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A Word From The President:

Hello WRCF, I have some good news for a change. It seems that there will be no disruption to the Mead field this fall.

Originally the ARDC informed us that there would be excavation activity at the Mead Field site due to under ground fuel storage tanks being in place at the old Power House facility. However after testing it was found that there were no tanks present so no excavation will be taking place.

Unfortunately a Woodchuck or Badger is digging big holes over in the pits again. If you are out at the field please keep an eye open to help identify the type of pest that is presently digging. Do not confront the animal, especially if it's a Badger; just let us know so we can address this issue.

We should all be thinking about the building season again, I hope all of you have your shop neat, clean, and in orderly fashion (ha ha), with plenty of good projects you're working on.

See you at the meeting.

Best Regards

~ Rick Miller

Vice-President's Corner:

Another year has gone by and will be ending with a big change for the club. After several decades of flying at Springfield, that will end on December 31st. Many flights were made from that strip of ground in the middle of the corn field. It was a great field, and it will be missed. If we are to replace it, your help is needed in finding a replacement field.

Remember that our monthly meetings are now indoors. Guess most would realize that. We are holding the meetings at the Natural Resources Center which is the office building located at Chalco Lake west of 144th Street and south of Giles Road. Hope to see more of you attend these meetings. The Show N' Tells are great as you will see in this newsletter.

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM Tuesday – November 3, 2009

Location: NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills, 8901 S. 154th St.

(Board Room, inside main entrance to right.)



Bob Burt's Champ made its maiden flight a few weeks ago. Story and photos of that event are below.

The Omahawks auction went well. It was definitely a buyer's market with some deals so good that they were hard to believe.

Elections are coming up. With the November meeting, nominations will be taken for the four offices. Elections will be at the December meeting. So if you have an interest in your club, please attend to support your candidate of choice for office.

Come out and fly!

~ Nelson Carpenter

Financial Report – September 30, 2009

To be provided at next meeting.

Thank You!

~ **Ed Splittgerber**

October 6, 2009 Meeting Minutes:

- Nelson C. calls meeting to order. Rick Miller was out with swine flu.
- Treasurers Report read and accepted.
- Old Business:
 1. Mead is under construction as underground tanks are located and removed.
 2. Mead remains flyable until notified. Watch out for critter holes.
- New Business:
 1. Springfield items: save flag pole, frequency board, and wind sock, disassemble shed.
- Board Meeting held last week; president will appoint nominating committee that will present a full slate of candidates. Individual member may nominate a person for an individual office. November meeting is nominations and December meeting is elections.
- Report on Pacific Junction field prospect by Neal Kilchrste.
- Giles Road field under review and consideration.
- Omahawks Auction on October 18th needs Western Flyers help.
- Show & Tell.

~ **Bob Boumstein**

Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay



A big thank you to Western Flyers members who helped out at the Omahawks Auction. They needed it! We did a good job of adding to their labor force. Thank you all again! The auction was definitely a buyer's market as bargains were had by many. You could have stolen some nice aircraft cheap. I got a Quaker Old Timer in nice shape with Radio and engine for \$85 dollars. Unheard of! I hope the economy improves for our auction in spring, though sales were not off. I believe the Omahawks will have sold about \$20K. But wait there is more..... "Buy It Now" was accepted pretty well with \$5 for no sale items not a problem! And best of all, no impound! I hope you were there to see these forward thinking ideas work out very well.

On a personal note, I am in the middle of a deal to become the seller of Irvine Engines in the USA since SIG has backed out. This is the first time anyone ever offered me a line of engines without restrictions. I have had several pleasant conversations with Irvine in the UK, and now I hope to make this happen in November. The product is top notch but the prices are not low. However I already have been contacted by two folks who want engines, as they love the brand. I am hopeful.

Some tips for anyone taking stuff to the auctions during the present economic turn down. Buyers are not expecting to pay more than 1/2 of retail in most cases less. Only sell whatever you need to get rid of and be realistic in what you expect to get. Just go to an auction and you will see what is selling and for how much. I know some people think that their stuff is terrific, and then list it on our website. People will not pay the price for even high quality stuff, as I have observed at the last two auctions. But if you have money, bargains can be yours!

Stay Warm

~ **Bob Boumstein**

Western RC Flyers Club Website:

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



October Show N' Tell

There were three projects presented at the October meeting. These individuals have already gotten a head start on the winter building season. **Dave Kelly** with his large scale P-47; **Neal Kilchriste** recently completed Pica 1/5 scale Waco; and **Joey Thompson** and his Go Big Red Special.

Dave has a special connection with his chosen project and a WWII fighter ace he had met who actually flew this aircraft. His story is found within this newsletter. Neal did a remarkable job with the Waco kit by building it in six days. Very good looking. The Go Big Red Special Joey was able to create following a visit to Husker Hounds. It is an electric foam job that performs well in the air. →



CHALCO HILLS WEATHER CENTER



www.papionrd.org/weather/usa.htm



SWIFT Glider Guiders

The Swift glider flyers, who are all members of our Western RC Flyers Club, have been fortunate to hold three events over this past flying season at Mead Field. Some of the glider guys have given back to the club such as help with the painting of the storage building at Mead. Their efforts and participation within our club are appreciated.



NEWS BULLETIN: Bob Burt's Aeronca Champ Makes Maiden Flight at Mead on 19 October.

Mead – It was a near top 10 day on Monday October 19th when Bob Burt made the decision to put his 12 foot wingspan Aeronca Champ in the air for the first time. Arriving at Mead near 12 noon, Bob found himself alone as he assembled the Aeronca in the pits. Soon to arrive was Nelson Carpenter with his trusty camera, and Dean Copeland who had the honors of making the first flight. Bob's project had been ongoing for three years, and you can imagine how nervous he must have been. The Champ was fueled, and after a few short hops down the runway, it was ready to make that first flight. It went well with only a little trimming required. A total of three flights were put in, and the 35 pound Champ flew very realistic. Video of Bob's Aeronca Champ making its maiden flight: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQVC-9Aul0o>
Photos depict that day and those first flights.

In Bob's words: *The Aeronca was built from RCM plans. It has a 141 inch wing span which is 1/3 scale. Covering is Sig Koverall. Paint is Nelson Paint. Radio - Futaba 2.4. Engine-Turnigy 52cc gas turning a 22x8 prop. All metal parts were made by hand. Ribs are built from 1/8x1/4 spruce, and 1/32 ply gussets. Like I stated all metal parts were hand made including the main gear which are spring loaded including the tail wheel gear. We flew it the first time with the top cowl removed to make sure the engine did not over heat. The next time I will put the cowl on and see how well it cools. →*



Bud Mitchell's Bucker Jungmeister Makes Maiden Flight at Mead Field

Mead – It was a clear day at 11:00am on September 20, 2009 when Bud Mitchell went to Mead Field for the test flight of his Bucker Jungmeister that had been on-again – off-again under construction over many years. In attendance with Bud was Bob Zitzlsperger, Claude Weimer, Dean Copeland and his wife Joyce, Bob Burt, Tom Virgileto, and Ron Brandt. All will attest that this flight really did take place.

Weather was very good with 10 mph wind from the south. Right down the runway. Only glitch was that Bud had to rebind his 2.4 GHz radio after assembling the plane. Dean did the honors, and the flight was flawless. Note Bud's uncanny ability to put others to work assembling his airplane while he sat and BS'd on his tailgate.....→



Lockheed F-104a Starfighter saw service in the USAF from 1958 through 1967. It flew combat missions in the Viet Nam war.

Field Search Report

Nothing new to report on the field search. As it has been said, finding a field with enough space to meet our needs is very difficult in a rapidly growing urban area. Your help is needed if we are to accomplish this task. If you have any leads or ideas whatsoever, please contact one of the club officers.

The last two prospects did not pan out. The Giles Road and 120th Street location fell within 3 miles of Millard Airport. There is an FAA directive that restricts flying within that periphery, although it is possible. Neal Kilchriste also had a site that he learned of through a friend. However, the location near Pacific Junction, Iowa didn't rank it very high as being a good site for Western Flyers membership.

Any decision made on a replacement flying field will be by the board of directors along with the club officers. This includes decisions with location and any financial arrangements.

Again, if we are to get serious with replacing our Springfield flying site, it will take the help of individuals within the club. Not just a committee. So put your thinking caps on, and see what you can come up with.

Side note: don't give up on your club with the loss of Springfield. We must stay united and support what we have and any future flying site. →

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.



George Doersch – P-47 Ace

By Dave Kelly

NOTE: Dave had brought a large scale model he had built of a P-47 razorback to our October Show N' Tell. The story he had of its background was just as good and very interesting. I asked that he share this with the club in this article.

I had the rare privilege to get to know, and fly with Mr. George A. "Pop" Doersch in 1988. He wanted to get "recurrent" in a civilian aircraft at Offutt AFB where I was instructing at the time. The first time I went to endorse his log book, I could not help but notice his time in P-47's and P-51's. In a very non-boastful way, I soon learned that he was a double ace. I told him of my hobby of building model airplanes and asked him if he could give me some information on the airplanes he flew. He gave me a black and white photo of his P-51D, serial # 44-12067 "OLE' GOAT", and told me of a book by Danny Morris, entitled "ACES and WINGMEN", that would be a good reference.

Later in 2001, while on a trip to London, I saw a copy of the book and asked to see it. The second chapter of the book is dedicated to George Doersch and contains a remarkable account of him flying his P-51 into the ground at more than 400 miles per hour on a strafing mission. Heavily damaging the aircraft and flying it back to base. The book contained photos as well.

George Doersch flew at least two (2) P-47's with the 368th Fighter Squadron (later changed to the 370th FS) prior to being replaced by P-51's in May of 1944. Serial # 42-8558 was force landed by "Pop" in April 1944. Serial # 42-8552, a P-47D-5-RE, was the aircraft he scored his first victory in, and is the aircraft I chose to model. His first victory came while in a dog-fight with a German FW-190 in March 1944. "Pop" finished the war a double ace with 10.5 air victory's and 1.5 on the ground for a total of 12 victory's, the second highest of the 370th fighter squadron.

After completing the model I learned that Mr. Doersch had passed but was able to contact his family via information I had received from an 8th Air Force Association. I have shared the photos with his family and they were very grateful for my photos. We hope to meet some time and possibly use the model with a reunion of the 359th Fighter Group Association also.

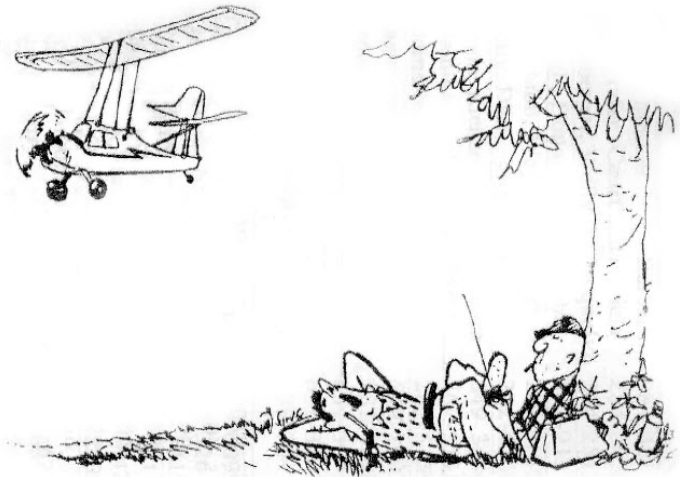
My future projects include a 113" B-26, in the markings of my father's bomber squadron; he too was an ace of sort, downing six (6) German aircraft from his "tail gunner" position on one of the original B-26 crews to serve in North Africa. Go to http://www.b26.com/marauderman/george_kelly.htm →

Specs on Dave's model:
Top Flite kit with optional razor back kit feature. Zenoah G-62 for power; Wingspan 85"; length 75"; weight w/o radio 21.2 lbs.; flying weight 27 lbs. Build start Nov 07 – finished May 09.





From the newsletter of the Central Arizona Modelers, Inc., Sedona, Arizona



"Gotta replace those gum-bands one of these days..."

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





For Sale!
Club Classifieds
FOR SALE
FOR TRADE
WANTED
Free listings with Club Membership
Western R/C Flyers

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

WANTED: Your photos and stories. Recent or old. To be used in the club's newsletter. Please contact editor.

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October Show N' Tell – Addt'l Photos

Few more photos taken at last month's Show N' Tell of Dave Kelly's P-47, Neal Kilchriste's Waco biplane, and Joey Thompson's Big Red Special.



~ 2009 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

2009 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys, Springfield, Every Tuesday night May 1st through September 1st 2009
(Weather Permitting)

Food – Fun – Flying – Friends!

January 2009

Tuesday, Jan 6th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

February 2009

Tuesday, Feb 3rd - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

March 2009

Tuesday, Mar 3rd - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

April 2009

Tuesday, Apr 7th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)
- Sunday Apr 26th – Western RC Flyers 28th 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 2009

Tuesday, May 5th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food
- Sunday, May 17th – Q500 races at Mead.
Registration at 9:00am.

June 2009

Tuesday, Jun 2nd - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food.
- Saturday, Jun 6th – Annual Spring Club Fun Fly at Mead starting at 10:00am. Open flying.
- Sunday Jun 14th – Glider Event at Mead Field.
- Sunday Jun 21st – Q500 Races at Mead Field.
Registration at 9:30am. Racing starts at 10:00am.

July 2009

Tuesday, Jul 7th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site bring a plane, open flying & Food
Saturday, July 11th - Old-Timers Fun Fly - 9am until noon Mead field
Sunday, July 12th – Glider event at Mead
Sunday, July 19th - Quicke Racing
- Mead Field - Check in 9:30am, Racing 10am

August 2009

Tuesday, Aug 4th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & food
- Saturday, Aug 8th – Old Timers Fun Fly
9am until noon, Mead Field
- Saturday and Sunday, Aug 15/16th – Bud Hall IMAA Fun Fly at Mead. Aircraft limited to IMAA criteria and membership, large scale aircraft. 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 23rd – Q500 races at Mead.
Registration at 9:30am. Racing starts at 10:00am.

September 2009

Tuesday, Sep 1st - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & Food (Last Tuesday food will be served)
- Sunday Sep 6th – The 3rd Annual Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet. Outdoor swap meet free to WRFC members, \$5.00 for non-members. Swap meet setup after 9am. Open flying 10am through 3pm.
- Sunday, Sep 12th – Old Timers Fun Fly – 9am until noon. Mead Field
- Sunday, Sep 20th – Q500 races at Mead.
Registration at 9:00am. Racing starts at 10am.

October 2009

Tuesday, Oct 6th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

November 2009

Tuesday, Nov 3rd - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, inside right of main entrance)
- Nominations taken for 2010 Officers

December 2009

Tuesday, Dec 1st - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, inside right of main entrance)
- 2010 Officer elections

Want to schedule a 2010 event? Contact any officer or attend a 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 (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 Splittgerber 5046 S. 174th St. Omaha, Nebraska 68135