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### A Word from the President



As I'm sure you all have heard, **Tim Peters** has stepped down as the President of the *Western RC Flyers*. This Club has been able to provide a place to fly, host flying events and provide opportunities for new pilots to learn how to fly through the efforts of volunteers like Tim. Although I haven't known Tim that long, I have benefitted from his hard work and appreciate what he has done for this Club. All of us owe him our thanks and gratitude for his efforts throughout the years. If I may speak for the club members of the *Western RC Flyers* - **Thank you Tim, and well done.**

Given that the Vice President's position is now vacant, and through discussions with the other officers, I have asked **Scott Kuhn** if he would like to serve as the interim Vice-President until elections this fall. Scott has graciously accepted, and I thank him for his willingness to fill the vacancy.

In transitioning into these roles, I am hopeful that you will all be patient while we learn the duties of the offices. As always, your participation in this club is welcome, and much appreciated.

**See you at the Field - Brian Peterson**



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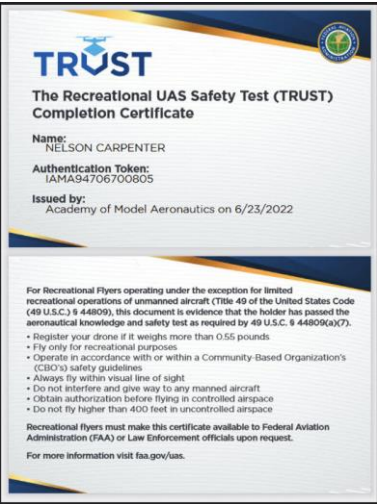
<https://www.modelaircraft.org/trust>

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Beware that we are subject to on-the-spot check by law enforcement to insure certification by each individual flyer. Sample certificate below. Let's don't jeopardize our ability to fly at Mead.

Again, thank you all.



# Treasurer's Report



Want to wish Tim Peters the very best and thank him for the great job he has done for the WRCF club. Also want to welcome Brian as our new President, he has shown his skills and desire in making this a great club by heading up the work done on the new safety fence and many other projects.

The June 4th sale at Bud Kilnoski's driveway sale netted the WRCF's over \$30.00 from the donation part of the sale.

Since the weather was not favorable for the Fun Fly on Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>, it was cancelled. Will miss the fun part of the Fun Fly i.e. the telling of stories whether true or false.

Membership renewals have pretty much come to a halt, however we are at the largest number of members (currently at 58) that we have had for some time. And what does that say? Just maybe we are one of the best RC clubs around.

Happy Landings ~ Dean Copeland



# 2022 Membership thru June 30<sup>th</sup>

	<b>2022 Members</b>		<b>AMA</b>
1	Doug	Lichti	239294
2	Luke	Hughes	1137442
3	Rick	Sessions	105968
4	Dean	Copeland	700148
5	Bud	Kilnoski	7572
6	Jim	Hoff Jr.	858014
7	Tim	Peters	41409
8	Loren	Blinde	91210
9	Tim	Ryan	1151475
10	Tom	Floyd	130852
11	David	Reiber	281
12	Brian	Peterson	112922
13	Tom	Wild	129512
14	Dan	Fitzgerald	1189735
15	David	Wirka	626413
16	Robert	Boumstein	N/A
17	Doug	Clemetson	1079758
18	Jim	Drawbaugh	1215297
19	Jack	Barry	741022
20	Nelson	Carpenter	5730
21	Barry	Rubin	525069
22	Rich	Jonas	997091
23	Larry	Inness	883391
24	Jack	Wilhelmi	49304
25	Mark	Derby	1046242
26	Skip	Brown	90624
27	Jim	Simonitch	108012
28	Jim	Henley	816592
29	Dean	Howard	n/a

	<b>2022 Members</b>		<b>AMA</b>
30	Don	Pieken	491585
31	Frank	Trouba	54712
32	Mike	Lawver	1010979
33	Rick	Haneline	445993
34	Michael	Watson	794778
35	Ruel	Roy	313239
36	Bud	Mitchell	747892
37	Gary	Striplin	621001
38	Ricky	Majors	441663
39	Mike	Vlcek	101775
40	Rich	Setlak	735901
41	Larry	Woscyna	1061039
42	Earl	Pollard	865026
43	James	Ogden	390498
44	Scott	Kuhm	509990
45	John	Mille	390177
46	Jud	Bock	558416
47	Skip	Prusha	333250
48	Jacob	Brown	596446
49	Jeff	Jacobs	422320
50	Bernie	Baker	928732
51	Steve	Rasmussen	1086761
52	Rich	Walker	923881
53	Bob	Wheeler	775001
54	Don	Fiedler	1082603
55	Carroll	Jolly	847183
56	Bob	Wheeler	775001
57	Duwayne	Schmelzer	655512
58	Rene	Mayo	1038588

Source: Dean Copeland, Treasurer

## Aviation Weather Forecast at Wahoo Municipal Airport, Nebraska



<http://www.usairnet.com/cgi-bin/launch/code.cgi?Submit=Go&sta=KAHQ&state=NE>

<https://westernrcflyers.org>





# A.M.A. Nats

By Brian Peterson

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Summer is now in full swing, and we've only got one fun Fly under our belts, but there is some flying taking place, despite the windy/stormy weather. July is a special month for me this year because I will be going to the AMA Scale NATS, in Muncie, Indiana. I'll be taking my Zero and flying in the Fun Scale class since the Zero is a prebuilt airplane. I've been there twice as a spectator but now I'll be able to experience this event as a contestant.

It's quite a drive (10 hours) and I will be going through some hostile territory (Chicago). I had thought about putting a tail gunner on the trailer, but my wife didn't think it was a good idea. Anyway, I'm very excited about the trip and the opportunity. Full report will be in next month's newsletter.

Until next month, "See you at the Field Nats"  
Brian

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## 33rd Annual Bud Hall

### Large RC Airplane Fun Fly\*\*

- Required Min. 80" Mono - 60" Multi-Wing - or true 1/4 Scale -

Mead Field\* **Saturday Aug 20th**

Bud Hall circa 1985

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.

## CIRRUS SR22 MAIDEN FLIGHT

On June 27<sup>th</sup>, a "Top 10 Fly Day" at Mead Field, Dean Copeland maiden his 97" span Cirrus SR22. Powered by a DLE 30. It flew very well. Dean recently bought this model from a friend in western Nebraska whose club lost their flying field and they unfortunately dissolved.



## FLASHBACK 2007

### June 9th Old Timers Fun Fly Report

The wind was a little strong out of the south-southwest but not strong enough to keep us on the ground. In fact we were able to catch some rising air at times, so the flying was good. We had visitors from Grand Island join us, among them was John Anderson. He was interesting to listen to and tried to fly. But as John said, he flew on instruments because of his eye sight. It was Quaker day and we had 5 Quaker planes. Frank Wisniski flew his new Quaker for the first time and it flew great with only a slight change in the trim settings.



According to Loren Blinde: "We had visitors from Grand Island and the usual local suspects. The predicted winds gusts of 25 mph were actually the twirling trailing edges of gigantic thermals moving through. I came precipitously close to losing my Quaker out of sight. The field was immaculate, the hot-dogs tasty, the company wonderful, and I'm already looking forward to July."

All the flyers seemed to have a good time and are looking forward to the next Old Timers Fun Fly in July. See more photos below. The June Old Timers emphasis was on the Quaker design. The month of July will be the Playboy design. Come out and join the fun even if you don't have an old timer plane.

~ Bob Burt

# Incident Report and Repair

By **Bernie Baker**

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**Bug Strike?** While flying my P39, I landed and was surprised to see damage to the canopy. As seen in the picture, the canopy was shattered with some broken parts inside the cockpit. **Don Pieken** came up with the idea of a “bug strike” or “bird strike” (although I think I would have seen a bird and/or feathers). I didn't nose the plane over on landing, so we couldn't come up with any other explanation.



**D7 Update.** The repairs to the *Fokker D7* are completed. I used *Koverall* and the original *Behr* latex paint samples to finish it. New golden stag graphics have also been added from *Callie*. Now I'm just waiting for some decent weather to re-maiden the airplane. Happy flying.



**SPECIAL NOTE:** I stumbled across this website when looking to replace my P39 canopy from the bird strike. I was pleasantly surprised at the selection and price (\$11.50). I just received it today and it appears to be good quality.

[Canopies : Park Flyer Plastics, Official Website of ParkFlyer Plastics Hobby Accessories](http://www.parkflyerplastics.com) [Texas, USA](http://www.parkflyerplastics.com)

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## MEAD FIELD WEATHER

<https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KNEMEAD16>

UPGRADED STATION

SEND ME A PHOTO OF YOUR LATEST, OR OLDEST, AIRPLANE. A ONE LINE DESCRIPTION IS ALL YOU NEED IF NOT WANTING TO SAY A LOT ABOUT IT. I WOULD LIKE TO RUN THESE IN THE NEWSLETTERS. THANKS, NELSON

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## WHEN YOU JUST GOTTA GET YOUR PLANE TO THE FIELD.....



- Above was seen about to depart the field one day. Most of us had to do a "double take." The mystery plane was wrapped and secured for the trip back to Omaha. The owner and his dog wish to remain unknown.



# Flyin' in the Ozarks

By Dave Kelly

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Summer has arrived. Last year at this time I was so busy organizing and unpacking, tearing down and rebuilding a deck, building a shop, and repainting our house I had little time for my RC Toys.

What a difference a year makes. I mentioned to a friend yesterday, that the air has a unique aroma today. She said "Welcome to the Ozarks". That scent is a blend of the lake, the foliage and humidity. She said you can definitely smell summertime here, and I must agree.

This past month has brought a lot of fantastic days to fly. Even though the rains were plenty, a very mild pleasant day would show every three or four days. The LORCS just had their annual fun fly with ALL PROCEEDS donated to the *American Cancer Society*. There were 39 pilots registered. Sunny skies, mild temps, and little wind made for a fantastic turnout. Open flying all day, great food, prizes and an auction. Initial report I have heard is just over \$5,000 was raised for a great cause. As you pull into the entrance of our field a sign says we fly to have fun. That they do - that they do. Team leaders are Dave and Frank. Dave can fly anything with a wing and Frank can tear up anything with a wing. Kind of a salt and pepper team, but all is well.

Progress continues on my B-26. Most all the mechanics of each nacelle is complete. Gear, gear doors, accessories trays, firewall and engines (70cc EME Twins). Soon I will be able to modify the wing jig to hold wing right side up. Finish inner and outer flap sections, wiring, outer attachment points to join outer panels, and sheeting. Still a long way to go. But as summer hits, it's fun to stay inside the AC and work on the other side of this hobby, building. Soon I'll need to use the full length of my work surface for the 12' wing. No matter how big you build it, you can always need bigger.

Today is to be a mild day, it's 73 as I write to you now, and topping off at 89. Sunny and light winds..... Sounds like a great day to fly. But our plan is to ride Harley's and listen to college baseball. It's our anniversary (45 yrs) and it should be another pleasant day in the Ozark's indeed.





# Meister Scale ME 109

By Larry Inness

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The hot and windy weather made it easy for me to start a building project during the summer. I usually save building for the winter months because I'm likely to have repairs on "mishaps" at the flying field during the summer.

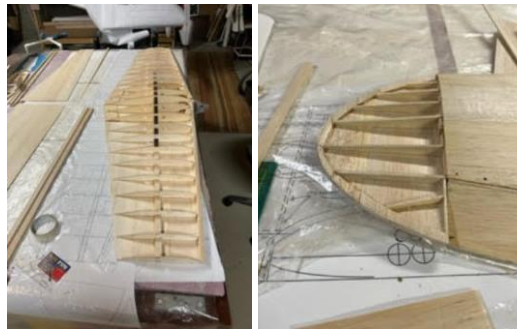
Having built several kits, I had never built one from Meister Scale kits. I found a ME 109 on RC Groups. The kit was incomplete so some of the formers and ribs had to be built. The plans are vague and sometimes inaccurate. The instructions are on sheets of paper stapled in the corner. I love a challenge and this one is a good one.

The wingspan is 84" and recommended engine size is 2.0-3.2. I decided on a DLE 55 with a Bennett muffler. The engine has two degrees down and right offset. Sanding sealer is applied to all the sheeting. Koverall material is then applied with sticks-it and two coats of Poly acrylic with micro-balloons fill the weave nicely. I manufactured my own retracts in an effort to minimize potential problems. I decided to build the canopy since I wanted more scale like framing. The plans did not show any details on wing tips so I used my own design.

The aluminum spinner is 6 1/4 inches in diameter and was uncut. A German pilot and scale instrument panel add the finishing touches.

I'm pleased with the final results and you will see the paint scheme at the field Saturday.

Happy flying!  
Larry



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# FFF 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Swap Meet

By Scott Kuhn

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I would consider our *Fremont Frontier Flyers* swap meet a big success, it keeps getting bigger every year. We had sellers from multiple towns around the area and others from as far away as Wichita Ks. We had more sellers this year than ever before (*previous 2 years lol*) which means it is catching on...I hope.

It was a beautiful day to be outside and a good time was had by all. As always, affordable concessions were available as were even a few complimentary beverages later in the day, mixed up by the coolest yet most ridiculously impractical invention ever marketed in my opinion...the "Tail Gator" gas powered blender, which was enjoyed by and giggled at by nearly everyone with in sight or earshot.

Sales by guests and club members alike were numerous and purchases of ONLY the necessities were kept to a minimum ...yeah right! Lol I hope that everyone present would agree that it was a very good day.



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## Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule\*

\*Western RC Flyers calendar: <https://westernrcflyers.org/a/szz/r/rc/calendar>

\*Metro Area RC Flying calendar: [http://www.metrorcflying.com/metro\\_schedule.htm](http://www.metrorcflying.com/metro_schedule.htm)



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### **Membership Renewal and Application 2022**

Membership application subject to approval. Current AMA membership is required.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

AMA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**2022 Dues: \$35.00** (Renewals due by **April 1st**)

Sign Here: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### **Checks Payable to: Western R/C Flyers**

Complete this form (new applicants only); Current members send payment and include AMA number. Applicants provide AMA number, postal address, and email address. send to:

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