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A Word From The President



Well finally we had some decent weather and field conditions for flying. And flying we did! There was a very good turnout at the field this month.

The old timer airplanes, winched launched gliders, and electric powered gliders have really shown up big-time at the field. Several club members are flying all of the above and having a great

time. Myself included!

The Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet is this coming Sunday at Mead. You just might find a bargain. Don't forget to bring your junk that you want to get rid of too.

Hope to see you all at the field.

Thanks

~ Rick Miller



Vice-President's Corner

So the year is about to draw to a close and it sure seems like it went by fast. The summer did for sure, and there were lots of opportunities to fly. The flying field got some good use and exposure to other area flyers.

Our club held some events that invited and introduced others to the field. Almost always the comments are favorable about Mead. They like the openness and the fact that we are not disturbing nearby neighbors. Also from a safety aspect, our field is one of the best with its separation of the pits from the runway and flyover area.

In a few days we will have annual *Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet*. If you want to get rid of anything, bring it out to the field on September 4th. There may be some good deals for bargain hunters as well. Club will again provide pop and water. See flyer.

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM Tuesday – September 6th, 2011

Location: Mead Field

(Flying starts 5pm; brief meeting, bring an airplane!)



Many photos in the newsletter again this month. Hope you enjoy them.

Come out and fly!

~ Nelson Carpenter

Treasurer's Report



A copy of the August 2011 Financial Report will be available at the next meeting.

Thank You!

~ Dean Copeland


August Flying at Mead Field

Several events were held at Mead during the past month. The *Bud Hall Large Airplane Fun Fly*, an *Old Timers Airplane Fun Fly*, and a *Glider Fly*.

We had 23 registered flyers for the *Bud Hall* event. There were various airplanes that met the large size criteria including **Terry Pollard's** glider with 103" wingspan, as well as some scale aircraft like **Joe Mock's** highly detailed 1/3 scale Piper L4 Grasshopper with a wingspan of 143" and weighing 45 pounds. This is a model that Joe actually built and spent over a year doing so. Yet there were large airplanes that weren't scale, but that didn't matter. Everyone had a good time, and enjoyed the Fareway brats that were grilled over the two day gathering. Only one mishap happened during the fun fly and that was early on Saturday. Our flyer (*I'll protect his identity*) had his rudder servo reversed. He did a heck of a job keeping it in the air and high over the pits, but managed to find a tree at the north end. Fortunately the damage was light.

Old timer airplanes are becoming more popular with club members. Usually we get 10 to 15 old timer airplane flyers to the monthly gathering. Folks who come out to see these old designs lumber through the air and climb for altitude before becoming a glider, tend to get the bug and want one. There are three club members that will be building an old timer this winter.

This year we added a *Glider Fly* to the monthly old timer fun flies. They are held the same day and it has worked out very well. There has been a big interest in EP (electric power) gliders with several club members owning one. We also have others who like the traditional way of getting their gliders up, and that's by electric winch on the ground. They get some pretty spectacular launches as they pull their gliders up high on the winch. I liken it to getting a



2011 Fall Fun-Fly and Swapmeet
10am - 3pm
Sunday September 4th
Western R/C Flyers - Mead Field
Hosted by the Western R/C Flyers Omaha, Nebraska - AMA 957

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!
Pop and Water Provided
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.wellyrc.org

kite up in the air. These old timer/glider fun flies are getting as many as 20 flyers and visitors to the field each time.

The field itself is in good shape. We don't have the badger family around this year. The usual ground squirrels are there though and frogs which may be helping with the few to none mosquito bites in the evening. I can't remember having any mosquito bites at Mead this summer.

There's still a couple of months of good flying remaining this year. Hope to see you out there.

~ Nelson Carpenter



Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay

My big news is that my 15-year-old Dailaire Super Sportster old timer is back in the air. With the gracious help of **Bob Burt** (*he fixed my throttle linkage at the field!*) we got it flying at the Bud Hall fun fly. Too bad my knee was acting up after spending a long time on my feet, but hey, we got her up! The plane now has an interesting OS 60 open rocker arm 4-cycle for power. It is the last production of the series, and a most rare example of that engine. It runs very nicely too!

Recently I had an unusual engine deal out of Illinois. Included in the shipment was a Saito twin 90 with single carb, a fairly current production. But the owner had lost the exhaust tubes and fabricated something out of plumbing supply. The tubes were as thin as fuel lines which restricting the exhaust. I can only imagine that it ran very poorly. I was able to retro fit some flex tubing as a replacement exhaust and I am sure this motor will now run great. It is no beauty with a couple of broken fins and being very dirty (*I have cleaned it up partially*) but it has potential on an old timer I think.

Bud Mitchell has a Quaker that was crashed he wants to sell cheap \$50. The infamous "*Mead Queen*" has a good wing and stab, and the fuselage is repairable I heard. You will find his number on the Omahawks rooster. Could be a fun project for someone.

Recently I obtained a Phoenix II RC Glider, from Hobby People. It flies as well as a Radian but has a lower cost. I got mine for \$189 RTF with battery, charger and full 2.4 radio from a seller on eBay. I am happy with the glider but the shipping was slow and it took two weeks to get it. Hard to complain when the shipping was free, but 2 weeks..... geez!

I have been to Mead almost every Saturday for the last month and have really enjoyed the flying. There seems to be 6 or 7 guys each Saturday morning out there. The field is in great shape and the friendship is high. Good vibes all around.

Look Up!

~ **Bob Boumstein**

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

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.



CHALCO HILLS WEATHER CENTER



http://66.37.246.222/weather_center/usa.htm

OLD - TIMER Fun -Flies

Hosted by

Western R/C Flyers



www.WeFlyRC.org



AMA Card Required

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

2011 SCHEDULE

Saturday May 21st

9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying

Saturday August 20th

9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying

Saturday June 18th

9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying

Saturday September 17th

9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying

Saturday July 16th

9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying

**Weather Permitting for October
TBD**

All AMA pilots & spectators welcome, Flying limited to Old-Timer type aircraft. Open flying from 9:00am till 2:pm.

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.

Visit our Western R/C Flyers website!

www.weflyrc.org

ROADS TO MEAD FIELD

Trouble getting to the field? At the Town of Mead corner on Highway 92, turn south driving 3.7 miles on the hard surfaced county road to a dirt access road leading to field. Turn east here in direction of water tower, then take short winding road to east side of long whit

e warehouse building. See aerial below. However be advised that there are 3 routes from the county road into Mead Field. Those are shown on enlarged aerial to the right.

Primary route into the field is the **dirt road**, unless conditions are too wet. Route "A" is an improved gravel road few hundred yards south of the dirt road turnoff that takes you through the university facility. Continuing further south on the county road is alternative route "B" (*addt'l 2.5 miles*) that is a hard surfaced road on 3 of its legs. On last leg, turn at the white block building and follow road around to field.

Note: Increase newsletter page size on your PC to minimum 150% for best view of aerials and notations.



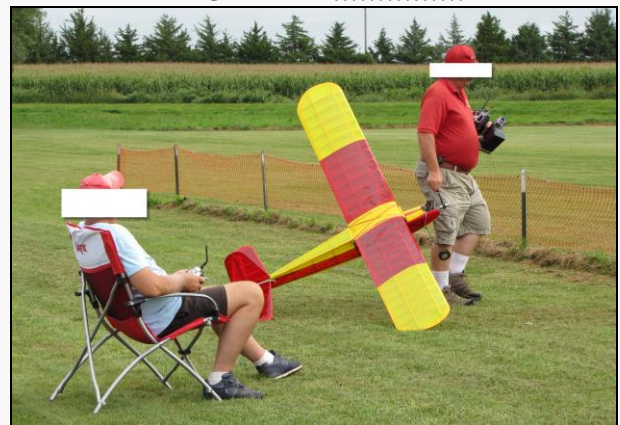
(Enlarged View)



Mead Field
(South View)



HOW NOT TO GET YOUR AIRPLANE TO THE FLIGHT LINE.....



AUGUST FLYING AT MEAD FIELD



BUD HALL LARGE AIRPLANE FUN FLY



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BUD HALL FUN FLY Cont.....



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OLD TIMERS FUN FLY held August 20th



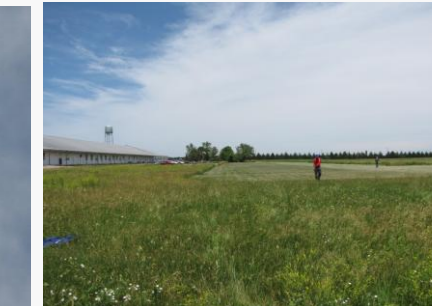
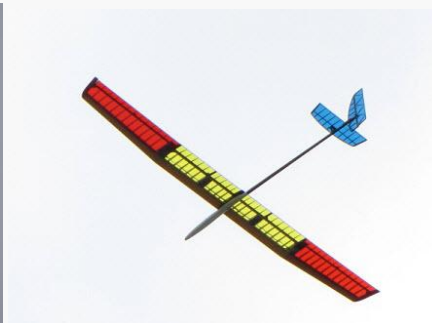
OLD TIMERS FUN FLY Cont....



GLIDER FLY held August 20th



GLIDER FLY Cont.....



~ 2011 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

2011 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys, Springfield, Every Tuesday night May 3rd through September 6th!
(Weather Permitting)

January 2011

- **Tuesday, Jan 4th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

February 2011

- **Tuesday, Feb 1st** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

March 2011

- **Tuesday, Mar 1st** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

April 2011

- **Tuesday, Apr 5th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

May 2011

- **Tuesday, May 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.
- **Saturday, May 21st** – Old Timers Fun Fly at Mead. Starts at 9:00am with flying until noon or later.

June 2011

- **Sunday, Jun 5th** – 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 18th** – Old Timers Fun Fly at Mead. Registration at 9:00am with flying until noon.

July 2011

- **Tuesday, Jul 5th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD bring a plane, open flying.
- **Saturday, Jul 16th** - Old-Timers Fun Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until noon or later.

August 2011

- **Tuesday, Aug 2nd** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD a plane, open flying.
- **Saturday and Sunday, Aug 13/14th** – Bud Hall Large Aircraft Fun Fly. Aircraft limited to IMAA criteria and membership. IMAA membership NOT required. Criteria 80" wingspan monoplane, 60" wingspan biplane, or a true ¼ scale aircraft. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch both days and flying.
- **Saturday, Aug 20th** – Old Timers Fun Fly Starts at 9:00am with flying until noon or later.

September 2011

- **Sunday Sep 4th** – 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.
- **Tuesday, Sep 6th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD - bring a plane, open flying.
- **Saturday, Sep 17th** – Old Timers Fun Fly – Starts at 9:00am with flying until noon or later.

October 2011

- **Tuesday, Oct 4th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.

November 2011

- **Tuesday, Nov 1st** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
- Nominations taken for 2012 Officers

December 2011

- **Tuesday, Dec 6th** - 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. 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 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**