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TAILSPIN NEWSLETTER

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A Word From The President:

Greetings everyone, I hope you all have started on next year's planes by now. It was a great year, although a little wet early on. The remaining portion of the year has some important club activities. One of those is the business of the club officers elections.

So please try to make the meetings and bring some show and tell items, they are the heart of the meetings.

Thanks

~ Rick Miller

Vice-President's Corner:

Because of Election Day, the club's November meeting was moved to the second Tuesday of the month.

If you were in the market for a good used airplane at a great price and didn't attend the Omahawks auction a few weeks ago, then you should have. Prices were unbelievably low. While at the auction, a member of the Omahawks mentioned to me how appreciative they were for some of our club members stepping up to help with the auction.

Guess we didn't get as much flying in during October as we might have anticipated. Main culprit this time were the winds.

Make sure you all are using your current Western Flyers membership card on the frequency board when flying at Springfield. We continue to have several repeat "visitors" flying at the field who lack membership in the club. The use of your Western Flyers' card will help each of us identify the non-members who show up to fly at our field without one.

Now that we will soon be getting acclimated to the seasonal change, that means building season is here too. Bring your whole or partial project to the next meeting's show n' tell.

Sadly we learned at the last monthly meeting that one of our key club members is planning a move to the Ozarks in another year or so. Bob Burt will sorely be missed by all of us. More-so when he is gone and we fully realize what he has done for this club.

Come out and fly!

~ Nelson Carpenter

Next Meeting:

7:00pm Tuesday – Nov 11, 2008

Location: Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills



Financial Report – September 30, 2008

Report to be provided at the next club meeting.

Thank You!

~ Ed Splittgerber

October Meeting Notes:

- The monthly club meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM on October 7, 2008. There were 15 club members present.
- Old business discussed included payment to the landlord of the Springfield site. Check had cleared.
- Rick Miller will approach the landowner to discuss our club's relationship and the state of the field. No surprises are expected.
- Treasurer's report was given by Ed Splittgerber.
- New business brought up the suggestion that the porta-potties be kept at the fields through the month of October. Rather than pulled in September. Issue deferred until next Spring.
- Rick Miller stated that the Quickee races will be scheduled for 2009.
- Bob Burt announced retirement from club activities due to pending move to Missouri in 2010.
- Club trainer was found after nearly two months in the soybeans at Springfield. Engine and other parts the mice did not chew on were salvaged. Including the wing intact. Ron Brandt offered a replacement trainer to the club which was gratefully accepted.
- Lynn Langer mentioned a friend who was getting out of the hobby. Many RC parts available to club as a donation to possibly be auction at the club's April 2009 event.
- Newest club member Joey Thompson introduced himself and was welcomed by the club.
- It was noted that nominations for 2009 club officers would be accepted at the November meeting with elections at the December meeting. Three of the club's 2008 officers – Miller, Carpenter, Splittgerber – all stated that they were comfortable staying in their current positions if the club so desired and accepted for 2009.
- Dean Copeland provided \$20 Hobbytown gift certificate for this month's raffle.
- Motion made and passed that starting with the next month's raffle it would be a 50/50 drawing of the proceeds, or an item someone offered as a prize.
- Business portion of meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.



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

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.

Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay



Good news is hard to come by in this economic upheaval. So we are lucky to have a hobby that in general makes us happy. However I think an unusual opportunity awaits us, as it is my belief that items at the upcoming auctions and swap meets will go "dirt dog cheap" so if you save your money you can probably get some great buys for yourself. I would not see this as an opportunity for eBay but rather a chance to get some good things at great prices. So I say go to these events with some greenbacks on your pocket and grab a few bargains.

"Tales from the Crypt"- about four months ago this fellow out west, who fell upon hard times decided to sell me his collection of crêpe (French for garbage). In amongst the nearly seven poorly packed boxes (3 to go still!) I find the bags of parts for OK and Cox engines. I am thinking how in the world do I get rid of this? So I decided to bag up a few parts at a time and place them on eBay.... eBay likes parts! The results have been overwhelming I could not be more pleased. Many bidders have made the prices of my parts mixers sell vey nicely for far more than I would have guessed. So bag up your unwanted parts and eBay them!

Well, when you see me ask me about Harrah's casino on Oct 11, 2008. Though I play slots a few times a month for mental escapism. Sometimes good things happen when you least expect them. On Oct 28 I shed my leg brace and maybe fire up my Harley for a late season scoot. I want to get the names of everyone with a motorcycle to organize a spring ride in 2009. Let me know please.

Hobble & Bobble

~ **Bob Boumstein**



CHALCO HILLS WEATHER CENTER



["http://www.papionrd.org/weather/usa.htm"](http://www.papionrd.org/weather/usa.htm)

RAFFLE OCTOBER CLUB MEETING!



Be sure to attend!
Bring a Show N' Tell -- get 2 free tickets!
Tickets \$1 each.



November Show N' Tell

At this winter's first show n' tell there were three presenters including **Bob Burt**, **Lynn Langer**, and **Mike Crosby**.

Bob's wasn't exactly meant for the show n' tell, but he displayed what remained of the club's trainer after being lost in the soybean field for nearly two months. The mice found the plane before we did and chewed up quite a bit of everything on the plane. the



routine of using the frequency board. But **Lynn** had the answer with the advanced epoxy system including applicator that he brought to inform everyone. The product is called



Aeropoxy which has been primarily used in the aerospace industry, but has application with our hobby. The bonding agent is sold by Ellsworth Adhesive located in Rapid City, SD. **Mike**

brought his Thunder Tiger "Rare Bear" which has a 68" wingspan and powered by an OS .90 two-stroke with Perry pump. The Rare Bear also has mechanical retracts. Raffle winner was new club member **Joey Thompson** whose daughter drew the winning ticket... (how did that happen???) We all had a good laugh about how the drawing went down.



Tips and Tricks

Is it best to recharge batteries slowly? Quick charging NiMH batteries will reduce their life?

Not true. For practical purposes with batteries that are designed to be quick charged, for example, Sanyo, GP, Tenenergy, that is not true. It is important to use a battery charger that has been specifically designed to rapid charge NiMH cells. Actually there is a much greater likelihood of reducing the life of a NiMH battery by using an "overnight" charger than by using a smart fast charger. Overnight chargers rely on the fact that you will unplug them after a number of hours. If you forget to unplug them they can continue to charge the batteries longer than they should. Overcharging WILL reduce the life of batteries. From a strictly technical sense, a battery that is always slow charged will likely last a little longer than one that is always rapid charged. However, the difference is so small that it is not likely to be noticeable for most users.

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CLUB FLYING ACTIVITIES – *October 2008*



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~ 2008 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

2008 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys, Springfield, Every Tuesday night May 1st through September 4th! 2008
(Weather Permitting)

Food – Fun – Flying – Friends!

**January
2008**

Tuesday, Jan 8th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

**February
2008**

Tuesday, Feb 5th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

**March
2008**

Tuesday, Mar 4th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

**April
2008**

Tuesday, Apr 1st - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)
Friday, April 18th - WRCF Auction Set-Up
- 7pm, BJS Building - Bellevue
Saturday, April 19th - Annual R/C Auction
- BJS Building - Bellevue - Sign in at 8am
Auction Starts at 10am (Members should be there no later than 7:45am Auction day)

**May
2008**

Tuesday, May 6th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food
Saturday, May 10th - Old-timers Fun Fly
Spring Round-up
- Mead Field 9am
Sunday, May 18th - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**June
2008**

Tuesday, Jun 3rd - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food
Saturday, Jun 7th – Spring IMAA Fun Fly
- 10am Mead Field (Limited to Giant scale IMAA aircraft, \$5.00 landing fee, Open Flying)
Saturday, June 14th - Old-timers Fun Fly
- 9am, Mead field
Sunday June 8th - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**July
2008**

Tuesday, Jul 1st - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site bring a plane, open flying & Food
Saturday, July 12th - Old-timers Fun Fly - 9am, Mead field
Sunday, July 20th - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in 9:30am, Racing 10am

**August
2008**

Tuesday, Aug 5th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & food
Saturday, August 9th - Old-timers Fun Fly - 9am, Mead Field
Saturday & Sunday, August 16th & 17th – 19th Annual Bud Hall IMAA Fun Fly
- Mead Field -9am both days, aircraft limited to IMAA criteria, large scale aircraft all AMA - IMAA rules apply. May join IMAA at the field. (80inch & up monoplanes, 60 inch up biplanes)
Sunday, Aug 24th - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**September
2008**

Tuesday, Sep 2nd - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & Food (Last Tuesday food will be served)
Sunday, September 7th – Open Fun Fly and Outdoor Swap meet - Mead Field – Swap Meet set-up after 9:00am, Open Flying @ 10am – 3pm
Saturday, September 13th - Old-timers Fun Fly - 9am, Mead Field
Sunday, Sep 21st - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in 9:30am, Racing 10am

**October
2008**

Tuesday, Oct 7th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)
Saturday, October 11th - Old-timers Fun Fly - 9am, Mead Field

**November
2008**

Tuesday, Nov 11th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, inside right of main entrance)
- Nominations taken for 2009 Officers

**December
2008**

Tuesday, Dec 2nd - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, inside right of main entrance)
- 2009 Officer elections

Want to schedule a 2009 event? Contact any officer or attend a club meeting with a proposal.

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Tailspin Newsletter
Western RC Flyers
Omaha, Nebraska

TO:

Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2009 Membership Application

Please print clearly!

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

AMA Number: _____ IMAA Number: _____

Dues Paid: \$ _____

2009 Dues: \$35 (2009 Renewals must be paid by **February 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:
Ed Splitgerber 5046 S. 174th St. Omaha, Nebraska 68135**