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MAY MEETING – AT THE SPRINGFIELD FLYING FIELD ON TUESDAY MAY 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

## WORDS BY THE PRESIDENT

Joe Halamek

Hello folks, it's May and we are finally getting the weather to be able to fly. Now if we can get the winds to cooperate. Gosh the other night I saw Toto and Dorothy fly by the window 3 or 4 times! Well, I hope you are ready; we have a lot of events this summer. First, if you haven't been to Springfield on a Tuesday night during the flying season you're missing a great time. Every Tuesday starting May 4<sup>th</sup>, our next meeting night, we are planning on an open fun fly, training night, and a special thanks to Bob Burt, a grill going with refreshments at **No** charge to members.

We really have a great time on Tuesdays so please plan on joining us! Bring a friend and have them experience our club. Now and then, we even take time to have the meetings on the first Tuesdays of the month. Folks start showing up around 5 pm or so and someone is always there until dark. What a great time.

### Cub Scout Fun Day and Display: Update!

We had a fun time during the scout day at the Durham Scouting center on April 17<sup>th</sup>. We had approximately 10 members showing around 25 airplanes. Everything from electrics to the big ones, to float planes and heli's. Although the scout turn out wasn't quite as strong as we expected, we spent time talking with many of the little guys, their parents and scout leaders. You can not believe the knowledge level of some of the cub scouts. *Wow! It amazed several of us!* We handed out flyers on basic flight, club information and had a video tape going. I want to personally thank everyone that helped and displayed their aircraft. It was a really good time talking with the kids. The folks at the scouting center were thrilled with our display! *Thanks Guys!*

### Annual Auction:

Well, another auction is done. Although we had a few less folks in attendance than in past years, we still had a successful event in spite of the rain. I want to personally thank each and every one of you that helped that Saturday. The auction just simply wouldn't happen if it wasn't for you and your dedication to the club. For those of you that couldn't help, well there's next year and you may want to thank the folks that did. We will have all the auction numbers and results at our next meeting, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Springfield.

### Sign three, fly for free:

We still have the sign (3) new members to the Western Flyers and you will pay no club dues in 2005, come on guys lets get some new members. I want to see every one of you flying free next year. *Can you do it????* New Membership forms at the meetings or contact an officer.

### May Meeting and Fun Flys:

OK guys it's time ... the flying season is here! Next Meeting will be at Springfield, 7pm, Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup>. Open flying, training and free food & refreshments for members. If there is rain on May 4<sup>th</sup>, the meeting will be automatically moved to May 11<sup>th</sup>. Bring a plane or two!

Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup>, Mead Field, **Spring Round Up** – Old-timers fun fly, If you don't have an Old-timer, come out and watch it's a great time watchin' 'em fly slow! Contact Bob Burt for more info

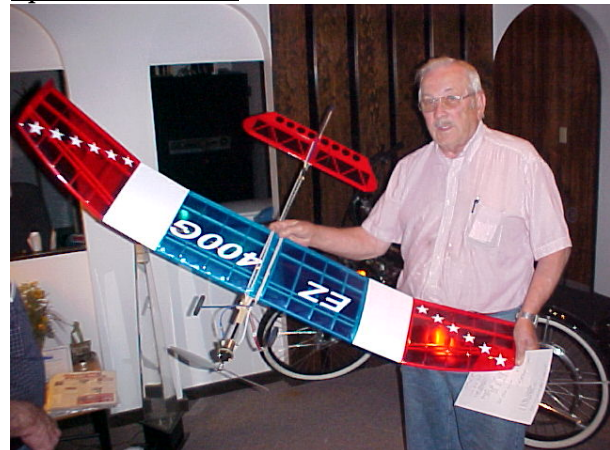
Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup>, Start of our Pylon Racing Season at Mead Field, We have the new trainer class racing this year. You gotta' see the things fly. **Wow, you talk about fast!** Contact Randy Tentinger or Charlie Tvrdik for more info.

### General:

We still need to do something about increasing membership and promoting the club. If you have an idea, please let us know, talk to your friends! And we always want you input, items for sale, or anything for the newsletter, contact Aron if you want to contribute! We welcome your views, ideas and articles!

Free food & refreshments for members at the May meeting at Springfield! Plan on attending, bring your show and tells, aircraft to fly, and a friend! **Thanks for Listenin' - Joe Halamek**

### April's Show & Tell:



Don Kaar with his new EZ 400 Electric



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Scout Day April 17<sup>th</sup> – Durham Scouting Center



Our Annual R/C Auction April 24<sup>th</sup>

## VP's CORNER Bob Boumstein

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Auction. Though our turn out was slightly smaller than last year I think we did a great job. Having enough help really makes it easier on everyone. There were a lot of great buys to be had. Several really nice aircraft were there and the prices seemed great. I scored a goodly number of engines and sold 20 or so items. Things I did not get a bid on I made a club donation so hopefully this added a few bucks to our treasury.

Tuesday nights at Springfield kick off officially on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Bob Burt will do the honors as Chef for the cook-outs, free grub! I look forward to this as it is good fun. I encourage you to join us

and tell your friends, in fact encourage them to come and even join our club. Additionally should you have any ink jet cartridges your willing to donate I will take them on Tuesday nights. I am getting ready to redeem the 1<sup>st</sup> batch for 2004.

Gary Vohnout is building a CAP 232 ARF for me which will have a YS 91 4 cycle in it. It should be quite an exciting plane. If you have something you want built Gary accepts a limited number of projects he will do for other people. He is an excellent builder and is fairly priced. You can reach him at 498-0950 most evenings my kit is from KANGA in China and he likes it, quality wise.

If you have not had chance to visit the new Hobby town off the Irvington Exit of 680, your missing a good opportunity. This store really has a good stock of parts, and accessories besides kits and engines. Gail Sherman is a capable modeler (and Western Flyer member) who can be of assistance to you.

Keep your wings level,  
**Bob Boumstein**

## CLUB FINACES Bob Zitzlspenger

Please come to our club meeting to hear about our current finances.

If you have not renewed your 2004 membership please contact me or one of the officers for more information.  
-Bob

## EMERGENCY SAFETY ALERT AMA SAFETY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT

### Lithium Battery Fires

Lithium batteries are becoming very popular for powering the control and power systems in our models. This is true because of their very high energy density (amp-hrs/wt. ratio) compared to NiCads or other batteries. With high energy comes increased risk in their use. The, principal, risk is FIRE which can result from improper charging, crash damage, or shorting the batteries. All vendors of these batteries warn their customers of this danger and recommend extreme caution in their use. In spite of this **many** fires have occurred as a result of the use of Lithium Polymer batteries, resulting in loss of models, automobiles, and



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other property. Homes and garages and workshops have also burned. A lithium battery fire is **very hot** (several thousand degrees) and is an excellent initiator for ancillary (resulting) fires. Fire occurs due to contact between Lithium and oxygen in the air. **It does not need any other source of ignition, or fuel to start**, and burns almost explosively.

These batteries must be used in a manner that precludes ancillary fire. The following is recommended:

1. **Store, and charge, in a fireproof container**; never in your model.
2. Charge in a protected area devoid of combustibles. Always stand watch over the charging process. **Never leave the charging process unattended.**
3. In the event of damage from crashes, etc, carefully remove to a safe place for at least a half hour to observe. Physically damaged cells could erupt into flame, and, after sufficient time to ensure safety, should be discarded in accordance with the instructions which came with the batteries. **Never attempt to charge a cell with physical damage**, regardless of how slight.
4. Always use chargers designed for the **specific** purpose, preferably having a fixed setting for your particular pack. Many fires occur in using selectable/adjustable chargers improperly set. Never attempt to charge Lithium cells with a charger which is not, specifically, designed for charging Lithium cells. **Never use chargers designed for Nickel Cadmium batteries.** Use charging systems that monitor and control the charge state of each cell in the pack. Unbalanced cells can lead to disaster if it permits overcharge of a single cell in the pack. If the batteries show **any sign of swelling**, discontinue charging, and **remove them to a safe place outside** as they could erupt into flames.
5. Most important: **NEVER PLUG IN A BATTERY AND LEAVE IT TO CHARGE UNATTENDED OVERNIGHT.** Serious fires have resulted from this practice.
6. Do not attempt to make your own battery packs from individual cells.

These batteries CANNOT be handled and charged casually such as has been the practice for years with other types of batteries. The consequence of this practice can be very serious resulting in major property damage and/ or personal harm

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## WESTERN FLYERS 2004 EVENT CALENDAR

**Every Tuesday from May 4th to September 28th** - Open Fun Flying and Training going on at Springfield Flying Site from 6:30 pm till dusk, Bring a plane or two, visiting AMA pilots welcome to come check us out! Grills, food & pop every Tuesday. (*Weather permitting*)

January	<b>6th - Tuesday - Meeting - 7pm, ABE Building,</b> American Bank Equipment, 1/2 block South of 129th & Q, 12875 Deauville Drive
February	<b>3rd - Monday - Meeting - 7pm, ABE Building,</b> American Bank Equipment, 1/2 block South of 129th & Q, 12875 Deauville Drive  <b>28th - Saturday - Winter Fun Fly - Mead Field - 10am</b> - Snow or Shine, 40 above or 40 below, open flying, Any aircraft, No fees, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Snacks provided by the club
March	<b>2nd - Tuesday - Meeting - 7pm, ABE Building,</b> American Bank Equipment, 1/2 block South of 129th & Q, 12875 Deauville Drive
April	<b>6th - Monday - Meeting - 7pm, ABE Building,</b> American Bank Equipment, 1/2 block South of 129th & Q, 12875 Deauville Drive  <b>23rd - Friday - WRCF Members Auction Set-Up - 7pm, BJSa Building - Bellevue</b>  <b>24th - Saturday - Annual R/C Auction - BJSa Building - Bellevue</b> - Sign in at 8am Auction Starts at 10am ( <i>Members should be there no later than 7:30am Auction day</i> )



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May	<b>4th - Tuesday</b> - Meeting - 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & training
	<b>8th - Saturday</b> - Spring Round-up, Oldtimers FunFly - Mead Field
June	<b>16th - Sunday</b> - Quickee Racing - Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am
	<b>1st - Tuesday</b> - Meeting - 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & training
	<b>12th - Saturday</b> - Oldtimers FunFly - 10am, Mead field
July	<b>20th - Sunday</b> - Quickee Racing - Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am
	<b>6th - Tuesday</b> - Meeting - 7pm, Springfield Flying Site bring a plane, open flying & training
	<b>10th - Saturday</b> - Oldtimers FunFly - 10am, Mead field
August	<b>25th - Sunday</b> - Quickee Racing - Mead Flying Site - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am
	<b>3rd - Tuesday</b> - Meeting - 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & training
	<b>14th - Saturday</b> - Oldtimers FunFly - 10am, Mead Field
	<b>21st - 22nd - Sat/Sun</b> - Annual Bud Hall Memorial IMAA FunFly - 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)
	<b>29th - Sunday</b> - Quickee Racing - Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

September	<b>7th - Tuesday</b> - Meeting - 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & training
	<b>11th - Saturday</b> - Oldtimers FunFly - 10am, Mead Field
	<b>18th - Saturday</b> - Scale FunFly and Show & Shine - 12pm Noon, Mead Field - Scale type aircraft, kinda' scale to very scale, Raffles, pilots raffles & more!
October	<b>19th - Sunday</b> - Quickee Racing - Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am
	<b>5th - Tuesday</b> - Meeting -7pm, ABE Building, American Bank Equipment, 1/2 block South of 129th & Q, 12875 Deauville Drive
	<b>10th - Saturday</b> - Oldtimers FunFly - 10am, Mead Field
November	<b>9th - Tuesday</b> - Meeting - 7pm, ABE Building, American Bank Equipment, 1/2 block South of 129th & Q, 12875 Deauville Drive - Nominations taken for 2005 Officers
December	<b>2nd - Tuesday</b> - Meeting - 7pm, ABE building, American Bank Equipment, 1/2 block South of 129th & Q. 12875 Deauville Drive - 2005 Officer elections