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A Word From The President:

Well I hope all of you are enjoying the summer and the flying season. I know the weather has been a damper on some of the local events.

Our Spring Fun Fly day was more than a little soggy, although my son and I did fly later that day.

The last Quickie event at Mead was totally flooded out. The road going into the field was under water, the Field looked great, just couldn't get to it.

I haven't been able to share much time flying with the club this spring, hopefully that will change mid summer sometime.

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

Thanks

~ Rick Miller

Vice-President's Corner:

Needless to say, it has been hot. If it has not been hot, then it has been raining. But that hasn't prevented us from getting some flying in. Only slowed us down.

Photo on this page is of Mike Crosby and his vintage Byron Originals ¼ scale Beechcraft Staggerwing. A magnificent model that flies great. A video of it flying can be seen on YouTube with a word search on "Byron Originals Beechcraft Staggerwing."

The month of August will be the 20th annual Bud Hall IMAA Fun Fly at Mead. Bud Hall was one of the founding members of our IMAA chapter – the 284th Aero Squadron which is affiliated with the club. The event will be held on August 15 and 16 at Mead Field. More information to follow.

Tuesday nights at Springfield have been going strong. Except for those days we had gotten rain. Grab an airplane and come out to join us. Food and soft drinks provided.

There is much photo coverage this issue including the Old Timers event at Mead a few weeks ago.

Come out and fly!

~ Nelson Carpenter

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM Tuesday – July 7th, 2009

**Location: Springfield Flying Field
(Bring an airplane to fly!)**



Financial Report – May 2009

To be provided at club meeting.

Thank You!

~ Ed Splittgerber

June 2009 Meeting Notes:

Monthly meeting was canceled due to rain.

~ The Field at Springfield ~



The flying field is looking very good this time of the year. But so is the corn.... Won't be long and it will be surrounding our field six feet in the air. Yet the flying will still be great -- come on out!

~ The Field at Mead ~



As you can see in the view looking south, the field has been kept mowed and it is fair condition. Some of the ruts from the farm equipment auction in April can be seen in this photo. Several club members have been attending to the problem with the rental of a self-powered roller and filling of many ruts with dirt. The field is flyable and it is getting better, but not quite yet as smooth as it has been.



CHALCO HILLS WEATHER CENTER

www.papionrd.org/weather/usa.htm

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



Rain, Wind, Hail, Mud, and other Acts of Nature have hampered my attempts to go flying. Therefore I should have repaired everything right? Heck no! I have the largest pile of excuses available. Here are a few:

1. Ballast is burned out in my shop light.
2. I can't find any glue or Exacto blades.
3. My chargers are missing.
4. No one knows if anyone is going.
5. I am too darn lazy.

Well my list is feeble; mostly I have been out of town quite a bit. Surely the days will be better. After seeing Nelson's video of Mike Stagger winging who could want more motivation?

On the hobby scene, not much is happening; I have been in touch with Brian Winch by email. He is the Clarence Lee (better personality) of Australia and wrote the engine column for the now defunct RC Report. Brian has an interesting view of things, more from the everyday guy approach. I always wondered why C. Lee bothered to modify KB engines. It is not a brand I really ever cared for though I know two guys who did. Marvin Goldberg was a fan and Ralph Brown Sr. was too. I usually found them cheaply built and wearing out quickly.

Someone asked me recently about running an old ignition engine. They used White Gas (not unleaded) such as today's Coleman Lantern fuel and 35% motor oil, talk about a messy fire bomb mixture. If anyone ever needs a wiring diagram I can supply it. Plus I am sure you may not have known that I have hundreds of engine instructions I reprint. If this is something you need let me know. These days I charge a \$1 a page as my cartridges have gotten expensive. I think there is a list of my items on Keith Paskewitz's web site.

May the Winds blow softly!

~ Bob Boumstein

20th
Bud Hall
Memorial IMAA Fun Fly

284 Aero Squadron IMAA 284
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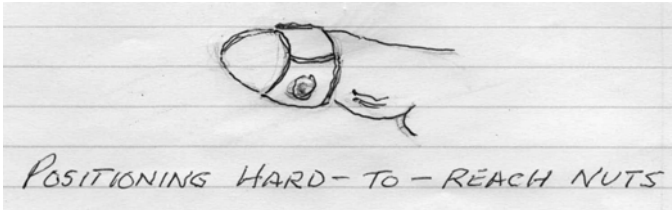


Location: Western R/C Flyers Field - Mead Nebraska
When: Saturday & Sunday **August 15 & 16, 2009**



HOBBY TIPS

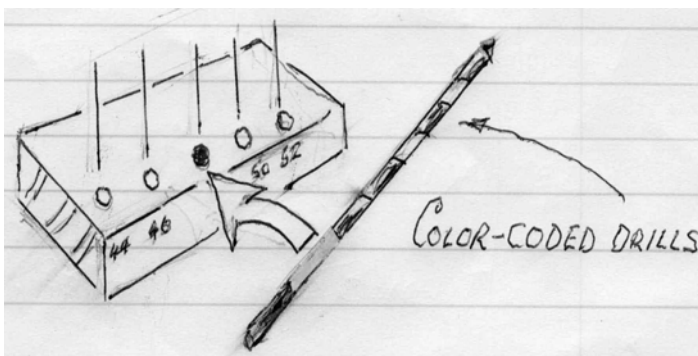
Positioning hard-to-reach nuts



Wrap a strip of masking tape around your index finger with the sticky side facing out. A nut or washer that's stuck to the tape is easy to position.

Color coded drills

Very small drill bits are difficult to keep sorted, since they are too small to carry engraved settings. After measuring each bit, color code them with dabs of different paint, then code the drill bit stands to match...



Old Timers Fun Fly – June

Twelve people attended the first 2009 Old Timer Fun Fly at Mead on June 15. The overcast skies began to clear by midmorning and there were many flights with some pilots finding good lift as the clouds burned away.

The morning flying was followed by lunch. Many of the flyers stayed and continued to fly in the afternoon.

Old Timer planes are those originally designed as free flight models in the 1930's and 40's and modified for R/C flying. Although the planes are referred to as old timers, this designation only applies to the planes and not the pilots participating in these Old Timer Fun Flies.

Old Timer Fun Flies are held the second Saturday of each month at the Mead field starting at 9 AM. We welcome the participation of all area flyers in the Western R/C Flyers' Old Timer Fun Flies. There are no landing fees and a free lunch is included. The next Old Timer event will be Saturday, July 11th at 9 AM.

~ Ed Splittgerber



Old Timers Fun Fly Cont...



Club Flying at the Field



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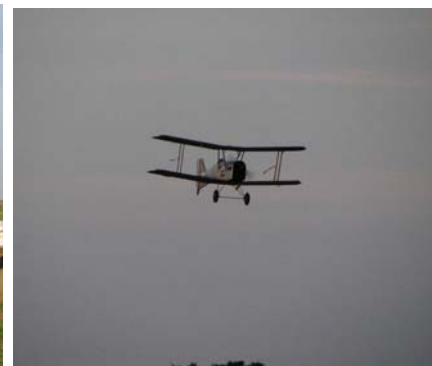




Photo of former Western RC Flyers member Bud Hall with his Roadrunner circa 1986. The annual IMAA Fun Fly is now in its 20th year and dedicated to the memory of Bud.

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

Field Maintenance Work

Much of the work that is needed each spring to get our fields ready for the flying season has been completed.

Bob Burt and **Bob Zitzlsperger** hauled in three loads of dirt and filled the ruts left after the equipment auction at Mead. They then rolled the field when it was soft after several days of rain. **Leroy Henderson** transported the rental roller with his pickup.

The entire Springfield field has been sprayed for dandelions. **Dean Howard** and **Ed Splitterber** performed this work.

Dean Howard is mowing Springfield again this year as he has done for the past 10 years. Dean usually mows Springfield on Friday and, if needed, again on Tuesday. Thus the field is always freshly mowed for weekend flying and our Tuesday Fun Flies.

Terry Pollard is taking over the mowing at Mead. Mowing at Mead is usually done on Friday to be ready for weekend flying.

This year **Ed Splitterber** is doing the service work on our lawn mowers. The annual service of oil and filter changes, blade sharpening and clean up is finished. A number of minor repairs have also been done on two of the mowers at Mead. These mowers are now in top condition and ready for the mowing season.

A big **THANK YOU** to all these people for the work they are doing for our Club.

~ Nelson Carpenter

OLD TIMER AIRPLANE-101



~ 2009 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

2009 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys, Springfield, Every Tuesday night May 1st through September 1st 2009
(Weather Permitting)

Food – Fun – Flying – Friends!

**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 WRFC 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 2009 event? Contact any officer or attend a club meeting with a proposal.

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Tailspin Newsletter
Western RC Flyers
Omaha, Nebraska

TO:

Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2009 Membership Application

Please print clearly!

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

AMA Number: _____ IMAA Number: _____

Dues Paid: \$ _____

2009 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:
Ed Splittgerber 5046 S. 174th St. Omaha, Nebraska 68135