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AMA 857

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A Word from the President



Greetings *Western RC Flyers*. It is with a sad note that I write. I am resigning from the *Western RC Flyers* as the Presidential officer, effective this date 5/28/2021.

It has been a pleasure to serve the WRCF's and the RC community for a number of years. I have accepted an offer on my current home in Mead, and will be moving out of the area over the remainder of this year. I will be around off and on for this year and in the future. So I may see you folks at the field and club events.

As I hand the reins of the club over to our Vice President. Please give **Tim Peters** all of your support, as I know you would.

I am still dealing with my recovery from knee replacement surgery. So I won't be at the field in the very near future.

Rick Miller, President Western RC Flyers



Vice-President's Corner



Hello again. Hope you had a month filled with flying successes. Sorry to not show at the *WW I / Golden Age* fun fly. I looked at the weather report and it sounded great—temps around 70 degrees and light winds. Batteries were charged and ready. Only problem is that I was about 900 miles away in NW Wyoming.... darn vacations anyway! We did drive by what seemed to be an attractive flying field in Thermopolis, WY. It seemed to be shared with R/C cars and R/C airplanes. We got a little lost while driving a few times. Actually drove through two different herds of cattle being driven up the road from one pasture to another. It was fun to watch the cow/calve pairs as we slowly made our way through the herd. All for this month, see you at the Fun Fly on June 19th. Continue to stay safe.

Come out and fly!

~ Tim Peters

Treasurer's Report



We now have 44 paid up members for the year. Expenses for the month consist of our monthly *Porta Potty*; income of one member renewal.

The WW 1 event is now in the books and proved to be a great turn out with pretty good weather for the most part.

With a little luck we are going to have a more normal summer and a weather pattern with temps in the high 70's to 80.

Continue to stay safe and well.

Happy Landings ~ Dean Copeland

WESTERN RC FLYERS MEMBERS CURRENT MAY 2021

	<u>2021 Members</u>		<u>AMA</u>
1	Jim	Hoff Jr.	858014
2	Mike	Vlcek	101775
3	Marvin	Goldberg	6768
4	Jim	Drawbaugh	1215297
5	Rick	Sessions	105968
6	Brian	Peterson	112922
7	Tim	Peters	41409
8	Loren	Blinde	91210
9	Tim	Ryan	1151475
10	Tom	Wild	129512
11	Larry	Inness	883391
12	Jeff	Jacobs	422320
13	David	Reiber	281
14	Doug	Clemetson	1079758
15	Dean	Copeland	700148
16	Larry	Woscyna	1061039
17	Jack	Barry	741022
18	Dennis	Bender	916241
19	Skip	Brown	90624
20	Jud	Bock	558416
21	Earl	Pollard	865026
22	Richard	Jonas	997091
23	Jim	Henley	816592
24	Don	Pieken	491585
25	Bud	Kilnoski	7572
26	Nelson	Carpenter	5730
27	Frank	Trouba	54712

	<u>2021 Members</u>		<u>AMA</u>
28	Harold	Walsh II	716337
29	Jacob	Brown	596446
30	Jack	Wilhelmi	NA
31	Tom	Floyd	130852
32	Steve	Rasmussen	1086761
33	Michael	Watson	794778
34	Rick	Haineline	445993
35	Rene	Mayo	1038588
36	Bud	Mitchell	747892
37	Mike	Lawver	1010979
38	Dave	Kumm	1080862
39	Scott	Kuhn	509990
40	Dean	Howard	NA
41	Bernie	Baker	928732
42	Curly	Roy	313239
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Source: Dean Copeland, Treasurer



Mead Field Weather Station

Weather conditions reported by Weather Underground. Station is installed at ARDC Farm/Facility Shop adjacent to field.

<https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KNEMEAD2>





Western R/C Flyers
OMAHA NEBRASKA AMA 857

FUN FLY + Swap Meet

Saturday June 19th
MEAD FIELD

Everyone Welcomed! \$5 Landing Fee! Lunch and Pop Provided*
CDC Guidelines Followed Non-flyers & Guests Lunch \$5

Any airplane – Large, Small, Non-scale, Scale, Gas, glow, electric, or no power.

AMA Required to Fly - Wide Open Space – Large Runway – Easy access Pits
Coordinator: Mike Lawver contact MikeLawver@charter.net

Upcoming Club Happenings

We have our three-remaining fun flys to do. These follow the *WWI & Golden Age Fun Fly* held in May. With relaxed COVID restrictions, there will be food and drink available at these three events. Unless things go south on us with the virus and the variants we hear about. But do plan on these events happening!

Event/Date/Coordinator

- **Spring Fun Fly**
June 19th Mike Lawver
- **Old Timers & Gliders Fun Fly**
July 17th Tim Peters & Loren Blinde
- **Bud Hall Giant Scale Memorial Fun Fly**
August 21st Tim Peters

THANKS RICK MILLER!

....for your contribution to the Omaha area modeling community as well as the many years of service within the *Western RC Flyers Club*. Although you will not be completely gone from the area, your club wishes the best and a hardy thank you!



~ Western RC Flyers ~

BACK IN THE DAY – CIRCA 1987 BUD'S FIELD

Planned months in advance, the exercise was to build a *SIG Astro Hog* and fly it at the "Pigs Fly" gathering at *Bud's Field* in Council Bluffs. Every airplane you see in these two photos are SIG Astro Hogs. Some are still flying, or flyable.



Post WWI & Golden Age

By Nelson Carpenter



Several days leading up to the May 15th fun fly had lots of rain and wind. The forecast for the day of our gathering called for a 20% chance of rain. Yet the wind was supposed to be under 15 the entire day. Well we ended up having decent weather. Just cloudy with low wind, and no rain.

We had 31 to 35 attending the all-day fun fly. There was a mix of WWI aircraft and Golden Age that were constantly flying. I only saw one airplane spiral in, but it had repairable damage. Bernie Baker, Larry Inness, and myself managed to get our usual *BUSA Pups* and *Fokker DVII* in the air together for several flights. As many times as we have done this "loose formation flying" we haven't collided yet. But come close.... Here is a short 5 min YouTube video of our chasing around Mead Field.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ch6gNw17Jlo>



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UMS 7-260 Radial Engine

By Tim Ryan



I am a big fan of older aircraft. I love planes with canvas covering, fixed landing gear, and round engines. I've always loved the look and sound of a big old radial engine hanging off the front of a beautiful pre-war airplane. I love golden age single seat fighters, racing planes, trainers and general aviation aircraft.

Last fall, I found myself at an airshow at the Council Bluffs airport. Of course, the beautiful P-51 Mustang, "Gunfighter" was parked on the tarmac, seeing as this is its home base. You could get as close as you wanted, without touching. I know it's a brutal machine designed for one purpose, to destroy the enemy, but it is just gorgeous from any angle, made even more so because it was so damn good at its job. There was also a sinister, black A-26 Invader gunship that had found a way to stay relevant from WWII, even into the Viet Nam era. But my favorite aircraft there was a 1930's era trainer. This biplane had been used to train the brave young men that would go on to fly Mustangs, and Invaders, and every other aircraft used by the Army Air Corps, Navy & Marines in WWII.



It was a blue and yellow Army Stearman PT-17. This model was sporting a 300 hp. Lycoming R-680-13, nine-cylinder radial. Rides were being given, and I just watched it come and go, and marveled at the collection of wire and canvas and the beautiful mechanical lump of an engine, and the sounds it made. This is the same sights and sounds that inspired the greatest generation to risk their hides for our country, and the world in general. I decided that afternoon I had to have a round motor for myself, in one form or another.

Acquiring a running full-scale engine mounted on a trailer is beyond my means. I knew that there are a number of good size radials made for RC planes. I had seen many videos of RC planes featuring radials, most of them the beautiful Moki engines from Germany. I wanted more than 5 cylinders so the engine would look correct when mounted on the front of a Balsa USA 30% scale Stearman. I decided to give the UMS 7 cylinder, 260cc engine a try. So far, this engine from India has been excellent. The engine runs very well, and will idle at 700 to 800 rpm. It swings a 36" X 12" Xoar wood propeller up to 5,700 rpm. It weighs about 15 lbs. and produces about 16 hp. It should pull that Stearman around with authority. I bench ran the motor at the WWI & Golden Age Fun Fly in May, and I hope to have the Stearman ready for next year's event.



Here is a link to a YouTube video this engine running:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8rI709d9Vf4>

Keep 'em Flyin'! - Tim Ryan



SEE YOU AT THE JUNE FUN FLY

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REMEMBERING* RICK MILLER OVER THE YEARS

*Nope, he ain't gone yet...



What is Rick Miller Doing????

1. Demonstrating how he taught 'the karate kid' his famous 'crane move'.
2. Saying "No one is leaving until we find out who ate the last brat!"
3. Claiming he can't understand how 'Dancing with the Stars' could have possibly rejected his audition for this season's cast."
4. Treating the lunch crowd to a Broadway show tune.
5. Mr Miller serenades group with a classic from Westward Ho in *Basso Profundo!*



ATTENTION WESTERN FLYERS MEMBERS

From this date forward the "NO FLYING over the pits" rule will be strictly enforced with severe punishment for offenders.



Missouri Report

From Dave Kelly



Hello all! Shop news.....hmmmm..... I bought a couple batteries that was on sale. A small foamy Nieuport 11. Less than 80\$ to my door. Could not pass it up. Also, some solid core doors to finish up my work bench..... hmmmm..... drove out to the closest RC Field in Eldon MO. Beautiful day, grass freshly cut, nobody there. That's about all.....

What has been occupying my efforts is a garden patio. Cleaning and painting the interior of the garage. Tearing off a deck, as new composite materials arrive next week. So, I need to keep on it. Waiting to hear from my excavation expert, we are going to put in a road out back to give us access into the forest. Make a small clearing down by the spring for a Gazebo or a covered port of some type. Sit in the forest with a campfire and watch the world go by.

It's been a lot of work. Leaving our home in Nebraska, and getting all the little things done (*big ones too*) that makes a home "ours" here in the forested Ozark hills. But...missing all my RC buds. It has put my hobby on a bit of a hold, but I'm getting closer to the workbench. Did I mention I bought some new batteries...?



Aviation Weather Forecast at Wahoo Municipal Airport, Nebraska

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

Who Is Up For Some Flying!

SIG R/C Fly-In
"Mike Gretz Memorial"
September 17 & 18, 2021

SIG C/L Fun Fly
September 24 & 25, 2021

For Event Details
Go To: www.sigmf.com

Events will be held at the
SIG Airport in Montezuma, Iowa
email: mail@sigmf.com phone: 641-623-5154

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FUN FLY

Old Timers & Gliders

Saturday July 17th
Mead Field

LANDING FEE \$5.00
LUNCH PROVIDED

Visitors/Guests Lunch \$5.00

NOTE: CDC and State Guidelines to be followed.

Loren Blinde: lblinde@neb.rr.com Tim Peters: tpetersrc@gmail.com

AMA Required to Fly - Wide Open Space - Large Runway - Easy Access to Pits



The Texan

By Bernie Baker



I acquired a Zirolti AT-6 Texan from another club member at a good price. It's a large airplane (101" wingspan) powered by a Sachs 38cc engine. (Sachs engines were typically used in chainsaws back in the day.) I believe the plane is at least 20+ years old, so it had to be gone over from top to bottom. Along with two pounds of lead on the firewall, it needed a couple of new servos, new fuel tank and air tank, rebuilt air retracts, and flap. The engine needed a new spark plug, rebuilt carb, and someone who knew what they were doing to get it started the first time. I'm waiting on a couple of parts, but am hoping to fly it sometime this summer. Many thanks to other club members who helped out along the way - Dean Copeland, Jim Simonich, Larry Inness, and good points from Mike Lawver.



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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 21st

Landing Fee \$5.00 includes lunch
Non-flyers & Guests Lunch \$5.00



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.

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http://www.metrorcflying.com/metro_newsletters.htm

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



The Seven Swabians

By Larry Inness



Just One More Kit is a company developed by Charles Kendrick. He no longer has been making kits but will take special orders. They are museum quality kits and several have been sold by Jon Rider. Jon was a helicopter pilot in the Army. He now has Parkinson's so he is no longer able to build. He asked me to build this kit. A 1/6th scale, *Fokker D VII*.

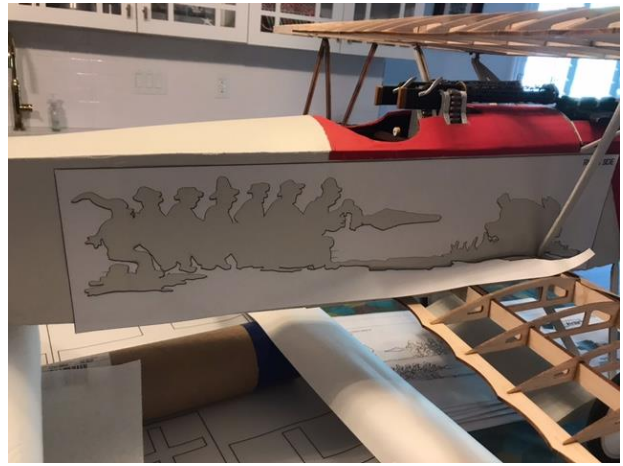
The covering comes from *Arizona Models*. The covering and stencil were developed by the owner, Jamie Johnston.

The covering is painted first. The outline of the seven *Swabians* is placed on the painted covering then traced with black artists pencils. The stencil is cut and traced on vellum paper. (or can be computer printed if made to scale.)

The final step is to color the *Swabians* with artist pencils and brushes. Vinyl graphics would be much easier but not scale on a fabric covering. Wheels, guns and engine were included in the kit.

I enjoyed building this kit and ask Charles to send me a 1/4 scale *DVA Albatross*. I hope it comes soon.

Thanks, Larry



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Western R/C Flyers 2021 Event Schedule*

*Posted on **Metro Area RC Flying** website calendar.

http://www.metrorcflying.com/metro_schedule.htm



Western R/C Flyers Inc.

Membership Renewal and Application 2021

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

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

AMA Number: _____

2021 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. Also, postal and email address.

send to:

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