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### A Word from the President



Greetings fellow club modellers! This is the time of the year that I must remind you that the club's yearly dues are needed by April 1st. So please take the time, and send your dues in to Dean. His address is at the bottom of this newsletter.

Following the university's agriculture equipment auction the first part of March, we will need to spiff up our field. Usually, perhaps always, the equipment is spread out on our field for folks to see it up close. Ruts sometimes happen when moving the equipment on and off the field. That's where we come in. Repair of the field. Although they don't intentionally damage the field, it does happen. We really can't be upset about it, because they've allowed us to stay for quite a few years as their guests, and have been good to us.

This flying season we should have some good events that are not competitive. Meaning they'll be purely fun flies for everyone to have a good time. Whether it be a fun fly for anything and everything, an old timer airplane gathering, or large airplane event; there should be something for everyone to enjoy. Please join us this year.

Thanks

~ Rick Miller

### Next Meeting:

**7:00 PM Tuesday March 5th 2013**

**Location: Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.**

**(Bring something for Show N' Tell!)**



### Vice-President's Corner



The SAS museum air show is behind us and appears to be another success. Thank you to all who were able to attend and support the club and the show. Hope everyone noticed the new *Western Flyers'* banner(s). The *Spacewalker* is coming along with the latest information on the build thread in the newsletter. Spring is just around the corner, so if you do not have your aircraft ready to fly, better "*git-er-done*" or you will be left out!

**Let's build and fly!**

~ Jim Henley

## Treasurer's Report



I know there is snow on the ground now, but before you know it the days will be getting warmer and it won't be long until you get the urge to go flying. And that my friends is where I come in, without your dues paid up I will not be able to send you your 2013 membership card.

Without it you will not be permitted to fly at one of the best flying fields in the area. So with that said take the time to fill out that check for \$35.00 and send it in or pay me at the monthly meeting. Hope you all have had a good building season, and look forward to seeing you at the flying field. Treasurer's report will be read at the next meeting.

**Thank You!**

**~ Dean Copeland**

## February 2013 Meeting Notes



**Attendance:** 10 Members

**Events:** The Club event schedule is set. See the website for details (<http://www.weflyrc.org/events.htm>).

**Old Business:**

### **Treasurer Report:**

Dean Copeland gave the treasures report. The club is in good financial standing.

### **SAC Museum Aviation Expo:**

Event was successful. Many people attended and many aspects of aviation were represented. The two new Western Flyers' club banners looked fantastic. The flight simulators available from other clubs attracted many people. We need to consider one of those for next year.

### **Don Neill Scale Event:**

There was much discussion about this event. The date has been set for 08/03/2013 and 08/04/2013. The event will be hosted by the *Lincoln Sky Knights* and we will provide

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support as needed. The event class has changed to a Class 3 event and will no longer be a scale "competition". It is more of a fun fly style. This decision was made with the goal of increasing participation. There will be one prize for Pilots Choice. In place of additional prizes, a \$25 drawing will be held every hour. There may be fun competitions like spot landing or something of that sort.

### **NRDC Sale:**

Date: March 9 (one day)

After the *Nebraska Research Development Center's* (NRDC) farm equipment sale, the removal the sold equipment may take place over a few days. Our club's field tables have been removed already by **Rick Miller**. Club members will need to help repair expected damage to the flying field due to heavy farm equipment being displayed on it.

### **New Business:**

#### **Bud Hall Event:**

A motion was made and seconded to make the event to a one day event. The event will happen on Saturday and Sunday being a rain out day. Motion passed.

#### **Safety Items for Field:**

As part of our safety needs, we need have a few things available at the field in case of an emergency. A motion was made and seconded to acquire the following items and store them at the field for emergency purposes.

1. An ABC fire extinguisher
2. A First Aid kit
3. A box large enough to store these items and be able to be secured and locked to the pole.
4. An emergency information sheet that includes the address and GPS location for the field location should emergency responders be needed.

Motion passed.

#### **Lawn Mower Batteries:**

Rick Miller has them stored. We may need to replace them this year.

**Jim Henley:** Jim gave a verbal update on his Spacewalker 1 build.

**Show and Tell:** There were no show and tell items for this meeting.

The meeting adjourned. See you next month!

**That's it!**

**~ Rick Johnson**



Photos by Tom Wild

Recent photos shows some of the ag equipment the university has ready for auction and on display on our field. The research center's staff does their best at trying not to disturb our runway. Also, we will be doing a little maintenance on it. So don't be alarmed, the field will be in good condition this spring.

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

### ***Note from the Editor***

*First, thanks to those of you who have contributed write-ups, articles, and photos that go into the club's newsletter. Your input really makes a difference for me, which means less work trying to throw something together and meet my imposed deadline each month.*

*The feedback that I receive is rewarding, but it really takes the effort by you our club members to make it work. So please keep it coming! Photos, builds, write-ups, articles, stories, etc. Thanks!*

***Nelson***

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## **Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay**



In North Las Vegas, Nevada, there is a fine public model airplane field. The field is run by *Parks and Recreation* (Clark County) that requires you to have an AMA permit and purchase a Rec Dept. permit for an additional \$35.00. You do not have to join one of the clubs that use the field, whose members buy permits but the club pays no other fees that I'm aware.

The field is the *Willie McCool Model Aviation Field*. Named after a famous runner who liked airplanes. In my observation the field is well used. There could be 30 to 40 people there on any nice Saturday or Sunday. Therefore I am guessing they sell well over 200 permits a year. Approximately 2,500 feet south of the field is housing that



was built well after the field had been established. Evidently a few residents (less than four) are upset with the noise and activity, though they purchased their homes knowing the field was there.

The *Clark County Board* has now ruled, based on these minor complaints, that the hours for nitro and gasoline aircraft will be severely restricted. The exact schedule is not known by myself, but I believe less than 4 hours each date will be allocated. The electric planes have not been restricted at this point. Therefore, a "public" flying field, however well established, faces hurdles as the neighborhood around it changes.



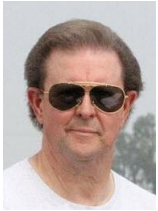
To my knowledge no help was given by the AMA nor was any sought. It is ironic that I have not seen a thing that the AMA was summoned due to the fact this really no one club's facility. It is further ironic that a public recreational facility, serving hundreds of people, is now restricted by a few complaining people. It is not ironic however, that loud model aircraft may be cursed and become a thing of the past.

***Watch out for Meteorites! ~ Bob Boumstein***

# Sig 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Scale Spacewalker

By Jim Henley

Part II - Fuselage



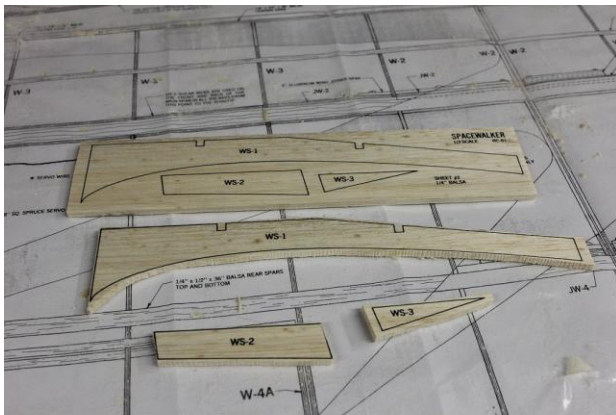
With the wings framed out and the center section glued together the fuselage is started next. The wing center section cannot be completed without the fuselage being framed up, so the wing is set aside and we start framing out the fuselage. The fuselage is actually framed up into two separate sections, then the front and aft portions are epoxied together the light plywood parts are glued to the top of the joined fuselage. While the plans do not so indicate, most of the build threads, recommend additional bracing over the wing saddle where the fuselage joins together. Once this is completed we add the formers to the top of the nose section, then the stringers and sheeting. Then the formers and stringers are added to the aft portion of the fuselage.



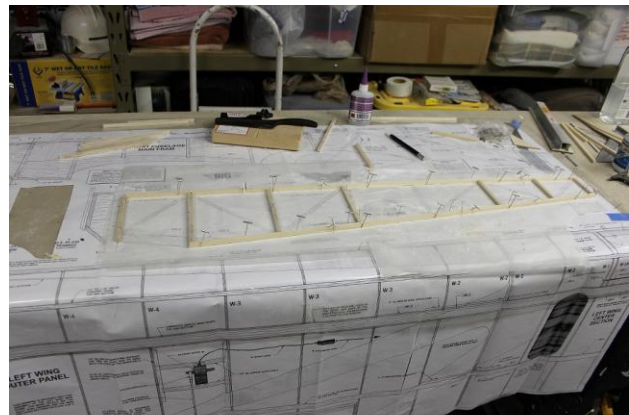
Front half of fuselage with wing saddle, and blocking



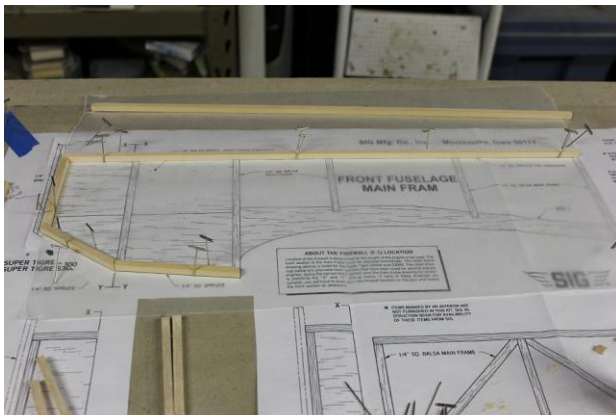
Fuselage aft section



Wing saddle pieces to be cut out, we will begin on the front half of the fuselage



Fuselage aft section



Front part of fuselage framing

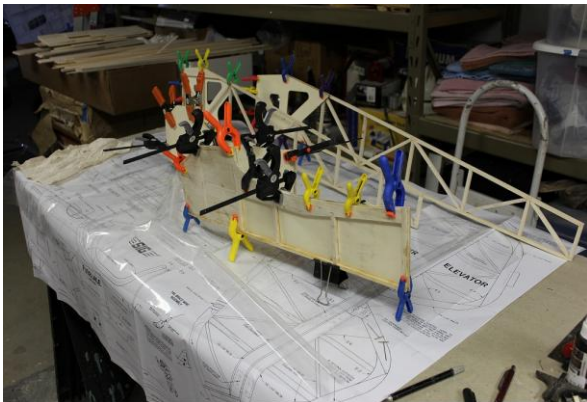


Fuselage aft section

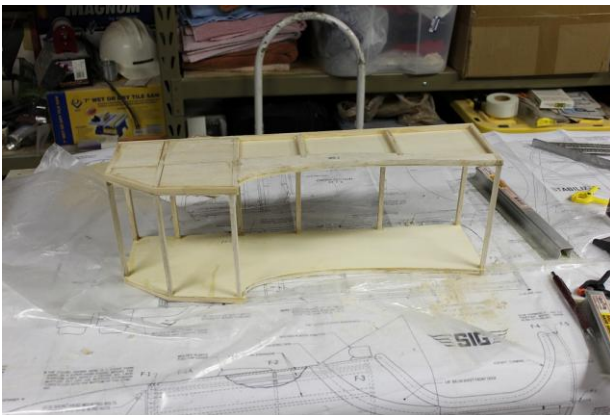
*Sig 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Scale Spacewalker Cont....*



Lite Ply doublers nose and aft section



Lite Ply Doublers nose and rear section



Nose section framed up



Nose section



Front and rear sections prior to joining



Fuselage sections epoxied together

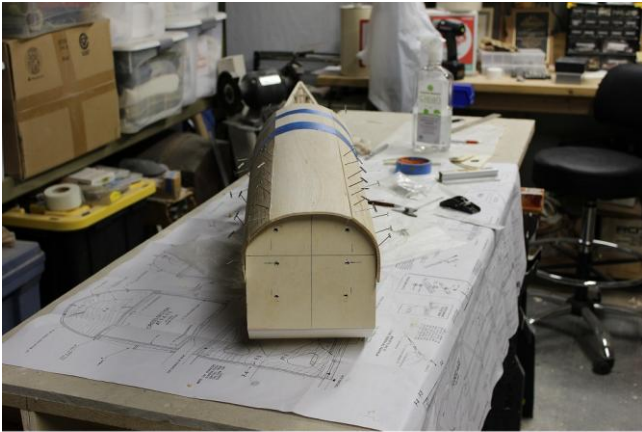


Top doubler joining front and rear sections



Firewall Epoxied to nose

*Sig 1/3<sup>rd</sup> Scale Spacewalker Cont....*



Nose sheeting



Top formers marked and positioned for stringers



Rear stringers



**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.



## ~ 2013 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

**2013 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys at Mead, Every Tuesday evening May 7th through September 1st!**  
(Weather Permitting)

### **January 2013**

- **Tuesday, Jan 2nd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th St.  
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

- **Saturday, Jan 26th** - SAS Museum Indoor Airshow and Chili Bomb. Multi-club event.

### **February 2013**

- **Tuesday, Feb 5th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

### **March 2013**

- **Tuesday, Mar 5th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th St.  
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

### **April 2013**

- **Tuesday, Apr 2nd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th St.  
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

### **May 2013**

- **Tuesday, May 7th** - Club Meeting 7pm, at MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.  
- **Saturday, May 18th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

### **June 2013**

- **Sunday, Jun 2nd** – Annual Spring Club Fun Fly at Mead Field starting at 10:00am. Open flying.  
- **Tuesday, Jun 4th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.  
- **Saturday, June 15th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

### **July 2013**

- **Tuesday, Jul 2nd** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD bring a plane, open flying.

- **Saturday, Jul 20th** - Old-Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

### **August 2013**

- **Saturday, Aug 3rd & 4th** - Don Neill Scale Contest. Multi-club Fun event hosted at Skyknights Field in Waverly.

- **Tuesday, Aug 6th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD a plane, open flying.

- **Saturday and Sunday, Aug 10th** – Bud Hall Large Aircraft Fun Fly. Aircraft restricted to IMAA criteria. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch both days and flying. Rain date Aug 11th.

- **Saturday, Aug 17th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

### **September 2013**

- **Sunday Sep 1st** – The 5th Annual Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet. Swap meet setup after 9am. Open flying 10am through 3pm.

- **Tuesday, Sep 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD - bring a plane, open flying.

- **Saturday, Sep 21st** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly – Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

### **October 2013**

- **Tuesday, Oct 1st** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.

- **Saturday, Oct 5th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly – Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

### **November 2013**

- **Tuesday, Nov 5th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.

- Nominations taken for 2012 Officers

### **December 2013**

- **Tuesday, Dec 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.

- 2012 Officer elections



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**Western RC Flyers**  
**Omaha, Nebraska**

**TO:**

## **Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2013 Membership Application**

Please print clearly!

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

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

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

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

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

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

**2013 Dues: \$35** (Renewals must be paid by **April 1**) New/Renewal: \_\_\_ New \_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_ (Check One)

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

**Membership 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**