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A Word from the President

Hello there WRCFlyers! I'm sure all of you are finishing up those winter projects. I know I just finished a couple.

I did go out to the field Sunday 2/20, but it was a bit more than just soggy. It was so soft that I never did pull into the field with the truck. Doing so would have made serious ruts. So I just set up next to the building walked over to the field.

Went to the auction in Waverly held by the Lincoln Skyknights RC club, and found a couple of good deals. I saw a few of the other WRCFlyers there as well. I did get to fly my new plane that I bought at the auction. A Dynaflyte Butterfly, with an OS 35 FP & servos. Just had to put in a receiver and a chunk of weight in the front for balance and off she went. Two flights and I was freezing, so it was short and sweet. I'm sure getting the itch to go fly.....

If you guys go out to the field to fly you may want to take along some good boots. There's lots of standing water and some snow on the field yet as well as the ground is partially thawed.

See you at the next meeting! Displays and Demonstrations should be great this meeting.

Thanks

~ Rick Miller



Vice-President's Corner

Guess we can expect our flying field to be pretty wet and mushy based on what

Rick Miller discovered recently. Hopefully it will dry out soon, but the forecasts for Spring suggest an above normal wet pattern thanks to a warm Pacific Ocean and the notorious El Nino currents.

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM Tuesday - March 6, 2012

Location: Papio-Missouri River NRD Bldg
(Lower level, enter bottom left side of building.)



I almost didn't use Bob Boumstein's write-up for his column this month.... I'm of the belief that the desert air has screwed with his mind. If he hadn't made some mention of "airplane stuff" I was tempted to reject it. Just kidding!

This month's photo is a Navy S-3 Viking used in anti-submarine warfare. It was piloted by one of our club members who probably doesn't want the notoriety, so I won't mention Bill's name.

See you at the field this Spring!

Come out and fly!

~ Nelson Carpenter



Treasurer's Report

Here it is March already and renewals for the 2012 season are due and as of this writing there are only 24 members that have done so. Take the time to send in your dues so that you can continue to fly at a premier flying field.

We have had a mild winter but I know for a fact that model building has not ceased and for your efforts Show and Tell for the March and April meetings will award the lucky recipient \$25.00 in a drawing to be held that night.

Four tickets will be given to each person bringing an item that you have put a great deal of time and effort into this winter. Additional tickets will be sold to each and every person wanting to have a chance at the pot for \$1.00 each and 6 for \$5.00. The \$25.00 is in the form of a gift card to Hobby Town and when you buy something with it be sure to let them know that it is for a member of the Western Flyers, and it benefits everyone in the club.

A copy of the February 2012 Financial Report will be available at the March 6th meeting.

Thank You!

~ Dean Copeland



February 2012 Meeting Minutes

Old Business:

- Field: Field expanded and lengthened.
- Scale Aircraft event: Organizer: **Jim Henley** is heading it up. Description: This is a fun event so any type of scale model can be brought and flown. Contest Director: **Rick Miller** was nominated and accepted. Sponsors: Western Flyers, Omahawks, and Lincoln Sky Knights. Pilot Registration: Early Pre-registration and Field Registration was discussed. AMA Event Number: AMA Event Number is 520. AMA Event Registration: **Rick Miller** will be handling this. Date: August 25th with rain date the 26th.

Treasurer's Report:

Membership: 21 total members. Balance was approved.

New Business:

- Long time club member Jim Albin is in a Bellevue care facility due to struggles with his memory.
- SAC Museum Show: Date: 03/31/2012 (Only one day this year.) Time: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Club Entrance For Setup: 7:00 am.
- Utility Trailer For Tractor (Mead Field): Motion was made and approved to find and purchase one.

- KC Van Out: A Cross Country event was proposed to fly from Mead Field to Waverly Field or other direction. Date: Sometime in May 2012. Details: Motion was made and approved for the Mead Field to be used for this type of event.
- Show-N-Tell Discussion: A question arose about the continued offering of prizes/gift certificates for Show-N-Tell items that are brought in. Is it continuing? Answer was that "Yes" it is continuing. It seems that it has slipped off the radar. It will continue and a prize/gift certificate will be brought to the next meeting.

Show-N-Tell:

- **Jim Henley**: Item: Brought in his Syssa 30cc Gas Engine he had been talking about in previous meetings. Details: Made in the USA. Has a Walbro Carburetor. Uses a 3-point standoff mount. Use: He plans to use it in his Waco plane.
- **Dean Copeland**: Item: Brought in a Kondor Models 3-blade propeller. Details: Comes in a very impressive wood cigar style box. The blades are separate and are splined together for use. It is not RPM restricted. Use: Designed for 20cc motors. Cost: \$75
- **Rick Miller**: Item: Brought in his Dynaflyte Bird of Time Glider. Details: 120" Wingspan with a wing loading of 8.5 ounces. Has a fiberglass fuselage and has a flat bottom wing. Servos for the tail go in the rear of the fuselage. The plane does not contain spoilers. Power: He is considering adding an electric motor with folding props but has not decided yet. Radio: Not mentioned but I think Rick uses Futaba's.
- **Rick Johnson**: Item: Nitroplanes Zivko Edge 540T Details: ARF built with balsa and light ply. 52" wingspan and fuselage is 51" long. Comes with a fiberglass cowl. Kit is well made but I replaced most parts with better items I have used in the past and had success with. 5 Airtronics servos were installed and programming is setup to use flaperons. Power: Magnum 72 Four stroke. Radio: Using a Spektrum DX8 with telemetry with both battery and RPM sensors.
- **Joey Thompson**: Item: Brought in his King Tech Turbine Engine. Details: Made in Korea and has 19 lbs. of thrust and weighs 2.8 lbs. The engine cranks up to 145,000 RPMs. Kerosene is used to start the engine supported by an electric start. He has two of these engines. Use: Joey plans to put one in a F-86D Trainer style jet and the other in a Fly Eagle Jets F-16. Price: \$1500/each. Discussion: There were follow-up discussions about flying jets and the permits required to fly turbine-powered aircraft.

That's it!

~ Rick Johnson



Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay

It has come to me like a flash of light! There are so many sides to the RC hobby. Due to a lot of wind and cold mornings (okay, chilly mornings compared to

Omaha) flying has been hit or miss at best out here in Las Vegas. Cutting Edge Hobbies here in LV is 5 minutes from my condo. This hobby shop is heavy into RC cars which I have played with for many years. So I decided to really give it a try as you can do it most anywhere, at anytime. Frankly I am having a blast!

Last week I raced my short course truck for the first time and did a very respectable job. Like in every facet of RC there were guys there with \$300 upgraded motors (*Big Mamba*) but you know, like with flying, it is your skills in the end that count. Many years ago when I quickie raced, **Bob Turner** taught me to watch my airplane and not pay attention to the others. That was great advice, and I applied it to my first vehicle race. It worked! I did not crash into another truck; I made most of the jumps clean and finished very respectably. I am now hoping to do some upgrades like a brushless motor and better ESC. I already had done some suspension modifications by going to *You Tube* and getting some good info. In fact one guy commented that he thought the *Losi SCT XXX* was really set up great and asked me who did it. I surprised him when I said "me!"

While I have been in Las Vegas I have received many emails about model airplane engines and parts. I want everyone to know I am re-opening in May of this year, and hope to figure out a better strategy for next fall. In fact I have obtained nearly 40 engines while \ here to add to my list when I return in a few weeks.

See you Soon!

~ Bob Boumstein



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



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.

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:
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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, griled fresh and served by the SIG staff.

February Show N' Tell



Jim Henley displayed his newest gaser which is a *Syssa 30cc* engine which will go in his 1/5 scale Waco biplane.



Dean Copeland is holding a three-bladed propeller in its own wooden box that he recently bought.



Showing a sharp looking *Dynaflyte "Bird of Time"* that he got at the Skynight's auction is **Rick Miller**. Rick has the "*glider bug*" with I believe twelve or more gliders now.....



Displaying his newest aerobatic ARF *Nitroplanes Zivko Edge 540T* is **Rick Johnson**. Holding a newly purchased King Tech turbine engine is **Joey Thompson** who will install it in his next jet project.



~ 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 limited to IMAA criteria and membership. IMAA membership NOT required. Criteria 80" wingspan monoplane, 60" wingspan biplane, or a true 1/4 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 WRFC 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**