft survey program. (Activities are based out of the Mead flying site.) We hope to have Dean do a presentation on this project at an upcoming WRCF meeting.

**That's it!**

~ Tim Peters



## December's Show N' Tell



Scratch built fuselage from plans was displayed by Nelson Carpenter.



Tim Peters brought a *Great Planes*: the *Kunai* 1.4 meter ARF electric glider.



### **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.



# LAS VEGAS RC NEWS

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



Well another year has passed and there is so much to look forward to. I got into on-road RC car racing this year on Friday Nights. At my favorite Hobby Shop (*Cutting Edge Hobbies North Las Vegas*) we race *Legend Cars*, 18<sup>th</sup> Scale and Drifter Cars. All of which is a ton of fun. At *Hobby Town*, we race "Gear Box" a run what you bring basher race (*pretty funny*) . *Legend Cars*, 18<sup>th</sup> Scale and then other classes for the better drivers. Overall great guys at both locations and a lot of good spirited competition.

So I needed to build a light system for my table both in the shop and portable to set up at racing. I chose an LED light bar, which I must say, throws a lot of nice clean white light and is very durable. Many of the guys have built a rack out of PVC, which is pretty easy to do. I choose a grow light metal bar system, which I can disassemble in a minute and added some security plates to bolt it to my table if the wind is up. I think it will not be going anywhere.

Additionally I am planning some other helpful items to fabricate such as a spinning car stand that I can use when treating tires with traction compounds. Then I have a low voltage mini drill with bits to turn the tires when applying the compounds.

Lastly 2015 marks a big change for me in my Model Engine List. My list now is ONLY available by email. There are no printed copies, as that process is by the wayside. I had to go to an office supply place wait, hope the got it right the first time (*50 /50 chance!*) pay nearly 75 cents a copy, add a 49 cent stamp and mail the few list out that were needed. Enough is enough; I have stopped offering the list in print.

**Stay Warm & Healthy! ~ Bob Boumstein**

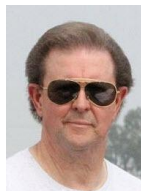


**To the Western Flyers Membership:**

**Thank You !**

To those of you who stepped up to help us get the field ready for our fly-ins: We have received many positive comments on how nice the field looked.

To those who came out and worked at/on the field: The runway is in excellent shape. We extended the pit area fence, and enlarged the gates so we could get large aircraft onto and off of the runway without having to pick them up. We also set up barricades to eliminate uncontrolled movement through the gates and into the pit area. Last but not least, replacing the door on our storage building has made it more secure.



Please give your support to the officers who will be guiding the club next year. They need your input to make the upcoming year successful. After all it is YOUR CLUB, IT NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT.

**Jim Henley**

## *Indoor Air Show 2015*

The *Strategic Air & Space Museum's Indoor Air Show 2015* which will be held on **Saturday, January 17, 2015!** As in the past, flying will be in the restoration hangar. There will be space in our atrium for display information by clubs and other interests. The event will run from 11am-4pm. Club members are encouraged to participate.



# Fishing Up-North Country

Report and Photos by Jim Drickey



Been ice fishing with friend Phil, and doing a little work on P-47 ARF. And I'm getting fake engine lined up and fixed in cowl. What a pain in the @#^ that's proven to be. I usually end up tearing those things out due to engine heat problems. Anyway, don't know why really I'm messing with it. Retracts in wing, just have to do guns and it's done.

Final touches going on "ARF" unit with thick decals cut for sides. The intakes for super charger are a pain in @#\*. Thinking of doing panel lines on it, looks naked without them. Guns on wing, they sent plastic tubing... I will replace with wood dowels.

Not a bad "arf" build, looks alright I guess for .60 size unit that I typically deal with. This airplane now lists for \$370 buck-a-rooes! I can't believe how much these size ARF's keep going up in price.

I had super charger scoop turned back wards. Had to remove and reinstall ...duh! Retracts working good (*mechanical.*) I wish retracts in "Typhoon" were mechanical. &^%@ air retracts, too much @\$%#!. Eyeballing "Jap Zero" hanging on the wall. It is next up!

Need correct size prop spinner/nut for engine. I decided not to do panel lines because too much work. I'm getting lazy in my old age. It's just an ARF any way.

I don't want any airplanes bigger than this P-47. I could hardly get it out of build room for pics. Clearing table for "Royal Zero" which is the next project for rest of winter. But finding it hard lately to go do work on airplanes. I need a break in the action.

This will be last of my 72 MHz airplanes. I'm moving into 21st. century. Christmas present to myself was a new 2.4 "gig-o-bite" radio system.

You guys have a Happy New Year!

**Keep on, Keep'in on.....**

**Jim D.**



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*Happy New Year!*







## ~ 2015 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

(EVENTS SCHEDULED IN RED ARE TENTATIVE UNTIL FINALIZED)

### January 2015

- **Wednesday, Jan 7th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th St.
- **Saturday, Jan 17th** - Strategic Air & Space Museum's Indoor Air Show 2015

### February 2015

- **Tuesday, Feb 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.

### March 2015

- **Wednesday, Mar 8th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th St.

### April 2015

- **Wednesday, Apr 8th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th St.

### May 2015

- **Tuesday, May 5th** - Club Meeting 7pm, at MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying.
- **Saturday, May 16th** - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

### June 2015

- **Tuesday, Jun 7th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying.
- **Saturday, Jun 11th** - Annual Spring Club Fun Fly at Mead Field starting at 10:00am. Open flying.
- **Saturday, June 18th** - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

### July 2015

- **Tuesday, Jul 7th** - 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 18th** - Old-Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

### August 2015

- **Tuesday, Aug 4th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD a plane, open flying.
- **Saturday, Aug 15th** - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.
- **Sunday, Aug 23rd** - Bud Hall Large Aircraft Fun Fly. Aircraft restricted to IMAA criteria. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch and flying. Rain date Aug 24th.

### September 2015

- **Tuesday, Sep 1st** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD - bring a plane, open flying.
- **Sunday Sep 6th** - The 5th Annual Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet. Swap meet setup after 9am. Open flying 10am through 3pm.
- **Saturday, Sep 19th** - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

### October 2015

- **Tuesday, Oct 6th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
- **Saturday, Oct 17th** - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

### November 2015

- **Wednesday, Nov 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
- Nominations taken for 2015 Officers

### December 2015

- **Thursday, Dec 1st** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
- 2015 Officer elections





## Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2015 Membership Application

Please print clearly!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

AMA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2015 Dues: \$35** (Renewals should be paid by **April 1**) New \_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_ (Check One)

Sign Here: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership subject to approval. AMA membership is required.**

**Make Checks Payable to: Western R/C Flyers**

Complete this form and send with check to WR/CF Treasurer:  
Dean Copeland 15668 Fountain Hills Dr. Omaha, Nebraska 68118