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## TAILSPIN NEWSLETTER

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### A Word from the President



Well the weather continues to get warmer, and prime flying time is here.

For your info; the club's lawn mowers are serviced, and the new trailer is in the shed.

I have a couple of maiden flights to do soon, and I hope all of you have some new planes to go too. We can look forward to a great new season of fun and camaraderie.

This Sunday (*June 3rd*) we have our scheduled Spring Fun Fly. I will have hot dogs and maybe brats. The weather projection doesn't look the best, but we will be ready anyway as the weather may hold off until late afternoon. The field looks great, hope to see all of you there this Sunday and Tuesday. We should have pizza for the club meeting night on Tuesday. See you there!

Thanks

- Rick Miller

### Vice-President's Corner



We have two club events at the field this month. The annual *Spring Fun Fly* is this Sunday June 3rd, and the monthly *Old Timers/Glider Fun Fly* is on Saturday the 16th.

This summer you will see some good improvements to the flying field. The runway has been widened, and the pit area has shifted a bit further south for those intimidated by the circle of trees at the north corner of our runway. So with the widening and shifting of the pits, there should be no concern about the trees.

Sadly our Omaha area RC community lost a friend who passed away in early May. **Ed Mooney** was known by many as a good friend, great person, and fun to be around. Ed was retired and was residing in Lakeland, Florida the past several years.

As already said; our club has several new members who have joined us this year. It goes without saying that they

### Next Meeting:

**7:00 PM Tuesday - June 7, 2012**

**Location: MEAD FIELD (Bring airplane to fly; food and drink provided.)**



will be made to feel welcomed and our club members will gladly offer help if needed. Importantly, we are a laid back bunch of individuals who simply enjoy flying our airplanes.

I don't have the complete information, but I understand club member **Bob Burt** competed and finished second in a cross country flying event held early in May. It was from Mead Field to the Skyknights flying field in Waverly. Bob made one refueling stop. Good going Bob!

Concerning the newsletter; if anyone has something they'd like to submit to help "fill" the monthly newsletter, it would be greatly appreciated. Again, if you have any photos of event coverage, other hobby related write-ups, photos of your airplane, etc ---- please send them my way. Especially photos!

**Come out and fly!**

- Nelson Carpenter

## Treasurer's Report



A copy of the May 2012 Financial Report will be available at the June 7th meeting.

Thank You!

~ Dean Copeland

## May 2012 Meeting Minutes



The following meeting notes were recorded at the May 3rd club meeting held at Mead Field.

### Old Business:

#### Mowers:

- **Status:** Two of the 3 mowers are in great shape and working well. The remaining 3rd mower is okay and can be used as a backup.

#### Don Neill Scale Event:

- **AMA Sanction:** Has been received from AMA.
- **Sponsors:** We have three (Electrodynamics, Troybuilt, and one other.)
- **Notification:** Event flyers are ready and will be mailed soon.

### New Business:

#### Events:

- **Spring Fun Fly:** This Sunday, June 3, 2012 at Mead Field.

#### Member Accomplishments:

- **Dean Copeland:** Dean competed in the Top Gun competition in Florida this year. He completed in the Masters classification with his scratch built 50% *Cri Cri* scale airplane. (Photo spread page 4)

Dean received the following awards:

- 3rd highest Static score in Masters
- 6th Place overall in the Masters classification
- 6th highest static score out of 48 entries being judged (all classes)
- Outstanding Craftsmanship award
- Runner Up in Best Civilian award
- Higher static score (97.8) than Top Gun winner (97.1)

That's it!

~ Rick Johnson

## Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay



It is often said the total of something is the sum of its parts. Well parts has been something I have sold for model airplane engines for many years. Traditionally most of my mufflers or carburetors were \$19 which was a relatively inexpensive price. Perry carbs in most cases are now list price at \$50 with Tower Hobbies getting in the high thirties as retail. Mufflers have always been \$30 or more from OS and others with an occasional model lesser or higher price. Aftermarket mufflers have run the gamut of pricing.

June 1<sup>st</sup> marks the end of an era for me as I am disposing of all my muffler inventory (\*about 200) as one lot available to whoever wants it all for \$300 plus shipping as it may apply. The same goes true for my carb inventory, probably 150 pieces some even new for \$300 plus shipping or \$400 with another 100 needle valves and parts. Should this sale not be complete to whomever speaks up, it will be bagged up and sold for whatever it brings in smaller lots on eBay. Should it not sell on eBay then I scrap it.

As I have been trying to communicate, the day of the glow engine (not 4 cycles) is past. There will always be some, nothing ever fades away completely. However, there are fewer buyers for these items today and the space they take, the inventory methods, time and effort do not meet the value in return.

Additionally, many of you may not know that I have maintained an extensive file of engine instructions, which I have offered for reprint. I certainly have sold some copies, but frankly I have lost interest. This entire legal file drawer is also for sale for \$150 plus shipping. If someone locally is interested in starting a small home based hobby business, this can be a jumping off point. Everything above comes to \$850, however if some around here will pick it up, the price as one lot is \$800.

Please stop blowing and raining so I can go flying!

See you at the Field!

~ Bob Boumstein



~ UPCOMING EVENTS IN JUNE ~



**Sunday, Jun 3** - Annual Spring Fun-Fly  
 - Mead Field - Check in @ 10:00am, Open Flying

**Tuesday, Jun 5** - Club Monthly Meeting  
 - 7pm, Mead Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food

**Saturday, June 16** - Old Timers & Glider Fun Fly  
 - 9am till 3pm, Mead Field

Website:

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

**Come Fly With Us At The 38th Annual**

"Feature Airplane"  
**RASCAL 110 ARF**  
See 2nd page for details

**SIG R/C Fly-In**

**June 9 & 10, 2012**  
**SIG Field**  
**Montezuma, Iowa**

A R/C Fly-In open to all types of R/C model airplanes - glow, gas, and electric powered.  
 Fun Fly events and special prize drawings for pilots flying SIG and HERR airplanes.

**PRE-REGISTRATION BY MAIL IS RECOMMENDED**  
**ON-SITE REGISTRATION AND TX CHECK-IN AT 8:00 A.M. SATURDAY**  
**PILOT'S MEETING AT 9:00 A.M. SATURDAY AND 8:00 A.M. SUNDAY**  
**FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SITE**

**ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 PER PILOT**

For more information and an Entry Form, contact:  
 Bob Nelson, Contest Director  
 SIG Mfg. Co., Inc.  
 P.O. Box 520  
 Montezuma, IA 50171-0520  
 Phone: 641-623-8154  
 Email: bobnelson@sigmfg.com

**Concession Stand**  
**At Field Both Days**  
 AMA SANCTIONED

On-Site  
**"AERO-PICNIC"**  
 Saturday Evening  
 Once again registered pilots and their family will be treated to a free hamburger cookout at the field, grilled fresh and served by the SIG staff.

**Come Fly With Us!**  
**Only \$35 Year**  
 AMA Membership Required

**REWARDS PROGRAM**

Remember **Hobbytown's Reward Program**. With every purchase by a WF member, the club receives a credit for an amount equal to 1 percent of your purchase. Be sure to mention your **Western Flyers affiliation** when making a purchase at either Hobbytown location.

**Don Neill Memorial Scale Contest**  
**August 25th, 2012**

**AMA Events**  
 520 Fun Scale  
 522 Team Scale  
 Separate categories for civilian and military!  
 Sanction: AMA 12-0987  
 Contest Director: Rick Miller  
 (402) 624-2530  
 rick.miller@kelllogg.com

Join us on Saturday, August 25th at the beautiful Western Flyers club field in Mead, Nebraska for the tri-club sponsored Don Neill Memorial Scale Contest! Your \$10 landing fee includes a pilot's lunch and cold beverages.

The contest is scheduled to run from 9AM until 3PM, with Sunday, August 26th reserved as a make-up day in case of rain. Visit <http://www.weflyrc.com> for a map to the field.

Contact event coordinators Jim Henley or Dean Copeland with any questions:  
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## Top Gun 2012 Award Winner



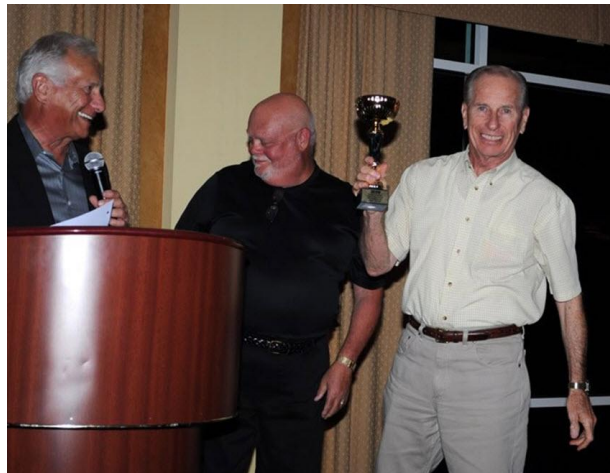
Dean Copeland's *Cri Cri* flying through the skies of Lakeland, Florida looks very realistic at 50 percent scale.



Taxing off the runway at *Top Gun 2012* after completing the judged flight.



The *Cri Cri*'s pilot gets a little ventilation while waiting for the next flight slot.



A beaming award winner with trophy presented by Frank "Mr. Top Gun" Tiano and announcer Sam Wright.



## ~ 2012 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

### 2012 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys at Mead, Every Tuesday evening May 8th through September 2nd!

(Weather Permitting)

#### January 2012

- **Tuesday, Jan 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

#### February 2012

- **Tuesday, Feb 7th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

#### March 2012

- **Tuesday, Mar 6th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

#### April 2012

- **Tuesday, Apr 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

#### May 2012

- **Tuesday, May 8th** - Club Meeting 7pm, at MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.  
- **Saturday, May 19th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

#### June 2012

- **Sunday, Jun 3rd** – Annual Spring Club Fun Fly at Mead Field starting at 10:00am. Open flying.  
- **Tuesday, Jun 7th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.  
- **Saturday, June 16th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

#### July 2012

- **Tuesday, Jul 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD bring a plane, open flying.  
- **Saturday, Jul 21st** - Old-Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

#### August 2012

- **Tuesday, Aug 7th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD a plane, open flying.  
- **Saturday and Sunday, Aug 11 and/or 12th** – Bud Hall Large Aircraft Fun Fly. Aircraft restricted to IMAA criteria.. However, IMAA membership NOT required. Criteria 80" wingspan monoplane, 60" wingspan biplane, or a true ¼ scale aircraft. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch both days and flying.  
- **Saturday, Aug 18th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.  
- **Saturday, Aug 25th** - Multi-club Fun Scale Event at Mead Field. Various classes. Rain date 26th. Details soon.

#### September 2012

- **Sunday Sep 2nd** – The 5th Annual Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet. Mead Field. Free to WRCF members, \$5.00 for non-members. Swap meet setup after 9am. Open flying 10am through 3pm.  
- **Tuesday, Sep 6th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD - bring a plane, open flying.  
- **Saturday, Sep 15th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly – Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

#### October 2012

- **Tuesday, Oct 2nd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
- **Saturday, Oct 6th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly – Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

#### November 2012

- **Tuesday, Nov 6th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
- Nominations taken for 2012 Officers

#### December 2012

- **Tuesday, Dec 4th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
- 2012 Officer elections



**Tailspin Newsletter**  
Western RC Flyers  
Omaha, Nebraska

**TO:**

***Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2012 Membership Application***

Please print clearly!

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

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

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

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

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

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

**2012 Dues: \$35** (Renewals must be paid by **April 1**) New/Renewal: \_\_\_ New \_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_ (Check One)

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

**Subject to approval. AMA membership is required**

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

**Print this form and send check to WR/CF Treasurer:  
Dean Copeland 15668 Fountain Hills Dr.. Omaha, Nebraska 68118**