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AMA 857

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A Word from the President



(No Report at this time.)

Let's go fly!

- Rick Miller



Treasurer's Report



Well spring is coming and so will those days for flying, Hope you all have been getting you vaccine shots. I had mine with very little said effects. **Loren Blinde** looked into getting a better rate on our potty but found that we have about as good as we can get so are staying with current provider. Potty will show up the first of April.

We have 37 renewals as of this writing, 2020 had 54 members. There have been two new members added to the roster and are welcomed to the club. One of them **Harold Walsh II** a Texas resident and was instrumental in helping to establish the site we now enjoy, he was member for several years. He joined as a distant supporter of the club, Thank You. **Bud Kilnowski** is the other new member and well known to all of us, Welcome Bud.

Happy Landings

- Dean Copeland

Vice-President's Corner



Welcome Back! I hope that you're getting ready for a memorable flying season. WRCF has an exciting slate of events for the year: "WW I and Golden Age" headed up by **Nelson Carpenter** on May 15th; the annual "Club Fun-Fly" in June (see **Mike Lawver**), "Old Timers/Gliders" in July - **Loren Blinde** and I will host that, and the "**Bud Hall Large Airplane**" event in August - most of the leadership team will coordinate that event. Did you not hear me? Get your planes ready!

My latest project, the *Sig Astro Hog* .60 nitro low-wing taildragger is ready for flight. I have done some tuning on the *Magnum 2-stroke* and it is running well. Next up for construction is a 50-year old kit: "*Astro Flight ASW-17*" scale sailplane. I'm including some photos;

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Vice-President's Corner Cont.

wingspan is 11 ft. I need to decide on whether or not to electrify it. My opinion is that traditional 'above the fuselage' power pods look awkward on a scale glider, but I hate to chop nose off for front mounted motor.



I also purchased a couple of jack-screw spoilers to install. I use them on another glider and they work well.



WRCF continues to have some skilled and talented craftsmen and pilots; all of them are more than willing to help or advice. Take advantage of them!

Come out and fly!

~ Tim Peters

March 2021 Meeting Notes



A Western R/C Flyers meeting was held online Thursday, March 4th via Zoom, with 5 members in attendance. President, **Rick Miller** called the meeting to order a little after 7 pm.

Old Business:

The main purpose of the meeting was to settle on dates and responsibilities for 2021 WRCF events. All agreed to hold 2021 events on the third Saturday of the months because Omahawk's club President, **Rick Sessions** had previously agreed not to schedule Omahawk events on those dates. 3 events had been previously discussed, and club Vice President **Tim Peters** asked that a fourth event be added for Old Timer aircraft, and Gliders. The suggestion was seconded and passed. **Rick Miller** asked for volunteers to coordinate each event. The list is as follows:

Event/Date/Coordinator

- **WWI & Golden Age Fun Fly**
May 15th Nelson Carpenter
- **Spring Fun Fly**
June 19th Mike Lawver
- **Old Timers & Gliders Fun Fly**
July 17th Tim Peters & Loren Blinde
- **Bud Hall Giant Scale Memorial Fun Fly**
August 21st Rick Miller & Tim Peters

There was discussion on whether or not to make the **Bud Hall** event an AMA sanctioned affair, and the decision is yet to be determined. **Loren Blinde** indicated that he is an approved Contest Director, if his services are needed. There was also discussion regarding a \$10 fee for the Bud Hall event, which would include lunch. Also, we are considering making the other three events based on "at will" donations. **Rick Miller** suggested that we should provide lunch at all events to prevent attendees from having to leave to find food on their own. **Loren Blinde** suggested we get our events posted on the Metro Area R/C Events Calendar, and I have done so.

New Business:

Rick Miller will work on updating the club AMA charter for 2021.

Loren Blinde said the safety fence at the field is in need of repair. He will check to see if more material is needed.

Loren Blinde asked if the \$135 per month cost for porta-potty rental & service is reasonable. **Rick Miller** said he had been given the name of a competitive supplier by **Scott Kuhn** last year. **Loren** said he would make some calls to see if we can find a rental at a better price.

Rick Miller asked if the mower is ready for the 2021 season. **Mike Lawver** indicated that he has not yet been able to get it tuned up, but would see about getting that done soon. **Loren Blinde** said the mower blades need to be sharpened or replaced. There are 2 or 3 sets of blades, so keeping sharpened blades in reserve should not be an issue. **Loren** also pointed out that we usually start mowing in early April.

Tim Peters asked if the contamination issue at the ethanol plant north of the field is cause for concern. **Rick Miller** stated that the effected creek passes about ½ mile to the east of the field, and that UNL personnel should be well aware of the situation. It was suggested that **Nelson Carpenter** please contact UNL personnel to determine if there is any impact to our location.

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Meeting Notes Cont.

The next WRCF online Zoom meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 15th at 7 pm.

*NOTE - During email conversations on 3/20 & 3/21, it was decided to add a swap meet to the *Spring Fun Fly* event, to be held on June 19th. It was also decided to require a \$5 landing fee for both the *WWI & Golden Age*, and the *Bud Hall* events, and will include lunch and a beverage. \$5 will also be charged to non-flying guests that wish to have lunch and a beverage.

Wheels Up!

- Tim Ryan

DENNIS BENDER RIP



Western R/C Flyers lost a member and a good friend with the passing of Dennis Bender on March 10.

A long-time volunteer firefighter and paramedic, Dennis was assisting with putting out a grass fire east of Fort Calhoun, NE when he collapsed. Dennis was quiet and unassuming, but had a ready smile.

Never one to talk about himself, you had to pry pretty hard to discover he was one of the first certified paramedics in Nebraska, a 45-year veteran of the Ponca Hills fire department, and a skilled electrician who helped others to learn that trade. He was an Eagle Scout and helped with Boy Scouts. Dennis also served in the Nebraska Army National Guard. Dennis was often volunteering to cook brats and burgers for area R/C events. We will miss you, Dennis!

Tim Peters



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WWI and Golden Age Fun Fly

Saturday **May 15th 2021*** MEAD FIELD

Landing Fee \$5

All Models this Era*
Welcomed!

 Lunch + 
Visitors/Guests \$5 for lunch.

*Inclusive WWI acft thru 1939
Civilian or Military

Contact: Nelson Carpenter J3flyah@gmail.com

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

*Rain Date: Sunday May 16th

Note: CDC and State guidelines will be followed.

* Event subject to revision or cancellation based on Covid conditions at the time.

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http://www.metrorcflying.com/metro_newsletters.htm

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

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WESTERN RC FLYERS MEMBERS CURRENT MARCH 2021

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

	<i>2021 Members</i>		<i>AMA</i>
28	Frank	Trouba	54712
29	Harold	Walsh II	716337
30	Jacob	Brown	596446
31	Jack	Wilhelmi	N/A
32	Tom	Floyd	130852
33	Steve	Rasmussen	1086761
34	Michael	Watson	794778
35	Rick	Haineline	445993
36	Rene	Mayo	1038588
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FIELD WORK PARTY 24 MAR 2018



SUBSCRIBE TO TAILSPIN

Club membership not necessary. Send your e-mail address to J3flyah@gmail.com



World War One Flight Simulator v1.0

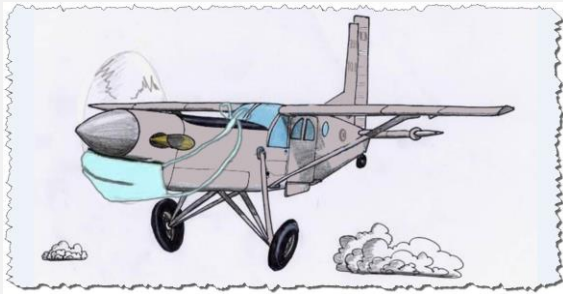


Hog Pilots

Sent by Jack Barry



My two *Hogs* now have seasoned pilots. Found these two for hire on *eBay*. They passed their biannual review, so my *Astro Hogs* are good to go. I guess most of you will recognize these two back country guys.



KEEP YOUR GUARD UP!
.....IT'S NOT OVER.

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FUN FLY

+ Swap Meet

Saturday June 19th
MEAD FIELD



Everyone Welcomed! \$5 Landing Fee! Lunch and Pop Provided* 

CDC Guidelines Followed Non-flyers & Guests Lunch \$5

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



AMA Required to Fly - Wide Open Space – Large Runway – Easy access Pits
Coordinator: Mike Lawver contact MikeLawver@charter.net

* Event subject to revision or cancellation based on Covid conditions at the time.

WORTH WATCHING

Have something worth watching? Let me know at J3flyah@gmail.com



At 5:44 min starts RC in the military 1944:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SaS-etKZj44>



Aviation Weather Forecast Wahoo Municipal Airport, Nebraska

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

MEAD ARDC ABANDONED AIRFIELD

Back in the day (50 years ago) Nebraska farmers would fly their airplanes to the ARDC airfield and attend seminars. They also flew in for equipment auctions which were held on a three-year rotation on our flying field. Note the water tower in photo as a reference point. Our WRCF field is behind young man on left. See aerial photo below showing location of both fields. The airfield was plowed under many years ago and is no more.



Farm Family Circa 1972 Mead ARDC Airfield



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FUN FLY

Old Timers & Gliders

Saturday July 17th
Mead Field




LANDING FEE \$5.00
LUNCH PROVIDED

Visitors/Guests Lunch \$5.00

NOTE: CDC and State Guidelines to be followed.

Loren Blinde: lblinde@neb.rr.com Tim Peters: tpetersrc@gmail.com

AMA Required to Fly - Wide Open Space - Large Runway - Easy Access to Pits

* Event subject to revision or cancellation based on Covid conditions at the time.

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55% Lazy Ace

By Tom Wild



Photo by Rene Mayo



I don't recall when I started my scratch build 55% *Lazy Ace*, but this winter was a good time to finish it. Using the original 100% *Lazy Ace* plans as a guide, I drew up my own plans.

The goal was to make it electric, light and to use as much material I have laying around in the basement. I didn't want to make a battery hatch or remove the wing to install the battery, so I put hole in the firewall under the motor for battery access. The cowl was made by covering a shaped piece of Styrofoam with fiberglass and sanding until smooth. It took a few coats. I used an *Eflite Park 480* 910Kv motor and 10x5 prop.



The first flight on Dec 24th was uneventful, with little need for trim adjustments and a comfortable flight speed at ½ throttle. It weighs in at 42 ½ ounces with battery and FAA sticker.



Siemens-Schuckert R.VIII

Built in Germany with Brown-Boveri turbo surperchargers driven by a Mercedes DIII engine. Largest aircraft of the time during WWI. Wingspan 157.5 ft with length of 71 feet. Height 24 feet. Maximum speed 125 km/hr (78 mph) and had a ceiling of 13,000 ft.

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33rd Annual Bud Hall

Large RC Airplane Fun Fly**

- Required Min. 80" Mono - 60" Multi-Wing - or true 1/4 Scale -

Mead Field* Saturday Aug 21st

Landing Fee \$5.00 includes lunch
Non-flyers & Guests Lunch \$5.00



Bud Hall circa 1985

AMA Required to Fly - Wide Open Space - Large Runway - Easy access Pits
* Located 3.7 miles S. of Mead from Sinclair station on Hwy 92. Watch for signs at field entrance. **Non-scale airplanes allowed.

* Event subject to revision or cancellation based on Covid conditions at the time.



Flite-test Edge 540

By Bernie Baker



I needed something to do besides play golf and take walks while in Phoenix last month (*life is tough*), so I decided to build a *Flite-test Edge 540*. This was my first attempt at one of these foamy-birds. I bought the kit at *HobbyTown* along with a power-pack, which included the motor, battery, and servos. All I needed after that was a hot glue gun and paint (*optional*).

Being a traditional kit builder, this was definitely different - and easier. No plans. No written instructions. Just a *YouTube* video (*which was well done*) taking me through the steps. I made a few folding mistakes early-on with foam, but after that I got the hang of it. I decided to paint it with some left-over paint after lightly sanding the paper-like skin.

I had my maiden flight this past week and it was a little hairy at the start. I had too much throw on the ailerons and also needed to use mostly rudder making turns (*Thanks Mike Lawver*). It all ended well and was a lot of fun. I may use it as a park flyer or take the leap and see if a foamy combat event happens (*which Tim Peters mentioned last month*).



TAKING IN THE BUD HALL LARGE SCALE FUN FLY 2019

Ron Pacana Tom Floyd Dennis Bender



Mead Field Weather Station

Weather conditions reported by Weather Underground. Station is installed at ARDC Farm/Facility Shop adjacent to field.

<https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KNEMEAD2>

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Mojo

By Scott Kuhn



So, I picked up a profile plane at the last *Omahawks* auction. I bought it because it had a *Saito 1.25* four stroke on it but had no plans for the airplane itself. But once I got it home and had a chance to look at it, I realized that it was structurally in really good shape. A hideous covering job, but that could be fixed. Once it was fixed, I took it out and flew it.

I fell in love immediately and have probably flown that plane 150 times since then which was October 2019. Due to a couple of mechanical mishaps and a couple more brain malfunctions that plane is in BAD shape.

I took to the internet in hopes of not only finding out what it was (*all I knew is it was a profile, but had no idea of manufacturer or actual name of the plane*) but also where I could get a replacement. Thanks to the "*Profile Brotherhood*" website I found out the plane is called a *Mojo* and it was built by a small company that no longer exists called *Swannyhouse RC*. NO LONGER EXISTS....WHAT? I searched and searched, even posted wanted threads on various different websites. Months went by and I eventually stumbled across a listing from a guy who was going to do a run of short kits for this plane on his laser cutter. Even though I was nearly 3 weeks past the deadline for placing an order he told me that he always buys extra wood and he probably had enough to cut me one if I would like??? Long story short, I got the short kit and built it over the course of about a week. I just finished putting servos in it this morning. I sure hope it flies as well as the original. Oh, and in case you didn't know, EVERYTHING flies better with checkers. :)



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Stinson Reliant II

By Jim Henley



This is *Top Flite's Gold Edition Stinson SR-9*. This will (*hopefully*) replace the *Stinson* I crashed last year at Mead. I was able purchase a kit that had been framed out, saving much time on the build. I will incorporate the same modifications I made on the original build. In building a second version of this plane there are things that I will take time to improve over the earlier version. Likewise, this will be finished in the "*American Airlines Route Survey*" aircraft.

This is a great flying airplane and will be powered by a *Valley View RC 40cc* twin, No B.S. Life battery packs just as on my original *Stinson*.



Sorting and Storing

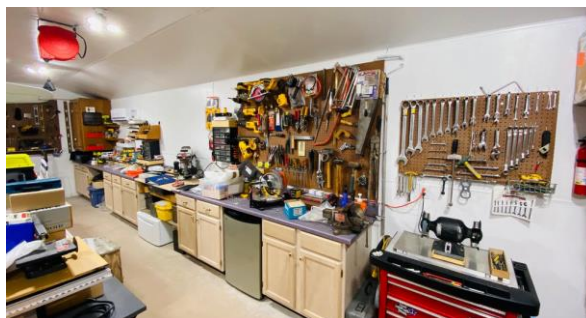
By Dave Kelly



Hi all. New news....same as the old news. Still working on shop! I can finally say I've opened every box labeled "*shop*." I don't have the stuff out of the box, or even know where to store them as yet.

I have a center building table again. It's not completely done, but basic structure is done and projects (*Extra-Corsair-B26*) are stored on top of it. I'm very tired of unpacking, sorting, and storing. But.... I'm getting there. Don't know when I'll charge any batteries.....

Be safe everyone. Hope to get up to WF Field this year for an event. Will be good to see you!!!





Western R/C Flyers 2021 Event Schedule*

*Posted on **Metro Area RC Flying** website calendar.
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. Also, postal and email address.

send to:

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