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### A Word from the President



October is here, and that means we will start holding our monthly meetings at Chalco Hills. Note it is this coming Tuesday.

With that said, try to make an effort to bring something for Show N' Tell. That always adds to the meeting.

Our field this year was not in the best of condition as a result of the ag auction held on it. But we did our best to repair it, and made it flyable. We will keep making the improvements that should make a difference for our 2014 flying season. Thanks for everyone's help and understanding.

Seems we had quite a few fun flies this year, compared to 2012. That's all good! In fact, participation was up at each of the ones I attended.

As we go into 2014, be thinking about what we can do to make Mead Field more enjoyable for all of our club members. Not everyone flies old timers, gliders, warbirds, or giant scale airplanes. So our interest will be in making it even more inviting to others. Bring your thoughts to the next meeting.

Oh, Nelson warned me that the October newsletter would be another "multi-page" edition. There are 28 pages with lots of photos. Hope you enjoy it as much as I do.

Thanks

- Rick Miller

### Next Meeting:

7:00 PM Tuesday October 1, 2013

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

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



### Vice-President's Corner



September brought the last meeting at Mead field until next April, however we still have plenty of good flying weather left in this season. So don't pack up the airplanes just yet.

Dean Copeland and I were able to attend the fly-in sponsored by the Central Iowa Aeromodelers, and pictures are in this month's newsletter. This was a nice

meet and the food was worth the trip.

Winter will soon be upon us and the building season will begin, the club will be looking forward to your projects so

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be sure and bring them to the meetings for show and tell. I have a couple of building options, and I hope to get one of them built this winter. As I mentioned at our last meeting, the membership needs to be thinking about next year's events. We had some great ideas last winter, but they did not result in any new (*different*) events.

***Let's build and fly!*** ~ ***Jim Henley***

## Sept 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 September meeting. Hope to see you all at our field for some good flying.

***Thank You!*** ~ ***Dean Copeland***

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

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## Sept 2013 Meeting Notes

- No meeting minutes from August meeting.
- Treasurer's report not available.
- **Old Business:**
  1. Cash donations received during our *Fall Fun fly /Swap Meet* actually exceeded the expenditures for food and drinks. Participants indicated support for our fun fly meet and a wanted to ensure it continues in the future.
  2. **Rick Miller** stated that we had a good year for flying, and wished to thank everyone who volunteered their help getting the field back in shape.
- **New Business:**
  1. **Rick Miller** asked that everyone be thinking about next year's events. **Jim Henley** added that we had several great ideas for events that died once flying season began. Jim requested assistance and input to keep this from occurring next season.
  2. **Rick Miller** indicated that the mower deck will need refurbishing during the off season but that most of the parts necessary have been purchased, additional parts should be minimal.
- **Other:**
  1. The club needs to issue a mission/vision statement clarifying its position on non=recreational flying activities. This due to negative press and perception of the public regarding "*drones*". This will take a little work but what we are trying to do is divorce or separate the club from any appearance of using "*drones*" commercially.

***That's it!*** ~ ***Jim Henley***

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# SEPTEMBER FLYING MEAD



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# Building Up-North Country

Report and Photos by Nelson Carpenter

This past July we took a trip to Longville, Minnesota where my in-laws live. Pretty far up the state and typically takes 11 hours cutting cross-country from Omaha. Also living up there is former *Western Flyers* member Jim Drickey and his wife Diana. I've written about seeing Jim up there each time we go up.

Well Jim is still building airplanes, and has a flying club he joined. Below are photos I took of his recent builds. Also you will see the many airplanes he has in his hangar (garage.)



Some of the 300+ planes just East of center stage.



Dustin Anderson and Mike Crosby planes (total of 5.)

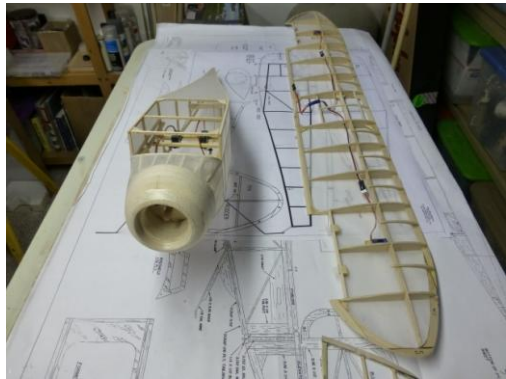


Rosa taking a picture of Denver's **Brian O'Meara**.  
1/4 scale P-47 with a 40 horse 420 cc four-cyl engine  
and weighs approximately 137 lbs.



Dean Copeland's *Stinson Reliant* SR-9 101" wing span.

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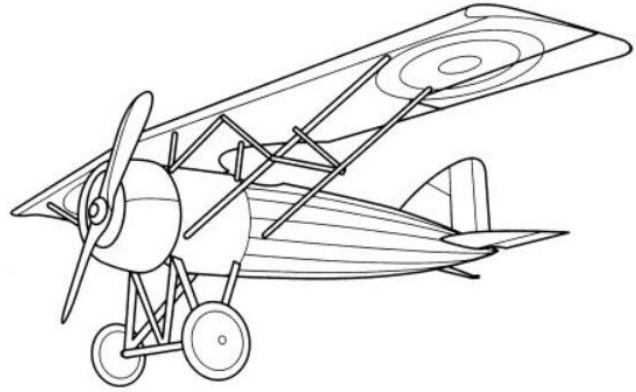
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**REWARDS PROGRAM**  
 Remember Hobbytown's Reward Program. With every purchase by a WF member, the club receives a credit for an amount equal to 1 percent of your purchase. Be sure to mention your Western Flyers affiliation when making a purchase at either Hobbytown location.



**What is Rick Miller Doing????**

1. Demonstrating how he taught 'the karate kid' his famous 'crane move'.
2. Saying "No one is leaving until we find out who ate the last brat!"
3. Claiming he can't understand how 'Dancing with the Stars' could have possibly rejected his audition for this season's cast."
4. Treating the lunch crowd to a Broadway show tune.
5. Mr Miller serenades group with a classic from Westward Ho in *Basso Profundo!*



Hey Tim! Why are you hiding behind that wing???

Because Nelson is coming by with his camera again.....



# RC Slope Soaring - Kansas Style

By Loren Blinde

Last month I promised you yet one more article on slope soaring; this time about what you can do at faraway places. When you find yourself in a Kansas greasy-spoon ordering breakfast and discussing wind conditions with a local rancher, artist or town drunk; or heading to a historic German hilltop where most of the *Luftwaffe* trained in 1930's, you realize this must be really fun to have gone to this much trouble to enjoy it. Those special places, often hard to find or reach, offer special rewards for those willing to find them.



As **Tim Peters** discovered from his Iowa friends, slope sites are a bit like fishing holes or mushroom patches; those who have found them may not be inclined to have them become popular. I have little doubt that there are great slope sites within an hour of where we live, if only we could find them. But the best expression of one that has become popular is Wilson Lake, Kansas. The "clearest lake in Kansas", about halfway between Salina and



Russell, just a few miles north of I-70. That's 240 miles from Lincoln, so a bit of planning and commitment is required. The local lodging establishments comment that there are 3 big events every year: pheasant season, walleye season and model airplanes. So you will be welcomed with open cash registers.

Wilson is blessed with any number of hills that can accommodate almost any wind direction. The best is a S or SE wind on the big hill in Lucas Park. It's about 200 feet high with clean air coming over the lake and a generous plateau landing area at the top, complete with a parking lot. Another is Minooka Park with a NW wind. Rather than ramble on, just go to <http://midwestslopechallenge.com/> to get a feel for the event and the local area.

If you are faced with bringing a non-flying significant other, do not despair. Lucas, just 8 miles north of the lake, is an entertaining quirky artist community that typically makes the lists of top 10 things to see in Kansas. Plus you can treat her to the most delightfully unexpected dinner at the



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Bunker Hill Café, just 20 miles west; a 4-star restaurant in a no-star town. Or if you feel the call of nature, the main street of Lucas features what is quite possibly the most ornate public bathroom on the planet. Really! You could conceivably emerge from the trip on the positive side of the relationship ledger. There are many campgrounds at the lake, or check out the Midland Hotel in Wilson if you'd prefer a mattress.

So let's say you've made the journey, what to fly? First of all, everything that flew back at home will fly just fine at Wilson; Kansas has passed the same laws of physics as



Nebraska (other than that tricky conception thing). You might find that the perfect day starts with moderate winds and light planes, not unlike flying at Chalco. As those winds increase, you pull the next heaviest planes out of the car, one after another. Till the time that you're flying authentic WW2 warbirds and full-tilt racers in a 40 mph wind by 2:00... Yes, those days do happen and they are special.

So warbirds; picture power planes without engines. Meticulously finished and absolute scale other than the lack of sound. These are scale renditions of almost anything, typically constructed of EPP foam (*just like the planes I recommended last month*), with a chunk of lead in the nose instead of an engine and a prop. The beauty of these planes is that you can literally fly them in your face. Work the lift out from the hill to gain some altitude, turn back in a dive,

and come whooshing past the edge of the hill, as close as you dare; climb from the inertia into a rudder only turn, somewhat like a skateboard ramp, and repeat. Do it in harmony with a friend in formation and it takes on another dimension. The best commercial expression of power slope soaring is *Leading Edge Gliders*, actually located in Lucas, Kansas. They are a bit unpredictable on availability and delivery times, but their product is absolute first class. Go to: <http://www.leadingedgegliders.com>



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## Kansas Style Cont....

And that gets us to the next level. Open class racing. If you have a lot of money, and a reasonable amount of talent, and don't mind flying close to another equally impressive plane, you can invest in a \$2,000 hollow molded, 3.5 meter span plane, capable of flying very fast and turning even faster. At the *Midwest Slope Challenge*, the event is run as a double elimination, man on man (*or woman I suppose*) event. For a spectator, some of the best flying you will ever see. These planes are flying 5 laps between two pylons 500 feet apart, complete with judges and flaggers; it's impressive!



But if you're more into the beauty of full scale soaring, there is no better place to fly your giant scale sailplane than on a slope. You may have seen my 4-meter *KA-6* sailplane getting aero towed at Mead, but its maiden flight was on the slope at Wilson. And it was a perfect expression of soaring, one that I have not been able to top. I cannot imagine a more perfect picture than a giant scale sailplane on a giant scale slope... If you've ever seen videos from Torrey Pines in San Diego, you get the idea.



But if you've managed to read this far, you might be hooked and will not get away that easily. Next month, a final article on *Wasserkuppe*; quite possibly the coolest place on the planet for silent flight, 1920 or now.

**OLD - TIMER**  
**Fun -Flies**

Hosted by  
*Western R/C Flyers*

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Location: Western R/C Flyers Mead Field 20 minutes west of Omaha, Ne.



*plus Gliders*  
**Saturday October 5th**  
**(Last one for year)**

## RC NEWS FROM LAS VEGAS

By Bob Boumstein



In a recent newspaper article it seems the state of Texas just passed a law prohibiting the use of RC Quadcopters (*or any such device meaning airplanes too!*) to record a video that infringes on personal or business privacy. The fine is \$500 first offense and subject to civil prosecution up to \$10,000. This sounds nuts to me, but obviously someone has something to hide. Most modelers would agree their videos are harmless pictures of flying fields, hobby events, etc. A few detectives might be pursuing the cheating spouse, or the like. But this infringement on the hobby is a step in the wrong direction. This could lead to more regulation that is unnecessary. There is a government study that says in the next five years law enforcement may be using up to 7,500 drones nationwide as surveillance devices, so obviously we would not want to interfere with that. What exactly are they looking for is unknown to me, but I wonder if the purpose is not all well intentioned.



On Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> here in Vegas a "RECON G6" scale RC crawler event will take place at Lone Mountain, but it is Dusk to Dark event. So the guys here are equipping the Crawlers with lights and other equipment for the event. There well could be 50 to 75 drivers at this event; all scale accessories give you points. Parker the head guy has suggested trailers, camping gear etc. So I built a scale *Outhouse* complete with operational exhaust fan. Hoping everyone enjoys the joke!



*Happy Trails!*

# SEPTEMBER OLD TIMER AND GLIDER FLY



Terrific We couldn't have asked for better weather on Saturday September 21st. Winds were down as was the temp for the day.

Again, we had an outstanding turnout of old timer fliers and sailplane/glider fliers. I counted 22 vehicles parked behind the pits at one time.

We flew our old timer airplanes in the morning getting some great flights, and no casualties. Breaking for lunch, Rick Miller grilled up some Fareway brats and all-meat dogs for everyone. Visitors included. Desert was homemade brownies and oatmeal cookies. Plenty of drinks as well.

Loren Blinde setup the sailplane winch after lunch. The wind had picked up just a little. But it was perfect out of the south-southeast making it ideal for the sailplanes. Also the three hawks that flew with the sailplanes. A few electric gliders were flown, and a maiden "saddle back" launching of Gary Vohnout's glider off Greg "Doc" Nelson's huge Sig Rascal 110. It was a huge success. Separate story/photos below.

One more old timer/glider fun fly for this year. That will be coming up pretty quick on October 5th. Come on out!

Report and Photos by **Nelson Carpenter**:



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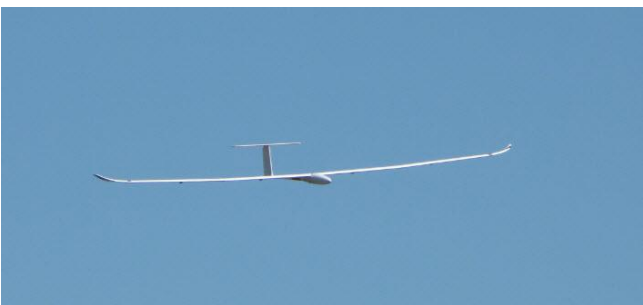
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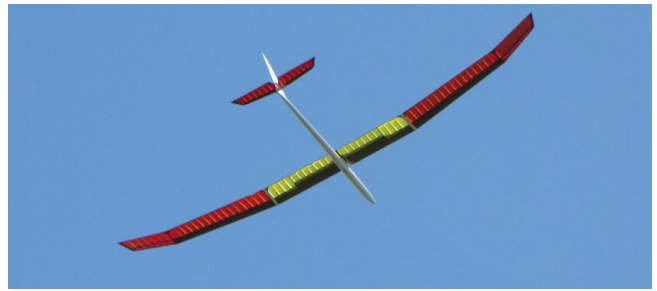
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# Doc's and Gary's Piggy Back Ride

Quick! Look at the photos before you get any wrong ideas. At our *Old Timers/Gliders Fun Fly*, Greg "Doc" Nelson and Gary Vohnout showed up with a new contraption to put a glider high in the air. A saddle was mounted on top of Doc's *Sig Rascal 110* (110" span) which has a huge electric motor for power. Gary had his 72" span glider then latched to the cradle for a lift skyward.

With a bit of rigging and use of rubber bands, the "piggy back" ride went very well.

Watch it on YouTube:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=quJZGGQeFuc>



# Piggy Back Ride *Cont....*



# FALL FLY & SWAP MEET FUN FLY

Weather was a little cool in the morning, but by noon it was ideal with temps in the low 70s. It was a good turnout, and there were some bargains to be had with the swap meet.

Everyone enjoyed the day and especially the flying. Of course lunch off the grill was great as well.



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# Central Iowa Fun Fly

Report and Photos by Jim Henley

The *Central Iowa Aeromodelers* held their annual Multiengine, war bird, classic airplane fun fly the weekend of September 7-8 2013. There were approximately 40 pilots registered and roughly 80 or so aircraft. Those attending from the Omaha area were, **Dean Copeland**, **Pete Rosas**, **Randy Fahn**, and **Roger Nimitz**. I have included photos of some of the airplanes that were at the fly-in.



Another B-17



Sig Morrisey Bravo



Byron's Originals P-51



Seven year old Kalen, with his Sig Kadet. Note the sunglasses, a different tint for what ever the conditions dictate.



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# Central Iowa Fun Fly Cont....



View of the flight line looking North



Byron Originals Hellcat



The "other Spacewalker" Dean Copeland's T-28 and SR-9 in the background



Randy Fahr's P-47



20 year old Pica WACO YMF-5



1/3 scale Christian Eagle



One of 4 or 5 B-17's at the Ames event



## ~ 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 2012 Officers

### **December 2013**

- **Tuesday, Dec 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
- 2012 Officer elections



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

**TO:**

## **Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2013 Membership Application**

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

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

**2013 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.**

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Dean Copeland 15668 Fountain Hills Dr.. Omaha, Nebraska 68118**