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A Word From The President:

I haven't been able to share much time flying with the club this year due to work commitments, but hopefully that will change before long. Looking forward to seeing all of you.

Best Regards

~ Rick Miller

Vice-President's Corner:

It was unfortunate that this year's Bud Hall IMAA Fun Fly got canceled. But the weather started out bad early Saturday morning, and it rained most of the day. Further, it was forecasted to last throughout the weekend. As it turned out, the access road to the pit area at Mead became very wet and muddy. So it was good that we didn't have a lot of traffic on it.

On the 18th of August there was a large turn out of club members at Springfield for the Tuesday evening gathering. Some special guests showed up from an assisted living facility in Fort Calhoun. They learned of our Tuesday flying from the club's internet site, and came out because it was aviation week. Marvin and the others gave them a real show!

Painting of the building at Mead went well. Thanks to the six volunteers who stepped up and helped make quick work of it. The university is happy, and that's important to our continued stay at Mead.

The Free Fun Fly at Mead Field had one of the largest turnout of flyers seen there in years. See photos below. The weather couldn't have been better. Winner of the raffle was Gale Sherman which was a Quest 10X10 shelter.

Upcoming is the 3rd Annual **Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet** to be held on Sunday September 6th at Mead Field. Some end of the flying season bargains will be found here. Also, it may be a good time to clear out your hangar of stuff you no longer need or want. More information below. Spread the word.

Photo on this page is of **Bob Burt's** old timer Quaker taxing out for takeoff at Standing Bear Lake.

Come out and fly!

~ Nelson Carpenter

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM Tuesday – September 1, 2009

Location: Springfield Flying Field

(Bring an airplane to fly!)



Financial Report – July 2009

To be provided at next club meeting.

Thank You!

~ Ed Splittgerber

August 4, 2009 Meeting Notes:

- Nelson C. VP called meeting to order.
- Field update news provided on closing of Springfield site.
- Discussion held on field search, and request for any leads.
- On 8/22 painting of storage building at Mead Field.
- A discussion of club sanctioned events:
 - A. OLD TIMERS
 - B. BUD HALL
 - C. QUICKEE RACES
 - D. SWIFT GLIDER MEETS
- Club trainer is still lost in the corn at Springfield. Southwest of the runway several hundred feet. We could use some help finding it.
- Ed S. gave the treasurer's report for July.
- We currently have 74 club members as of this date 2009.

~ **Bob Boumstein**

Western Flyers Paint-A-Thon

At the request of the University of Nebraska manager at Mead, six volunteer club members spent early Saturday morning August 22nd painting our storage building that they own. With 8 gallons of paint, and rollers on long poles, we started at 8:15am finishing up 2 ½ hours later. Weather was ideal for painting, and we got most of the paint on the building and not ourselves.



It made for a good day with a sense of accomplishment painting the building. Most of us brought an airplane to fly which we did for another 4 hours. Mead Field was freshly mowed, and in great condition.

Thank you **Bob Burt, Bob Turner, Jeff Jacobs, Frank Wisniski, and Jim Henley** for rising early in the morning along with myself to paint the building. It was a fun project, and we enjoyed each other's company. Several other club members wanted to lend a hand, but had a conflict with their time. Thank you any way for your interest in helping the club.



~ **Nelson Carpenter**

Western RC Flyers Club Website:
<http://www.weflyrc.org/>

Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay



The hunt is on for a new flying field, and we almost had some exciting news but the deal was not to be made. A gentleman known to some in our club has an ultralight flying site about ½ way to Mead. But due to neighbors we cannot use it. However he wants to learn to fly RC! We can hope that he is enticed into the club, and maybe it could become something someday.

Tuesday nights have had a good turnout and great food. Ed S's wife makes some mean choc-o-chip cookies, a big thank you goes out their way! Others have brought some salads and desserts too. So don't be shy, we only have few weeks left to eat & fly.

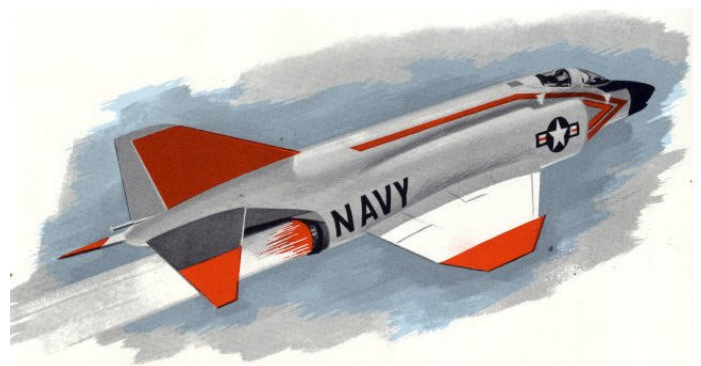
The other day I actually worked on my airplanes for almost eight hours. I checked on one and saw the receiver pack not charging, I thought "bad charger?" So I changed battery packs and checked on it a ½ hour later. It too was not charging. I have not flown this plane in two years so down it came, and I pulled out the receiver pack, low and behold it was dated 1993 and was a 1000 mAh Sanyo Pack! It should go to the AMA museum! I use a TME charger into which all my planes and radios stay on constant trickle charge. If you never looked into one of these the can keep you stuff flying for years. For use with NiCad batteries only though.

Regards

~ **Bob Boumstein**

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.



Fall Fun-Fly 2009 and Swapmeet

10am - 3pm
Sunday
September 6th
Western R/C Flyers - Mead Field

Hosted by the Western R/C Flyers Omaha, Nebraska - AMA 857

Open flying for any R/C aircraft!

Scale - Non-Scale! Electrics to the Giant Gassers!

No Contest! - No Prizes! - Just a good old fashion "Open Flying" Fun Day!

Bring your own lunch, your sunshades, and your lawn chairs & enjoy the day!

All pilots **MUST** be a card-carrying member of the AMA, bring your current card for check-in.

Open Flying and Swap meet from 10am - 3pm!

Have airplanes or equipment for sale or trade? Bring 'em out & hang a sign!

- You must provide your own tables - Flying pilots - Will set up behind your vehicle in the pit area!
- Non-Flying swappers only, set up in designated areas, see Staff for set-up details day of event. Swap meet **set-up** will start after 9:00am.

Western R/C Flyer Members Free - Non-Members \$5.00!

Visitors and Spectators are always welcome!

Western R/C Flyers Mead Field - Highway 92 west to Mead, turn **south** on 78F, go 3.7 miles, follow signs from 78F.

Sorry, No Rain Date!

www.weflyrc.org

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Update: Bob Burt's Aeronca Champ

After nearly a three year building effort, the 1/3 scale model is basically finished. Lately **Bob Burt** has been tweaking the ship, and breaking in the engine mounted on it. He wants to be certain it is 100 percent ready for the maiden flight which should happen soon.

In Bob's words: "Last Saturday at Mead, I messed with the engine for over an hour without success. Finally Bud Mitchell got it started. Found out fuel line was loose on tank tube. Put clamps on the tube and fired her up. It was running good so I started taxiing up and down the runway. Several times we were at takeoff speed, but I aborted each time. Taxied back in and found a few problems to correct. Guy wire on stabilizer came loose, and lost one bolt on right rear strut. Sunday I made repairs and bored out opening on muffler to see if I can get more RPM and cool the engine better. I'm still running it without the cowl until I am happy with the engine and exhaust."



Western Flyers Place in Don Neill Contest

The annual 2009 Don Neill Memorial Scale Contest sponsored by the Skyknights of Lincoln was held on 22 August at their Waverly flying field. Several Western Flyers members entered the contest with their scale aircraft.

Placing 3rd in civilian scale was **Jim Drickey** with his

1/4 scale Piper J3 Cub. A team scale entry by **Mike Crosby** (owner) and **Dustin Andersen** (pilot) with a tandem twin engine Cessna 337 placed them 1st in civilian scale. **Dean Copeland**



entered his large T-6 Texan in Navy "Git'mo Bay" markings, and finished 1st in expert class.



Congratulations to you all.

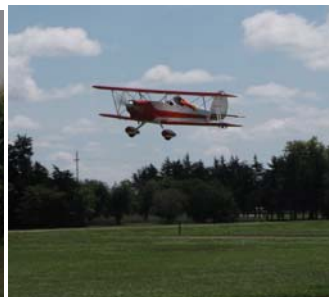
We are thankful that you choose to fly your scale models at our Western Flyers fields for all of us to watch on a regular basis.

~ August Flying at the Fields ~





MEAD FIELD on a Saturday morning at 8:00am ready for the first flight of the day.



~ August 29th Fun Fly at Mead Field ~





- Photo of Frank Wisniski sitting in his latest large scale IMAA aircraft. It is a Fly Baby that Frank spent last winter building. Wingspan approximately 84 inches with a 1.20 size four stroke used for power. Nice flying airplane!

For Sale!
Club Classifieds
FOR SALE
FOR TRADE
WANTED
Free listings with Club Membership
Western R/C Flyers

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



CHALCO HILLS WEATHER CENTER



www.papionrd.org/weather/usa.htm

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Tips and Tricks

Source: AMA Insider

Cooling Your Engine

If your engine is running hotter than you would like, how can you cool it down? Most people make the mistake of thinking more is better when it comes to the air inlet at the front of the cowl. This is a common error and, while it seems logical, the reverse is actually true. To properly cool your engine, you need more outlet, not more inlet. You want at least 2:1—preferably 3:1—air out to air in ratio. Otherwise, it makes a dam and the air cannot come into the cowl because it has nowhere to go out of the cowl. If your engine is not cooling properly, try blocking off the other air inlet or opening the belly of the cowl further.

Soldering

Someone suggested that the use of a soldering gun was safer than other types because it would not roll off the workbench and burn you. It should also be mentioned over and over that soldering guns have a very strong alternating current magnetic field around the tip. When brought in proximity to electric motors and servos, this magnetic field de-gausses (demagnetizes) the magnets inside the motors and servos and causes permanent damage.

I have seen several people come to the flying field with a new electric-powered airplane that does not have enough power for flight. When asked if they soldered the wires to the motor with a soldering gun, the answer is usually "yes."

Also you should never stick the tip of a soldering gun into the airplane's radio compartment while soldering pushrods and etc. as it will presently damage the motors inside the servos.

If you must use a soldering gun, you should stay well away from electric motors and servos, meaning at least 24 inches just to be safe.

—From the Rogue Eagles RC Club, Medford, Oregon

~ 2009 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

2009 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys, Springfield, Every Tuesday night May 1st through September 1st 2009
(Weather Permitting)

Food – Fun – Flying – Friends!

**January
2009**

Tuesday, Jan 6th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

**February
2009**

Tuesday, Feb 3rd - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

**March
2009**

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

**April
2009**

Tuesday, Apr 7th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)
- Sunday Apr 26th – Western RC Flyers 28th Annual R/C Auction at Fireman's Union Hall located at 6005 Grover St. in Omaha. Doors open at 7:30am with bidding starting at 10:00am. Admission \$5.00 per person.

**May
2009**

Tuesday, May 5th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food
- Sunday, May 17th – Q500 races at Mead.
Registration at 9:00am.

**June
2009**

Tuesday, Jun 2nd - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food.
- Saturday, Jun 6th – Annual Spring Club Fun Fly at Mead starting at 10:00am. Open flying.
- Sunday Jun 14th – Glider Event at Mead Field.
- Sunday Jun 21st – Q500 Races at Mead Field.
Registration at 9:30am. Racing starts at 10:00am.

**July
2009**

Tuesday, Jul 7th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site bring a plane, open flying & Food
Saturday, July 11th - Old-Timers Fun Fly - 9am until noon Mead field
Sunday, July 12th – Glider event at Mead
Sunday, July 19th - Quicke Racing
- Mead Field - Check in 9:30am, Racing 10am

**August
2009**

Tuesday, Aug 4th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & food
- Saturday, Aug 8th – Old Timers Fun Fly
9am until noon, Mead Field
- Saturday and Sunday, Aug 15/16th – Bud Hall IMAA Fun Fly at Mead. Aircraft limited to IMAA criteria and membership, large scale aircraft. May join IMAA at field. Criteria 80" wingspan monoplane, 60" wingspan biplane, or a true ¼ scale aircraft. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch both days and flying.
- Sunday, Aug 23rd – Q500 races at Mead.
Registration at 9:30am. Racing starts at 10:00am.

**September
2009**

Tuesday, Sep 1st - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & Food (Last Tuesday food will be served)
- Sunday Sep 6th – The 3rd Annual Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet. Outdoor swap meet free to WRCF members, \$5.00 for non-members. Swap meet setup after 9am. Open flying 10am through 3pm.
- Sunday, Sep 12th – Old Timers Fun Fly – 9am until noon. Mead Field
- Sunday, Sep 20th – Q500 races at Mead.
Registration at 9:00am. Racing starts at 10am.

**October
2009**

Tuesday, Oct 6th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

**November
2009**

Tuesday, Nov 3rd - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, inside right of main entrance)
- Nominations taken for 2010 Officers

**December
2009**

Tuesday, Dec 1st - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, inside right of main entrance)
- 2010 Officer elections

Want to schedule a 2009 event? Contact any officer or attend a club meeting with a proposal.

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Western RC Flyers
Omaha, Nebraska

TO:

Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2009 Membership Application

Please print clearly!

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

AMA Number: _____ IMAA Number: _____

Dues Paid: \$ _____

2009 Dues: \$35 (2009 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:
Ed Splittgerber 5046 S. 174th St. Omaha, Nebraska 68135