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A Word from the President



Plenty of time to go fly yet folks, and the field never looked better. I have received many compliments on our field lately. What has become a repeated comment is: "It looks like a carpet". Thanks again to all of those who help with our field.

This year has been very busy for me and my family. It looks like it may be slacking off a little for the rest of the year and next year, I hope. See you all at the field.

Also, the club is close to starting a new year. Hope you all continue to be a viable part of the club and join us at the field next flying season.

Thanks!

~ Rick Miller



Next Meeting:

7:00PM Tuesday December 1, 2015

Papio-Missouri River NRD Building



Vice-President's Corner



Vice President Richard Jonas has stepped down from the V.P. post due to personal issues. Rich you did a great job and you will be missed, hope you will be able to get out to fly in the coming season.

I have offered to fill in for Rich until a new V.P. is elected next month, so come on out to the December meeting to help fill these positions.

We are also looking for ideas for events this coming year, we need your input to make 2016 the best year yet!

See you on the Field!

~ Jim Henley

November Treasurer's Notes



We have had very little activity in the treasurer's department, but I am expecting more activity with the new year just around the corner. And what I am saying is that I will be looking for membership renewals to start rolling in.

There have been some minor expenses and no income for the last few months. I am as ready as I can be since the new 2016 membership cards just arrived.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL.

Your Treasurer - Dean Copeland

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

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November 2015 Meeting Notes



Western RC Flyers meeting minutes, Tuesday, November 3, 2015 7 PM. (Chalco Hills)

The meeting was called to order by WRCF President **Rick Miller**.

Treasurer **Dean Copeland** was unavailable to attend. He provided **Jim Henley** with a summary which Jim communicated to the group. The only recent club expense was for the *Porta-Potty*. Rick Miller has contacted the vendor to discontinue service and have it removed.

Old Business:

AMA District IX AVP **Ed Paasch** was in attendance. He mentioned that earlier this year he received a request for assistance in conducting a club raffle. Ed has coordinated similar fund-raising activities for other clubs and is willing to assist WRCF. His availability has been limited this year due to other commitments.

Mead Flying Field (mowing):

Jim Henley questioned whether mowing is complete for 2015. Those in attendance indicated that the field is in good shape and should not require any further attention.

New Business:

Upcoming WRCF Elections:

Rick Miller discussed vacancies for club officers. Rick is willing to continue as President. Rich Jonas is unable to continue as Vice President; **Jim Henley** will fill this position until the end of 2015. **Nelson Carpenter** has agreed to continue as editor of the *Tailspin* newsletter. **Dean Copeland** may be able to serve as Treasurer, not sure. Club members should plan to submit nominations in time for elections at the December meeting.

There was some discussion about low attendance for meetings and ways to improve. The construction project to improve Giles road has caused some challenges in accessing the Chalco meeting location. Rick mentioned that he had received suggestions that the number of meetings be reduced. He mentioned that future October meetings could possibly be held at Mead instead of Chalco.

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Misc:

As mentioned, AMA District IX AVP Ed Paasch was in attendance. Ed discussed a variety of topics with those present. He has been contacted by the *Strategic Air and Space Museum (Ashland, NE)* about holding an *Open House and Indoor Air Show* early in 2016. The event coordinators would like to have club members attend an upcoming planning meeting. Rick Miller and/or Jim Henley plan to be present. The SAS museum is also the point-of-contact for a new AMA club for drone enthusiasts. There was discussion about the drone club and its initial kick-off meeting held in October.

Ed also discussed recent AMA activities. The advertised dues increase for 2016 is driven by increasing legal costs; mostly due to defending modeler activities in response to FAA proposals. He also talked about the recent FAA plan to require certain kinds of unmanned aircraft to be registered. AMA wants us to understand that not all models are to be regulated in this way; chances are if modelers are identifying their models with AMA numbers that will be sufficient. AMA is also participating in the panel that will develop the registration guidelines. They have already taken the lead with the 'Know before you Fly' program. Ed reminded us that AMA is the most public-facing of all the entities involved in the legislation process. Because of this, there is a potential that funds might become available for AMA to do extended advertising. Those present shared their feelings with Ed; Rick Miller requested that Ed forward the comments to AMA leaders.

Show-and-Tell

Jim Henley enjoyed showing the trophy plaque he received from the recent Owatonna, MN scale event for his *Stinson*. Congratulations, Jim!



That's it!

- Tim Peters

RC NEWS from LAS VEGAS

(Rantings from the Hobby Shop)



I asked 100 people; "do you know who the NRA is, AARP, or the AMA is?" guess what nobody got the AMA right. This is because the AMA markets itself to the hobby not to the public. They are wasting their time and money fighting the FAA on Drones and will lose. You see public opinion is what makes or breaks the issue.

Currently the FAA is figuring out how to make the owners of Drones (*any programmable aircraft*) register these items and have a number on them to enable prosecution for misuse. The burden falls on the buyer not the manufactures, or seller. This is probably the fastest the government has moved on any issue other than the Keystone Pipeline.

I have been an AMA member for many years and I supported them. However, I am done at this time. I think the interest is now on how much money they can bring in. I do not know how much the executives' are paid, and I am not accusing them of wrongdoing. However the antiquated approach to marketing our hobby is killing us. Here is a news flash, most kids do not care about model airplanes, Quad copters maybe, RC Cars surely, Airplanes no.

If the AMA decides to inform the public of all the good the RC clubs do for their communities it would be a wise move. If the AMA decides to inform the general public of all the good modelers do it would be a wise move. If the AMA decides to continue wasting its efforts and funds on Washington jaunts, lobbying the FAA and hotels, dinners and drinks that is not a wise move.

So sit back and watch our hobby go to hell thanks to the uninformed public as to the benefits modelers provide in their communities, send your dues into the AMA. I will not re-join this year. However, if I am right (*which I hope I am not*) the AMA will not affect the government regulation of our hobby.

Best Regards

- Bob Boumstein



Building Up-North Country

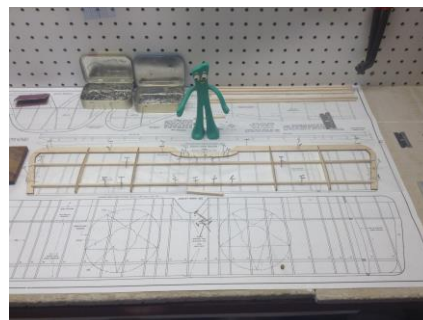
Report by Jim Drickey



Here are some build pics - two color desert camo scheme on; of course all insignias done in tissue. I have to sharpen my skills up in that department because I had ink bleed on dark tissue. I needed more clear dope sealer on. There are a few other mistakes here and there, but all in all pretty well satisfied.

The vac plastic parts on "Guillows" stuff has to be finessed to fit plastic color to match tissue color. That is difficult. I'll add the "190" to my fleet of dust collectors in the rafters, and on to the next build. Going to do a WWI *Thomas Morse Scout*. It will have a 24 in. wing. It is a laser cut "Guillows" kit. Getting the "Royal Zero" .60 size build out again, and will try to finish it this winter. Rain mixed with snow as I write this, just a preview of what's to come.....

Latest pics of work done on little stick and tissue "The Tommy", and home-made cockpit parts made for *Royal Zero* build. Final fuse and wing sheeting going on next, will cover with flat gray mono-coat, much work to do on aluminum cowl and exhaust stacks. Have a resurgence of energy for airplane building lately. I don't know how long it will last.....! But I better take advantage of it as there are many models on the shelf to go.



Dean's Turbine Jet

Report by Dean Copeland



As of this writing I have 29 flights on the *Boomerang Sprint* practice jet, and have gained enough confidence that I think I will be comfortable in test flying the scale *Sonex* jet. This will enable me to be ready for *Top Gun* the end of April 2016. I'll continue to practice and practice with the *Boomerang Sprint* (see photos) which is made in England.

The *Boomerang Sprint* has a "JetsMunt" turbine which is made in Spain.....18 lbs. thrust.

Some interesting specs. as compared to nitro engines (these are approx.)

- Turbine idles at 45,000 rpm.....nitro idles at 2,000 rpm
- Turbine max. at 155,000 rpm.....nitro 9,000 to 12,000 rpm
- Turbine burns 8 to 12 oz. per min.....nitro will run 15 min on 8 to 12 oz.
- Full tank of fuel adds 7 lbs. (1-gal.) to jet.....nitro again 8 to 12 oz.
- Jet top speed 160 mph.....average nitro plane 60 to 70 mph

The learning curve has been a challenge (both with the engine and flying aspects) and also quite rewarding when a successful flight has been completed.



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November 2015 Flying at Mead



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Additional photos by David Miller



Miss America Arrives

Report by Nelson Carpenter



Although Loren Blinde would just as soon not make a “deal” out of his latest creation, I decided to do it anyway. Call it editor’s prerogative or the fact that I needed “stuff” for this month’s newsletter. In any event, this plan-built old timer made its first flight at Mead on November 7th. Weather was perfect!

First impression we all had was that this 84” wingspan airplane really looked sharp. Transparent yellow with the white and medium blue trim. It stood out on the ground and in the air. It has a Maxx electric motor for propulsion, which is equivalent to a .40 size glow.



Western RC Flyers Field Operations Charter

- **Mission and Vision Statements**

*To provide for the enjoyment of diverse types of RC Aircraft operations, for members and guests of the WRCF club.
To promote and extend RC Flying and RC Modeling Hobby via comradery and activities to all.*

- **Field Rules**

1. Flyers are required to be current members of the AMA & the WRCF Club. Or escorted by a WRCF member, or a qualified guest (such as: active serving military personnel with AMA membership).
2. Compliance with FAA, FCC, AMA, Federal, State, Local, Landowner, & Club codes & rules, both posted and non-posted is required.
3. Flyers and all Flight activities will be conducted in a courteous, responsible and safe manner.
4. Flyers WILL accommodate each others flying, so all participants may utilize the club resources. Including, but not limited to, the specific issues listed below:
 - a. Extended blocking or interference of conventional flight path operations, via activities dwelling on or above the runway or other conventional flight path, is prohibited.
 - b. Maneuvers that dwell extensively & block specific lines, areas or paths, may possibly be accommodated away from conventional routine flight pattern operations.
 - c. Activities that excessively affect other flyers or bystanders that are not necessary or appropriate are prohibited. This applies to all areas including the pits and flight areas.
5. Rotary wing operations are limited to conventional aircraft type flight patterns.
i.e. No blocking of any specific flight area, accommodation for hovering / stunts may be at an unused area. Possibly off the very south end of the pits, if available.

Emergency contacts, 911 or SAUNDERS COUNTY DISPATCH 402-443-1000

Field Location-

South by Southeast of Mead, East side of UNL ARDC Maintenance Buildings, nearest Intersection Co Rd 9 & i st. **41.177° N, 96.468° W**
In case of emergency events also contact WRCF Club President .

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



~ 2015 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

January 2015

- Wednesday, Jan 7th - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th St.
- Saturday, Jan 17th - Strategic Air & Space Museum's Indoor Air Show 2015

February 2015

- Tuesday, Feb 3rd - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.

March 2015

- Wednesday, Mar 4th - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th St.

April 2015

- Wednesday, Apr 8th - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th St.
- Saturday, April 18th - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

May 2015

- Tuesday, May 5th - Club Meeting 7pm, at MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying.
- Saturday, May 16th - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.
- Saturday, May 30th - Scale Fun Fly and Swap Meet at Mead Field starting 9am.

June 2015

- Tuesday, Jun 2nd - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying.
- Saturday, Jun 14th - Annual Spring Club Fun Fly at Mead Field starting at 10:00am. Open flying.
- Saturday, June 20th - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

July 2015

- Tuesday, Jul 7th - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD bring a plane, open flying.
- Sunday Jul 12th - Western Flyers Open House Fun Fly. Starts at 9:00am with flying until dark.
- Saturday, Jul 18th - Old-Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

August 2015

- Tuesday, Aug 4th - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD a plane, open flying.
- Saturday, Aug 15th - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.
- Saturday, Aug 22nd - Bud Hall Large Aircraft Fun Fly. Aircraft restricted to IMAA criteria. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch and flying. Rain date Aug 23rd.

September 2015

- Tuesday, Sep 1st - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD - bring a plane, open flying.
- Saturday, Sep 19th - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

October 2015

- Tuesday, Oct 6th - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
- Saturday, Oct 17th - Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

November 2015

- Wednesday, Nov 3rd - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
- Nominations taken for 2015 Officers

December 2015

- Thursday, Dec 1st - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
- 2015 Officer elections



Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2015 Membership Application

Please print clearly!

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

AMA Number: _____

Amount Paid: \$ _____

2015 Dues: \$35 (Renewals should be paid by **April 1**) New ___ Renewal ___ (Check One)

Sign Here: _____ Date _____

Membership subject to approval. AMA membership is required.

Make Checks Payable to: Western R/C Flyers

Complete this form and send with check to WR/CF Treasurer:
Dean Copeland 15668 Fountain Hills Dr. Omaha, Nebraska 68118