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A Word from the President



What a month, great flying and great weather! All of our events have been very successful this year. The recent *Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet* was a huge success!. Outstanding weather and flying, as well as new members with others planning on joining next year.

There has been an overwhelming response to our modified field. With it, I believe we can expect even more success for next year.

Well its nearing the end of the primary flying season. It's been a great year, a little warm during July perhaps but a great year.

We have plenty of flying time remaining this year. With my new planes that I got from the swap meet, I know that I will be flying allot yet this year.

I know that all of you are starting to think about the building season and what are you going to build for next year. But it's also time to put a little thought into what we need to plan for next year's events. That said, I believe that we will have an even better flying season next year. Although the *Don Neill Scale Contest* is not scheduled for next year at our field, I know that I will have at least one new plane for the scale event. Hopefully you will too.

Nelson Carpenter has made an effort to get more pictures in the club's newsletter. I would like to recognize that extra effort and time that he has put forth to do this for us.

Terry Pollard prepared the field for the *Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet* event and helped with the cooking. The field looked great! The pilots at the event have noticed our efforts with the field work. Thanks for the help **Terry!** We all appreciate it.

Congratulations to **Tom Zoucha**, who successfully made his SOLO flight 9/23/2012 after the *Fun Fly Swap Meet*. Tom's original plane came to an abrupt end during our *Bud*

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM Tuesday - Oct 2, 2012

Location: Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Bring an airplane for Show N' Tell!)



Hall Big Bird Fun Fly a short while ago with a radio control issue. **Mike Crosby** and myself helped **Tom** get his plane setup properly this time, and the he flew it a few times. Congrats **Tom Z.**

Lastly, let us all embrace our hobby as a united group of individuals. As we stand together and work together, we will be more powerful and effective, enabling better events and resources for the future.

Thanks

- Rick Miller

Vice-President's Corner



A few Saturday mornings ago, several of us flying at Mead were entertained by a couple of Guard *Blackhawks* and a *C-130 Hercules* (the one featured above.) The aircraft were operating a mile east of our flying



field using the Guard's training facilities. Troops were rappelling from the *Blackhawks*, and a few miles further south paratroopers were being dropped out the back end of the *130*. This went on for over an hour as we watched between



flights of our own aircraft. Never were the exercises closer than a mile to our location. However, the *130* flew a box route to the drop zone with one leg about 1/4 mile west of our field. At no time was our flying field in danger of being invaded or our models shot down. Most important and seriously, we did not endanger the Guard exercises.

Bob Boumstein went through an ordeal this past month when he contracted cellulitis and had to spend a few nights in the hospital with IV feeding him antibiotics. His leg had swollen up and was quite hot according to Bob. There's no known cause for cellulitis, and apparently a few other club members have had it in the past. Bob is doing well now and practically back to normal.

Did you hear the story about **Tim Peters** losing his EP *Bird of Time* glider at the field? Well he got it back, but that was after several of us walked the corn at the far south end for an hour or better. We didn't find it during that search. It was later in the day that **Tom Wild** got a wild hair (*wild hair - get it?*) and went back to where we had been looking. Only Tom decided to look up into the few trees down at the far south end of the field. Sure enough, he spotted Tim's glider up high in one of the trees. I wouldn't recommend this, nor would most of us attempt it, but Tom climbed that tree and got the glider down with **Rick Miller's** help on the ground. No damage to the glider. Tim has renamed his glider "*Bird of TIMber*."



September's *Old Timer/Glider Fly* was abbreviated due to Nebraska's football game and a slope flying event held in Kansas on that Saturday. Four club members managed to get the storage building doors/windows painted prior to flying. The new paint looks good. Afterwards, six of us flew old timers with the highlight not being **Bob**



Burt's landing off field, but the old timer *sloooooow formation* flying down the runway. We will add more old timers to the formation flying during the last *Old Timer/Glider Fly* of the year, October 6th. Stay tuned!



Remember that the October club meeting will be held at the Papio NRD building as it will be through the winter months.

Come out and fly!

~ Nelson Carpenter

Treasurer's Report



A copy of the September 2012 Treasurer's Report will be passed out at the October 2nd meeting.

Thank You!

~ Dean Copeland



View East-Southeast

September 2012 Meeting Notes



Date: September 6, 2012

Attendance: 7 Members

Details: Food and drinks were provided for those attending. (Pizza and sodas)

Old Business:

Events:

August 11 & 12, 2012 - 23rd Annual Bud Hall Memorial GIANT SCALE Fun Fly

August 15, 2012 - Old Timer Fun Fly

August 25, 2012 - Don Neill Memorial Fun Scale Contest

Details: Event was well attended and much fun was had.

Appreciation: The Western Flyers would like to thank the volunteers from the *Lincoln Sky Knights*, *Omahawks* and others who helped put on a great event.

Lessons: Much was learned about putting on an event like this. It would have been good to have more event dedicated helpers.

Next Year: Motion made and approved that Western Flyers Club will support the *Don Neill Memorial Fun Scale Contest* at next year's location. Site to be determined.

September 23, 2012 - Motion was made and approved to move the *Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet* to September 23. The *University of Nebraska* is celebrating 50 years being at Mead which includes our field. They will be giving tours of the facilities, and have asked us to put on a flying demonstration. We have moved the *Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet* to accommodate their request.

Details: Food and drink will be provided by the club for those flying.

Other Events: See the Western Flyers' website for details (<http://www.weflyrc.org/events.htm>)

Treasurer Report:

Dean Copeland gave the treasures report. We have 40 members.

New Business:

Porta Potty: The Porta Potty will be kept at the field through the end of October.

Shed Painting: Motion made and approved to paint the parts of the shed needing attention before the University of Nebraska celebration. The paint party will be done on September 19th at 8am before the Old-Timer Fun Fly. **Bob Burt** will get the paint.

Bob Boumstein: Bob has been ill lately. Please keep him in your thoughts while he is recovering.

Nelson Carpenter: A special "THANK YOU" goes out to Nelson for his continued commitment and dedication to a world-class newsletter. Nelson has been creating outstanding club newsletters and the latest newsletter was stellar.

The meeting adjourned and flying commenced.

That's it!

~ Rick Johnson

Fall Fun Fly & Swap Meet Wrap Up

If you had to wrap up a good year with a good day, you could not have done much better than Sept 23. Perfect weather and a great turn out, plus a notable anniversary.

The club's event promotion didn't mention that the same day was a celebration for the **50th Anniversary of the University Ag Research Center**; our field hosts.

There were farm related events going on all around the site, and big bus tours driving down the road adjacent to the field. Our role was to provide even more activity for the visitors to enjoy.



The electric glider and old timer guys were especially happy with long thermal flights. **Tom Wild** flew his old timer to the limit of vision in formation with a hawk, while **Terry Pollard** commented he had half a tank left in the *Quaker* after staying up the better part of the morning.

The only casualty of the day was someone losing the canopy of his giant scale plane, and then clipping the evergreen trees far north of the field.



The swap meet was lively, there were several tables from the more organized of us, and piles of bargains on the ground from others. I came home with a \$2,000 glider



needing only \$1,950 of equipment and repairs, for a mere 50 bucks. What a deal! **Bob Boumstein** and **Steve Peck** were showroom central with Bob's

usual assortment of lovingly used propellers and orphaned spinners. It was great to see you back Bob!



Rick Miller cleaned out the club inventory of surplus food from previous events, and we did a first rate job of consuming it all. So mark this one down as well done and much fun. Photo coverage below.

Loren Blinde - Reporting



Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay



As I am recovering from my bout with Cellulitis, I decided to clean my shop a little at a time. I was not surprised to find some things I was looking for, but could not find when I needed them. I guess this is a sign of aging! I probably have all the servos I may ever need, but I found the heavy-duty arms I could not locate. Therefore, I

decided to put items together by category; maybe I will have a better chance of finding them in the future.

We are having (or had by the time you read this) our *Swap N' Fly* on 9/23. I have about a hundred props, a \$1.00 box of miscellaneous, and a 25-cent box of miscellaneous. Frankly I thought I got rid of the swap stuff I use to take to Toledo. But no, I have more. I hope you made it out to Mead to get your hands on some bargains.

I noticed that OS has taken the steps to market their electric motors by sizes as related to nitro motor size. A step that will be helpful to guys getting into electric. **Dean Copeland** had advised me some time ago to order motors based on the prop we are suppose to use. This method worked fine on the two electric old timers I made up. I also decided that Deans Connectors should be the only kind I use. Thus eliminating that bit of confusion. Battery chargers are a whole other issue, and should be researched prior to making a purchase.

My last topic is shipping stuff. I can use eBay to print labels for postage on packages for items I have sold. They are cheaper than if you take it to the post office. I guess I am paying to have a clerk weigh my packages which seems strange. However, I cannot use eBay if I have not sold the item there. You can get an online postal account, but the third party fees wipe out any savings. It seems the postal system is a mess. I have attended two meetings with the postmaster and most of the people there are complaining about their delivery at home. I think that is least of the worries or confusion. You can get free shipping supplies from the Post Office. They even have regional shipping boxes, but no real explanation of how that works. The Post Office, in my opinion, is a case of the inmates running the asylum.

Enjoy the Fall!

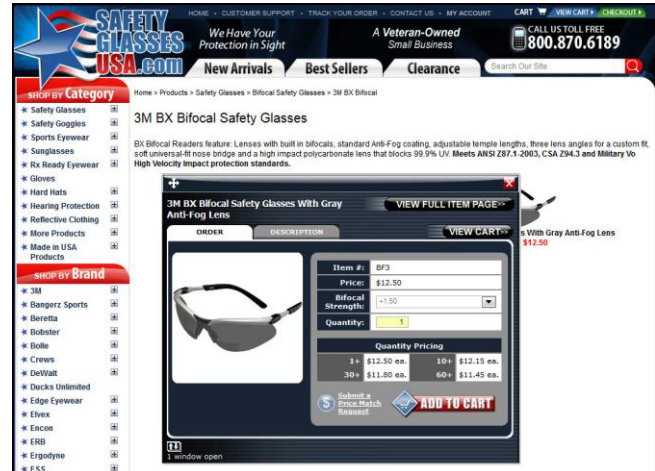
~ Bob Boumstein

How to Fly the Boeing B-17 "Flying Fortress" - Flight Procedures

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=QL-zRFEt9II#

Bifocal Shades for the Field

I have made an endorsement that I'd like to share with you all. Recently I purchased a new pair of safety sunglasses for use at the flying field. Important to me was that they met safety standards, and also offered UV protection. While searching the internet I came upon **SafetyGlassesUSA.com** which has a large selection meeting my need.



What I found at **SafetyGlassesUSA** was that they also had safety sunglasses available with **bifocal**. Nonprescription. Probably not news to some of you, but it got my attention. Too many times at the field I'm taking off my sunglasses, and slipping on my reading glasses to see what I'm doing up close.

A few weeks ago I purchased a pair of their bifocal safety sunglasses, and used them for the first time at the field. Wow! What a difference! With the bifocal feature on the sunglasses, there is no need to keep swapping out glasses.

I was able to assemble my *L4 Grasshopper*, and actually see what I was doing through the bifocals in the lower inside corners of the sunglasses. Not missing a beat, I flew with these sunglasses and I'm more than satisfied. They work well driving the Outback too, as I'm able to peer down and actually read the instrument panel and GPS without squinting.



Pyramex V2 Reader Bifocal Safety Glasses with Gray Lens

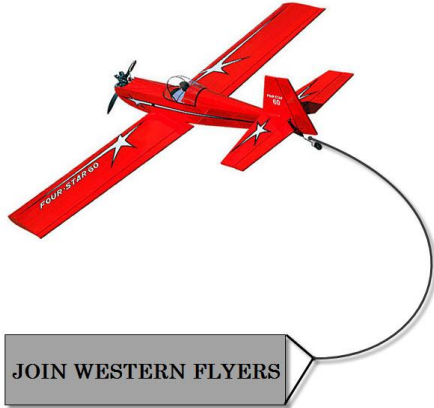
The ones I purchased (pictured) have a bifocal power of 1.5X, but are also available in 2.0X and 2.5X. There are several styles available, and the price was right at \$8.85 plus \$3.95 shipping via USPS. Mine arrived in four days.

So bottom line is that I highly recommend these safety sunglasses with the bifocal feature. Again, they can be found at **SafetyGlassesUSA.com**.

Nelson Carpenter

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.



ATTENTION WESTERN FLYERS MEMBERS

From this date forward the "NO FLYING over the pits" rule will be strictly enforced with severe punishment for offenders.

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



The Phantom....

OLD - TIMER Fun -Fly

Hosted by
**Western R/C
Flyers**



www.WeFlyRC.org

Saturday Oct 6th at Mead Field starting at 9:00 am thru 12:00 noon. Lunch provided with pop and water. **NO ENTRY FEE**

plus



GLIDER FLY

For both Winch Launched and Electric Sailplanes

Starts immediately after Old Timer Fun Fly at 12:00 noon or little earlier. Lunch provided with pop and water. **NO ENTRY FEE**

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SEPTEMBER FUN FLY & SWAP MEET

Photo credit: Loren Blinde



SEPTEMBER FUN FLY & SWAP MEET Cont...

Photo credit: Rick Miller



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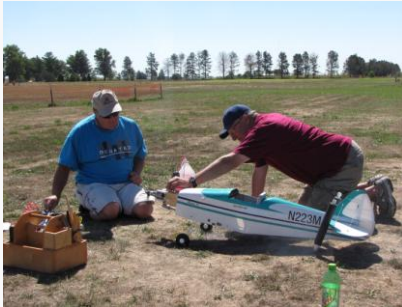
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SEPTEMBER FLYING AT MEAD FIELD



SEPTEMBER FLYING AT MEAD FIELD Cont...





~ 2012 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

2012 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys at Mead, Every Tuesday evening May 8th through September 6th!
(Weather Permitting)

January 2012

- **Tuesday, Jan 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

February 2012

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

March 2012

- **Tuesday, Mar 6th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

April 2012

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

May 2012

- **Tuesday, May 8th** - Club Meeting 7pm, at MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.
- **Saturday, May 19th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

June 2012

- **Sunday, Jun 3rd** – Annual Spring Club Fun Fly at Mead Field starting at 10:00am. Open flying.
- **Tuesday, Jun 7th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.
- **Saturday, June 16th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

July 2012

- **Tuesday, Jul 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD bring a plane, open flying.
- **Saturday, Jul 21st** - Old-Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

August 2012

- **Tuesday, Aug 7th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD a plane, open flying.
- **Saturday and Sunday, Aug 11 and/or 12th** – Bud Hall Large Aircraft Fun Fly. Aircraft restricted to IMAA criteria.. However, IMAA membership NOT required. Criteria 80" wingspan monoplane, 60" wingspan biplane, or a true 1/4 scale aircraft. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch both days and flying.
- **Saturday, Aug 18th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.
- **Saturday, Aug 25th** - Don Neill Scale Contest. Multi-club Fun event hosted at Mead Field. Various classes. Rain date 26th.

September 2012

- **Sunday Sep 2nd** – The 5th Annual Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet. ~~//POSTPONED//~~ members, \$5.00 for non-members. Swap meet setup after 9am. Open flying 10am through 3pm.
- **Tuesday, Sep 4th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD - bring a plane, open flying.
- **Saturday, Sep 15th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly – Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.
- **Sunday Sep 23rd** – The 5th Annual Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet. FREE TO ALL AMA MEMBERS

October 2012

- **Tuesday, Oct 2nd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
- **Saturday, Oct 6th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly – Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm. Last one scheduled for the year.

November 2012

- **Tuesday, Nov 6th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
- Nominations taken for 2013 Officers

December 2012

- **Tuesday, Dec 4th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
- Election of 2013 Officers



Tailspin Newsletter
Western RC Flyers
Omaha, Nebraska

TO:

Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2012 Membership Application

Please print clearly!

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

AMA Number: _____ IMAA Number: _____

Dues Paid: \$ _____

2012 Dues: \$35 (Renewals must be paid by **April 1**) New/Renewal: ___ New ___ Renewal ___ (Check One)

Sign Here: _____ Date _____

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**