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A Word from the President



With the conflict in *Europe*, I won't dwell on our little problems restoring the flying field this month. Due to great volunteer efforts things are getting 'even better' than 'back to normal'.

On a lighter note, here's what's happening in my shop. The *Airtronics Olympic '99* glider (from a 1970's era kit) is complete, electrified, and ready to fly. With the extra weight of a forward-mounted motor, folding prop, esc, batteries, etc., you wouldn't expect extra nose weight to be required. It turned out that it requires a couple of ounces in the nose. Go figgur. Hope to get it airborne shortly. There should be a photo in this newsletter. My phone camera did not capture the colors very well. The wingtips are transparent orange, fuselage is red.



Somehow a whale has found itself beached in the shop. Or so it seems. Long-time WRCF member Bud Mitchell has spent time restoring a huge *Mariner* twin-engine seaplane that had an unfortunate re-introduction to gravity several years ago. I have been coaxing him into getting it back in flying shape. My nagging got me into trouble as I am now tasked with



replacing the OS .52 four-stroke motors with electrics. The plane doesn't require much more than installing motors, speed controllers, servos, and some cosmetic finishes. I purchased two *Cobra* electric motors (these are equivalent to .60 glow, and thanks, **Loren Blinde** for the link to their website which has useful information on glow-to-electric conversions) along with 80-amp speed controllers. The plane will use 11x7 3-bladed props, one tractor and one pusher to try to cancel torque effect. The plan is to have it ready to go by late May. Whale-watches may spot it at a lake nearby; "Thar, She Blows!"



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Gentle reminder. The club has a web site: <https://westernrcflyers.org> .Check it occasionally for upcoming events like club meetings, flying events, etc. You'll find those items at the left-hand edge of the main page. Consider using an online calendar to keep track of "what's going on". I use the free app <https://calendar.google.com>. It allows me to send myself reminders (*Dr. appts., birthdays, club meetings, due dates on bills, etc.*) on my cell. I occasionally hear from members about 'missing meetings' or losing emails about meetings--often after the get-together has taken place. You'll find all of that on the website and you can always contact an officer for details.

Defrost your aircraft and equipment! The *Phoenix Fun Fly* is set for Saturday April 16th, at the Premier Western RC Flyers Mead flying site. At this prestigious event I plan to publicly embarrass a lot of people for their efforts in getting the field restored. See ya there.

Come out and fly! ~ Tim Peters

From the V.P.



Spring is my favorite season of the year. The days get longer, temperatures get warmer, mother nature wakes up and flying days become more frequent. I get excited to maiden those new builds and rebuilds from last season's mishaps to see if my winter work was successful. I love to build, but I also love to fly and for the last several seasons I haven't had enough of either. Hopefully I'll be able to get a lot more flying in this year and attend events from neighboring clubs as well. As you know, first up for the *Western R/C Flyers* is the *Phoenix Fun Fly* this month, which I hope you all can attend. Since we can't always fly when we would like to, I thought I would give you a list of other non-flying observances that you could take advantage of. On April 7, there is "*National No Housework Day*", which my wife, being the overachiever that she is, observes just about every day. As if that isn't enough to cheer about, on the same day there is "*National Beer Day*". I'm sure that one gets celebrated more than just once a year too. On the 13th, there is "*International Be Kind to Lawyers Day*". Not sure how popular this one is, but it would be a good opportunity to do something nice for them. On the 16th, there is "*Wear Your Pajamas To Work Day*", so if someone shows up at the fun fly with PJs on, that may be the reason or they still may be celebrating "*National Beer Day*". Whichever day you choose to recognize, make sure to set aside the flying days. Lawyers and housework can wait. That's it for this month. Hope to see you at one or all of the many planned events this summer so get those test flights in, your models trimmed out and we'll do some long overdue flying. PJ's will be optional. Until next month.

See you at the Field ~ Brian Peterson

Treasurer's Report



As I sit here with my trusty walker "*Limpy*", I am trying to remember what has transpired over the last 24 days since my so-called world ended in the emergency room for a broken Femur in my right leg.

I could go on with the whole story, but I am not. I am in for 6 weeks to 6 months of healing. Thanks to all that have called, much appreciated.

We have hit 41 members for the 2022 season. As most of you know the rebuilding of the storm damaged equipment has gone well and near completion. The new fence is well under way and should be completed within the next few weeks. The porta-potty has been ordered for arrival the first of April. Weather has started to improve somewhat, and flying to follow.

I am back at the computer and renewals are welcome. There has been much activity in the account with all the donations, grants, and insurance. Along with all the costs for the repaired equipment. Happy flying to all soon.

Happy Landings ~ Dean Copeland

SPECIAL NOTE: RAIN DATE has been set for the *Phoenix Fun Fly* scheduled for **April 16th**. If necessary, it will become **Saturday April 23rd**. Current status will be posted at top of the club's website opening page. Including early morning the 16th.



2022 Membership

thru March 31st

	<u>2022 Members</u>		<u>AMA</u>
1	Doug	Lichti	239294
2	Luke	Hughes	1137442
3	Rick	Sessions	105968
4	Dean	Copeland	700148
5	Bud	Kilnoski	7572
6	Jim	Hoff Jr.	858014
7	Tim	Peters	41409
8	Loren	Blinde	91210
9	Tim	Ryan	1151475
10	Tom	Floyd	130852
11	David	Reiber	281
12	Brian	Peterson	112922
13	Tom	Wild	129512
14	Dan	Fitzgerald	1189735
15	David	Wirka	626413
16	Robert	Boumstein	N/A
17	Doug	Clemetson	1079758
18	Jim	Drawbaugh	1215297
19	Jack	Barry	741022
20	Nelson	Carpenter	5730
21	Barry	Rubin	525069
22	Rich	Jonas	997091
23	Larry	Inness	883391
24	Jack	Wilhelmi	49304
25	Mark	Derby	1046242
26	Skip	Brown	90624
27	Jim	Simonitch	108012
28	Jim	Henley	816592
29	Dean	Howard	n/a

	<u>2022 Members</u>		<u>AMA</u>
30	Don	Pieken	491585
31	Frank	Trouba	54712
32	Mike	Lawver	1010979
33	Rick	Haneline	445993
34	Michael	Watson	794778
35	Ruel	Roy	313239
36	Bud	Mitchell	747892
37	Gary	Striplin	621001
38	Ricky	Majors	441663
39	Mike	Vlcek	101775
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Source: Dean Copeland, Treasurer

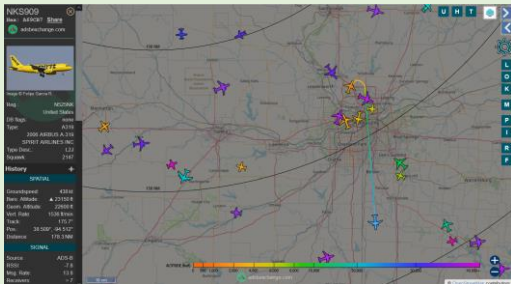
TWO REPLACEMENT BENCHES BUILT BY FREMONT FRONTIER FLYERS



AIRCRAFT TRACKING WORLDWIDE



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LIVE TRAFFIC. ACFT COLOR CODED BASED ON FLIGHT LEVEL. USE THE "U" KEY (upper right) TO VIEW MILITARY ONLY FLIGHTS. THE AIRSPACE AROUND UKRAINE IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTING. SHOWING ALL ACFT OR JUST MILITARY.

GET READY FOR IT!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

21 MAY 2022

Western R/C Flyers AMA OMAHA NEBRASKA AMA 837

WWI and Golden Age Fun Fly 2022

MEAD FIELD

All Models this Era* Welcomed!

*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

WESTERN R/C FLYERS WELCOMES YOU TO THE PHOENIX FUN FLY

A CELEBRATION OF RECOVERY AND TEAMWORK

IT'S A
GO DATE
APRIL 16, 2022
MEAD NEBRASKA

THE MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN R/C FLYERS WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL WHO DONATED MONEY AND/OR TIME FOR THE REBUILDING OF FIELD EQUIPMENT AFTER LAST WINTERS TORNADO. YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

NO RESTRICTIONS ON TYPE OR SIZE OF AIRCRAFT. BRING YOUR NEWEST CREATION OR YOUR OLDEST WORK OF ART. AMA AND FAA RULES ARE IN EFFECT. THERE WILL BE NO RAIN DAY IF WEATHER DOES NOT COOPERATE. PLEASE SEE THE WEBSITE FOR UPDATES.

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FOUND AT FIELD
A NICE POCKET KNIFE LEFT ON A BENCH. DESCRIBE AND I WILL GET IT BACK TO YOU.
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Phase III Fence Removal & Phase IV Replacement

Mead Field - During the latter part of March quick work was made of stripping out the old safety fence and installing new. Eight volunteers were difference makers those two work days.

Ace Fence Removers and Installers Inc. - Brian Peterson, Doug Clemetson, Jack Barry, Mike Lawver, Nelson Carpenter, Scott Kuhn, Tim Peters, and Tim Ryan. Not for hire.

The ARDC Bobcat and operator were a huge help giving us a hand pulling the posts out of the ground the first day. Then the day we installed the new posts. Without the *Bobcat*, the eight of us would have been using a lot of *Aleve* pain killer.

The week following we had a good day (*windy yes*) of weather to install the new end posts and line posts. Including the setback fencing behind the large openings.

The modified safety fencing has the same alignment as the old. Its length has been extended 30 feet at both the north and south ends. There are now nine openings to the runway spaced 30 feet apart. Five of the openings will be 6 feet wide. The other four are 12 feet wide to accommodate large aircraft. Each opening size alternate. Setback safety fence is behind the four large openings.

There are still a couple more work days remaining on the new fence at time of this newsletter release. The hard part is done. Our end date will be met several days before the club's first *Phoenix Fun Fly* on Saturday April 16th.



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MEAD FIELD WEATHER

<https://www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/KNEMEAD16>

UPGRADED STATION

<https://westernrcflyers.org>

GLUE DISPENSER



If you have ever found a bottle of *Titebond* glue unhandy to use, then there may be an answer. Go to a big box store, or even *Dollar General*, and buy a cheap bottle of *Elmer's* glue. Empty that glue out. Get where I'm going? The Elmer's glue bottle has an easier dispenser and not big in size. Four ounces vs. eight ounces.

Aviation Weather Forecast at Wahoo Municipal Airport, Nebraska



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

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



<https://youtu.be/JPH9ewUvHYE>



The Recreational UAS Safety Test

<https://www.modelaircraft.org/trust>

Springfield Revisited

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Springfield, Nebr. - Prior to *Mead Field*, the club had rented ground in the middle of a farm section west of the town of Springfield. The field we used was at one time the farmer's airport. He kept an old *Cessna 172* in a hangar on the north end.

We flew there for years until the farmer's son decided he wanted to till it all and grow more tall corn. It was December 31, 2009 that we had to vacate Springfield.

Fortunately we already had *Mead Field* in the mix of things. It was one of two fields the club was using, and we have been here ever since.

These photos are of Springfield circa 2008. Note how we were surrounded by not just any corn, but GIANT corn. We lost several members going into that corn looking for their downed airplane. Never to be seen again. Although we have great memories of Springfield, we have a much better field where we are now.



The road in. Viewed south.



A buffer of tall grass separated the runway from the pit area. Ken Wilby about to toss his hotliner.



Earl Pollard at the grill keeping up with the chow hounds at the table. Jeff Jacobs in the background taking advantage of the open sky.



Seen coming out of the shed next to the hangar was Chief Mower Dean Howard with a can of gas to fuel up the rider. It was not unusual for Dean to take on the mowing by himself. He liked being out there as it reminded him of home in Texas. Once told me he'd be there alone and take naps in his chair after a flight or two.



Tuesday evenings was always a good draw for members. Especially when food was grilled and served.



Entering the *Bermuda Triangle of Corn* are Jim Drickey and unknown volunteer Western Flyer. They both made it back out, but no plane....

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Moved to Skyraider

by David Kelly

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Winter comes and goes here in the Ozark's. One day the high is below freezing and three days later it's 65 degrees. Two snow storms of about 7" each, but gone after a few days. That being said, my B-26 build is at the point of deciding on engines. Plans call for G-62's, but I'm leaning towards using a pair of Sachs 4.2's, with CH Ignition modules. Only because I have a pair that are new. Before final decision is made, I need to do test runs on those engines. Ole Man Winter has been on and off, so engine tests are waiting.

But.... on one of those particularly nice day, I got out and test flew my "Sporty P40". In the last newsletter I gave a hint pic of it. It's a Great Planes Super Sportster, with a scale P-40 color scheme, with the exception of blue in place of olive drab. Hence its name. The old OS61SR really powers it well. I've had the engine 30 plus



years still new in box. Fired right up! Last time I had my glow fuel flight box out was 1989. Even my glow fuel was good. I have near 4 gallons, price tag on them reflects a different era!! So once that was done, and winter still on and off, I moved to another project.....

My brother Larry (Ooden) and I last attended the B-17 event in Houston in 2020. If you have not attended that event, you should. That particular year the host club really put a lot of effort into making it a first-class event. Food, RV parking, over 100 warbirds, and PRIZES galore. The Belle made several flights, but only one flight for the competition sorties. I had an engine quit on takeoff roll, but did not have enough room to abort the take off. Once off the ground the Belle flew well. I made a few circuits for the judges and then landed. It rolled a little long into rough ground (same reason I didn't abort) and caused some main gear damage from a pot hole. But that one flight earned enough points for second place. Sort of like Maverick. Ha-ha! Like I said there was plenty of prizes and we earned plenty.

One of our prizes was a Legend Hobby A1 Skyraider in Vietnam colors. This came with Robart retracts, full ordinance option, a new ARF kit. So that is my current project until I can get engine tests for B-26.

I'm impressed with the kit. Very well designed and built. A lot of scale features. But even though it's an ARF, there is plenty of work to do. Especially in the area of gear doors and main gear. I'm also adding panel lines and rivet detail so... it's progressing as best it can.

My brother Larry got his nick name as a young boy. When he would play with toy trucks or trains the engine sound he would make while pushing them around on the floor was "ooden ooden ooden". He has really been a great big brother. He helped me to understand the assembly directions for Guillows and Comet rubber powered models. Now he travels with me to several big events around the country and is a big, big help. So, this Skyraider is dedicated to him. Check out the nose-art!! Here are a few links to see Skyraider gear and doors sequence.

<https://youtube.com/shorts/nxAiC0qWb8o?feature=share>

<https://youtube.com/shorts/s6h9S7w7xWU?feature=share>

Hopefully by the next newsletter I'll have engine test reports for the B-26.



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¼ SPAD XIII Build - Part 5

By Nelson Carpenter

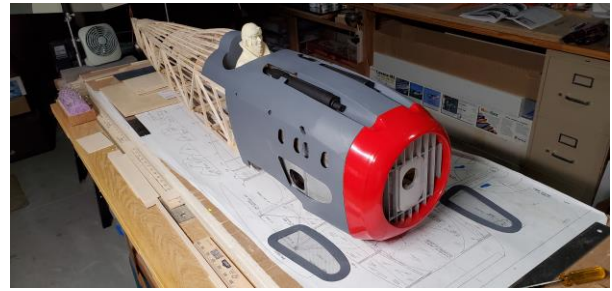
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This is a *Balsa USA* ¼ scale *SPAD XIII* that I started on Oct 26th at the beginning of winter. There are many hours that have gone into its construction. But these kits are enjoyable to build. This being my 5th *BUSA* kit, I'm already thinking about which one will be next.

As you can see, it is almost done. The *DLE 35RA* has been broken in on the bench. It performed great and I have since mounted it on the *SPAD*. It will swing a 20x8 prop. I have also installed all the servos, two 6v battery packs, and misc. other. For that matter, it would be ready to fly except I need to cover it with *Koverall* and paint with latex. Other trim needs to be added, and that will complete the *SPAD*.

Larry Inness' *SPAD XIII* is finished. We plan to have them both flown and broken in (not crashed....) well before the *World War I & Golden Age Fly* on May 21st. Larry' had its maiden flight on March 19th and it flew great.



Flat gray primer on sheeting. Cowling covers and blisters to be added.



Note three fuel lines: carb, fill, and vent. Tank is 24 oz. Rudder and elevator servos are physically large "¼ scale" HiTec servos I happened to have laying around.



Engine choke on carb is push-pull to the rear through firewall. I used a 90-degree bell crank connection to operate it through fuse bottom with looped wire.

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Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule*

*Western RC Flyers calendar: <https://westernrcflyers.org/a/szz/r/rc/calendar>

*Metro Area RC Flying calendar: http://www.metrorcflying.com/metro_schedule.htm



Western R/C Flyers Inc.



Membership Renewal and Application 2022

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

Name: _____

Street: _____

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AMA Number: _____

2022 Dues: \$35.00 (Renewals due by **April 1st**)

Sign Here: _____ Date _____

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