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A Word from the President



Well spring is about to spring???? R U READY...!? All the planes are built and of course you have capacity checked you batteries right!

Speaking of batteries, they had some good deals at the *Toledo RC Show* last month. The RC show was packed with people and equipment. My friend Leroy and I went to enjoy the show and the excellent seminars on, "How To's: *Film Covering Techniques.*" Leroy walked away with *MY* film iron, actually they raffled it off and he won it. Other seminars included: *scale covering techniques; scale contest flying; and servo selection; precision flying setup (pattern & IMAC aerobatic); IMAC aerobatic flying and more.* There were lots of planes and stuff for sale in the swap shop and there was an auction.

The field has been mowed, the mowers are readied. Porta-Potty is on site. We plan on doing more maintenance on the equipment, but it will be when it's warmer. Let's plan on having a meeting at the field on Tuesday evening May 16th. We need to discuss who and how we will facilitate the club events this year, and to get some flying in. I will be out of state some this year, due to family health issues.

One more thing! Don't forget the club's scale aircraft event scheduled for Saturday May 27th. Size doesn't matter as long as it is scale to something full size. Of course, there is the monthly Old Timers and Electric Powered Gliders gathering on the 20th of this month.

See you at the Field!

- Rick Miller

Next Meeting: 7pm Tues May 16th

Mead Field



Vice-President's Corner



Got the *Aeromaster* out to maiden on Saturday the 6th, and it flies fine. Had a couple of minor problems with adjustments but everything went well. With it as nice a day as it was, I expected to see a few more people but I guess everyone was busy.

We have a couple of events coming up this month, and I hope the weather cooperates. Let's get out there and make use of the nice field we have to fly.

See you out flying.

Fly 'em!

- Rick Haneline

Treasurer's Report



We now have 42 paid up members for the 2017 season. The weather has finally started to be flight worthy and there are more and more pilots showing up at the field.

The mowing crew has really been doing a fine job and it sure does make for a great place to fly.

Mower repairs have been taken care of by Rick Miller and field insurance also paid. The potty is now in place and there is no corn to take cover so the flying season is now in full swing. Get those planes out there and enjoy.

Your Treasurer

- Dean Copeland

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"Bucket O' Bolts II"

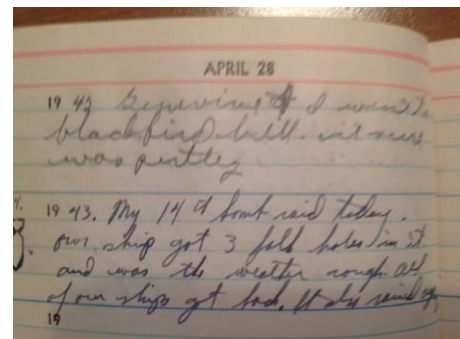


By Dave Kelly



My father spent a year in North Africa, serving as a tail gunner on a B-26. I'll post to the newsletter his Diary account monthly. These entries bring us up to end of February 1943, and each month thereafter will be added. It's interesting to read his accounts, and how his writing changed over that year. Amount of his entries, legibility, and general mood certainly can be seen over the next several months.....

My 14th bomb raid today. Our ship got 3 flak holes in it and was the weather rough. All our ships got back. It also rained again.






Round the Field


By Tim Peters




Although I had high hopes of being invited to this year's annual *Berkshire Hathaway* meeting, once again **Warren Buffet** let me down. I wasn't all that disappointed as I knew that the real 'Meet-and-Greet' with the 'Not-So-Rich but Surely Infamous Mead Screwballs' would be at the *WRCF* Mead flying field Saturday morning, May 6, 2017. I arrived early to beat the other paparazzi and give you the inside scoop.

And what a fabulous event it was. The weather was super; not too warm and the winds out of the East were not too strong to deter any flying. Let's see who attended the gala:

- **Loren Blinde:** ASW20 sailplane, *Pegasus* tow plane and a 'tailless' *Polestar* designed by **Bill Evans**. Loren tells me that the *Polestar* uses a *Scorpion* motor, 4S battery and *Tru-Turn* spinner. The back plate on the spinner acts as a fan to force cooling air through the fuselage and out the back. Not additional cutouts were needed to assist with cooling.

- **Jack Berry** flew a "Top Models *Prelude 99*" sailplane. Unfortunately the only usable photo I took was of the canopy and motor/prop. The *Prelude* has ailerons and flaps. It looks like it flies great. Jack also flew his *Sig 4-Star* plane.

- **Rene Mayo** showed her 'Broomstick' electric plane, which uses the typical 'Stick' configuration. Check the photo of the decals on the wing and tail. You'll understand how the plane got its nickname.

- **Tom Wild** was the pilot of Loren's *Pegasus* tow plane. Loren said the *Pegasus* has a *Brisson 6.4* 2-cylinder motor with a 26-10 prop. One of the photos shows the warning label affixed to the *Pegasus*. Check it out.

- **Larry Woscyna** showed two planes, an old-timer along with an electric *Mini-Telemaster*.


- **Doug Clemetson** flew his green-machine *Quaker*.


- **Steve Rasmussen** flew his trainer and also assisted Doug with his flights.
- *WRCF* Safety Officer **Mike Lawver** arrived fashionably late; I did not get a chance to discuss his aircraft.
- I had fun with my *Horizon Hobby Whippet* glider giving it about 20-30 underhand tosses into the air. As time passed I think I was getting a little better, most tosses would launch the plane up 20-30 feet with glides lasting 15-30 seconds. After watching a few of my launches, Tom suggested the aircraft should come with an age-appropriate pain reliever for the aching muscles that result from this activity.

We had a guest at the field. **Michael Watson (Omaha)** was invited as a friend of Larry W. Michael has been in-and-out of the hobby over a number of years; he brought at 'Big Ugly Hell on Wheels *Stick*' plane and an *Avistar*. The *Stick* is a SPAD plane (I forget what SPAD means, something like 'Simple Plastic Airplane Design') powered with a *Tower 40* 2-stroke motor and *Futaba* electronics. The *Avistar* has an *OS 40*. As I recall, **Tom Wild** assisted Michael with flying the *Avistar*. Michael is looking forward to flying with our group; we hope to see him again soon.


Hope I didn't miss anyone who attended the premier morning flying event. Do know there were others who showed up after I left. Anyway, I'm thinking we had more fun than the *Berkshire* gang.

Remember, you read it here first! ☺

*Western R/C
Flyers*

SCALE Fun-Fly
and Swapmeet
9am - 4pm
Saturday
May 30th
Western R/C Flyers - Mead Field
Hosted by the Western R/C Flyers Omaha, Nebraska - AMA 857

BRING YOUR SCALE AIRPLANE AND SWAP ITEMS
No Contest! - No Prizes! - Just a good old Fashion "Open Flying" Fun Day!

NO LANDING FEE - FREE FOR ALL
Have airplanes or equipment for sale or trade? Bring 'em out & hang a sign!

- Club takes **NO** Commission - **FOR SALE**
Western R/C Flyer Members Free - Non-Members ~~\$\$\$~~!

Visitors and Spectators are always welcome!

Western R/C Flyers Mead Field - Highway 92 west to Mead, turn south on 78F, go 3.7 miles, follow signs from 78F.

Sorry, No Rain Date!
www.wflyrc.org

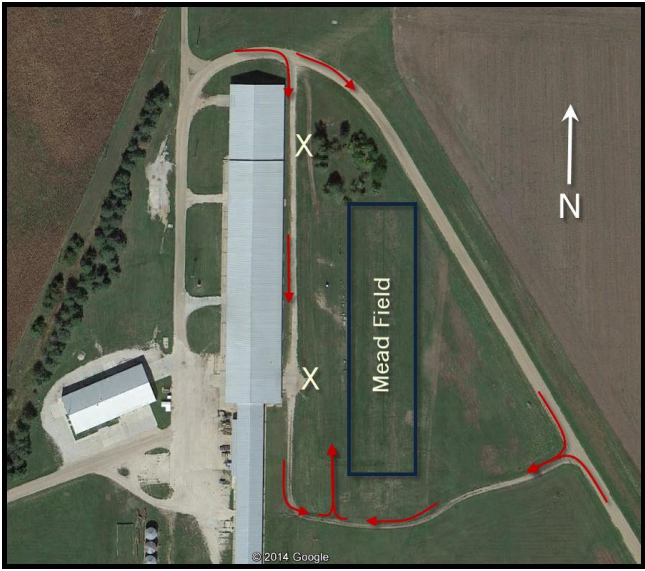
- AMA Membership Required -

Got Mud? Then Go Around

Almost all of us have experienced the mud and rutting that results after a rain. The field access road, on the northern end of the field, is first to collect rainfall and turn to mud. Driving through it only makes things worse for this short length of road. When rutting, and sometimes it gets deep, it could last the rest of the year.

Next time you find yourself trying to get to the pit area and the road is basically impassible, please go around and enter on the south end. When driving into the pits, also do your best to avoid areas that will easily rut when somewhat muddy.

Thank you all for helping keep the field in top-notch condition!



What.....!?!?



Okay, this was seen at Mead Field the other day..... First thought was that the Monokote covering really went bad. But if you were to ask **Larry Inness** what was going on, he'd explain it was a technique of keeping the sun off his P-47 Thunderbolt. That and hiding from the enemy.



Rebuild of a Favorite Old Airplane

By Jim Henley



These photos show the initial phases of my effort to rebuild an old favorite, a *Great Planes 1/5 scale Space Walker*. I have had this airplane since 2004 or 2005, but toward the middle of last year I managed to crash it while flying out at *Mead Field*. My first reaction seeing the fuselage in two pieces and the wing covering shredded, was that the plane was a total loss. I checked some of the on-line sites, but could not find anyone who had one or that had parts for sale.

After letting the plane sit for several months I took the pieces and laid them out on the work bench to see what I had. Once I figured out how the airplane was constructed, I deconstructed the front of the fuselage so I could make new parts.

The first order of things was to re-attach the plywood sides where they were broken off. After getting that all re-aligned, I made new formers and plywood doublers to strengthen the fuselage sides where they were broken.

The photos show the original break points, the new parts and the re-assembly. The fuselage still needs the 3/32nd balsa sides added to the nose and the covering needs to be removed. I will keep the same covering scheme but not the same colors. More will follow as work progresses.



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FLASH BACK – MAY 2007

Ten years ago we had not one, but two flying fields. Mead Field and the long-time field a mile west of Springfield. Soon after the photo below was taken in May 2007, we lost this field due to the farmer's wish to cultivate the ground we flew off. Below you see former club members **Keith Rounph** (l) and **Jim Albin** (r) readying Jim's classic *Piper Cub* for flight at Springfield.





Photo of Rick Haneline's nice looking Aeromaster that he maiden'd earlier this month.

Back into Glider Build

By David Miller

I would just like to post some interesting information on my 2nd *Riser 100* kit under construction. This is the one I had gotten from Larry Woscyna last fall. I think he bought it from an estate Sale. The kit had the original receipt in the box from the original owner. I did some digging, after looking at the receipt again. It turned out that the original owner was a "Tuskegee Airman (Pilot)". His name was Charles A. Lane Jr. and he lived here in Omaha, Nebraska. He had passed away November 8, 2013. He was 88.

I had posted this on *RCGroups.com* under *Sailplane Talk*. And a reader said I should cover it in the Red Tails colors. I might do that when I get it built sometime this summer. I'm also thinking about putting on the side of the fuselage "In Honor of Charles A. Lane Jr."

Happy Flying

David Miller



From Tim Peters: "Janet and I were at Chalco hiking today and noticed several of these newly-installed signs."

Mead Field Pics

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~ 2017 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

January 2017

- **Saturday, Jan 17th** - *Strategic Air & Space Museum's Indoor Air Show 2015*

February 2017

March 2017

April 2017

- **Saturday, April 15th** – *Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly* - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

May 2017

- **Saturday, May 20th** – *Old Timers Fun Fly with Electric Glider Fly* - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.
- **Saturday, May 27th** – *Scale Fun Fly* at Mead Field starting 9am.

June 2017

- **Saturday, Jun 10th** – *Annual Spring Club Fun Fly and Swap Meet* at Mead Field starting at 10:00am. Open flying.
- **Saturday, June 17th** – *Old Timers Fun Fly with Electric Glider Fly* - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

July 2017

- **Sunday Jul 9th** – *Western Flyers Open House Fun Fly*. Starts at 9:00am with flying until dark.
- **Saturday, Jul 15th** – *Old-Timers Fun Fly with Electric Glider Fly* - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

August 2017

- **Saturday, Aug 19th** – *Old Timers Fun Fly with Electric Glider Fly* - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.
- **Saturday, Aug 26th** – *Bud Hall Large Aircraft Fun Fly*. Aircraft restricted to IMAA criteria. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch and flying. Rain date Aug 28th.

September 2017

- **Saturday, Sep 16th** – *Old Timers Fun Fly with Electric Glider Fly* – Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

October 2017

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

November 2017

December 2017



Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2017 Membership Application

Please print clearly!

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

AMA Number: _____

Amount Paid: \$ _____

2017 Dues: \$35 (Renewals should be paid by **April 1**) New ___ Renewal ___ (Check One)

Sign Here: _____ Date _____

Membership application subject to approval. AMA membership is required.

Make Checks Payable to: Western R/C Flyers

Complete this form and send with check to WRCF Treasurer:

Dean Copeland 15668 Fountain Hills Dr. Omaha, Nebraska 68118