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A Word from the President



Hello folks! Hope everything is wonderful in your modeling world and that you are prepping for the next flying season.

We may have a small glitch at our flying field. The university is conducting their "every three years at Mead" agricultural auction on March 6th. Cross your fingers that the ground is firm and free of snow or rain. A work party may be in our future.

Also, note that we have changed our club meeting dates. We are doing away with the monthly meetings and will be held quarterly. See calendar for change in dates.

Thanks!

~ Rick Miller

Vice-President's Corner



As some of you know, you have a new Vice President. I think most of you know who I am. Nelson informed me that I need to write a little something for the newsletter as part of my duties as VP.

I really don't have much to say right now. My building this winter consists of building cabinets for my daughter.

Next Meeting:

7:00PM Tuesday April 12, 2016

Mead Field



I'll try to do better next time for the newsletter. Hope you all had a good Christmas. It would be nice to see more people at the next meeting in April which will be at Mead Field. So have a plane ready! Have a good new year.

Keep Building and Flying! ~ Rick Haneline

January 2016 Treasurer's Notes



We have had very little activity in the treasurer's department, but I am expecting more activity with the new year just around the corner. And what I am saying is that I will be looking for membership renewals to start rolling in.

There have been some minor expenses and some membership renewals. I am as ready as I can be since the new 2016 membership cards just arrived.

Your Treasurer ~ *Dean Copeland*



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



January 2016 Meeting Notes



Meeting called to order by President **Rick Miller** 7:10 PM. (5) WRCF members present. **Dean Copeland** presented the treasurer's report; membership renewals for 2016 are coming in. The treasury is in good shape for the upcoming year.

Old Business:

Jim Henley asked about the vacant Vice President position. It was asked what the AMA requires for officers in a chartered club. **Rick Miller** said that at a minimum there should be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Safety Officer. **Rick Haneline** was asked whether he would serve as Vice President for the coming year, and he graciously accepted the position. **Dean Copeland** will continue as Treasurer; **Nelson Carpenter** will continue to publish the *WRCF Tailspin* newsletter. **Rick Miller** will contact **Mike Lauver** to see if he will continue as Safety Officer for 2016.

Dean Copeland expressed concern about the low turnout at recent WRCF meetings. It had been suggested that WRCF do away with monthly meetings and alternatives were discussed. Those present gave their opinions, all agreed that a change is needed. **Tim Peters** was asked to draft a notice to the membership regarding the meetings for 2016:

"Dear WRCF membership:

Due to low attendance at WRCF meetings over the last few years, the officers are reducing the number meetings for 2016 from monthly to quarterly. The revised meeting dates are Tuesday, April 5, Tuesday July 12, Tuesday October 4, and Tuesday, January 3 (2017). Although the dates are fixed, the location of the meetings may vary, so check the Tailspin newsletter for updates. Any interim business that needs to be conducted will be done by the officers via email. Note that this change is for 2016. Depending on meeting attendance, the number of meetings in future years may be reduced further. Thanks for your understanding about this; feel free to contact one of the officers if you have concerns.

Rick Miller, Present

Rick Haneline, Vice President

Dean Copeland, Treasurer

Mike Lawver, Safety Officer"

New Business:

Dean mentioned that we have paid the webmaster (**Joe Halamek**) to maintain the WRCF website for 2016. It was mentioned that the website needs some maintenance; possibly **Nelson** has the ability to make those changes (like 'For Sale' items, etc.). **Rick Miller** proposed flying events and dates for 2016. **Tim Peters** suggested that we keep the '3rd Saturday' of each month open for the *Old Timer/Glider* events. Check the *Tailspin* newsletter for the upcoming events.

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January 2016 Meeting Notes Cont....

There was discussion about recent FAA rulings that require modelers to register with the FAA. The AMA has requested that members wait to register until they (AMA) provide updates. It is recommended that WRCF members continue to watch for developments on this issue. Be aware that any R/C aircraft that meets the FAA registration requirements and purchased after December 21, 2015 must be registered with the FAA before it is flown.

It was mentioned that UNL will conduct another auction at the Mead flying site on March 6, 2016.

Those present discussed some of their winter projects for the upcoming flying season.

That's it!

~ **Tim Peters**

~ **Dues are Payable now thru April 1st. Thanks for your Support. ~**

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.



Building Up-North Country

Report by Jim Drickey



Builders out there, you can see the "misery" here, this is sanding world, day after day..... Wish I had a 3-D of the Zero tail to see actual shape of real airplane. I do a change up every once in a while with an exhaust stack. I'm looking at all the compound curves and thinking planned mono coat finish gonna be a bitch. Sure wish I had experience with doing a glass finish, then you could just spray paint it. I'm not so sure that might be way to go. Don't know if I'll even finish this Zero build this winter. I've giving up setting deadlines. It's too much pressure for old guy like myself.

Christmas in the rear view mirror a good place for it!that said, back to reality a scary place in my world (*normal people worry me.*) Back in the "Office" a little bit Zero work continues. The tail I think is about done, moving on to wing, top sheeting to finish then sand tips and lead edge. Will cut ailerons out after wing sand and will finish them.

These "Royal" kits not for beginners as instructions are vague. Much previous build experience needed. I'll limp through to the end. However makes me appreciate the "ARFS" that are out today. So much work in the kits, am I getting lazy? I do like looking at scale builds people do, degrees of detail are directly proportional to builder's sanitybe careful.

Got wings sanded but, have a little more work at trail edge were meets filet, mocked up for spinner study, looks slightly long, will have to shorten. Decided to glass rather than *Monocote* will puff can finish color. Will cut ailerons this week and do structure finish work on them. Cowl cuts coming up also, spun alum is heavy gage, thinking of cut methods?

This Zero is very robust and will weigh a ton. I hope .60 2-stroke power enough. Watched some *YouTube* videos of guys that have built and flying this plane, looks like it flies good. Landings look like power on a must, no floating it to the deck. Have a big order going in to *Tower Hobbies* for much misc. crap, like to get free shipping so order has to be north of a hundred bucks, no hobby stores near me.

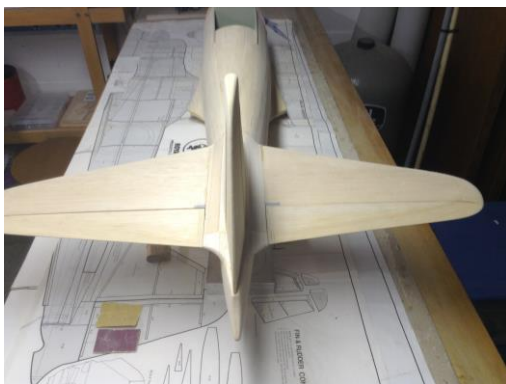
My lake up here is safe to get on now for ice fishing. Some of other bigger lakes around here just froze over and ice fishing on them way late this year. Will get out there myself soon. Our house is overflowing with airplanes it seems. To keep my sanity in "Up-North" country this winter, playing the bass guitar a lot. I'm doing old "Doobie Bros" stuff, *China Grove*, *Listen to the Music*, *South City*, *Midnight Lady*, etc.



Capt. Insaneo.....*Over and Out*

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Building Up-North Country Cont.



Sinbad the Sailor

Report by Jud Bock



Around the first of November, I ordered a short kit Old-timer from “Klarich Kits”, figuring that the plane I ordered would be my winter project. I have ordered quite a bit of stuff from them before, and generally got it in about 3-4 weeks, as they don’t start making the short kits till they have your order and money in hand. I enjoy building “Old-Timers”, so that is what I ordered. A month went by and still no kit. I called them and inquired as to where it was. They told me it was on the way, so I figured I would get it soon. Six weeks went by and still no kit, so I called them and wasn’t nice. They told me then that they still hadn’t started working on the kit, but that I should have it by the first of the year. As I am writing this, 8 weeks have gone by, and I am still waiting. Be advised if you order from there.

With that in mind, and because I was getting bored with winter and no building, I ordered another little kit called “Sinbad the Sailor”. I got it in 3 days, so decided to start building it to have something to work on. It is manufactured by Retro R/C kits out of MI and it will be the second one I have built by this company. They specialize in building small old kits.

This kit has a 36 inch wingspan and a picture will be recognizable to many of you. The kits are all laser cut so all you have to do is punch out the parts and start gluing. The instructions are exceptional and there is 4-5 pages of detailed building instructions with pics for each piece of the plane. The pics are small, so you might have to use a glass for some of them for detail. One thing you have to do is number the parts, as they have included pictures of each parts sheet in the instruction manual with the numbers on them, but you have to match up the wood parts sheet with the manual and number them yourself. This is a must, because the instruction manual calls out all of the parts by number and description. I figure this took about half an hour to do.

If you enjoy building small models that are nicely designed kits, these are for you. If you don’t enjoy working with small parts, you should probably steer clear of these. They are pretty reasonable, at about 50 to 80 bucks. The one I bought offered a power pod complete with the motor and props for an extra 20 bucks, so I bought that also. The kit was about 70 buck’s total.

I have included several pictures of the instructions, the laser-cut parts sheet, and a couple of parts I have built, (*part of the fuse. And the power pod*).

More to follow in another month. **Jud Bock**

Spectra Do-Over

I am sending you a picture of my recovered *Great Planes Spectra* that I flew last season. I did some work on it. It is ready go for next season. What do you think?

David Miller





~ 2016 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

January 2016

- **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 2016

March 2016

April 2016

- **Tuesday April 12th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th St.
- **Saturday, April 16th** - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

May 2016

- **Saturday, May 21st** - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.
- **Saturday, May 28th** - Scale Fun Fly and Swap Meet at Mead Field starting 9am.

June 2016

- **Saturday, Jun 18th** - Annual Spring Club Fun Fly at Mead Field starting at 10:00am. Open flying.
- **Saturday, June 25th** - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

July 2016

- **Tuesday, July 12th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD bring a plane, open flying.
- **Sunday Jul 9th** - Western Flyers Open House Fun Fly. Starts at 9:00am with flying until dark.
- **Saturday, Jul 16th** - Old-Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

August 2016

- **Saturday, Aug 20th** - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.
- **Saturday, Aug 27nd** - Bud Hall Large Aircraft Fun Fly. Aircraft restricted to IMAA criteria. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch and flying. Rain date Aug 23rd.

September 2016

- **Tuesday, TBD** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD - bring a plane, open flying.
- **Saturday, Sep 17th** - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

October 2016

- **Tuesday, TBD** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
- **Saturday, Oct 15th** - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

November 2016

December 2016



Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2016 Membership Application

Please print clearly!

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

AMA Number: _____

Amount Paid: \$ _____

2016 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