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A Word From The President



Finally the month of August gave us a reprieve in the weather and we were able to fly! That we did with the monthly Old Timers' event and our annual Bud Hall Fun Fly! The Old Timers gathering always draws a good crowd, but this year's Bud Hall had an outstanding turnout with over 20 registered pilots plus guests who showed up on both days.

A bonus of the Bud Hall was that the club signed up a new member, and two others say they are going to join next year. They really like the field and the laid back atmosphere and demeanor of the Western RC Flyers.

Big thanks to **Terry Pollard** for his dedication to Mead Field and always keeping it in top shape. We've received many compliments about the flying field. Also **Bob Burt** has spent some time on the field as well. We thank you for the many years you have done this work Bob!

Best Regards

~ Rick Miller

Vice-President's Corner



Hot Hot Hot. August was back in full swing with the hot weather. Thankfully it decided to calm down and cool off for the Bud Hall Fun Fly. Unfortunately I was unable to attend this year, but I was informed that there were many people in attendance. A huge thanks to all those who helped make things happen for this event. It's unfortunate to have dropped the IMAA affiliation for this event, but the current economic situation required it. Let's face it, we have all tightened the reins on our flying budget this year.

I haven't put "new money" into my airplane budget for quite some time now. Whether you are retired or working, the cost of living keeps outweighing the fun. In order to keep up with this trend we need to have a more progressive approach.....

Next Meeting

7:00 PM Tuesday – September 7, 2010

**Location: Mead Field
(bring an airplane)**



....on our events. When money is tight, the cost of an event can have everyone asking, "Is the outlay worth it?" Does more people mean more money, or does more money means less people? I'd go with more people, due to club exposure. But less money can also draw a crowd. It's a guessing game no matter what the situation, but people are more apt to lay out twenty dollars even on the windy weekends as opposed to forty dollars on the best weekend of the year. There might be some who tend not to agree, but like I said, it's a guessing game.

The three most useless things to a pilot... Runway behind you, sky above you, and fuel at the airport!

Let's Fly!

~ Dustin Anderson

Treasurer's Report - August 2010



A copy of the August 2010 Financial Report will be passed out at the September 7th meeting.

Thanks!

Dean Copeland

Rumors, Gossip & Signs of Decay

Wow! Is the word to describe the fun, flying and food at the Bud Hall Event on 8/14 & 15. I had a great time and saw some folks I have not seen for a while. This event was a good building block for the Western Flyers. It brought out flyers that realized the potential of a dual membership. The opportunity to grow lies in exposure of our club and the field to others. We now have several clubs in our area, and we above all offer the best alternative in flying, a site free of obstacles or population.

Recently, I have been involved in several conversations about the future of engines in the hobby. Here is how I see it:

Good News: The introduction of cheaper but great quality engines, mostly gas (not glow) from China is a great boon to our hobby. You can get a good 1.20 size gas motor for about \$200. Electric gets easier to figure out. Dean Copeland gave me some great advice; look at the electric motor recommended prop size and choose a motor that way. For instance I am going to make a 1/2 size Buzzard Bombshell old timer electric. It had about a .14 diesel swinging a 9x6 prop so I went for an out runner motor swinging that size prop. I found a combo with a 30 amp ESC for \$34 on line (shipped free from Hong Kong). It will be neat. I am looking forward to this attempt.

Bad News: I believe as electric grows the major glow motor suppliers will come down to OS, Saito, Thunder Tiger, Magnum, ST maybe. The engines will still be available but lower unit sales will force prices up and the development of new models will be rare. I suggest to stock up on your favorites as prices are probably at the best they will be.

Happy Landings

~ Bob Boumstein



View of the Bud Hall Fun Fly early that Saturday morning. Photo from one of the video frames taken by Nelson Carpenter's FlyCamOne mounted on the side of his old timer Quaker.

Club Meeting Minutes 3 Aug 2010

- -Meeting called to order by **Rick Miller**.
- -Club member **Jim Minear** donated Avistar Trainer complete with motor to club for use as the Club Trainer.
- -Treasurers report by **Dean Copeland** presented and accepted.
- -It was decided to not purchased a power sweeper for field. That it was not needed.
- -It was decided to make the annual **Bud Hall** event an AMA fun fly promoting large size aircraft. Not an IMAA event. Fewer than 8 club members belong to IMAA.
- -A 10X10 shade canopy was approved for purchase as a raffle prize for the **Bud Hall** Event.
- -A membership call list will be developed to promote and encourage Tuesday night flying at Mead.
- -It was agreed to run an advertisement in the *Papillion Times* to promote the search for an approximately 3.5 acre flying field closer to Omaha than Mead. \$50 authorized for the ad.
- -Adjournment

~ Bob Boumstein



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

August Flying Highlights



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BUD HALL FUN FLY









~ 2010 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

January 2010

Tuesday, Jan 2nd - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.

February 2010

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

March 2010

Tuesday, Mar 2nd - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

April 2010

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

- Sunday Apr 25th – Western RC Flyers 29^h 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 2010

Tuesday, May 5th - Meeting
- 7pm, MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food
- Sunday, May 8th – Old Timers event at Mead. Registration at 9:00am with flying until noon.
- Sunday, May 16th – Q500 races at Mead. Registration at 9:00am.

June 2010

Tuesday, Jun 8th - Meeting
- 7pm, MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.

- Sunday, Jun 6th – Annual Spring Club Fun Fly at Mead Field starting at 10:00am. Open flying.

- Sunday Jun 20th – Q500 Races at Mead Field. Registration at 9:30am. Racing starts at 10:00am.

July 2010

Tuesday, Jul 6th - Meeting
- 7pm, MEAD FIELD bring a plane, open flying & Food.

Saturday, July 10th - Old-Timers Fun Fly - 9am until noon Mead field.

Sunday, July 18th - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in 9:30am, Racing 10am

August 2010

Tuesday, Aug 3rd - Meeting
- 7pm, MEAD FIELD a plane, open flying & food.

- Saturday, Aug 7th – Old Timers Fun Fly
9am until noon, Mead Field.

- Saturday and Sunday, Aug 14/15th – Bud Hall IMAA Fun Fly. Aircraft limited to IMAA criteria and membership. 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 22nd – Q500 races at Mead. Registration at 9:30am. Racing starts at 10:00am.

September 2010

Tuesday, Sep 7th - Meeting
- 7pm, MEAD FIELD - bring a plane, open flying & Food (Last Tuesday food will be served)

- Sunday Sep 5th – The 4th Annual Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet. Mead Field. Free to WRCF members, \$5.00 for non-members. Swap meet setup after 9am. Open flying 10am through 3pm.

- Sunday, Sep 11th – Old Timers Fun Fly – 9am until noon. Mead Field.

- Sunday, Sep 19th – Q500 races at Mead. Registration at 9:00am. Racing starts at 10am.

October 2010

Tuesday, Oct 5th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.

November 2010

Tuesday, Nov 2nd - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.

December 2010

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

Want to schedule or sponsor an event? Contact any officer or attend the next club meeting with a proposal.



Tailspin Newsletter
Western RC Flyers
Omaha, Nebraska

TO:

Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2011 Membership Application

Please print clearly!

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

AMA Number: _____ IMAA Number: _____

Dues Paid: \$ _____

2011 Dues: \$35 (Renewals are due 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**