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A Word From The President:



I am sure glad to see winter go away. Now if only the rain would let up so we can fly our airplanes!

The porta-potty will be in place as of May 1st. The airplane stands have been fixed, and the field overall looks pretty decent.

Thanks

~ Rick Miller

Vice-President's Corner:



The repairs and sprucing up of Mead Field were completed several weeks ago. There were nine volunteers who helped make quick work of it, allowing us to get to more important things like fly!

Further down in the newsletter you will find a report filed by club member **Poindexter Riemenschneider**. Now that we are back flying outdoors, there will be more photos. Anyone can send in photos for the newsletter as well.

Bob Boumstein had a huge garage sale. Hopefully some of you were able to attend and find something you couldn't live without. I certainly did.

If any of our new club members are needing help with the hobby, please feel free to contact one of us club officers. We can certainly give you the help needed or find someone who can. Every day is training day for those who want it.

If you want to see some laid-back outright fun flying, attend our first monthly Old Timers gathering on May 21st. I must warn you though, it is easy to get the bug and want to have an old timer airplane. The bug bit me two years ago, and I love it! Besides, there is a great camaraderie in this group.

Come out and fly!

~ Nelson Carpenter

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM Tuesday – May 3rd, 2011

Location: Mead Field

(Brief meeting, food, bring an airplane!)



Treasury Report – April 2011



A copy of the April 2011 Financial Report will be passed out at the May 3rd meeting.

Thank You!

~ Dean Copeland

April 2011 Meeting Notes:

Old Business:

SAC Museum:

- On the weekend of March 26 and March 27, we had a representation of the Western Flyers at the SAC Celebration of Flight Event.
- Kudos go out to **Steve Peck** and **Keith Paskewitz** for organizing the Omaha Area RC clubs involvement.
- Planes: There were many RC planes on display in the lower atrium gathering space. **Bob Burt** flew his *Night Vapor*, **Rick Johnson** flew his *mCX Heli*, **Bob Boumstein** drove his WWII *Sherman* tank and several other members took advantage of flying in the atrium's calm air.
- Flying: There was flying indoors in the restoration hanger. Many people from local area clubs participated.
- Staffing: Several members volunteered at our booth on Saturday and Sunday.

Mead Field: There was much discussion regarding field and equipment status. It was mentioned that a new battery will probably be needed for the mower. It was decided that arrangements need to be made to roll the field. It was suggested that some other members need to be trained on mowing the field. There was discussion regarding the two mowers cutting abilities.

Treasurer Report: We accepted four additional new memberships. Club had a gain of \$166.95.

New Business:

Introductions:

- **Russ Roe** - A potential new member was introduced at our club meeting this month. He was at the SAC Museum event located at a display booth next to our Western Flyers booth.
- **Ed Paasch** - He is a member of the Omahawks and is the Safety Director for the Performance Flyers.

Mead Field (New Info):

- **Bob Burt** found a used pull behind sprayer for the field that he purchased with approval and club funds. Thank you Bob, what a good find!!
- A suggestion was made and seconded to spray/spread the field with pre-emergent to get the field going in good shape.
- Several vendors were suggested like Lasco which is a new vendor in Omaha selling to the public and Nebraska Turf Products.
- A suggestion was made and seconded to buy the pre-emergent from Lasco. **Bob Boumstein** volunteered to pick up the fertilizer.
- A suggestion was made and seconded to have a Spring Clean-up at the field on Saturday, April 9. As part of the field cleanup, we will attempt to repair and/or save as many field plane stands as possible. Bring any deck screws if you have them and drills. Any old wood that is not salvageable will be cut and disposed of.
- **Loren Blinde** has offered to assist in the mowing of the field. Thank you Loren!!

Tuesdays at Mead:

- Question was raised regarding food being offered: Comments were made that no one wants to cook so bringing pizza's was suggested and seconded.

- Food at Mead will begin with the meeting on May 3, 2011.
- Beginning with the May 2011 meeting, the gift card and Show-N-Tell portion of the meeting will be "sunset" (*put aside*) until the meetings begin back up at the Chalco location in the fall.

New Membership:

- A suggestion was made to contact those that have not rejoined.
- Another suggestion was made to promote our club to other RC clubs in the area with the offer of open flying and free pizza on Tuesday evenings.
- A question was raised as to what would be the course of action if we run out of pizza. The suggested solution was to run to the corner store and buy some hot dogs and buns.

Fun Flies:

Here is the confirmed list:

- *Spring Fun Fly* set for June 15.
- *Bud Hall Event* set for August 13/14. It is sanctioned by AMA and only 80" monoplanes or 60" biplanes that are true scale are to be flown. IMAA membership is not required.

There was discussion about the *Old Timer Fly* events. A question was asked as to what constitutes an "old timer" plane? The answer is the plane **design** had to exist prior to 1942.

Show-N-Tell:

- **Dean Copeland:** Brought an *R3 Gee Bee* with a wing thickness of 3/32". It is a plane he has had for several years. It is of an unknown manufacturer.
- **Bob Burt:** Brought *Aeronca C3* by Joy Manufacturing. It is designed for a .25 cu 2 stroke engine, but he put a Turnigy electric motor in it that is large enough to pull a .60 cu 2 stroke engine. It has an 80 amp Electronic Speed Control (ESC).
- **Rick Johnson:** Brought an ELE manufactured foam airplane called a *3D Hawk*. It has a 30" wingspan and is great fun indoors or outside with minimal wind. The foam comes all precut and you just need to glue the parts together like an ARF. Comes with everything but the radio and receiver from Nitroplanes.com and is VERY durable for only about \$68 with shipping.
- **Bob Boumstein:** Brought an *1816 Robert Sterling* heat expansion engine. He bought it off the internet. These have been used to generate electricity like a generator. It has a little LED light that stays lit when running. Bob states that it is like an outrunner electric motor but in reverse.
- **Jim Henley:** Brought in a large *Stearman*. It is powered by a Syssa 30 cc engine. The engine comes from a company out of Connecticut and includes a Walbro carburetor.
- **Fred Becker:** Brought a *Moth Minor*. It is made of blue core foam that is less than 1/4" thick. It weighs a whopping 13.5 oz with the battery installed. Again, designed and scratch built by Fred.

Winner of \$25 Gift Certificate to Hobby Town was **Fred Becker**.

That's it!

~ Rick Johnson

Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay

Well it seems that the speed controller I got from Hobby King is no good, more reason for me to avoid them in the future, couple that with the fact no instructions came with the radio I was pretty unhappy with the overall order. However Nelson C. has finished the Electric old-timer and it is a beauty. I expect to bring it to the next meeting I will be able to attend which is June so maybe it will fly at the first Old Timer event the end of May.



Just a reminder if the you get this in time, my big Garage sale of RC stuff, collectables, trains and toys is April 28,29, 30 and it is at my house 7705 South 155th Ave (Giles Ridge) 9-5 daily (cash only). I will have some G-scale train stuff too.

Since we did not have our auction this year perhaps a swap meet at the field is in order I would think sometime in June or July could work, if anyone is interested in this let me know when you see me or email me at bbhwc@cox.net. I would be happy to organize it. My thoughts are it would be free. Just bring out your stuff set it on a table or blanket from say 10am-2pm on a Saturday. No cost to anyone and we could invite everyone (all the area clubs) out to see beautiful Mead and promote the club at the same time. Perhaps cook a few Hot dogs too!

One of these days I would love to go to Muncie to see the AMA facilities, again I am thinking a club trip by car or Motorcycle, it could be fun!

Smooth Landings,

Smooth Landings!

~ Bob Boumstein

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



Frank Wisniski taxing his Fire Baby off the active runway at Mead Field.

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.

~ MEAD FIELD RULES ~

- All AMA rules apply.
- Visiting non-member pilots (flying) must be accompanied by a Western R/C Flyers member.
- Flying from 7am till dark any day of the week.
- All Pilots must use frequency board system by placing WRFC membership or AMA card on board.
- Mufflers required on all aircraft.
- No running up or testing of engines in pit area.
- Don't taxi through the pit area.
- No flying over or behind pits.
- Hi-Starts or bungees for glider launches must be placed at the far south end of the field and off of the active runway and pit areas.
- All pilots flying an aircraft, must be at one of the pilot's stations on flight line.
- Non-members limited to 3 visits and must be accompanied by a Western R/C Flyers member, club sponsored events not included.
- Be prepared to show other club members your membership card, proof of membership.
- Exercise courtesy, cooperation, common sense and thought while at the field. Think safety as well.
- You must sign in (white mailbox.)

Use of Frequency Board

With the growing popularity of 2.4 GHz, many of us are getting lax (*myself included*) with use of the frequency board, and simply not bothering with it. This is a dangerous practice, especially for those still on the old frequencies.

Further, and relative to the use of the frequency board, is the need to be in abidance to our AMA club charter whereby all flyers **MUST** be members of AMA for the insurance coverage. Placing your Western Flyers membership card and/or AMA card in the slot lets everyone know you are indeed a current AMA member and in good standing.

Concerning the safety aspect, in the past it has been observed that some flyers on the numbered frequencies are so used to just turning on a 2.4 that they are not bothering with the frequency board first. If this continues, this could be a disaster waiting to happen. Not only is a crash with injury possible, but do you want to owe a lot of money to someone flying an expensive plane that you just shot down? So, please put your card in the slot, even if you are flying on 2.4 GHz.



April Show N' Tell

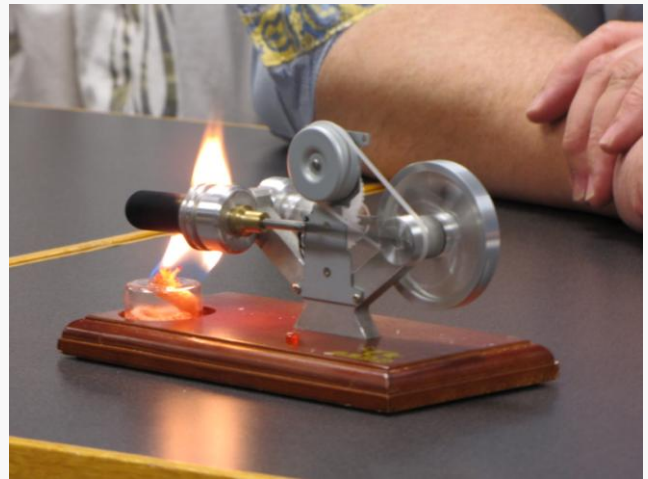
The following photos were taken at the Show N' Tell portion of the April 2011 club meeting. Several members brought their winter projects and RC related items for presentation. Winner of the \$25.00 raffle was **Fred Becker**. The April indoor club meeting draws to a close the Show N' Tell and raffle until next fall.



Bob Burt with his *Aeronca C3* by Joy Manufacturing. It is designed for a .25 cu 2 stroke engine, but he put a Turnigy electric motor in it that is large enough to pull a .60 cu 2 stroke engine. It has an 80 amp ESC (electronic speed control.)



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This power plant is an *1816 Robert Sterling* heat expansion engine belongs to **Bob Boumstein**. These have been used to power a generator for electricity.



Rick Johnson shows an ELE manufactured foam airplane called a *3D Hawk*. It has a 30" wingspan and is great fun indoors or outside with minimal wind.



This *Moth Minor* belongs to **Fred Becker** of B.A.D. (Becker Aircraft Design.) Another outstanding scratch build from his drawings. It is made of blue core foam that is less than 1/4" thick. It weighs a whopping 13.5 oz with the battery installed.



April Show N' Tell Cont....



Jim Henley with his revamped large *Stearman*. Jim spent the winter repairing and recovering the biplane. It is powered by a Syssa 30 cc engine. The engine comes from a company out of Connecticut complete with a Walbro carburetor.



CHALCO HILLS WEATHER CENTER

http://66.37.246.222/weather_center/usa.htm



MEAD FIELD

Be calm & composed
Assess the situation

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Non-Critical

Critical Or
Don't know

Call 911
Use Cellphone

Coleman Physicians Clinic
402-443-3434



Describe Location: Turn East after 3.7 miles south of Highway 92 on 78F. Follow road, turn south at tank, field is east of the building.

Describe Emergency:

As succinct as possible but don't leave out important details. Answer all questions asked.

OLD - TIMER Fun - Flys

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www.WeFlyRC.org



AMA Card Required

Location: Western R/C Flyers Mead Field 20 minutes west of Omaha, Ne.



Old Timer Airplane

APRIL FLYING AT MEAD FIELD



WARNING! **CROP CIRCLES FOUND!**

By Poindexter Riemenschneider



Picture taken from above. Mead field plainly shows what is most likely to be an alien landing site.

The enemy is already upon us and undoubtedly within our ranks! It is hard to say how many of our group have already been brain-drained by these invaders but it is a sure thing that they go for those in a position of power or leadership and also those that have certain skills such as designing and building airplanes. One of their greatest weapons is mind control! I am a witness to their mind controlling abilities myself. When I first obtained the video of the area around our Mead flying field the aliens must have known I would see the signs of their arrival but they were not yet ready to show themselves so they clouded my mind somehow so I would not see or recognize them. I only hope it's not too late!

The long winter away from the area of the infestation and my natural resistance to alien mind control has enabled me to see through the mind numbing fog and discover the truth. When I saw the crop circles in the videos, I knew instantly that no human could make them without the aid of an "eye in the sky" if you know what I mean. I knew I

had to investigate further in spite of the imminent danger. I drove out to the area to verify that in fact the circles were almost undetectable from the ground, further evidence that they were not of human origin. Being careful not to drive right into the center of their hideout I looked unsuccessfully for the circles but soon realized they were drawing me in! The mental power they command is very powerful! Out there in the dark they were able to make every road and corner look totally unfamiliar, as if I were lost! Though sheer force of will I was able to outsmart them. I would turn down the smallest road that looked like nothing more than a goat trail knowing they thought I would take the easy road then I switched strategies and took the good road when they thought I was wise to them. When I was finally free of their power and able to regain my bearings, I was just outside of Bennington. The most frightening thing about all of this is what I discovered the next day. I checked the mileage on my car and found that it didn't add up to what it should have driving out to Mead and then to Bennington! These are dangerous and powerful aliens we are now forced to deal with.



Several landing sites have been prepared in the area, when they are to be used is not known.

It's so obvious now what caused the airplane of our President, Rick Miller, to fly off to the area of the

alien-landing site. It could only have been an alien tractor beam. I know other club members went out looking for the lost plane and had to have been taken by the aliens. I am sure of this because instead of collecting the plane and all the parts they only told Rick where to look for the plane so he would have to go there. I hate to think how they might have suffered while the aliens sucked all worthwhile knowledge out of their brains and replaced it with their evil plans.

Those of us that still have our own brains can surely see the strange behavior of some of the others. Consider that Rick Miller, for instance, could not attend the last meeting and is always working late and on weekends too. Oh yea, world domination takes a lot of overtime you can count on that! That would also explain why he tried to downplay the significance of these pictures when I showed them to him.



This alien landing site has been burned leaving no doubt that a landing has already occurred.

We can assume they have worked their way down the chain of command past Nelson Carpenter and Joe Halamek. There can be no question that Dean Copeland is one of them. That bizarre plane he's

building is just perfect for a little green man to fly around in. They want our technology and they are on their way to getting it. There can be no doubt that Bob Boumstein is also one of them! In fact, he probably has been for many years. It was probably Bob that made the crop circles before the first ship landed! That limp and cane are a good cover but if he's cornered, he'll move like a 'Bob' cat! When his work is done here, which it almost is, he will be moving to Las Vegas to mark more landing sites. He has already laid the groundwork there with a local RC club and cemented his cover. We have to work fast! We must stop them now before Bob moves on to expand the invasion. If they get started out there, we will never be able to tell the brainless alien zombies from the desert sun fried locals!

This is war! We didn't want it but we have it and we must move quickly to ensure that it ends here and now. This is what we must do. Each one of us must protect ourselves from their most powerful weapon, mind control. Most importantly the head and back must be covered with a reflective metal to keep their powers out of our nervous system. Aluminum foil works best for this. It is best to wrap your entire body, arms and legs included, with foil and have a good foil hat for your head and neck. Take a single sheet to wrap around your face and use a pin to make many tiny holes for your eyes. Always wear this suit of armor to the flying field and fly as often as possible. Take note of anyone at the field that does not wear protection and particularly those that try to make eye contact through the foil mask. They are the alien trying to find a hole in your armor in order to force their mind control on you! We will find the enemy and discover their numbers in this way. Our greatest weapons are our RC airplanes. Get every plane that can be made airworthy and modify them so they can carry and release as large a payload of

Note from the editor,

Unfortunately, due to space constraints, this story will be continued next month.

~ 2011 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

2011 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys, Springfield, *Every* Tuesday night May 3rd through September 6th!
(Weather Permitting)

Food – Fun – Flying – Friends!

January **2011**

- **Tuesday, Jan 4th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

February **2011**

- **Tuesday, Feb 1st** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

March **2011**

- **Tuesday, Mar 1st** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

April **2011**

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

May **2011**

- **Tuesday, May 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.
- **Saturday, May 21st** – Old Timers Fun Fly at Mead. Registration at 9:00am with flying until noon.

June **2011**

- **Sunday, Jun 5th** – 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 18th** – Old Timers Fun Fly at Mead. Registration at 9:00am with flying until noon.

July **2011**

- **Tuesday, Jul 5th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD bring a plane, open flying & Food. - **Saturday, July 16th**
- Old-Timers Fun Fly - 9am until noon Mead field.

August **2011**

- **Tuesday, Aug 2nd** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD a plane, open flying & food.
- **Saturday and Sunday, Aug 13/14th** – 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 ¼ scale aircraft. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch both days and flying.
- **Saturday, Aug 20th** – Old Timers Fun Fly 9am until noon, Mead Field.

September **2011**

- **Sunday Sep 4th** – The 4th 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 & Food (Last Tuesday food will be served)
- **Saturday, Sep 17th** – Old Timers Fun Fly – 9am until noon. Mead Field.

October **2011**

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

November **2011**

- **Tuesday, Nov 1st** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
- Nominations taken for 2012 Officers

December **2011**

- **Tuesday, Dec 6th** - 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. 2011 Membership Application

Please print clearly!

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

AMA Number: _____ IMAA Number: _____

Dues Paid: \$ _____

2011 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**