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AMA 857

## TALESPIN NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2021

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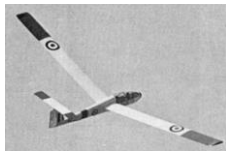
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### A Word from the President



Thanks to those who attended the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting at the field. It was really gratifying to see the group get through what seemed like an extensive agenda. Check the meeting minutes for the details. I've been spending some time on a couple of projects. The basement workshop needed some cleaning and re-arranging in preparation for starting another plane. The latest one will be my first-ever 'scratch-built' balsa r/c aircraft---and no, I don't count 'foamy' planes as scratch-built. You can't have a club president who has never scratch-built an airplane! That's got to be an impeachable offense, right? Start the arraignment!

The newest plane is from R/C Modeler plans published in the early 1970's. It is a scale model called 'Slingsby Capstan T-53B', a British sailplane used for training.



Wingspan is roughly 100". Rather than purchasing wood, I found most of the necessary sheets and sticks in several kit-boxes full of balsa given to me by my friend and former flying buddy **Ray Pancake**. The *Capstan* is a T-Tail glider with full-flying stab. The wings have a noticeable forward sweep. It will be electrified and completed over the winter. My biggest challenge will be with constructing the clear canopy.

We just finished the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Bud Hall event with 25 registered pilots. Weather cooperated well; there were some unfortunate crashes but also some successful flying. Among the unexpected (*but very*



welcome) celebrity guests were **Bud Kilnoski** (of "Bud's Hobby" shop(s) in Council Bluffs and Omaha) and **Rick Miller**. We were glad to see both who are current members of the Western Flyers. Pulled-pork sandwiches were cooked and served up by one of our newest members: **Barry Rubin**. Thanks, Barry! My appreciation to the officers who assisted with various tasks along with members **Bernie Baker**, **Larry Inness**, and **Brian Peterson**.

Just a couple of meeting-related items. **Mike Lawver**, **Brian Peterson** and I will be updating the club bylaws. Our goal is for the changes to be completed so that you can review prior to the November meeting. Doing the review is not my idea of fun, but the bylaws are in need of re-working. It is also time to consider an increase in annual dues. The club treasury is healthy but we need to be ready for mower mending and/or replacement. The final WRCF 2021 fun fly will take place Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Mead site. The November meeting will include officer elections. If you are inclined to serve, please let one of the current officers know. If you are already immersed in the WRCF officer experience, please let us know if you would like to continue. Hopefully there will be a slate of candidates that we will make you aware of prior to November.

# August 10, 2021 Meeting Notes



A *Western R/C Flyers* meeting was held at the Mead field on Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, with 10 members in attendance. Acting President, **Tim Peters** called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

## Items that were discussed and voted on:

1. Meetings to be held quarterly: February, May, August, and November. May and August at Mead, February and November remotely, possibly at the Chalco location or via Zoom? **This item was seconded and passed.** Dean Copeland brought up that the **Omahawks Club** have found a space in the Oakview Mall in which to hold their meetings.

2. Membership freeze in effect since June 22nd, 2021. Discuss and determine the course for the remainder of the year. Depending on the outcome, the topic may be looked at again at the November meeting. **This item drew comments from several members, all of whom expressed the desire to reopen the club to new members. This was seconded and passed.**

3. Officer vacancy. Do we take action prior to November? If elections for 2022 take place in November, how will nominations take place? -Maybe nominations in November, elections in February. Officers serve from February to February. **Tim Peters has offered to serve out as acting president for the remainder of this year, and all present agreed. We will look at nominations at the November meeting and possibly vote on positions at that time. If anyone is interested in serving in an official capacity for the club, please contact any of the current officers and make their wish to volunteer known prior to the November meeting.**

4. Changes to the Club Bylaws. Thank you to Brian Peterson for preparing the document. Need volunteer(s) to create a new version. Recommend at least (3), including President. **Brian Peterson and Mike Lawver have both volunteered to help Tim Peters with drafting updated bylaws for our club. Their intention is to have the updated version ready for discussion and voting by the November meeting.**

5. Help with *Bud Hall* event August 21. Planning to serve food? **The decision to serve food was seconded and passed.** Tim Ryan and Brian Peterson have both offered to help with the Bud Hall event.

6. Dues increase? Do we need to plan for a mower replacement, and if so, how soon? **Mike Lawver plans to have a space available this winter in which to perform mower maintenance, but the mowing crew agree that the day is coming when the mower will need to be replaced. The dues amount has not been changed in decades. All present agreed that the annual membership dues need to be increased so**

money is available when the mower needs replacement. Mike Lawver also brought up the possibility of fundraising via a raffle or other event. Tim Peters said we would revisit this issue at the November meeting.

7. Additional sign for the field, vendor quote provided by Mike Lawver. **We discussed having new signs made that list the flying field rules. Loren Blinde has expressed concern with us posting signage on University property. We will instead post the rules in the newsletter, and address them again at the pilot briefings during future events.**

8. Additional Event to be held September 18 - fun fly with food? **All present agreed that this was a good idea, so the WRCF will add a fifth event for this year. Tim Peters is looking for someone to coordinate this added event.**

9. WRCF web site? Facebook Pages? 'Dual Rates' website vendor (\$149/year)? **Dean Copeland has generously volunteered to pay for two years subscription so the Dual Rates website vendor can construct a web presence for our club.**

The meeting was adjourned about 8pm.

**Keep 'em Flying!**

**~ Tim Ryan**

## Treasurer's Report



It says "*Treasurer's Report*", but activity is less than nothing with the exception of the *port-a-potty* which is a necessity. Membership has pretty much peaked. Now that membership has reopened, we have had a renewal of a past member and one new flyer who joined after making his first visit to our great field. That brings our membership up to 55.

The Bud Hall event realized a net income of \$322 with the lunch donations (\$176) and raffle (\$146.) Thank you Mike Lawver for raffle items donated to the club.

Regardless of the heat, our field continues to be in great shape due to Loren Blinde and his crew. Thoroughly enjoyed the *Bud Hall Memorial Fun Fly* on August 21st. Hope I was able to see you all there.

**Happy Landings**

**~ Dean Copeland**



# WESTERN RC FLYERS MEMBERS

Current August 31, 2021

	<u>2021 Members</u>		<u>AMA</u>
1	Jim	Hoff Jr.	858014
2	Mike	Vlcek	101775
3	Marvin	Goldberg	6768
4	Jim	Drawbaugh	1215297
5	Rick	Sessions	105968
6	Brian	Peterson	112922
7	Tim	Peters	41409
8	Loren	Blinde	91210
9	Tim	Ryan	1151475
10	Tom	Wild	129512
11	Larry	Inness	883391
12	Jeff	Jacobs	422320
13	David	Reiber	281
14	Doug	Clemetson	1079758
15	Dean	Copeland	700148
16	Larry	Woscyna	1061039
17	Jack	Barry	741022
18	Dennis	Bender	916241
19	Skip	Brown	90624
20	Jud	Bock	558416
21	Earl	Pollard	865026
22	Richard	Jonas	997091
23	Jim	Henley	816592
24	Don	Pieken	491585
25	Bud	Kilnoski	7572
26	Nelson	Carpenter	5730
27	Frank	Trouba	54712

	<u>2021 Members</u>		<u>AMA</u>
28	Harold	Walsh II	716337
29	Jacob	Brown	596446
30	Jack	Wilhelmi	NA
31	Tom	Floyd	130852
32	Steve	Rasmussen	1086761
33	Michael	Watson	794778
34	Rick	Haineline	445993
35	Rene	Mayo	1038588
36	Bud	Mitchell	747892
37	Mike	Lawver	1010979
38	Dave	Kumm	1080862
39	Scott	Kuhn	509990
40	Dean	Howard	NA
41	Bernie	Baker	928732
42	Curly	Roy	313239
43	Jim	Simonitch	108012
44	Ron	Pacana	96202
45	Bob	Wheeler	775001
46	Skip	Prusha	333250
47	Don	Fiedler	1082603
48	Barry	Rubin	525069
49	Duwayne	Schmelzer	655512
50	Carroll	Jolly	847183
51	David	Wirka	626413
52	Rich	Walker	923881
53	Rick	Miller	5906
54	Jim	Mather	828463
55	Dan	Fitzgerald	1189735

Source: Dean Copeland, Treasurer

SEND ME A PHOTO OF YOUR LATEST, OR OLDEST, AIRPLANE. A ONE LINE DESCRIPTION IS ALL YOU NEED IF NOT WANTING TO SAY A LOT ABOUT IT. I WOULD LIKE TO RUN THESE IN THE NEWSLETTERS. THANKS, NELSON



Please take COVID seriously.



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# FUN FLY

ALL DAY  
Saturday Sept. 18th  
Mead Airfield

SPECIAL NOTE: LUNCH MAY OR MAY NOT BE SERVED DEPENDING ON COVID CONDITIONS AND ADVICE FROM MEDICAL COMMUNITY.

Any airplane – Large, Small, Scale, Gas, glow, electric, or no power.

AMA Required to Fly – Wide Open Space – Large Runway – Easy access Pits

## Barkley Tiger Moth

By Bernie Baker



With all the hot weather this summer, I've been able to spend more time building. I started a Barkley 1/4 scale Tiger Moth earlier this year and have made a little more progress. I installed the fin and stabilizer and covered the elevator and rudder. I'm using Sig Koverall for the covering and I'm pleased with the way it turned out. I then started on the four wing panels.

This is a well-designed kit with lots of details. For example, all the ribs and riblets have 1/16" basswood cap strips. The wing tips are laminated 1/16" x 1/4" basswood, just like the tail feathers. This will make for a strong wing tip. I've finished one panel with three more to go. It's good to have something to do when I can't fly.



**Who Is Up For Some Flying!**



**SIG R/C Fly-In**  
"Mike Gretz Memorial"  
September 17 & 18, 2021

**SIG C/L Fun Fly**  
September 24 & 25, 2021

For Event Details  
Go To: [www.sigmf.com](http://www.sigmf.com)

Events will be held at the  
SIG Airport in Montezuma, Iowa  
email: [mail@sigmf.com](mailto:mail@sigmf.com) phone: 641-623-5154



# The Bud Hall 2021

By Nelson Carpenter



There were 25 flyers and some spectators on Saturday Aug. 21st. Winds north at 15 gusting 20+ with temps in 80s. There was a great display of aircraft. Including Bud Hall's original *Roadrunner* (circa 1985) brought to the event by current owner and club member Randy Tentinger.

Several put up flights into the stiff winds. Unfortunately, there were some off-field crashes and hard "gear removing" landings. But there was much needed socializing and camaraderie among us hobbyists while trying to be safe. Lunch served included smoked pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, and potato salad, along with a commemorative sheet cake. Thank you all for your free will donation towards lunch.



I had to sort through a hundred of my photos, and spared you with only half of them shown here on four pages. Hope you enjoy. Be sure to see Dan Fitzgerald's photos starting on page 9.



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# Bud Hall Photography

Photos by Dan Fitzgerald



Newest member of the club, **Dan Fitzgerald**, has a talent for using a camera to capture and create excellent photos. In this case, our *Bud Hall 2021* on August 21<sup>st</sup>. You would have seen Dan walking back and forth from one end of the field to the

other, snapping photos. He has provided us with those photos and his on-line *Bud Hall 2021* photo album at:

<https://photo.dvfitzgerald.com/Western-Flyers/Bud-Hall-2021>

When page opens, scroll down to see all photos. Dan has given permission for Western R/C Flyers Inc., its members and others that may associate with the club to download, use for their purpose, reproduce and publish any of the photos made available to the club. This page has a few sample photos from Dan's *Bud Hall 2021* album. Be sure to go to the [link above](#) for more photos of the fun fly. Thank you, Dan!



Photos by Dan Fitzgerald

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# Warbirds Over Minnesota

By Jud Bock



Hi guys...I went to Owatonna, MN for their annual Warbirds gathering the weekend of August 15th and thought you might like to see some of the pictures that I took. I didn't get all of them that I wanted but there were some spectacular models there. Here are eight of them.

Enjoy....Jud



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# Bogie on Down!!

## Part II

by Nelson Carpenter



This kit went together fast! It was a fun build and I wouldn't mind building another of these *Mountain Models* kits. But as you have learned, the kit I built was 11 years old, and the manufacturer in Wisconsin is nowhere to be found. If you see one of their kits show up on the internet, grab it! You'll like it.

Currently this build is on hold with it all framed up and ready for covering. Larry Woscyna has the covering on order, and then I will get back to it. Meanwhile, I started in on a 72" glider the *Wanderer* and it is also going fast.

All the parts for the *Bogie* are laser cut and interlock for a precise build. Unique to it is that you assemble everything before gluing. Parts lock together like pieces of a puzzle. Because this kit was so well designed; I was able to start and finish the fuselage in less than an hour. The instructions called for the fuse to be first assembled, then followed by thin CA glue. Next month, the final step of covering as well as installing radio and power.



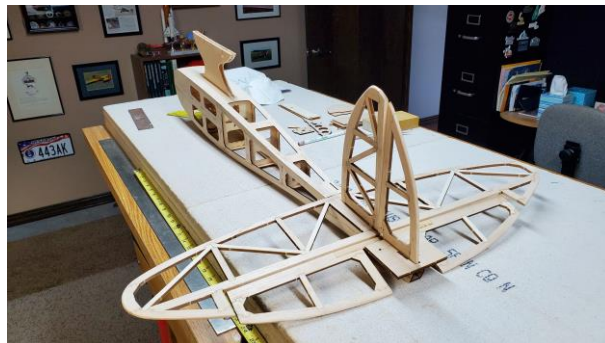
Quick wing assembly with main center section and left/right outer panels.



Using a polyhedral brace, two dowels, and four rare earth magnets; the outer panels are removeable for easy transport.



As seen, the laser cut parts were precise. As they interlocked, I didn't need to use the plan sheet under the parts.



Taken on a nice look with the tail feathers.



Rubber bands will hold the wing to the pylon.



# Way Back 1979 and Owatonna

From Dave Kelly



It was way back in 1979. Renae and I were newlywed. Kids really, when I look back on it. That summer of 79 we started digging a hole in Springfield NE. Up went a foundation, atop of that a house. Not much social life. Every weeknight and weekend were busy with saws and hammers. By Christmas we were in a finished basement. Now things really picked up speed. By June 1980 it was done. Kids were gone, and a man and a woman emerged.

Fast forward to October 2020. Our home was sold. We were packing Penske trucks and moving to Missouri. Once there we had house plans. Work. Model airplanes needed to take a rest. Renae and I put in retaining walls and backfill in for a new shop. Put in a small out building, by comparison to Springfield shop. Finished the interior and used it for storage while we repainted interior of home. Removed an old deck and put in a new one. Then back out to shop, and got it in order. One year later, 2021, I can now build and maintain model airplanes again.

Renae and I started this move as man and woman. We emerged as an old man and woman, but even though our project was smaller by scale, we hung in there and got it done.

It's great to be back on the sticks. I have joined a club nearby on north side of *Ozarks*. Great grass strip. Privately owned. Some menacing trees on north end, but *Western Flyers Field* has about the same. Our strip is about 70' by 500'. 20 acres of ground. Great bunch of guys. We fly Wednesday afternoon and Sunday afternoon. No meetings. 25\$ yr. 3D. Turbine. Foam. Giant scale. All welcomed. It works just fine. Field is open flying to members (62) year-round.

As I digitally type this, I have just returned from *SMMAC NAMFI FLY*, in Owatonna, Minnesota. Fantastic weather. Low 50's at night, and upper 70's in the daytime. Sunny skies, light winds. My my my. 90 pilots came. This year had emphasized Russian Warbirds. So *Sukhoi* and *Yak* were popular. But... no Russian airplanes for me. I took a *Byron Corsair*, 17 yrs old, that I test flew at *Western Flyers Field* just a few days prior to the event.

Present were Jim Henley, Dean Copeland, and Jack Wilhelmi. Jim got test flights done on his *Waco* and *P-47*, but truck troubles kept him from making NAMFI. A month or so prior, Dean test flew a *Nieuport 11* that I scratch built in 1983. Do the math. It's an oldie. It's now back in my stable, and went to NAMFI as well.

I had several flights on both the *Nieuport* and *Vought Corsair*. My Grandson's, Brayden and Cameron, came with as well as my brother Larry. *NOTE: See Jud's article for some nice photos of the Owatonna gathering.*

It's great to be back. I hope to make the *Mead* site once a year to see everyone from time to time.



## Aviation Weather Forecast at Wahoo Municipal Airport, Nebraska

<http://www.usairnet.com/cgi-bin/launch/code.cgi?Submit=Go&sta=KAHQ&state=NE>





## Western R/C Flyers 2021 Event Schedule\*

\*Posted on **Metro Area RC Flying** website calendar.  
[http://www.metrorcflying.com/metro\\_schedule.htm](http://www.metrorcflying.com/metro_schedule.htm)



### Western R/C Flyers Inc.

## Membership Renewal and Application 2021

Membership application subject to approval. Current AMA membership is required.

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

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**2021 Dues: \$35.00** (Renewals due by **April 1st**)

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

### Checks Payable to: Western R/C Flyers

Complete this form (new applicants only); Current members send payment and include AMA number. Applicants provide AMA number, postal address, and email address.

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