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## TAILSPIN NEWSLETTER

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### A Word from the President



Well Western RC Flyers, it seemed like we packed a whole summer of flying into the month of August, it was FANTASTIC! Although the month was filled with flying and events; I really enjoyed them all, and I couldn't wait until the next event. And so must have other flyers because our events were so well attended. There were many people from other clubs present and some helping out.

The lower key events like the Old Timer events and the other featured events are pulling together a large group of RC enthusiasts. We need to think about how we can capitalize on this situation to continue club growth as well as lead these events for all flyers to include SPECTATORS.

Our club appreciates the cooperation and support of the neighboring RC community and all of the "sister" clubs. Especially the Fremont, Lincoln, and Omaha clubs. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE! Please pass this recognition on when the opportunity presents itself.

We are trying hard to provide a broad range of featured events and an open atmosphere within the Western RC Flyers club at Mead Field. I believe it's working.

The club has gained additional members this year and I expect, after hearing comments at recent events, that next year with continue to grow our club and RC flying community.

We do need more help with the flying events. Some weather issues at the last event really brought this to my attention.

The flying season is not over yet folks, we have a few more good months left this year. Then its building season, and I know many of you are looking forward to next year's plans (*oops a pun*), just like I am.

Thanks

~ Rick Miller

### Next Meeting:

7:00 PM Tuesday - Sept 6th, 2012

Location: Mead Field

(Flying starts 5pm and lasts until dark; brief meeting, bring an airplane! Last mtg at field for the year. Papio NRD thereafter.)



### Vice-President's Corner



This issue of *Tailspin* is probably the largest one yet with 23 pages. It contains mostly photos taken at Mead Field during the scheduled flying events for August. Thanks to the five of you (*named below*) for sending in photos. They are all great, and I hope to get more from you in the future!

Unfortunately, those receiving the newsletter by postal mail are limited to three sheets printed on both sides. If you are able to start getting the newsletter by e-mail attachment, please contact me with a good e-mail address. Otherwise find someone with a computer and go to our club's website. cont...

Are you using the *Rewards Program* at *HobbyTown* to benefit the club? Every little amount counts, as they say.

Don't forget the club's Old Timers/Gliders on the 15th. Details below. If you have never flown an old timer airplane, would you like to try it? Come out to Mead during our next gathering, and we'll give you a go at it. Warning: you may get hooked.

The West Nile Virus is a serious health threat. Don't ignore it, and do take precautions especially at the flying field.

Sorry to report that the *Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet* has been cancelled for Sunday September 2nd. It may be rescheduled at a date that won't be in too close proximity to other area events. Anyone want to help with it?

**Come out and fly!** ~ **Nelson Carpenter**

## Treasurer's Report



A copy of the August 2012 Treasurer's Report will be passed out at the September 6th meeting.

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

## August 2012 Meeting Notes



**Attendance:** 9 Members

**Details:** Food and drinks were provided for those attending. (*Pizza and sodas*)

**Old Business:**

**Mowing:** Thank you goes out to **Terry Pollard** for his continued dedication to the maintenance of the field. Also our appreciation to club

president **Rick Miller** who has put many hours into maintenance of the field. It is in amazing shape.

### **Events:**

July 21, 2012 - Old Timers & Glider Fun Fly at Mead went very well. It was well attended.

August 11/12, 2012 – *23rd Annual Bud Hall Memorial Large Scale Fun Fly*

**Details:** \$10 Registration Fee for Saturday and Sunday includes pilot lunch. Food will be brats, hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks. Volunteers are needed so anyone that can help is encouraged and appreciated.

Tickets to the Don Neil Memorial Fun Scale Contest will be sold during the event

August 25, 2012 - *Don Neil Memorial Fun Scale Contest*

**Details:** AMA Sanctioned. Partner Clubs: Lincoln Skyknights, Omahawks, and Western Flyers. Confirmed sponsors: SIG, RTL Fasteners Unconfirmed sponsors: Tower Hobbies, Giant Models

Marketing: Mail and e-mail flyers are ready.

**Keith Paskewitz** will be asked to e-mail announcement flyers.

Organizer: **Jim Henley**.

Description: This is a fun event so any type of scale model can be brought and flown including ARF's.

Competition Classes: Military, civilian, and ARF. Contest Director: **Rick Miller** was nominated and accepted.

AMA Event Number: AMA Event Number is 520.

**Other Events:** See the website for details.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

**Dean Copeland** gave the treasurer's report. As of the August Meeting, we have 38 members with a few new members.

### **Wind Sock:**

**Bob Burt** purchased a new wind sock. It is hanging at the field. Thanks to Bob for taking care of this.

### **New Business:**

#### **Banner:**

A motion was made and seconded for cost research to get a club banner with our name and logo on it. The recommended size was 3'x5'.

#### **Events:**

August 25, 2012 - *Don Neil Memorial Fun Scale Contest* –

More discussion took place regarding the rules, judging and volunteers. **Dean Copeland** and **Jim Henley** were managing the details for the event. They have some judges but will need more. Anyone interested is asked to speak to Jim or Dean.

The meeting adjourned and flying commenced.

**That's it!** ~ **Rick Johnson**

## PROTECT YOURSELF FROM WEST NILE VIRUS



[http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dybid/westnile/wnv\\_factsheet.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dybid/westnile/wnv_factsheet.htm)

## Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay



Just back from a quick trip to Las Vegas. I brought back two old timers, a fairly ragged Quaker, and my nice Goldberg Sailplane (it was **Jim Albin's** many years ago.) So now I am "fleeted up" with 5 flyable old timers. Thinking about it would result in me realizing I might now have too many!



While in Las Vegas I met up with the "guys" out there. Seemingly the hobby shop scene is changing. The one place that was "airplane oriented" was *Nice Twice Hobbies* (they did a lot of consignments for 20% commission) that moved and then closed. It was bought out by a business person with no hobby knowledge who just wanted to sell stuff, but offered no services. My friends at *Cutting Edge Hobbies*, in North Las Vegas, are trying to pick up the slack. They do understand to make a difference in today's market, a hobby shop must do more than sell stuff. If you offer services such as engine repair, and some basic soldering of connectors (i.e. *Deans plugs*) for those wanting or needing help, you're more likely to attract customers. The internet probably accounts for more than 80% of airplane modelers' purchases today. If a retailer offers a gathering spot for modelers to converge (*remember Bud's?*), and some services they might have a chance.



I will be involved in the shop out there in the fall, as I am renting a display case for engines and miscellaneous items. *Cutting Edge Hobbies* is willing to service airplane customers along with the RC car base and helicopter stuff they currently stock. I hope to do some serious hanging out there a few afternoons a week. I will try to help airplane guys where I can, as I am not an expert in any aspect. I might have to call some.....



.....of you from time to time to consult. But the fact is that I really hate to see the hobby shops go away. I long for the days of *Bud's Hobby* and the "*Hobby Co-op*" when we could all meet up and discuss stuff.



*Pleasant Memories!* ~ Bob Boumstein

## FEATURED PHOTO FACT SHEET

The C-47 with tail number EN770 was an AC-47 gunship in the Vietnam war; one with a rather remarkable history.

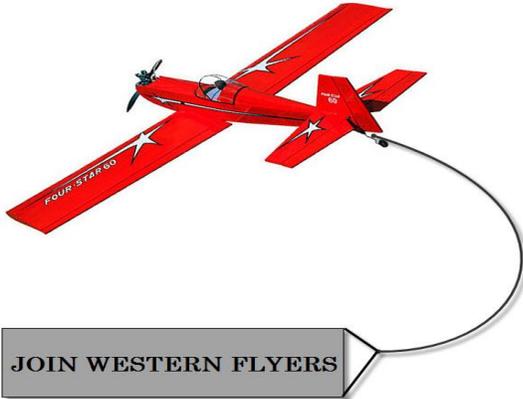
Below is an extract from [http://www.militaryphotos.net/forums/showthread.php?35876-Spooky-Dragon-in-the-Sky-\(Gunship\)](http://www.militaryphotos.net/forums/showthread.php?35876-Spooky-Dragon-in-the-Sky-(Gunship))

"Following the melee that was the Tet Offensive, AC-47s returned to more routine defensive and interdiction missions. During the night of February 28, 1968, Nha Trang-based Spooky EN-770 was hit in the right wing by a VC mortar just as Sergeant John Levitou was preparing to throw a flare overboard. Shrapnel from the impact severely wounded Levitou and caused the flare to drop inside the fuselage, arming itself in the process. Realizing the dire consequence should the flare ignite when its safe-separation time expired, Levitou crawled to the armed flare and managed to throw it out the open cargo door just before it ignited explosively under the aircraft's tail. For his valor, Sergeant Levitou was awarded the Medal of Honor." ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_Levitow](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Levitow))



## 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.



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



"I SAID BEWARE OF HEARING LOSS FROM GLOW AND GAS ENGINE NOISE.....!!!!"

**OLD - TIMER  
Fun -Fly**

Hosted by  
*Western R/C  
Flyers*



www.WeFlyRC.org  
AMA  
ASSOCIATION

Saturday Sept 15th at Mead Field starting at 9:00 am thru 12:00 noon. Lunch provided with pop and water. **NO ENTRY FEE**

plus



**GLIDER FLY**

For both Winch Launched and Electric Sailplanes

Starts immediately after Old Timer Fun Fly at 12:00 noon or little earlier. Lunch provided with pop and water. **NO ENTRY FEE**

Contact: Nelson Carpenter 402.709.3651 Loren Blinde 402.416.0855

# *Don Neill Memorial Scale Contest 2012*



The *Don Neill Memorial Scale Contest* was held August 26<sup>th</sup> after being rained out on the original scheduled date of August 25<sup>th</sup>. The turnout was very good, and exceeded our expectations particularly since we had to invoke the rain date. We had a total of 16 aircraft registered with two of the planes being flown by substitute pilots. We had approximately 40 folks at the field when counting all the non-flying persons who attended. The classes were Military, Civilian, Team Scale, and ARF's. In the military scale class there were 4 entrants. Civilian Scale there were 4 entrants, none in team scale, and the ARF class had 8 entrants. Photo coverage on pages 15 thru 21 below.

The winners were:

<u>Civilian Scale:</u>	<b>Mike Crosby</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> place
	<b>Rich Kuenning</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> place
	<b>Bob Roegge</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> place
<u>Military Scale:</u>	<b>Dean Copeland</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> place
	<b>Jim Henley</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> place
	<b>Rick Miller</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> place
<u>ARF category:</u>	<b>Don Dickey</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> place
	<b>Rick Miller</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> place
	<b>Ed Paasch</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> place

Pilots Choice Military went to **Dean Copeland**, and Pilots Choice Civilian went to **Mike Crosby**. Several prizes were awarded from event sponsors, *Sig Mfg*, *RTL fasteners*, *Tower Hobbies*, and *Electro Dynamics*. Gift cards for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners were purchased from *HobbyTown USA* Lincoln, Nebraska.

**Rich Kuenning** won the 100.00 pilots drawing, and **Anna Hammes** purchased winning ticket number 261874, for the 500.00 raffle prize.

Thanks to all who came out to support the event, and everyone who offered assistance and advice during event planning.

Contest Director: **Rick Miller**    Event coordinators: **Dean Copeland** and **Jim Henley**

# AUGUST FLYING AT MEAD FIELD

My appreciation to **Helen Paasch, Darin Kelstrom, Rick Miller, Rick Johnson, and Steve Earl** for the additional great photos they took at the *Bud Hall* and *Don Neill* events! Many thanks!

(Be on the lookout for "Waldo" in 17 of the photos below...)

**Tip:** Enlarge *this newsletter* to a minimum 150 percent for a better view of the photos on your screen.

## BUD HALL LARGE AIRPLANE FUN FLY 2012

The 23rd annual large airplane fun fly in honor of former member **Bud Hall** was held at Mead Field in what was great weather for those two days. There were 22 registered pilots representing several area clubs. Everyone flew several times. Only three mishaps (...okay crashes...) that I know about. Temp reached mid 80s with a dry wind out of the southeast at 10 or less. Chef **Rick Miller** did an outstanding job with the *Fareway* brats and Italian sausage with nobody going away hungry. Helping with the registration and organization was **Rick Johnson**. Both of their efforts didn't go unnoticed, and they were greatly appreciated.



# BUD HALL LARGE AIRPLANE FUN FLY 11/12 AUGUST 2012 Cont.....



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Photo credits for *Bud Hall Fun Fly*: Helen Paasch, Rick Johnson, Rick Miller, Steve Earl, Darin Kelstrom, and Nelson Carpenter

# OLD TIMERS AND GLIDERS FUN FLY

Ten dedicated (...don't know better...) old timer flyers (*airplanes and pilots...*) were not about to let dark skies to the west threaten the monthly gathering at Mead. Most of us arrived by 8:30am and got a good 90 minutes of flying in before the rain arrived. Scattered rain drops drumming on the airplane wings was our warning. However, **Rick Miller** was the last to bring his huge old timer down as he fought the gusting wind that moved in with the rain. We all took shelter under the porch of the old ordinance building. Yes..... we had light jackets on that morning. The glider portion was scrubbed.



**LINE UP:** Bob Burt, Darin Kelstrom, Loren Blinde, Rick Miller, Charlie Tvrdik, Dick Behrens, and Tim Peters. On the loose were Nelson Carpenter, and Tom Wild.



# DON NEILL MEMORIAL SCALE CONTEST 2012

Photos by Darin Kelstrom and Jim Henley:



# DON NEILL MEMORIAL SCALE CONTEST 25 AUGUST 2012 Cont....

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## ~ 2012 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

### 2012 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys at Mead, Every Tuesday evening May 8th through September 6th! (Weather Permitting)

#### January 2012

- **Tuesday, Jan 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

#### February 2012

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

#### March 2012

- **Tuesday, Mar 6th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

#### April 2012

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

#### May 2012

- **Tuesday, May 8th** - Club Meeting 7pm, at MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.  
- **Saturday, May 19th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

#### June 2012

- **Sunday, Jun 3rd** – 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 16th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

#### July 2012

- **Tuesday, Jul 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD bring a plane, open flying.  
- **Saturday, Jul 21st** - Old-Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

#### August 2012

- **Tuesday, Aug 7th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD a plane, open flying.  
- **Saturday and Sunday, Aug 11 and/or 12th** – Bud Hall Large Aircraft Fun Fly. Aircraft restricted to IMAA criteria.. However, IMAA membership NOT required. Criteria 80" wingspan monoplane, 60" wingspan biplane, or a true 1/4 scale aircraft. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch both days and flying.  
- **Saturday, Aug 18th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.  
- **Saturday, Aug 25th** - Don Neill Scale Contest. Multi-club Fun event hosted at Mead Field. Various classes. Rain date 26th.

#### September 2012

- **Sunday Sep 2nd** – The 5th Annual Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet. //**CANCELLED**// 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 15th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly – Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

#### October 2012

- **Tuesday, Oct 2nd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
- **Saturday, Oct 6th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly – Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

#### November 2012

- **Tuesday, Nov 6th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
- Nominations taken for 2012 Officers

#### December 2012

- **Tuesday, Dec 4th** - 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. 2012 Membership Application***

Please print clearly!

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

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

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

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

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

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

**2012 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**