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**A Word From The President:**



Greetings Everyone! Hey, the auction was GRRREAT and another successful auction folks! I believe it went very well. I don't believe we saw as many items this year, but still bargains were there to be had. I know I got some good deals, and I hope you all did

as well. We should have some stats on the Auction Results in the near future. We wish to thank everyone that helped with the event, and express the Clubs appreciation for those who helped make this a success, thank you!

It's time to get those new and old models dusted off and ready to fly this year. One of these days very soon, it's going to be nice weather, I hope, so flying time is near. See you at the field.

NOTE: If the dust ever settles from the volcano eruption, I will be out of the country on a business trip to Europe during the month of May. So I will be out of pocket for the next month, and should be back and settled for June. Also, the Quickie 500 races for May are canceled.

*Best Regards*

*~ Rick Miller*

**Vice-President's Corner:**



Well spring is finally here and I hope you have had the opportunity to get in a few flights. Mead was bustling with flights on the 18th of April and the camaraderie was enjoyable. However the Mead field is in need of some maintenance work that the club can perform. It seems the ground squirrels are still around, and have attracted a badger as well. The runway is rough and in need of a good aeration immediately followed by a roller. We will get this resolved at the next meeting where I will propose a plan of action.

**Next Meeting:**

**7:00 PM Tuesday – May 5, 2010**

**Location: Mead Field  
(bring airplane)**



Recently I was notified of an incident where helicopters flown by non-club members commandeered the Mead runway and essentially ran people off. As a reminder, airplanes have priority over the runway and courtesy goes a long way. Make flying time for everyone and we can all get in our flights. Further, Mead Field is for Western Flyers members and their occasional guests only. Use the frequency board with your current membership card. Don't be timid about reporting anyone who is not a member. Non-members, who may not be AMA members, could jeopardize our stay at Mead.

Take off is optional, Landing is mandatory. It's not the airfield that matters it's the landing strip.

*Let's Fly!*

*~ Dustin Anderson*

## Treasurer's Report - May 2010

We have a total of 37 members to date including one new member, **Randy Fields** of Omaha.

A copy of the March Financial Report will be passed out at the May 5th meeting.

*Thanks!*

*Dean Copeland*

## Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay



On Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> I went out to the Mead Field, the wind was gusting to 25 MPH or so I never really tried to fly my old Timer, I did get to run the motor as I purchased this one at the Omahawks Auction for the steaming sum of \$85 ready to fly. The old FP .40 fired up just t finer after I changed out the Glow Plug and these are reliable sport motors. The good news is it seems that it will be fine as the plane IS LIGHT. It is fairly large I might have put a 52 4 cycle on it rather than the glow but I am taking this bird to Vegas in a few weeks.

By the time you read this our Auction will be over and done. So I want to thank everyone who pitched in. I intend to be available to auctioneer next year but I must reduce my efforts in other areas as this will be my last winter in Omaha (or maybe not if my wife retires before June 2011). It is time to pass the baton to others. Bag N Save Food Stores provided the hot dogs and chips to us at the best possible price. We need to thank them. The folks at the Fireman's Hall are terrific to work with, and we need to thank them too!

Hopefully many of you got some great bargains. The hobby certainly is changing as proven by the numbers of electric planes and Heli's that are showing up.

I will, be proposing at the May meeting that a call list is prepared to handle emergencies at Mead, such as unauthorized, non-members usurping our field. Don't be alarmed, as this is a very minor issue. However, I would hope we can establish contact with authorities to have the sheriff come and ticket or forcibly remove violators. Furthermore field decorum and manners must be displayed by all flyers. I intend to fly my electric helicopter out there but I will yield to aircraft, I am sure they will allow me a turn too. We can make all of this work but we must co-operate. Anyone who is unwilling to do so, or is argumentative, or disrespectful; I will support their eviction from our club, or denial of membership. If you're guilty, you know who you are.

*~ Bob Boumstein*



*Ready to take the runway at Mead Field one Sunday was a quarter scale **Mary-Ellen** in her biplane. The full size **Mary-Ellen** is club member **Jim Henley's** wife.*

## Meeting Minutes - April 6, 2010

- **Rick Miller**, President, called meeting to order. Twenty-two members present.
- Old Business:
  1. Club proceeded to folding, addressing and stamping flyers for club auction.
  2. May meeting to be held at Flying Field at Mead.
  3. Treasurer's Report by **Dean Copeland** accepted and entered.
- Old Business:
  1. Club voted to purchase an inexpensive thumb-drive for the treasurer's use.
  2. Discussion for upcoming Auction.
  3. Show and Tell presentations.
- Meeting adjourned.

*~ Bob Boumstein*



## **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.

## ~ 2010 Auction Report ~



The Western Flyers Auction was a huge success and it went off without a hitch. This was the smoothest I have seen the auction run in some time.

Approximately 200 items were auctioned between 10:00am and 3:00pm. There were a large number of buyers present (estimated at 150) and only 10 items or less did not sell. There were no items left behind or unaccounted for at the end of the day.

The Fireman's Hall has proven again to be a great location for the auction. It is central and easy to access. Management and staff treated us well. Everything was in place for the auction including tables, chairs, stage, and public address system.

The Spektrum radio used for the raffle was a big hit. **Dean Howard** reports that we made money with it. The winner of the radio was from Grand Island.

Bob Boumstein's wife **Meryl** did an excellent job in the kitchen with the help of **Austin Miller** and **Emma Thompson**. All the hot dogs sold.

The "Buy it Now" feature was used this year, however most folks are seeing it for the first time and not accustomed to it. This will be advertised more next time.

Lastly, our **club members** and the **Omahawks** were readily available to help with the auction. There was no arm twisting needed. Many arrived at the auction more than willing to help out. That is what made the auction run smooth, and become a huge success. Thank you very much!

**Nelson Carpenter**

## **After Auction Thoughts!**

A Big "Thank You" to everyone that helped. We had a great group working at the 2010 Auction, including our friends from the Omahawks, without whom we could not have done it!

My wife (**Meryl**) and Rick Miller's son **Austin** with help from **Joey's** daughter **Emma** did a great job in the kitchen. We sold 150 hot dogs and really everything tasted great!

Though we had about 200 items I think the overall success was there as the quality of the items was excellent. We really had some fine planes and other items to sell. Great quality on electric stuff too.

Everyone was in good spirits on a damp a chilly day (perfect for an Auction!)

**Dean Copeland** came up with a great idea; the time has come for us to consider a combined auction with the Omahawks. After all we spend \$600 for a location and the Omahawks spend \$500. Combined that is \$1,100 which we could use to find a great hall to rent for \$1,000 or less. Also, we could have catered food. I mean a fabulous lunch for \$7.50 and make \$2.50 a plate! This would be catered by someone else (I have a plan!) with no work for us. Perhaps even a more dramatic concept such as items come in on Saturday, and are available for sale from 10am to 3pm in a "Buy It Now" feature (seller pays 15% and buyer pays \$5 premium) the actual Auction is on Sunday. Also we raise the charge to 15%, as we all have collected too little for way too long. Then the two clubs would split costs and profits 50/50. Each club could hold separate raffles as well!

The time has come to think outside the box.

Regards **Bob Boumstein**

## ~ NEW FIELD FINDER'S FEE ~

**A \$500 FINDER'S FEE WILL BE PAID TO THE PERSON WHO LOCATES A SECOND FLYING FIELD THAT MEETS THE CLUB'S CRITERIA AND RESULTS IN A FIVE YEAR CONTRACT. FURTHER, ELIGIBILITY FOR THE FINDER'S FEE REQUIRES THAT THE PERSON(S) HAVE NO PRIOR OR CURRENT AFFILIATION WITH WESTERN FLYERS.**

# AUCTION 2010 PHOTOS



## Auction 2010 Photos *Cont....*



Western RC Flyers Website  
<http://www.weflyrc.org>

# Auction 2010 Photos *Cont....*



# ~ 2010 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

## TENTATIVE

### January 2010

Tuesday, Jan 2nd - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.

### February 2010

Tuesday, Feb 2nd - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

### March 2010

Tuesday, Mar 2nd - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

### April 2010

Tuesday, Apr 6th - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

- Sunday Apr 25<sup>th</sup> – Western RC Flyers 29<sup>h</sup> Annual R/C Auction at Fireman's Union Hall located at 6005 Grover St. in Omaha. Doors open at 7:30am with bidding starting at 10:00am. Admission \$5.00 per person.

### May 2010

Tuesday, May 5th - Meeting  
- 7pm, MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food  
- Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Old Timers event at Mead. Registration at 9:00am with flying until noon.  
- Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – Q500 races at Mead. Registration at 9:00am.

### June 2010

Tuesday, Jun 8th - Meeting  
- 7pm, MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.

- Sunday, Jun 6<sup>th</sup> – Annual Spring Club Fun Fly at Mead Field starting at 10:00am. Open flying.

- Sunday Jun 20<sup>th</sup> – Q500 Races at Mead Field. Registration at 9:30am. Racing starts at 10:00am.

### July 2010

Tuesday, Jul 6th - Meeting  
- 7pm, MEAD FIELD bring a plane, open flying & Food.

Saturday, July 10th - Old-Timers Fun Fly - 9am until noon Mead field.

Sunday, July 18th - Quickee Racing  
- Mead Field - Check in 9:30am, Racing 10am

### August 2010

Tuesday, Aug 3rd - Meeting  
- 7pm, MEAD FIELD a plane, open flying & food.

- Saturday, Aug 7<sup>th</sup> – Old Timers Fun Fly 9am until noon, Mead Field.

- Saturday and Sunday, Aug 14/15th – Bud Hall IMAA Fun Fly. Aircraft limited to IMAA criteria and membership. May join IMAA at field. Criteria 80" wingspan monoplane, 60" wingspan biplane, or a true ¼ scale aircraft. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch both days and flying.

- Sunday, Aug 22nd – Q500 races at Mead. Registration at 9:30am. Racing starts at 10:00am.

### September 2010

Tuesday, Sep 7th - Meeting  
- 7pm, MEAD FIELD - bring a plane, open flying & Food (Last Tuesday food will be served)

- Sunday Sep 5th – The 4th 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.

- Sunday, Sep 11<sup>th</sup> – Old Timers Fun Fly – 9am until noon. Mead Field.

- Sunday, Sep 19<sup>th</sup> – Q500 races at Mead. Registration at 9:00am. Racing starts at 10am.

### October 2010

Tuesday, Oct 5th - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.

### November 2010

Tuesday, Nov 2nd - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.

### December 2010

Tuesday, Dec 7th - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.

**Want to schedule or sponsor a 2010 event? Contact any officer or attend the next club meeting with a proposal.**



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

**TO:**

***Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2010 Membership Application***

Please print clearly!

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

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

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

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

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

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

**2010 Dues: \$35** (Renewals are due by **March 1**) New/Renewal: \_\_\_New\_\_\_Renewal\_\_\_(Check One)

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

**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**