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## TAILSPIN NEWSLETTER

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## A Word From The President:

Well I hear the Bud Hall IMAA Fun Fly at Mead was a huge success. Unfortunately I was not able to be there. A special thank you goes out to Randy Tentinger, Bob Burt, and all the others for covering the Fun Fly activities.

I understand that Dean Copeland and his B-25 put on a great show. I wish that I could have seen it in person. I heard it was really cool.

Pete Rosa and his performance flying was apparently an excellent show too. With outstanding flights from others who attended.

Overall, it's been quite a summer and an outstanding season with a lot of flying time to go yet. Don't forget next month's activities that include 1) club meeting 9/4 at Springfield; 2) Old Timers Fun Fly event 9/8; Open Fun Fly and Outdoor Swap Meet 9/9 and; Quickee 500 Racing Event 9/16. Of course, all the flying events are at Mead Field.

Let's be safe and have fun.

*Thanks*

*~ Rick Miller*

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## Treasurer's Report:

To be provided at Sept 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*Thank You!*

*~ Bob Zitzlspurger*



## Next Meeting:

**7:00pm Tuesday, Sept 4, 2007**

**Location: Springfield Flying Site**

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## Vice-President's Corner:

What a month August has turned out to be. Our monthly club meeting at Springfield on the first Tuesday of August was postponed and then cancelled. The weather and ground conditions to blame. Cross your fingers for Tuesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at Springfield!

Starting in October our monthly meetings will be held at the Papio-Missouri River NRD offices at Wehrspann Lake near 154<sup>th</sup> and Giles Road. The meetings will be held indoors through April of next year.

This past month we have brought onboard two new memberships. That brings our total number to 69 members in good standing with dues paid for the year.

If you are not aware, the cornfields surrounding the Springfield site took a pretty good hit from the winds in early August. Our flying field was not damaged, but quite a large area of the cornfields were pushed over leaving the corn at a 30 to 40 degree angle off the ground.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of September there will be the Fun Fly/Swap Meet at Mead. This will now be an informal event in that you don't have to sign in. Nor will there be an entry fee required of anyone. Non-club members are welcomed as guests for the day. Bring whatever you want to fly. Also, include your RC items to sell, trade, or swap. There will not be a commission or fee collected by the club. Sorry, but lunch will not be served. This will be a laid-back fun fly and swap meet. Come out and have some fun with the rest of us!!

*Come out and fly!*

*~ Nelson Carpenter*

## August Meeting News:

The monthly club meeting was scheduled, postponed, and then cancelled due to weather and ground conditions at Springfield. As a result there are no meeting notes for this issue. See you at the September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Thanks

~ Joe Halamek

# OLD - TIMER Fun -Flies

Hosted by  
**Western R/C  
Flyers**



www.WeFlyRC.org

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

2007 Schedule	
<b>MAY 12<sup>th</sup> Saturday</b> 9:00am till 2:00pm Open flying	<b>AUGUST 11<sup>th</sup> Saturday</b> 9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying
<b>June 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday</b> 9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying	<b>SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> Saturday</b> 9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying
<b>JULY 14<sup>th</sup> Saturday</b> 9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying	<b>OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday</b> 9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying

All AMA pilots & spectators welcome, Flying limited to Old-Timer type aircraft. Open flying from 9:00am till 2:pm. Food & Pop served to pilots. Bring your lawn chairs and portable shades welcome! Unisex Porta-Pot, plenty of flight line parking.

Western R/C Flyers Mead field 3.7 miles south of Mead on highway 78F. Take Center street (Omaha, Highway 92) west, past Yutan to Mead. Turn South on Highway 78F, Go approximately 3.7 miles turn left at sign.

For more information contact: Bob Burt Phone: 402-651-4805 Email: reburt@yahoo.com  
or  
Visit our Western R/C Flyers website!  
[www.WeFlyRC.org](http://www.WeFlyRC.org)



## What is the IMAA?



■ **Purpose?** The International Miniature Aircraft Association, Inc. (IMAA) was formed for the purpose of fostering and advancing the operation of large scale radio controlled model aircraft in a setting where informality and safety of operations prevail. Additionally, it was formed to create an atmosphere where pleasure, recreation, fellowship, and co-mingling can be fostered and found to exist amongst individuals enjoying the sport of building and flying large scale radio controlled model aircraft.

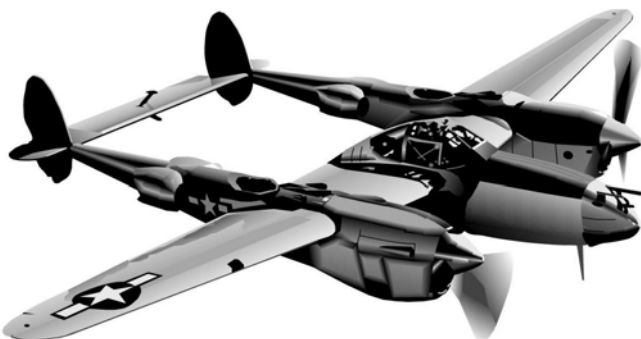
■ **Who is the IMAA?** Although IMAA is a stand-alone association, we are also the Academy of Model Aeronautics' (AMA) largest special interest group \*. AMA is the world's largest sport aviation organization, representing a membership of almost 155,000 from every walk of life, income level and age group. AMA is a self-supporting, non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote development of model aviation as a recognized sport and worthwhile recreation activity.

■ **What is Large or Giant Scale?** The concept of large or giant scale is generally considered to apply to radio controlled model aircraft with minimum wingspans of eighty (80) inches for monoplanes and sixty (60) inches for multi-wing aircraft. Ducted Fan and Turbine aircraft with one hundred forty (140) inches combined length and width, measured from wing tip to wing tip at the widest point perpendicular to the fuselage and added to the length of the fuselage, excluding any protrusions. Quarter (1/4) scale replica's or larger with proper documentation (minimum 3 view drawing of an actual person carrying aircraft) which do not fit the size requirements will be permitted. However, the concept does not encompass radio controlled model aircraft that have the potential of carrying a human being.

\* **Note:** The IMAA was made a SIG (Special Interest Group) of the AMA in October, 1983. Western RC Flyers affiliation is IMAA Chapter 284 ---- the **284<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron** founded in 1987.

Source: IMAA website (<http://www.fly-ima.org/index.html>)

~Western R/C Flyers Website~  
[www.WEFLYRC.org](http://www.WEFLYRC.org)



## Hoosier Report

By Dean Dingman

This is a report on the Hoosier Dawn Patrol event held in Muncie, Indiana a few weeks ago that I attended. First, let me say that it was worth every bit of the 1,365-mile round trip. We had over 30 pilots with 60+ WWI era airplanes. There were folks from Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Indiana (and possibly other states as well, I'm not sure), not to mention some very interesting fellows from Great Britain.

I flew my Taube, and got several good flights in during the event. I also finally did a takeoff-to-landing solo flight with the SE5a, including a respectable landing. Both planes flew well enough to make me look like I knew what I was doing. (The planes deserve all the credit!)

The large-scale planes were also well represented. There were about 8 of the 1/3-scale planes (10 or 11, if you count projects), with about 7 flying together in the "Reviews of the Threes." (Including Billy Thompson's 1/3-scale Sopwith Pup, which won the NATS in Sport Scale again this year - two in a row!) "Top Gun" icon Dave Johnson had his



new scale competition plane there, too - a 1/3-scale Albatros D.Va that will soon be a new kit from BalsaUSA. Very impressive plane.

Speaking of BalsaUSA, I got to fly the prototype 1/3-scale Nieuport 17. What a sweet flying plane! We all passed the transmitter around, and had a blast. The only problem with it was that the Fuji engine was giving fits, which kept it grounded part of the weekend.



I also got to fly the BUSA prototype 1/4-scale Spad 13. It goes right where you point it, solid as a rock. They had a small engine on it, but it would be a great match for a G-38.

BUSA is also going to start introducing their lineup in 1/6-scale, designed for either electric or glow. They had the prototype 1/6-scale Sopwith Pup there, and though radio problems prevented it flying, it looks like a winner. They are already boxing up the first production run of 250, which are already sold out! Next will be the Nieuport 17, followed by the others in their WW1 line. Should be great sellers for them, if the interest shown at Muncie is any indication.

I managed to come home with my airplanes in the same number of pieces as they were in when I left, so I guess I wasn't trying hard enough!

## Featured Western Flyer



Running up the engines of his Martin PMB Marlin is **Ed Splittergerber** (on left) at last year's float fly held at Lake Zorinsky. This all foam and fiberglassed airplane was built from plans that Ed developed. Although the seaplane no longer exists (okay... it crashed), this is a fine example of Ed's modeling from scratch. Holding on to the wing is Dean Copeland. They were about to drop the seaplane into the lake for a rise-off-water flight once both engines were running.

### REWARDS PROGRAM

Remember to use [Hobby Town'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 membership](#) when making a purchase at either Hobby

**Fall Fun-Fly**  
and Swapmeet  
10am - 3pm  
Saturday,  
September 15th 2007  
Western R/C Flyers - Mead Field

There were 16 registered pilots for the two day event. The weather was hot, and winds strong out of the south-southwest. Yet there were many flights made and great fellowship among those who attended. Lucky winner of the engine raffle (US 25) was Western Flyers member **Jim Gunhus**. If you did not go to the club's annual event, you missed a good one. Below are a variety of photos captured on both days. If there's not a photo of you and your airplane, my apologies as I wasn't there the entire time. Enjoy the photos.



# BUD HALL IMAA FUN FLY cont....



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# ~ 2007 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

2007 Tuesday Night Fun-Flies, Springfield, Every Tuesday night May 1<sup>st</sup> through September 4th! 2007

(Weather Permitting)

**Food – Fun – Flying – Friends!**

**January  
2007**

Tuesday, Jan 2nd - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

**February  
2007**

Tuesday, Feb 6th - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

**March  
2007**

Tuesday, Mar 6th - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

**April  
2007**

Tuesday, Apr 3rd - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)  
Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> - WRCF Auction Set-Up  
- 7pm, BJSa Building - Bellevue  
Saturday, April 21st - Annual R/C Auction  
- BJSa Building - Bellevue - Sign in at 8am  
Auction Starts at 10am (Members should be there no later than 7:45am Auction day)

**May  
2007**

Tuesday, May 1st - Meeting  
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food  
Saturday, May 12th - Old-timers Fun Fly  
Spring Round-up  
- Mead Field 9am  
Saturday, May 19th – Spring Fun Fly  
Registration 9:00am Events start at 10:00am -  
Mead field. 3 Events - Awards! Members free, non members \$5, Open flying between events  
Sunday, May 20th - Quickee Racing  
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**June  
2007**

Saturday, Jun 2nd – Spring IMAA Fun Fly  
- 10am Mead Field (Limited to Giant scale IMAA aircraft, \$5.00 landing fee, Open Flying)  
Tuesday, Jun 5th - Meeting  
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food  
Saturday, June 9th - Old-timers Fun Fly  
- 9am, Mead field  
Sunday June, 10th - Quickee Racing  
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**July  
2007**

Tuesday, Jul 3rd - Meeting  
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site bring a plane, open flying & Food  
Saturday, July 14th - Old-timers Fun Fly - 9am,  
Mead field  
Sunday, July 22nd - Quickee Racing  
- Mead Flying Site - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**August  
2007**

Tuesday, Aug 7th - Meeting  
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & food  
Saturday, August 11th - Old-timers Fun Fly  
- 9am, Mead Field  
Saturday & Sunday, August 18th & 19th – 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Bud Hall Memorial IMAA Fun Fly  
- Mead Field -9am both days, aircraft limited to IMAA members, large scale aircraft all AMA - IMAA rules apply. May join IMAA at the field.  
(80inch & up monoplanes, 60 inch up biplanes)  
Sunday, Aug 26 - Quickee Racing  
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**September  
2007**

Tuesday, Sep 4th - Meeting  
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & Food (Last Tuesday food will be served)  
Saturday, September 8th - Old-timers Fun Fly  
- 9am, Mead Field  
Saturday, September 15th – Open Fun Fly and Outdoor Swap meet  
- Mead Field – Swap Meet set-up after 9:00am, Open Flying @ 10am – 3pm  
Sunday, Sep 16th - Quickee Racing  
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing @ 10am

**October  
2007**

Tuesday, Oct 2nd - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)  
Saturday, October 13th - Old-timers Fun Fly - 9am, Mead Field

**November  
2007**

Tuesday, Nov 6th - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)  
- Nominations taken for 2008 Officers

**December  
2007**

Tuesday, Dec 4th - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)  
- 2008 Officer elections

**Want to Schedule a 2007 event? Contact any club officer or attend the meetings & let us know!**

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

**TO:**

**Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2007 Membership Application**

**Please print clearly!**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**2007 Dues: \$35** (2007 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:  
Bob Zitzlperger 12568 Brownley Circle Omaha, Nebraska 68164**