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### A Word from the President



Ideally, everyone was able to squeeze in some flying sessions with this great weather we had during October. The season is about to come to an end, except for the die-hards who don't mind cold weather.

With the November meeting at the NRC, the *Show n' Tell* is back along with the raffle drawing. Bring something, bring anything! Surely it will be entertaining.

If not the November meeting, one or two meetings later we will be setting the 2014 schedule for flying events at Mead. Got an idea for a fun fly or event? Please come to the meetings and present them. We'll also be working on the schedule for next year.

Prospective new members for our *Western Flyers* club will note that dues are still only \$35 for the next flying season 2014. A bargain and the lowest of all area clubs.

Also, club officer nominations for 2014 are scheduled to take place at the November club meeting. This follows with elections at our December meeting. Hope most of you will get involved with our election of officers.

See you at the next meeting!

Thanks

~ Rick Miller



### Next Meeting:

7:00 PM Tuesday November 5, 2013

Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills  
Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.

*(Bring something to Show N' Tell!)*



### Vice-President's Corner



November is right around the corner and the flying season is winding down. Time to repair and maintain our airplanes so they will be ready for next season. More importantly, get your planes ready for next season so you can build something new over the winter.

Remember, our meetings are now at *Chalco Hills* for the next several months, so come on out and bring your new project for show and tell.

Let's build and fly!

~ Jim Henley

## Oct 2013 Treasurer's Notes



Our club remains in good financial standing as we go into the month of October. The treasurer's report will be given at the November meeting. Hope to see you all at our next meeting.

Thank You!

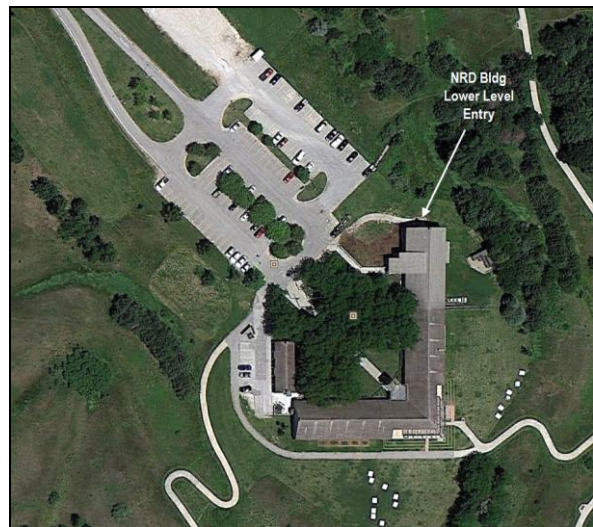
~ Dean Copeland



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

## Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills

How to get there:



**WANTED:** Photos, stories, build features, for sale items, or other hobby related topics for the newsletter. Please send them to me at my e-mail address above. Thanks, Nelson

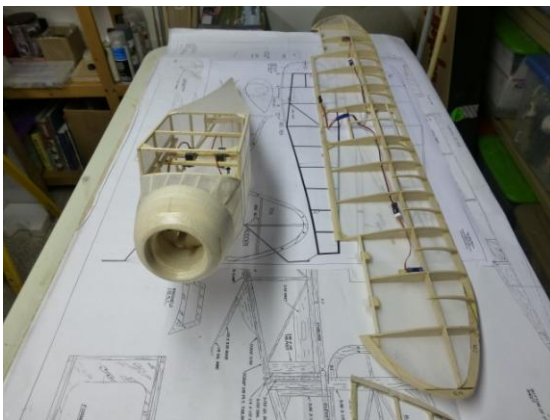
# Building Up-North Country

Jim Drickey, who's now in the snow shoveling mode in Minnesota, sent some photos showing his finished *Monocoupe 90/A*. It is a converted *Easy Kit* which was meant to be rubber powered. Now electric powered. Wingspan is 40 inches.



Jim did the "paint" scheme using colored tissue paper on top of the white painted covering. He used water and white Elmer's glue to press on. Then with an "extremely" (Jim's words...) sharp razor blade, he trims the added color tissue. Atomized water is sprayed on after the tissue has initially dried, further helps shrink it along with using an air dryer on low. Those of us from the "tissue and dope" days, know exactly. As a last step, straight clear dope is put on to protect the finish.

For power Jim uses a small geared 6:1 electric motor. The *Monocoupe* has fully functioning ailerons, rudder, and elevator.



If anyone is interested in viewing some videos of the club's RC flying activities, you can find quite a few that I have made over the years on the internet. All you need to do is go into *YouTube* and do a search on my name "Nelson Carpenter" and an index with links to all my videos will appear.



There are videos of the fun flies, maiden flights, etc. that go back several years. Some recent videos are there also. You might even see yourself in these videos.

Regards, Nelson Carpenter

## FOR SALE

Tim Peters (tpeters99@cox.net) has a like-new (really!) **Futaba T9CHP** transmitter for sale.



In Tim's words: "I kept it as a spare in case my primary T9CHP transmitter needed repairs. (I still have the primary transmitter.) The transmitter battery has always been on a trickle charge so it should be in good condition. "

It has a Futaba FASST 2.4 Spread Spectrum plug-in module compatible with the Futaba FASST line of receivers, the transmitter can also use the older 72MHz modules. It comes with an add-on 16k CAMPac memory card for additional model storage.

Included is the transmitter, FASST module, and manual (no charger). This is a helicopter transmitter. The only differences between heli and the aircraft transmitters is that the default setting for models is helicopter (easily changed) and the throttle stick is smooth (no ratchet).

This is an excellent setup for any new pilot who would like a quality transmitter with all kinds of functionality while keeping the cost down. The price is \$100. Contact Tim if interested.

## RC NEWS FROM LAS VEGAS

By Bob Boumstein



The subject is soldering:

Which soldering tool to use is a big topic for me. *Weller* seems to make the best stuff and the *Model 8200 Series* has a controllable 140-watts. But if your wires are small, that is too much. Then there is the issue of how fast the tool is ready. *Weller* again leads the way with a 6 second ready time. That is darn fast, however it will shut itself off in 6 minutes. The costs vary from \$40 to \$50 on the *Weller* models.



Next comes a unique tool from *Amazon.com*, a *Tekton* 100 watt iron at around \$25. This is a solid buy as it too is ready in approximately 10 seconds. Certainly quick enough but less wattage for delicate wires (*many feel 40 watts is plenty but that iron is oh so slow!*). However, you can buy the low wattage 40 types for \$10 to \$20.



For me the answer lies in multiple tools as my soldering needs are becoming constant. I have to change battery terminals to *Dean's* plugs so all mine are compatible. I think if I am careful, the 100 watt gun will handle most light jobs well. I will, use the *Weller* on bigger wires.

It also pays to invest in a soldering JIG there are several out there I got one from *China* for around \$10 bucks. It is okay, but a better one is in my future. Also keep a moist sponge handy to wipe you soldering gun tip down, this will extend the life of the tip and increase the accuracy of solder placement.



Stay Warm Nebraska!



### 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.



## ~ 2013 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

### 2013 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys at Mead, Every Tuesday evening May 7th through September 1st! (Weather Permitting)

#### January 2013

- **Tuesday, Jan 2nd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th St.  
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

- **Saturday, Jan 26th** - SAS Museum Indoor Airshow and Chili Bomb. Multi-club event.

#### February 2013

- **Tuesday, Feb 5th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

#### March 2013

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

#### April 2013

- **Tuesday, Apr 2nd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th St.  
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

#### May 2013

- **Tuesday, May 7th** - Club Meeting 7pm, at MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.  
- **Saturday, May 18th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

#### June 2013

- **Sunday, Jun 2nd** – Annual Spring Club Fun Fly at Mead Field starting at 10:00am. Open flying.  
- **Tuesday, Jun 4th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.  
- **Saturday, June 15th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

#### July 2013

- **Tuesday, Jul 2nd** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD bring a plane, open flying.  
- **Sunday Jul 14th** – Western Flyers Open House Fun Fly. Starts at 9:00am with flying until dark.  
- **Saturday, Jul 20th** - Old-Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

#### August 2013

- **Saturday, Aug 3rd & 4th** - Don Neill Scale Contest. Multi-club Fun event hosted at Skyknights Field in Waverly.  
- **Tuesday, Aug 6th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD a plane, open flying.  
- **Saturday and Sunday, Aug 10th** – Bud Hall Large Aircraft Fun Fly. Aircraft restricted to IMAA criteria. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch both days and flying. Rain date Aug 11th.  
- **Saturday, Aug 17th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

#### September 2013

- **Sunday Sep 1st** – The 5th Annual Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet. Swap meet setup after 9am. Open flying 10am through 3pm.  
- **Tuesday, Sep 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD - bring a plane, open flying.  
- **Saturday, Sep 21st** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly – Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

#### October 2013

- **Tuesday, Oct 1st** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
- **Saturday, Oct 5th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly – Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

#### November 2013

- **Tuesday, Nov 5th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
- Nominations taken for 2014 Officers

#### December 2013

- **Tuesday, Dec 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
- 2014 Officer elections



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

**TO:**

## **Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2014 Membership Application**

**Please print clearly!**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**2014 Dues: \$35** (Renewals should be paid by **April 1**) New/Renewal: \_\_\_ New \_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_ (Check One)

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

**Membership 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**