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A Word From The President



Well I hope all of you are having a GGRRREAT flying year!! I know that I am, it has been good flying this year, and I hope you all are having as much fun as I am.

The combination event last Saturday with the old timers and the sailplanes was a huge success.

Many of us flew old timers and then gliders after that. It was awesome. We had an electric powered winch setup (*a new deal for me*) to get the gliders in the air in place of on-board electric propulsion. Overall a fun day, with food and drink as well as great weather too!!!! I would vote for old timer/glider fun fly again.

Hope to see you all at the field.

Thanks

~ Rick Miller



Vice-President's Corner

Summer is officially here, and our flying season has been well underway. There has not been a lack of flying events to attend either. Whether at other area fields or our own field. If flying events didn't trip your trigger, then there was plenty of open flying time available at the field as well.

As far as I'm concerned, we cannot compliment or thank **Terry Pollard** enough for the way he maintains our field. It is always mowed and well kept whenever I show up there. Thanks Terry!

The club has done away with the food on Tuesday evenings. The weather had kind of put a snafu to the flying on those nights, and not many were showing up. So what we are doing is providing pop/water for the fun flies, and food if enough attendance warrants it. That way we maximize the benefit to the club and its members.

If you or anyone is concerned that nobody will be at the Mead Field when you want to go fly, then don't hesitate

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM Tuesday – July 5th, 2011

Location: Mead Field

(Flying starts 5pm; brief meeting, bring an airplane!)



calling your fellow club members and arrange a time to meet at the field. I've tried that a few times in June through e-mail, and we had little more than half-a-dozen meet at the field each time. It was a good time.

The Bud Hall Large Airplane Fun Fly is just six weeks away. Participation should be greater this year in that we've dropped the IMAA membership requirement. That had been a hang-up for many over the past few years. So this year all you need do is produce a current AMA membership card as you sign in. But your airplanes must meet IMAA criteria with minimum wingspan of 80 inches for monoplane, and 60 inches on the biplane. A true 1/4 scale airplane with less than these wingspans would qualify.

Hope you all like to see pictures of airplanes. For June I was able to get quite a few into the newsletter.

Reminder, if the ground is wet at Mead and surrounding area, then the dirt road into the field may be also. Take the next improved road in that 's about 1/4 mile further on the county road as you travel south. Also, take care as you travel into the pits and do your best not to create or enlarge any ruts with your vehicle. Usually those roads are dried out in a day or two. So no big deal.

Come out and fly!

~ Nelson Carpenter

Treasurer's Report



A copy of the June 2011 Financial Report will be passed out at the July 5th meeting.

Thank You!

~ Dean Copeland

June 2011 Meeting Notes



The weather in early June was wet and windy. That forced cancelation of our June meeting at Mead. So, there are no meeting notes for this issue of the newsletter.

That's it!

~ Rick Johnson

June Flying at Mead Field

What a great month it was for flying at Mead Field. We had several events that drew our club members and guests from other area clubs.

It started with the *Spring Fun Fly* with 30 participants and at least 40 airplanes. We had many members from the **Omahawks** who joined us, and several from other area clubs. There was everything from an electric foamy to a 1/3 scale aerobatic airplane. Flying was continuous all day long with only two mishaps due to mechanical problems. The fun fly was free to all with pop and water provided by the club. A grill was available and used by some to cook lunch. Better yet was the number of folks who enjoyed each other's company and common interest in flying airplanes. Members from the other clubs expressed interest in joining the **Western Flyers** as they really liked the openness and the field itself, as well as the separation from those who might be bothered by our activity.

The monthly *Old Timers Fun Fly* started out questionable because of slow moving rainstorms that hung around until 9:00am. It cleared off fast and there were quite a few of us who flew the

remainder of the morning before breaking for lunch that was cooked by **Loren Blinde**. The club provided pop and water.

Interestingly and successfully, a *Glider Fly* was held immediately following the Old Timer Fun Fly. It was a good mix with each group taking an interest in the other's airplanes and type of



22nd Annual Bud Hall

Large Airplane Fun Fly

Sponsored by the Western R/C Flyers
Omaha Nebraska - AMA 857



Location: Western R/C Flyers Field - Mead Nebraska
When: Saturday & Sunday August 13th & 14th 2011
Time: Registration begins at 9:00am - Open Flying from 9 a.m. till 3p.m. *Both Days!*
Details: **IMAA NOT required to fly.** *Open flying both days!* Aircraft limited to minimum of 1/4 scale *or* 80 inch & up monoplanes, 60 inch & up biplanes.
All pilots must present AMA membership card upon registering.

\$10.00 Landing fee includes a great pilot lunch, drinks
PILOT RAFFLE!
Spectators Welcome! - Bring your lawn chairs & Sunshades!
Transmitter impound. - Large well maintained *low cut* grass runway!
Back up pit parking! - Large Spectator parking area next to white building.
Take Highway 92 (Center/ Industrial Road) west from Omaha to Mead Nebraska. Turn south on County road 78F, go south 3.7 miles watch for signs at Mead & field entrance. 20 minutes west of Omaha.
Info: Rick Miller rick.miller@kellogg.com Phone:402-624-2530 cell: 402-510-6714

Go to www.WesflyRC.org for maps & details!
Downloadable maps available at the Western R/C Flyers website!

flying. Several flyers had both old timer airplanes and gliders. This went on until 3:00pm. Photos of the two combined events are shown below.

With the success of this combo fun fly, we are going to do it again in July. Plan on it for Saturday July 16th. Warning though, if you come out to watch either the old timer airplanes or the gliders, you could easily become hooked. Hope to see you there!

~ Nelson Carpenter



Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay

Have you noticed that there is no cooperation amongst the Battery Suppliers in the Hobby industry? Lately my frustration level has been elevated by ordering batteries and getting all kinds of connectors.

- Deans Connectors seem to be very popular but hardly ever supplied.
- Bullet connectors seem a good choice but not liked by the battery guys, they must cost more than 2 cents each!
- T-60 is new connector, which is like a DEANS on steroids and seems to be a popular choice may even be the leading candidate for a "one type connector" fix.
- Various clip on / snap on connectors come in all sizes and shapes

It actually doesn't get much better on the internet or eBay as I have ordered some adapter connectors to try to get one kind to work with another, mostly I now have a collection of stuff that doesn't fit much of anything. But I keep trying! I am leaning towards using the T-60 on everything as Deans can be hard to separate and some of my space is limited inside the medium size planes I am trying.

Good news is that thanks to help from **Loren Blinde** (test pilot) and **Dean Copeland** (engineer) we got my Quaker straightened out. It now flies very nicely, the new Copeland landing gear has made a world of difference as the plane no longer wobbles on take-off and actually lands in a straight line. The addition of another location to strap the wing down (added in space occupied by side windows) has now secured the wing down and eliminated the wing wanting to lift off. Always room for improvement. The covering is a brilliant orange of some unknown type that is extremely visible; I would like to figure what was used, as I like it. The right prop for the OS 70 Surpass turned out to be a 12/8.

Lastly I am working on another electric, a DC 3 that is very docile it can be seen on U-Tube as a Dynam Skybus. Soon to be ready!

See Ya at Mead!

~ 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.



CHALCO HILLS WEATHER CENTER

http://66.37.246.222/weather_center/usa.htm



OLD - TIMER Fun -Flies

Hosted by



www.WeFlyRC.org



Location: Western R/C Flyers Mead Field 20 minutes west of Omaha, Ne. AMA Card Required

2011 SCHEDULE

Saturday May 21st

9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying

Saturday August 20th

9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying

Saturday June 18th

9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying

Saturday September 17th

9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying

Saturday July 16th

9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying

*Weather Permitting for October
TBD*

All AMA pilots & spectators welcome, Flying limited to Old-Timer type aircraft. Open flying from 9:00am till 2:pm.

Western R/C Flyers Mead field 3.7 miles south of Mead on highway 78F. Take Center street (Omaha, Highway 92) west, past Yutan to Mead. Turn South on Highway 78F. Go approximately 3.7 miles turn left at sign.

Visit our Western R/C Flyers website!
www.WeflyRC.org

ROADS TO MEAD FIELD

Trouble getting to the field? At the Town of Mead corner on Highway 92, turn south driving 3.7 miles on the hard surfaced county road to a dirt access road leading to field. Turn east here in direction of water tower, then take short winding road to east side of long whit

e warehouse building. See aerial below. However be advised that there are 3 routes from the county road into Mead Field. Those are shown on enlarged aerial to the right.

Primary route into the field is the **dirt road**, unless conditions are too wet. Route "A" is an improved gravel road few hundred yards south of the dirt road turnoff that takes you through the university facility. Continuing further south on the county road is alternative route "B" (*addt'l 2.5 miles*) that is a hard surfaced road on 3 of its legs. On last leg, turn at the white block building and follow road around to field.

Note: Increase newsletter page size on your PC to minimum 150% for best view of aerials and notations.



(Enlarged View)



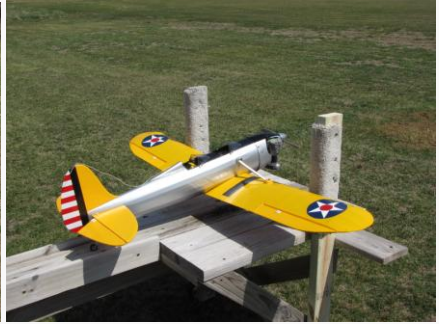
Mead Field
(South View)



JUNE FLYING AT MEAD FIELD



JUNE FLYING AT MEAD FIELD Cont.....



SPRING FUN FLY on June 5th



SPRING FUN FLY on June 5th cont.....



SPRING FUN FLY on June 5th cont....



OLD TIMERS FUN FLY held June 18th



OLD TIMERS FUN FLY Cont.....



GLIDER FLY held June 18th



GLIDER FLY Cont.....



~ 2011 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

2011 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys, Springfield, Every Tuesday night May 3rd through September 6th!
(Weather Permitting)

January **2011**

- **Tuesday, Jan 4th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

February **2011**

- **Tuesday, Feb 1st** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

March **2011**

- **Tuesday, Mar 1st** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

April **2011**

- **Tuesday, Apr 5th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

May **2011**

- **Tuesday, May 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.
- **Saturday, May 21st** – Old Timers Fun Fly at Mead. Starts at 9:00am with flying until noon or later.

June **2011**

- **Sunday, Jun 5th** – 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 18th** – Old Timers Fun Fly at Mead. Registration at 9:00am with flying until noon.

July **2011**

- **Tuesday, Jul 5th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD bring a plane, open flying & Food.
- **Saturday, Jul 16th** - Old-Timers Fun Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until noon or later.

August **2011**

- **Tuesday, Aug 2nd** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD a plane, open flying & food.
- **Saturday and Sunday, Aug 13/14th** – 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 20th** – Old Timers Fun Fly Starts at 9:00am with flying until noon or later.

September **2011**

- **Sunday Sep 4th** – The 4th Annual Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet. Mead Field. Free to WRCF 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 & Food (Last Tuesday food will be served)
- **Saturday, Sep 17th** – Old Timers Fun Fly – Starts at 9:00am with flying until noon or later.

October **2011**

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

November **2011**

- **Tuesday, Nov 1st** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
- Nominations taken for 2012 Officers

December **2011**

- **Tuesday, Dec 6th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
- 2012 Officer elections





Tailspin Newsletter
Western RC Flyers
Omaha, Nebraska

TO:

Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2011 Membership Application

Please print clearly!

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

AMA Number: _____ IMAA Number: _____

Dues Paid: \$ _____

2011 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**