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A Word from the President



Guess I could talk about the weather we've been having, but that's become old hat. Just hope you all are able to get some flying in and enjoying it this year.

Well considering we "cancelled" the July Fun Fly, there was a good turnout of flyers and everyone had a great time.

The fun fly had been dropped because of the wicked heat. But word didn't get out properly and we didn't want to leave folks hanging at the field. So we went ahead and did the fun fly. Sure glad we did!

Coming up in August we have our long running *Bud Hall Large Airplane Fun Fly*. It is scheduled for Saturday August 26th with the rain date next day. The fun fly is for airplanes that are 1/4 scale or have a minimum wingspan of 80" if monoplane; and minimum 60" multi-wing. The Bud Hall has been the club's premiere annual event for years. We can say decades!

Lastly, I'd like to welcome the club's two newest members. **Ken Peterson** and **Mike Watson** both from Omaha. Glad to have you join us!

See you at the Field!

- Rick Miller

Next Meeting: TBD



Vice-President's Corner



We had a really good turnout for our "cancelled" fun fly! As some of you know, we cancelled the July Fun Fly because it's usually hot. Turns out the word didn't get out.

We had a total of 32 airplanes and 20 or so pilots. I got the bugs out of my *Giant Aeromaster*, and it flew great. My arm is sore from patting myself on the back. I also flew a first flight on a plane I got from Dean, and it flew well too. My *Stik* flew well also.

It was a good fun fly despite the warm weather. I've got a couple more airplanes to get ready, so here's hoping for some good weather!

Fly 'em!

- Rick Haneline

Treasurer's Report



Things have pretty much come to a halt as far as financial activity is concerned. No more renewals, new members etc. Expenses have also slowed down with the exception of the much needed potty. Beyond that, flying activity is scarce from time to time with all the windy and rainy days.

I was at the field today (7/5/17), 0 wind and 0 flyers I managed to get in two flights with the sport jet, even had smoke, beautiful time was had by all, correction, just me. Thanks again to the field mowing crews, other than the clover, the field looks great and green.

Your Treasurer ~ Dean Copeland

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

Late June Wind Damage



Mike Lawver drove out to the field day after the wind storm late June. He wanted to fly, but ended up putting things back in order first. Airplane tables and benches were turned over, and the Porta Potty. Give Mike much credit for taking on the task of up-righting the Porta Potty and getting it back to where it belongs.

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B-26B-2MA, 41-17901

"Bucket O' Bolts II"



By Dave Kelly



My father spent a year in North Africa, serving as a tail gunner on a B-26. I'll post to the newsletter his Diary account monthly. These entries bring us up to end of June 1943, and each month thereafter will be added. It's interesting to read his accounts, and how his writing changed over that year. Amount of his entries, legibility, and general mood certainly can be seen over the next several months.....

June 1943

June 2, Mission 18

Went on a raid today over Panteleria. My 18 raid. On again tomorrow

June 3, Mission 19

Went on another raid over Panteleria. No trouble at all

June 11, Mission 21

We bombed Panteleria today. Just before the invasion went in. It was quite a show. Took it in about 1 hr 45 minutes. I'm on again tomorrow.

June 15, Mission 22

We bombers an airfield in Sicily. Seen an enemy fighter, ME109 shoot down one of our P40's.

June 18, Mission 23

Bombed Sardinia today. Got some holes in my ship

June 20, Mission 24

Bombed Sicily today. We were attacked by ME109's, but the P38's drove them away. Shot down three ME109's and lost two P38's



Round the Skunkworks

By Tim Peters



Activity at the Skunkworks has been at a feverish pitch this month. The latest effort is a 'finishing project' for an airplane that has been a favorite of mine for a long time. I had an *Andrews Aeromaster* Biplane back in the early 1980's. I made the mistake of telling my dad (also an R/C flyer) to take it with him to Texas where my parents were spending the winter. I didn't need to twist his arm over that as we both flew the *Aeromaster* and found it to be a great flyer with really gentle and predictable landings. (*Oftentimes biplanes can be temperamental at touchdown.*)

The kits for the *Aeromaster* are no longer in production, so I was really surprised and pleased to see one at the *Lincoln Sky Knights* auction in February of this year. The plane appeared to be well-built and finished with a combination of red/white sunburst and checkerboard patterns. All I needed to do was install the engine and radio gear and finish some covering on the fuselage (also fuel-proof the firewall and tank area).



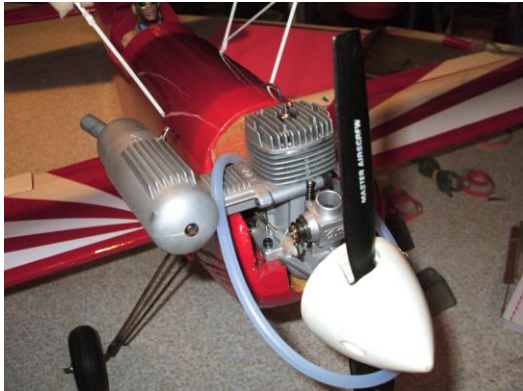
The original plans utilized a single aileron servo on the lower wing (no ailerons on the upper wing); the servo was mounted in the center section and used bell cranks to drive the ailerons. I removed that setup as I wanted individual servos driving each aileron. It required removing and reapplying some of the sunburst and checkerboard but the result is worth the effort. Landing gear and both wings are attached using rubber bands; the upper wing actually has cutouts for the bands to pass through. I really appreciated that the wing alignment struts and landing gear were already assembled, soldered and painted. That saved a bunch of time.



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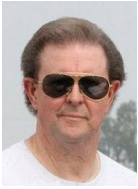


Round the Skunkworks Cont.



Rebuild of a Favorite Old Airplane

By Jim Henley



These photos show the phases of my effort to rebuild an old favorite, a *Great Planes 1/5 scale Space Walker*. I have had this airplane since 2004 or 2005, but toward the middle of last year I managed to crash it while flying out at *Mead Field*. My first reaction seeing the fuselage in two pieces and the wing covering shredded, was that the plane was a total loss. I checked some of the on-line sites, but could not find anyone who had one or that had parts for sale.

After letting the plane sit for several months I took the pieces and laid them out on the work bench to see what I had. Once I figured out how the airplane was constructed, I deconstructed the front of the fuselage so I could make new parts.

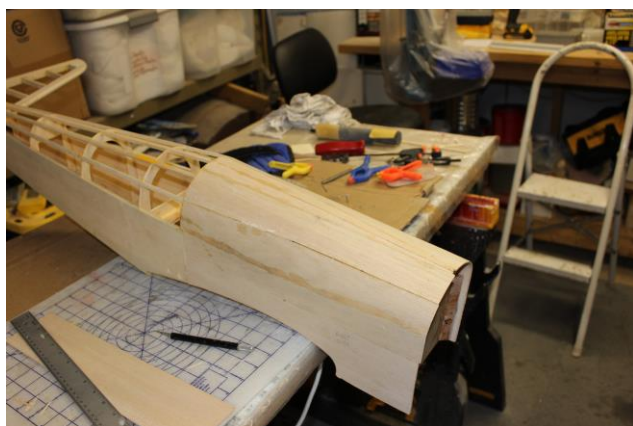
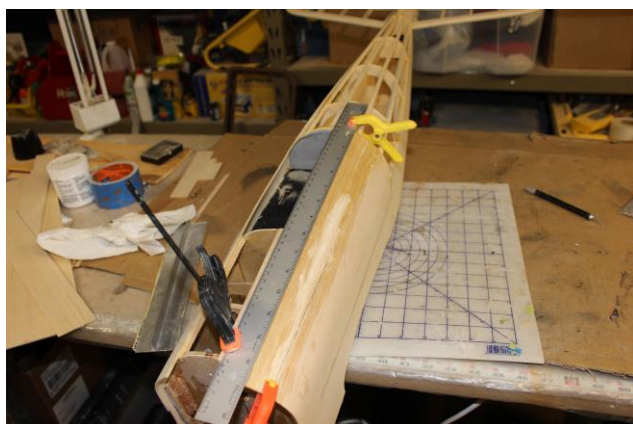
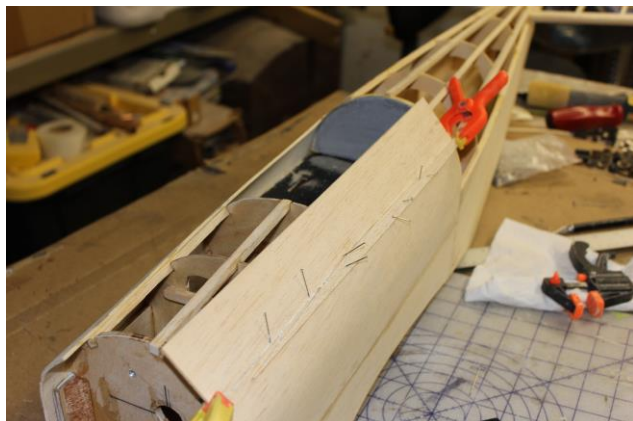
The photos show the new parts and the re-assembly. The fuselage still needed 3/32nd balsa sides added to the nose and all the covering needed to be removed. I will keep the same covering scheme but not the same colors. More will follow as work progresses.



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Up and Away



Launching her powered glider into the wind, Rene Mayo begins the climb out.

FLASH BACK – JULY 2007

Ten years ago **Dean Copeland** was invited to the Top Gun competition held in Lakeland, Florida. Dean had built a Northrop N9MB flying wing with a 10 foot wingspan. Here you see Dean about to do a static run-up of the two electric engines and operate the retracts for curious club members.



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Maiden Flight Sopwith Pup

By Nelson Carpenter



My Balsa USA 1/4 scale Sopwith Pup made its maiden flight on July 3rd. With the help of my flying buddies (*in no special order...*) Larry Woscyna, Tall Larry Inness, Tom Wild, Loren Blinde, Jack Berry, Doug Clemetson, and Rene Mayo. Yes, it took that many to get that first flight.

The Pup is powered by a Zenoah G-26 swinging a 16x8 prop. It has a top wingspan of 78 inches and weighs 15 lbs. 6 oz. It's armed with a Vickers machine gun. Covering is Solartex olive drab and antique. Roundel decals by Callie Graphics and lettering by Doityourselflettering.com. The tail skid and main gear have bungee shocks that I devised. Yet this Pup is so light on its feet landing, that it really wasn't necessary.

It flies remarkably well and required absolutely no trimming on its first flight. A very stable aircraft that I will soon be doing loops, wingovers, split "S"s, and victory rolls over the top of Tall Larry's 1/4 scale Pup which is fitted with a smoke system. I will get to shoot him down all the time as we put the two Pups in the air together. He can't shoot me down, because I don't have smoke....



Recently I created three YouTube videos of the maiden flight, including Larry Inness and I flying our two Pups together. Here's the first 8 min. video link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=niWmai0N6n4&t=7s>



Photos by Rene Mayo

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CLUB'S JULY FUN FLY

By Nelson Carpenter



On Sunday July 9th we held the club's July Fun Fly. It was a good day of flying for all.....most all. Many flights were put up. Although the day turned into an oven by mid-afternoon. To be expected this time of the year. Lunch was provided consisting of hot dogs and brats with salads and drinks. Nobody went away hungry. Thank you to Rick Miller, Mike Lawver, Rick Haneline, and Leroy Konecky and others for the effort you made putting on the fun fly!

Mike Lawver gave this report:

"I think we ended up with 20 pilots and 32 aircraft. There were a few who showed up just before the fun fly ended. He had 3 airplanes. We had 2 major crashes, 1 loss of signal/control, and 1 dumb thumbs while low and inverted. Also 1 broken prop from a bad landing and 1 broken gear mount because of a hard landing running out of fuel.in We all left at about 3 o'clock. A long day for me as I was first in the air at 8:30 in the morning. All in all, a good day!"



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~ 2017 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

January 2017

- **Saturday, Jan 17th** - Strategic Air & Space Museum's Indoor Air Show 2015

February 2017

March 2017

April 2017

- **Saturday, April 15th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

May 2017

- **Saturday, May 20th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Electric Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.
- **Saturday, May 27th** – Scale Fun Fly at Mead Field starting 9am.

June 2017

- **Saturday, Jun 10th** – Annual Spring Club Fun Fly and Swap Meet at Mead Field starting at 10:00am. Open flying.
- **Saturday, June 17th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Electric Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

July 2017

- **Sunday Jul 9th** – Western Flyers Open House Fun Fly. Starts at 9:00am with flying until dark.
- **Saturday, Jul 15th** - Old-Timers Fun Fly with Electric Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

August 2017

- **Saturday, Aug 19th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Electric Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.
- **Saturday, Aug 26th** – Bud Hall Large Aircraft Fun Fly. Aircraft restricted to IMAA criteria. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch and flying. Rain date Aug 27th.

September 2017

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

October 2017

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

November 2017

December 2017



Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2017 Membership Application

Please print clearly!

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

AMA Number: _____

Amount Paid: \$ _____

2017 Dues: \$35 (Renewals should be paid by **April 1**) New ___ Renewal ___ (Check One)

Sign Here: _____ Date _____

Membership application subject to approval. AMA membership is required.

Make Checks Payable to: Western R/C Flyers

Complete this form and send with check to WRCF Treasurer:

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