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A Word from the President



I hope all of you have your new projects ready to fly. My building is behind schedule due to WORK and other delays BUT! The field is in great shape and it's time to put it to use.

It's been an interesting month for the club's scheduled events. The *Spring Fun Fly* was a very windy day, and not too many folks braved the gusty winds.

As we discussed earlier this year, the July club event is canceled. The 30th annual *Bud Hall Large Airplane Fun Fly* event is set for Saturday August 25, with rain date of Sunday August 26. Let's get ready and make this *Bud Hall* one of the best, especially in light that it is the 30th!

Let's go fly!

~ Rick Miller

Next Meeting: TBD



Vice-President's Corner



It has been slow for me lately. Only been out flying a couple of times for a while. Cousin is visiting from California so been busy with him. We took a trip to Tucson, Arizona for almost two weeks to go to our aunt's 90th birthday party. Got a lot of visiting done with people we haven't seen in years. Hope the weather cools down so we can do some flying.

Go out and Fly!

~ Rick Haneline



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Treasurer's Report



Flying has not been plentiful due to a lot of rain and wind but did manage to get out a few times in the heat. The field has been in great shape and would like to thank the crew for keeping it that way. Not seeing that ugly tree sticking out where it can grab your plane is a pleasure.

Treasury is stable and looks like we have a solid 44 members for the 2018 season. Only change is that the port-a-potty cost has gone up about \$20.00 per month. With that said make sure you take advantage of it so that the money is well spent.....just saying???

If any of you have receipts for charges resulting from field maintenance etc. please get them into me for reimbursement.

Continue to enjoy our fine field and be safe.

Your Treasurer ~ **Dean Copeland**

~ *Dues 2018 ~

*Application for membership or paying member dues may be mailed to:

Dean Copeland, Treasurer
15668 Fountain Hills Dr.
Omaha 68118

NOTE: Please include your postal mailing address when sending in dues. Also your phone number and current e-mail address.



Rutting, Bites, and Sharp Objects

By Nelson Carpenter



Folks, continue to take care when driving your vehicles into the pits and the parking area. Especially after a rain when the entire ground is so wet that it could easily be rutted. It's the rutting we want to avoid so that the grass can be maintained.

Mosquitoes! They're back. As you might imagine, with all the rain and now the heat, these pesky mosquitoes will be looking for Western Flyers victims. Worse yet, West Nile has been detected in nearby Lancaster County. Early and late in the day beware. Protect yourselves! Article below.

The last two issues of *Tailspin* we brought to everyone's attention the accidents three of our club members have had with props and an X-Acto knife cutting one of them badly. Well since the June issue, it has happened again. Number four. You can read about it in **Jud Bock's "Stitch Story"** found within the newsletter.

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30th Annual Bud Hall

Large RC Airplane Fun Fly**

- Required Min. 80" Mono - 60" Multi-Wing - or true 1/4 Scale -
Mead Field* Saturday Aug 25th
Fee \$10 - Lunch/Soda
~ AMA Sanctioned Event ~
Rain date 26th

AMA Required to Fly - Wide Open Space - Large Runway - Easy access Pits
* Located 3.7 miles S. of Mead from Sinclair station on Hwy 92. Watch for signs at field entrance. **Non-scale airplanes allowed.

Round the Skunkworks

By Tim Peters



It wasn't that long ago that I was complaining how cold it was. It seems like we've had maybe (3) decent flying days so far in 2018. Why is that? Because shortly after the calendar seemed to read 'January the 95th', it turned into August. So bring on the 'how hot is it' jokes....

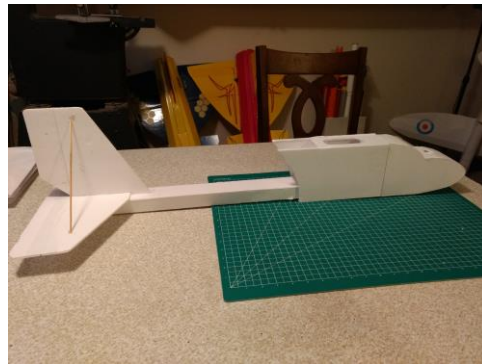
- *It is so hot that my dog was chasing a cat and they were both walking.*
- *It is so hot that you can use the seat belt buckle in your vehicle as a Monokote iron.*

Yeah, it's hot, but it's only 102 degrees if you figure in the 'wind -chill' factor. Having said all that, what better way to spend an early summer day but with a 'hot glue' gun and some foam board sheets? Once again I have succumbed to the lure of *Flite-Test* and concocted another one of their creations. This time it's the *Flite-Test Explorer*, a high wing pusher-style 4 channel electric plane intended for FPV equipment.

I like the simplicity of assembly and the fact that it's about as close to a 'disposable plane' as you can get. The airframe is complete, just waiting on the motor to arrive. I'll test fly it a little; ultimately I'll fit it with the 'version #1' FPV assembly I was using with the Olympic sailplane.

I did a brief visit to the *WRCF spring fun fly* on Sunday, June 10. Did I mention it was hot? And windy? Weather-wise, it was one of those days where if get handed lemons you make lemonade...and lots of it! I managed one flight with my .40 nitro *Decathlon*. It was definitely a day for larger airplanes that handle the wind although I saw Ken Peterson and his son doing a great job with some EDF jets and smaller aircraft.

How many days until fall??



Mead Field Weather Station

<https://www.wunderground.com/personal-weather-station/dashboard?ID=KNEMEAD2>



Food and Flying

By Loren Blinde



We have some exceptional dining opportunities not that far from the field. I will get this started with some of my favorites and perhaps you can send more of them to Nelson and expand our culinary horizons, if not our waistlines. Call it "Trip Advisor for Western Flyers" ... I would give each of these places 5 stars.

G & L Café, Mead

I regret not having found this gem long ago. The "G" is Gene, the Greek chef, and "L" is Layla, the lady who keeps things organized. Located in the heart of downtown



Mead, right across the street from the Post Office. A well-rounded menu for lunch or dinner. Daily specials and some of the best homemade soups you will find. I love Gyros and those crafted by Gene are the best I have ever had, anywhere! Closed Sunday and Monday. You could call ahead for a take-out order and treat your flying buddies to a great meal at the field.

Stockyard Cafe, Wahoo

If you've ever contemplated a magnificent breakfast on the way to the field, this is the place! Located next to the Wahoo Stockyards, and



right across the street from the Fairgrounds, come on in. Breakfast only, open 700 to 10:30, closed the last weekend of the month in consideration to the sanity of Cheryl, the lovely proprietor. I once told the waitress that if I ever had the choice of a last meal, it would be Stockyards Hash-Browns! If you're a greasy spoon breakfast devotee, you may have just found Nirvana. As an added bonus, you can exit the premises, heading east, and arrive 2 miles north of our field via Road K.



Don's Bar, Memphis



If your route to the field takes you up highway 66, you might take a short detour into Memphis and check out Don's Bar. Whether you want to unwind with a beer, or enjoy lunch or dinner, this is a great place. Specials every day, decent burgers and friendly service. I've never been disappointed. If you're inclined to fish at Memphis Lake, you can get an order of bait to go ...

So there are my hangouts, what are yours?

G & L Café - Mead



Stockyard Café - Wahoo



Don's Bar - Memphis



“The Stitch Story”

By Jud Bock



new “Double Diamond Demon”.



Jud with his Demon

(Editor note: No, he didn't cut off his arms too.)

I spotted the kit on line last fall and ordered it. It was a tough build, the biggest Old Timer I have built to-date, and not sure I would do it again. However, the finished product looks pretty good and this was to be the second flight as I had tested flew it some weeks previous.

I assembled it and installed the big 5S 4000 battery (needed to power the .60 size electric in it) and carried it to the flight line. I would like to mention at this point, and most of you already know this, these big electric motors swinging the razor sharp props should have nothing but respect from us. I think I was the first in the area to implement the safety feature of using a long rubber band wrapped around the tranny and hooked onto the throttle stick holding it in the idle position, so that even if you inadvertently hit it, nothing would happen. In the old days, transmitter sticks had indents, (*notches or clicks*) and even if you accidentally tapped them, they would not move more than a notch or two. Now days, the new units have no indents and are free flowing. I personally don't care for the indent-less sticks, but I am old school. In addition to try to prevent an accident from happening, I also use a circuit breaker type of switch on all of my bigger electrics, trying to do everything possible to prevent accidents from happening.

So, after carrying the “Demon” to the flight line, I plugged in the hot plug, tested the controls and gave it the power. The plane flew well, and after flying around for the duration of the battery, I landed and walked out to the runway to pick up my plane. For the record, my mind wasn't plugged in, because if it was, I would have pulled the rubber band around the tranny and secured the

throttle, and at the same time, I would have pulled the circuit breaker from the plane completely disabling all of the electrics. Instead, having another “*Senior moment*”, I picked up the big bird, and carried it to the holding area. I set it down, and you have already guessed where this is going, I accidentally brushed the throttle stick, and immediately felt the “*bang, bang*” on my hand.

I knew what those two strikes were immediately and moved the throttle stick to off. I looked down at my hand and could see blood coming out of it like a faucet. I set the plane and tranny down and went to my box looking for a towel. Nothing was there, so I walked over where Dennis was cooking lunch, and asked him if he had any paper towels. He looked in his food box, and found some napkins', so I took a handful and found some duct tape in my field box and wrapped the hand up. By this time, some of the others came over, and looked at the hand squirting blood and said, “*you need stiches*”. By now the paper towels were soaked with blood, so I got more, and one of the guys helped me wrap it up better.



They all helped me put the planes and accessories in the van and I drove to *Council Bluffs* to the hospital where I generally go, and had the hand attended to. An hour and a half later, I walked out of there with 4 stiches and a bandaged hand. At the field, **Tim Peters** was bound and determined to either drive me or follow me, and it took me a while to convince him that I was O.K. I do want to thank him for his concern.

So, Guys and Gals, you all know how dangerous this hobby can be with the sharp things we handle and play with every day we are out there. And no matter how careful you are, “*s--- happens*”, so you have just got to take your time and get your brain in gear before you engage. Happy flying and may calm winds be out of the south, blue skies with fluffy clouds descend upon you..... Jud



West Nile Virus and You

What Is West Nile Virus?



West Nile virus (WNV) is a potentially serious illness. Experts believe WNV is established as a seasonal epidemic in North America that flares up in the summer and continues into the fall. This fact sheet contains important information that can help you recognize and prevent West Nile virus.

What Can I Do to Prevent WNV? The easiest and best way to avoid WNV is to prevent mosquito bites.

- When you are outdoors, use insect repellents containing an

EPA-registered insect repellent. Follow the directions on the package.

- Many mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn. Be sure to use insect repellent and wear long sleeves and pants at these times or consider staying indoors during these hours.
- Make sure you have good screens on your windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out.
- Get rid of mosquito breeding sites by emptying standing water from flower pots, buckets and barrels. Change the water in pet dishes and replace the water in bird baths weekly. Drill holes in tire swings so water drains out. Keep children's wading pools empty and on their sides when they aren't being used.

What Are the Symptoms of WNV?

• **Serious Symptoms in a Few People.** About one in 150 people infected with WNV will develop severe illness. The severe symptoms can include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis. These symptoms may last several weeks, and neurological effects may be permanent.

• **Milder Symptoms in Some People.** Up to 20 percent of the people who become infected will display symptoms which can include fever, headache, and body aches, nausea, vomiting, and sometimes swollen lymph glands or a skin rash on the chest, stomach and back. Symptoms can last for as short as a few days, though even healthy people have been sick for several weeks.

• **No Symptoms in Most People.** Approximately 80 percent of people (about 4 out of 5) who are infected with WNV will not show any symptoms at all, but there is no way to know in advance if you will develop an illness or not.

How Does West Nile Virus Spread?

• **Infected Mosquitoes.** Most often, WNV is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected when they feed on infected birds. Infected mosquitoes can then spread WNV to humans and other animals when they bite.

How Soon Do Infected People Get Sick? People typically develop symptoms between 3 and 14 days after they are bitten by the infected mosquito.

How Is WNV Infection Treated? There is no specific treatment for WNV infection. In cases with milder symptoms, people experience symptoms such as fever and aches that.....

West Nile cont.....

....pass on their own, although illness may last weeks to months even in healthy persons. In more severe cases, people usually need to go to the hospital where they can receive supportive treatment including intravenous fluids, help with breathing, and nursing care.

What Should I Do if I Think I Have WNV? Milder WNV illness improves on its own, and people do not necessarily need to seek medical attention for this infection though they may choose to do so. If you develop symptoms of severe WNV illness, such as unusually severe headaches or confusion, seek medical attention immediately. Severe WNV illness usually requires hospitalization. Pregnant women and nursing mothers are encouraged to talk to their doctor if they develop symptoms that could be WNV.

What Is the Risk of Getting Sick from WNV?

• **People over 50 at higher risk to get severe illness.** People over the age of 50 are more likely to develop serious symptoms of WNV if they do get sick and should take special care to avoid mosquito bites.

• **Being outside means you're at risk.** The more time you're outdoors, the more time you could be bitten by an infected mosquito. Pay attention to avoiding mosquito bites if you spend a lot of time outside, either working or playing.

• **Risk through medical procedures is very low.**

All donated blood is checked for WNV before being used. The risk of getting WNV through blood transfusions and organ transplants is very small, and should not prevent people who need surgery from having it. If you have concerns, talk to your doctor.

• **Pregnancy and nursing do not increase risk of becoming infected with WNV.** The risk that WNV may present to a fetus or an infant infected through breast milk is still being evaluated. Talk with your care provider if you have concerns.

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/westnile, or call CDC at 800-CDC-INFO (English and Spanish) or 888-232-6348 (TTY).

Source: Dept of Health and Human Services
Center for Disease Control and Prevention





~ 2018 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

Schedule for 2018 club events to be set and posted within **Metro Area RC Flying** website calendar. Our dates will be provided to Keith who maintains that website.
http://www.metrorcflying.com/metro_schedule.htm



Western R/C Flyers Inc. **2018 Membership Application**

Please print clearly!

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

AMA Number: _____ Dues Paid: \$ _____

2018 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 (new applicants only) and send with check to WRCF Treasurer:
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