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## TAILSPIN NEWSLETTER

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### A Word From The President:

Well the weather was a little shaky for the Fun fly, but my son and I went and participated. It was a fun time. Joe Halamek and the club did a great job with the event.

The Quickie 500 races last month were a success. We ran 3 classes with 5 heats each. We have a lot of people running more than one class. The wind was an issue; fortunately it was down the runway and not a crosswind. The racing action was great and intense. What FUN! Not only that, but it was exciting as well. Especially when I fired up that new Nelson engine. Talk about pulling the tail of the Tiger, it was a monster.

We had good attendance at our events even though some of our local and club regulars had graduations etc. and couldn't be there. Its time to plan for our June 2 event of the IMAA fun fly, so get your planes in shape.

The fields look great and to the field maintenance group we express our gratitude.

*Thanks*

*~ Rick Miller*

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### Treasurer's Report:

*To be provided at the June club meeting.*

*Thank You!*

*~ Bob Zitzlperger*

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### Next Meeting:

**7:00pm Tuesday, June 5, 2007**

**Location: Springfield Flying Site**

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### Vice-President's Corner:

Someone recently told me "If you live in Nebraska, you can expect plenty of wind." For the entire month of May we have found that to be true as it affected our flying. The wind certainly interfered with several fun flies that were scheduled this past month.

The club owes a big thanks to those who maintain our two flying fields. In particular Steve Byerly, who provided a sprayer for dandelions, and Dustin Anderson for both their efforts this Spring with getting the fields in such good shape. Of course the others who routinely mow and maintain the fields are to be thanked as well. It is much appreciated.

First Aid kits. How many of you keep one either in your flight box or vehicle? I do. And it came in handy at the Old Timers event a few weeks ago. Someone stuck his hand through the arch of a swinging prop and got a pretty good cut. The antiseptic and gauze I had came into good use. I was thankful as was the injured flyer that there was a first aid kit available. The next day I went to Walgreens and purchased a fresh all-purpose first aid kit by Johnson & Johnson. Over 170 items in a compact plastic box for \$15.00. Consider getting yourself one for the unexpected emergency at the field. I'll have mine with me at the field at all times.

Some more fun fly events coming up in June, not to mention the regular weekday evening open flying.

*Come out and fly!*

*~ Nelson Carpenter*

## May Meeting News:

During the May meeting at Springfield we discussed the results of the April auction. Several ideas were placed on the table to



streamline and reduce overall labor required to run our auction. All members present at the meeting agreed that we need to explore our options in these

areas. One of the ideas was to have the sellers place their items directly on the tables as they bring them in, instead of staging them in the impound area. This would reduce our handling the items moving them from the impound to the tables. Another idea was to purchase wireless microphones, and have the auctioneers move from item to item on the tables themselves rather than bringing the items up on the stationary auction block. A handler would lift the item in place, so the sellers can see it. The items would remain on the table in the same spot as they were sold. This would reduce our handling the items from & down the tables, to the block, then to the impound. This would also keep the items in order on the tables when the buyers check out. It would keep us from searching for items on the floor in the impound. We would have members watching the sold items on the tables. This idea may require a different table layout than we had in the past, but something to think about.

These were just a few proposed ideas, and deserve a closer look and discussion before we engage such a major change. If you have any ideas as to how we can streamline and reduce our physical labor at next years auction, please feel free to contact any club officer, or attend our meetings. I reported that we had 27 of the almost 400 mailed, 2007 auction mailers returned for "no such address" and "return to sender". The 2008 mailing list will be updated as time permits.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed, to obtain the Porta-pots for both fields for the 2007 season. Rick is contacting the Porta-pot company and will be getting them installed ASAP at both fields, as we have the last several years. Our plans are to have the Porta-pots from May through September. A motion was made and passed to purchase document frames for the Spring fun fly awards. A total of 9 document frames were purchased. Discussions about the parking at Springfield generated a motion to look into extending the field (*parking area*) by 10 feet West. The motion did not obtain a second, and failed

A motion was made, seconded, and passed, to pay BJSA a minimum of \$125.00 for each of our next auctions. Our auctions normally generates less than this amount for the BJSA each year from the gate proceeds. and since they have been so good to us over the years, it was felt that this was the least we could do for them. All attending members thanked and expressed their appreciation of the BJSA.

*Thanks*

*~ Joe Halamek*

## May 12<sup>th</sup> Old Timers Fun Fly Report

There was an excellent turnout for the May 12<sup>th</sup> Old Timers Fun Fly held at Mead. There were 8 pilots and 5 guests at the Old Timers spring round up. The flyers were Frank Wisniski, Dick Behrens, Olie Olson, Gale Sherman, Ed Splittgerber, Jim Drickey, Loren Blinde and Bob Burt. Our guests were Bud Mitchell, Dustin Anderson, Nelson Carpenter, Larry Austin and Loren's girl friend. With the calm winds we got in some great glide times, and even some aerobatics. For those that were not there, you missed a great time. See more photos on page 4.



At the June old timers the emphasis will be on Quaker design, and the following month Playboy design. Come out and join the fun even if you don't have an old timer plane.

*~ Bob Burt*

## *~ SPRING IMAA FUN FLY ~*



**WHEN:** Saturday June 2, 2007 at 10:00 AM.

**WHERE:** Mead Field.

**WHO:** IMAA members and guests with large size aircraft meeting IMAA criteria. 80" monoplane, 60" biplane, or true  $\frac{1}{4}$  scale model.

**COST:** Landing Fee is \$5.00.

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## Featured Western Flyer

### Club's Top Gun 2007 Participant

*Note: Club member Dean Copeland (shown with his Wing below) was invited to the Top Gun competition May 2 thru 7, 2007 held in Lakeland, Florida where he entered his Northrop N9MB flying wing. With a 10 foot wingspan, it is a beauty. The following is based on an interview with Dean, and a report provided by a former Omaha area modeler, Ed Mooney, now living in Lakeland:*



According to Ed, the Wing flew great on the first 8 minute flight, and Dean finished all the required maneuvers. But when he brought it in for landing, the wing started to drift, and it rolled off the runway into sand where the nose gear collapsed. The impact folded the front gear back into the radio compartment. Dean was unable to complete the necessary number of flights as a result. Further, he was faced with some extensive repairs to be ready for the next day's static judging. The wing itself and the scale detail finish on top were not damaged. Consequently, Dean believed it was too much repair work to be ready for the static judging so he regretfully withdrew from the competition. Dean did get the plane repaired with exception of some radio damage and was able to have it on display Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Many of the Top Gun judges personally expressed their disappointment to Dean over his mishap, and said they admired and appreciated his Northrop wing that was so different than all the common Cubs, jets, war birds, etc. Also everyone was even more impressed with the flight of the wing which they thought amazing. Ed concluded that *"If Dean could have completed all the required flights and judging, I'm sure he would have scored way up at the top."*

However, Dean did not go away empty handed. He was awarded a Special Recognition trophy for his efforts along with a bottle of wine and \$100.00. Dean was also approached by the publishers of Quiet Flight; they want to make his plans available to other filers.

Dean hopes to be invited back next year with his Northrop wing. He will have a year to be ready and polished.

~ Nelson Carpenter



*Bob Burt (yes...check the bandage..) has put in a lot of time and effort to pull off many great fun flies for the club. He's a good hot dog cook too! One of his recent fun flies was the Old Timers event on May 12<sup>th</sup> at Mead.*

### ~ JUNE OLD TIMERS FUN FLY ~

Dust off your old timer airplane and come out to the **Mead Field** on Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> for another Old Timers Fun Fly. Show up at 9:00 AM. (Ed Splittgerber's two old timers at the May event shown.)



### Graphics for Your Airplane

I found a fellow to make lettering for my 1/4 scale Tiger Moth, he is nice, and prices are reasonable. Contact Duane at **Artfac Graphics** 330-8200 located at 13333 A St Omaha 68144 (behind Skateland 132nd & B) my letters were 2 3/4 inches high and approx 12 long on sheet. I got 4 sets for \$15. He is happy to do it but no rush orders, he does it as fill in to keep cost reasonable. I took my order in on Wednesday and picked it up Friday.

~ Bob Boumstein

## [www.WeFlyRC.org](http://www.WeFlyRC.org)

If you have not visited our website ( [www.WeFlyRC.org](http://www.WeFlyRC.org) ) for a while, we now have a conversion chart that shows “cc to cubic inch,” and “fractional-inch-metric.” Find it under the “Links and More” button. Now when you would like to see what a .40 or a 4.2 is in cc, just look at the tables. Also we have a page with CG & MAC location calculators. Last month we had 13,000 plus hits on our pages, so people are looking at us. We also have downloadable fliers for all of our events, just click the “Events” button on the main page and click the links. Files are pdf savable and/or printable.

We need more photos..... If you have digital photos you would like to submit for use on our website, just send them to [wrcflyers@aol.com](mailto:wrcflyers@aol.com). Please include the pilot's name, and aircraft name.

~ Joe Halamek

*Old Timers Fun Fly May 12<sup>th</sup>* photos left to right: Carrying **Jim Drickey's** old timer airplane to the runway is **Dustin Anderson**; 2<sup>nd</sup> photo everyone is trying to decide whose plane goes where for a group photo; and 3<sup>rd</sup> photo has **Ed Splittgerber** visiting with **Olie Olson** and his giant old timer plane.



*Old Timers Fun Fly May 12<sup>th</sup>* photos left to right: Fueling his Bombshell for another flight is **Frank Wisniski**; middle photo shows three ships lined up ready to take the active runway; and **Gale Sherman** about to launch his bird for an eight minute burn to altitude.



*Spring Fun Fly Event:* Needless to say, windy weather and conflicts with time kept some Western Flyers away from the May 19<sup>th</sup> fun fly. However, there were 10 pilots who did attend the Mead event. But only 5 or 6 were brave enough to put their planes into the gale force winds. During the day, those winds were clocked at 20 to 24 mph with gusts to 30 mph. First photo catches **Bob Burt** “taking out” the competition while **Joe Cole** looks the other way. The strong winds grounded just about everyone, but allowed for good conversation under the shade. **Rick Miller** is seen instructing his son **Austin** on the fundamentals of the glow engine on his first airplane. This is the trainer that Austin (future club president) soloed on recently. Austin flies quite well for the number of flights that he has had which is 8 solo flights. According to his Dad, he probably has about 500 flights on the simulator, and he also flies the Quickie 500 race planes in the AMA 424 class.



# ~ 2007 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

2007 Tuesday Night Fun-Flies, Springfield, Every Tuesday night May 1<sup>st</sup> through September 4th! 2007

(Weather Permitting)

**Food – Fun – Flying – Friends!**

**January  
2007**

**Tuesday, Jan 2nd** - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

**February  
2007**

**Tuesday, Feb 6th** - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

**March  
2007**

**Tuesday, Mar 6th** - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

**April  
2007**

**Tuesday, Apr 3rd** - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)  
**Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** - WRCF Auction Set-Up  
- 7pm, BJSA Building - Bellevue  
**Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** - Annual R/C Auction  
- BJSA Building - Bellevue - Sign in at 8am Auction Starts at 10am (Members should be there no later than 7:45am Auction day)

**May  
2007**

**Tuesday, May 1st** - Meeting  
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food  
**Saturday, May 12th** - Oldtimers Fun Fly  
Spring Round-up  
- Mead Field 9am  
**Saturday, May 19th** - Spring Fun Fly  
Registration 9:00am Events start at 10:00am - Mead field. 3 Events - Awards! Members free, non members \$5, Open flying between events  
**Sunday, May 20th** - Quicke Racing  
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**June  
2007**

**Saturday, Jun 2nd** - Spring IMAA Fun Fly  
- 10am Mead Field (Limited to Giant scale IMAA aircraft, \$5.00 landing fee, Open Flying)  
**Tuesday, Jun 5th** - Meeting  
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food  
**Saturday, June 9th** - Oldtimers Fun Fly  
- 9am, Mead field  
**Sunday June, 10th** - Quicke Racing  
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**July  
2007**

**Tuesday, Jul 3rd** - Meeting  
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site bring a plane, open flying & Food  
**Saturday, July 14th** - Oldtimers Fun Fly - 9am, Mead field  
**Sunday, July 22nd** - Quicke Racing  
- Mead Flying Site - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**August  
2007**

**Tuesday, Aug 7th** - Meeting  
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & food  
**Saturday, August 11th** - Oldtimers Fun Fly  
- 9am, Mead Field  
**Saturday & Sunday, August 18th & 19th** - 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Bud Hall Memorial IMAA Fun Fly  
- Mead Field -9am both days, aircraft limited to IMAA members, large scale aircraft all AMA - IMAA rules apply. May join IMAA at the field.  
(80inch & up monoplanes, 60 inch up biplanes)  
**Sunday, Aug 26** - Quicke Racing  
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**September  
2007**

**Tuesday, Sep 4th** - Meeting  
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & Food (Last Tuesday food will be served)  
**Saturday, September 8th** - Oldtimers Fun Fly  
- 9am, Mead Field  
**Saturday, September 15th** - Open Fun Fly and Outdoor Swap meet  
- Mead Field - Swap Meet set-up after 9:00am, Open Flying @ 10am - 3pm  
**Sunday, Sep 16th** - Quicke Racing  
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**October  
2007**

**Tuesday, Oct 2nd** - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)  
**Saturday, October 13th** - Oldtimers Fun Fly - 9am, Mead Field

**November  
2007**

**Tuesday, Nov 6th** - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)  
- Nominations taken for 2008 Officers

**December  
2007**

**Tuesday, Dec 4th** - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)  
- 2008 Officer elections

**Want to Schedule a 2007 event? Contact any club officer or attend the meetings & let us know!**

**Tailspin Newsletter**  
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**Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2007 Membership Application**

**Please print clearly!**

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Dues Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2007 Dues: \$35** (*2007 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:  
Bob Zitzlsperger 12568 Brownley Circle Omaha, Nebraska 68164**