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## TAILSPIN NEWSLETTER September 2013 Issue

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### A Word from the President



Summer went by us with a flash! But we had some great flying days and fun fly opportunities that I hope you all were able to take advantage.

We had one of the better Old Timer/Glider Fun Fly events for the summer. Good turnout as you will see in the photos within the newsletter.

Fantastic *Bud Hall Large Airplane Fun Fly* too! We had a total of 24 registered pilots with more than that in airplanes. Reports I heard were that everyone enjoyed it and had a great relaxing time.

If you haven't already, get busy and gather up those unwanted airplanes and accessories. Our annual *Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet* is Sunday September 1st. I've heard that there will be plenty of buyers and sellers present.

There are several interesting articles. One in particular by **Loren Blinde**.

Again, with the number of pages in this issue of *Tailspin*, I'm thinking **Nelson** will have to put together a table of content. He assures me that nobody will get lost in the newsletter with the bulk being photos taken at the field. Thanks to **Rene Mayo** and **Dean Copeland** for sending in pictures.

Remember, there are still many days of flying left at Mead. Come join us!

Thanks

~ Rick Miller

### Next Meeting:

7:00 PM Tuesday September 3, 2013

Location: Mead Field

(Bring something to fly!)



### Vice-President's Corner

Unfortunately I was unable to attend this year's *Don Neill Scale* event at Lincoln. But I understand that the turnout



was good and the event was a success. I have contacted **Rich Kuenning** the event director, to see what feedback he has gotten and where improvements could be made for the event. That feedback will be up for discussion when we begin to plan for the *2014 Don Neill* event.

I was able to make the club's *Bud Hall Large Airplane Fun Fly* event for large aircraft and can report we had a very good turnout with about 23 or 24 registered. **Rick Miller** handled the grocery items and **Terry Pollard** handled the grilling chores serving up brats and hot dogs, chips, potato salad, pop and water.

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Terry Pollard had mowed the field and the runway was in excellent shape, takeoffs and landings were a non-issue as was the wind which was light and down the runway.

We also displayed the *Western Flyers* banners along the safety fence which served as a nice back drop and reminder to all attending where they were.

*Let's build and fly!* ~ Jim Henley

## August 2013 Treasurer's Notes



Our club remains in good financial standing as we go into the month of September. The treasurer's report will be given at the September meeting. Hope to see you all at our field for some good flying.

*Thank You!* ~ Dean Copeland



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

## ***NAME THIS WESTERN FLYERS' CLUB MEMBER***



*"Nelson, Feel free to use whatever you want in the newsletter. Just for fun, I'm including a couple of pics of my dad and me. One is at a Council Bluffs Falcon Tournament; this would have been mid-70's. The other is taken at Byron Originals plant in Ida Grove; that was probably mid-80's. Check the beard and 'stash."*

**Editor's note:** I have a used 12X6 wooden propeller off an old timer airplane for the first person to identify this member. Okay, then forget it; I'll reveal the person's name at bottom of newsletter.

# AUGUST FLYING MEAD



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# 2013 Owatonna Warbirds and Classics

Report and Photos by Dean Copeland



Included are pictures that I took when at Owatonna, MN the weekend of August 10th. There were about 145 pilots and upwards of 300 to 400 aircraft. Those attending from the Omaha area were Mike Crosby, Pete Rosa, Lynn Langer, Dustin Anderson and myself. Jim Drickey also came down from northern MN. We all flew several times and had a great time.



Some of the 300+ planes just East of center stage.



Flight line west of center stage.



Dustin Anderson and Mike Crosby planes (total of 5.)



Large A-10 from Denver, again looking west.



Rosa taking a picture of Denver's Brian O'Meara. 1/4 scale P-47 with a 40 horse 420 cc four-cyl engine and weighs approximately 137 lbs.



60% Cub, belongs to the owner of the field.



Dean Copeland's Stinson Reliant SR-9 101" wing span.

## 2013 Owatonna Warbirds and Classics Cont...



Dean Copeland's *Stinson Reliant* SR-9 101" wing span.



Two of Carl Bachhuber's planes. A *Convair 580* with 200" wing span; and a *Lockheed Hudson* at 180" wing span.



~ Flying Close ~



Photo by Rene Mayo

Two Old Timer airplanes flying in close formation. Loren Blinde's *Buzzard* and Nelson Carpenter's *Quaker* took advantage of a steady breeze to slow their airplanes down in the air. That allowed them to gently maneuver their airplanes as close as they dared. Forward airspeed was probably less than 3 mph.



# 31 Flavors of Slope Soaring

By Loren Blinde



Last month I promised more on the many ways one can pursue slope soaring. There are really a lot of hobbies within this niche of the hobby. What one can do is somewhat defined by where you are able to fly, which for most of us is local dams or speed bumps.

The simplest way to fly locally is with a slope combat wing. What!? Combat?!? Allow me to explain. The essence of slope combat is a plane that can fly in light or strong lift, recover from any situation, and bounce off the ground (*or your head*), ready to fly again. In other words an indestructible rubber airplane. If you want to get the idea, go to the slope soaring section of the AMA rulebook and read section 14.3. I wrote those rules in another lifetime and got them adopted by the AMA; my last excursion into national politics ☺

The typical slope combat plane is a flying wing of 48" span, controlled by elevons, and made of EPP foam.



The most commonly known combat wing is the *Zagi*. That word has become synonymous with slope combat and can be found here: <http://www.zagi.com/> But, in my humble opinion, the greatest slope wing ever is the *Cavazos Boomerang*.

Set up an *eBay* search for that one, they are no longer in production. I have one flying and another kit waiting to be built (*or bought by massive sums of money.*) Combat wings are a fleeting cottage industry, so make sure your supplier is still in business before sending \$\$.



If you want something that looks like a normal airplane, namely that the north end of a southbound plane has something like a horizontal control surface, consider a slope racer. (*Geez, first combat planes, now racing?*) There are many ways to race, ranging from very expensive and very fast unlimited class planes to much simpler



and durable one-design classes. And that's where I'm steering you!

Picture a conventional plane, about 60" span, ailerons and elevator, made of the same foam that made the *Zagi* indestructible. When ballasted to 35 oz. that will fly very fast on a big hill in big air. And left at its normal 23 oz.

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will limp around the water side of *Chalco* with the best of them. My favorite slope plane of all time, the *One-Design Racer*. And the best expression of that plane is the *Magnum Models Cobra ODR*:



<http://www.magnumrcmodels.com/> I recommend the all EPP foam version, you cannot find a better

indestructible plane than this one. I have spent many happy hours flying mine in a 10 mph NW wind at *Bluestem lake* near *Lincoln*.

So that's what we have suitable for Nebraska slope soaring. Kind of like our ski slopes... ☹ But next month, what to build for your upcoming trip to *Wilson Lake*, *Wasserkuppe* or *Torrey Pines*. Freaky fast racers, power planes without engines, and slope scale at its best await.



**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.

*plus Gliders*  
**Saturday September 21st**

## ~ Omaha World Herald 1940 ~

Submitted by Loren Blinde

From the scrapbook of Omahan Bill Parmenter, the winner of "Class A" in this meet; here is an *Omaha World Herald* article from the 1940s. You may recognize some other names such as Oscar "Ollie" Olson and Jack Anderson.



## RC NEWS FROM LAS VEGAS



Evidently whilst we were all asleep, E-Flite little elves have been hard at work. If you have not yet heard about "SAFE" technology it is truly amazing. The first release is the *Horizon 15S Apprentice*, go on-line watch the video. If you can crash this plane, quit the hobby take up knitting! It is truly outstanding and at \$299 RTF the deal of the decade if you can find one!

OK kids it ain't over yet, Next comes the *Blade NANO QX Quad* copter....oh yeah I got this one as fast as it was released. This micro quad copter can fly indoors or outside, really it can fly outside, the say up to 19 mph wind, but I will stay in the 5-10 range for my own piece of mind. I



have been flying this thing in a small confined space at the hobby shop I hang out at, and it is amazing. The retail on this RTF (*the RTF flew better than the one we bound to a*



*DX-8 transmitter*) is \$89.95 I had \$100 worth of fun already (*that in casino dollars is about an hour!*) Okay, I can throw it into the air upside down, hit the throttle, and it rights itself! Amazing!

Just finished detailing a TAMIYA MOOG scale truck (1/10) for more of a show truck than a user one. I am looking for little kegs to pile on it like a beer hauler, so far I haven't found them, need about 18 but I will continue to search.



Keep having fun!

Bob Boumstein





# AUGUST OLD TIMER AND GLIDER FLY



Terrific weather made for a great morning flying our old timer airplanes on August 17th. We had twelve pilots with at least that many old timer airplanes. Grilled lunch at noon followed with sailplane/glider flying. If some of you have never thought about flying an old timer (*vintage design*) airplane, you ought to come out to the field sometime and see it. Relaxing and stress free.

We did have one incident during the transition to sailplanes. Loren Blinde's electric winch. When he was setting it up, there was a "fizzle and pop" noise which got everyone's attention at the picnic table. It was his winch battery that blew off the cover to the cells.

So with the electric winch out of commission, the glider portion of the day's fun fly fizzled. No pictures as a result.

I'll mention one other unfortunate incident that we can all learn from. An "unnamed" flyer was watching the wrong old timer airplane in the air. Can you guess? Yep, his plane crashed. It went in off to the northeast of the field, whereas he was watching the old timer, that looked identical to his, flying to the southeast. He had no idea that his plane had crashed until he realized he wasn't controlling the other airplane. The solution? Be alert.

Story and Photos by **Nelson Carpenter**:



# AUGUST OLD TIMER FUN FLY

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Photos by Nelson Carpenter:



# AUGUST OLD TIMER FUN FLY

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Photos by Nelson Carpenter:



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Photos by Nelson Carpenter:



# AUGUST OLD TIMER FUN FLY

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Photos by Rene Mayo:



# AUGUST OLD TIMER/FUN FLY

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Photos by Rene Mayo:



**OLD - TIMER  
Fun -Fly**

Hosted by  
*Western R/C  
Flyers*




www.WeFlyRC.org

*Old timer airplanes launch at 9:00am or earlier depending on when you arrive.*

*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

***Saturday September 21st***

**2013**  
**Fall Fun-Fly**  
*and Swap Meet*  
 9 am - 3pm  
 Sunday  
 September 1st  
 Western R/C Flyers - Mead Field

**Swap, sell, buy, and fly with us!**  
 (Food & Beverage \$5.00 Donation Please)

**Clean out your shop! Dust off your unused airplanes and gear!**  
**Sell make room more stuff to buy!**

Directions to Field  
 \* From Omaha west on Hwy 92 to Mead.  
 \* Turn south onto paved County Rd 10 (at Sinclair Station.)  
 \* Drive 3.8 mi then turn east towards large white maintenance bldg (approx .5 mi.)  
 \* Field around behind white bldg (east side watch signs.)

41.177182 N 96.46747 W  
[www.weflyrc.org](http://www.weflyrc.org)

**ANSWER TO NAME THIS WESTERN FLYERS' CLUB MEMBER:  
 "Tim Peters"**



*Circa 1975*



*Circa 1985*



*Circa 2013*

**NOTE: Let's do this again next issue. Send me some photos of yourself back then and now.**



**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.



**WOUNDED WARRIOR  
 PROJECT**

# "AUGUST OLD TIMERS"



*"The Wide Open Space of Mead Field"*



# 23rd BUD HALL LARGE PLANE FUN FLY

There was a very good turnout of pilots and large airplanes for our 23rd annual fun fly honoring former member **Bud Hall**. The number of registered pilots was 24 with that many and more airplanes. It was an enjoyable day had by all. Including the grilled lunch which has become a mainstay for all of our club's events.

Photos by **Rick Miller**:



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# BUD HALL LARGE PLANE FUN FLY

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Photos by Rick Miller:



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Photos by Rick Miller:





## ~ 2013 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

**2013 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys at Mead, Every Tuesday evening May 7th through September 1st!**  
(Weather Permitting)

### January 2013

- **Tuesday, Jan 2nd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th St.  
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

- **Saturday, Jan 26th** - SAS Museum Indoor Airshow and Chili Bomb. Multi-club event.

### February 2013

- **Tuesday, Feb 5th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

### March 2013

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

### April 2013

- **Tuesday, Apr 2nd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, 8901 S. 154th St.  
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

### May 2013

- **Tuesday, May 7th** - Club Meeting 7pm, at MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.  
- **Saturday, May 18th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

### June 2013

- **Sunday, Jun 2nd** – Annual Spring Club Fun Fly at Mead Field starting at 10:00am. Open flying.  
- **Tuesday, Jun 4th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.  
- **Saturday, June 15th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

### July 2013

- **Tuesday, Jul 2nd** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD bring a plane, open flying.  
- **Sunday Jul 14th** – Western Flyers Open House Fun Fly. Starts at 9:00am with flying until dark.  
- **Saturday, Jul 20th** - Old-Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

### August 2013

- **Saturday, Aug 3rd & 4th** - Don Neill Scale Contest. Multi-club Fun event hosted at Skyknights Field in Waverly.  
- **Tuesday, Aug 6th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD a plane, open flying.  
- **Saturday and Sunday, Aug 10th** – Bud Hall Large Aircraft Fun Fly. Aircraft restricted to IMAA criteria. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch both days and flying. Rain date Aug 11th.  
- **Saturday, Aug 17th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

### September 2013

- **Sunday Sep 1st** – The 5th Annual Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet. Swap meet setup after 9am. Open flying 10am through 3pm.  
- **Tuesday, Sep 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD - bring a plane, open flying.  
- **Saturday, Sep 21st** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly – Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

### October 2013

- **Tuesday, Oct 1st** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
- **Saturday, Oct 5th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly – Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

### November 2013

- **Tuesday, Nov 5th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
- Nominations taken for 2012 Officers

### December 2013

- **Tuesday, Dec 3rd** - 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. 2013 Membership Application**

**Please print clearly!**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**2013 Dues: \$35** (Renewals should be paid by **April 1**) New/Renewal: \_\_\_ New \_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_ (Check One)

Sign Here: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership 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**