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## A Word from the President



Those of you who have flown model airplanes for any length of time know the roller coaster of emotions that we can experience. From the "Thrill of Victory to the agony of defeat" as Jim McKay used to put it. The joy of seeing our planes fly successfully after the effort of building changes to frustration when mishaps and bad luck plagues us.

Such has been the case with me trying to get to the NATS this year. From wrecked airplanes, and radio problems, to blown engines, I have felt those emotions and a few more. Fortunately, the other part of modeling that we get to experience is the friendship and kindness we see from our comrades when problems arise. These gestures became evident when I wrecked my *Zero*. Offers of help to rebuild and the use of spare parts came in. When the engine on my *Super Cub* blew up 3 days before I was to leave for *Muncie*, offers of the use of engines, airplanes and a new engine came forth. A special thanks goes out to **Dean Copeland**, **Scott Kuhns**, **Larry Inness**, and **Bernie Baker** for their help in getting me to the NATS. I was able to attend because of them. Modelers are special people and I have been shown another example of just how special they can be. Thank you, gentlemen.

Until next month,

**See you at the Field** - Brian Peterson



## Vice President Notes



Hello fellow Western RC Flyers. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve as interim Vice President, I will do the best that I can until a permanent VP is appointed. That being said, I would like to let everybody know that I have NO IDEA what I am doing or even what is expected of me as VP. So, I would appreciate input from members, especially anyone who has held this position, as to what is expected from a VP. Any constructive advice or ideas will be considered. In the meantime,...Let's get some flying done!

**Fly Large**

- Scott Kuhn



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

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If you haven't taken TRUST yet, you must do so before your next flight. TRUST is always free and available on-line: [https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational\\_flyer/trust\\_test\\_administrators](https://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_flyer/trust_test_administrators)

Beware that we are subject to on-the-spot check by law enforcement to insure certification by each individual flyer. Sample certificate below. Let's don't jeopardize our ability to fly at Mead.



## Treasurer's Report



Treasury activity is close to dead. However, I did run into a couple of past members that indicated that they would be renewing and sending in their dues.

Attended the fun fly on Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup>, and was surprised at how well it was attended. It was much fun seeing as many as 5 planes in the air at a time, especially the old timers floating around so gently. They looked like butterflies.



Dean with Larry Inness about to toss the wing into the air.

I test flew a flying wing called "Pioneer III". It is a scale model of a third-generation tailless glider designed by Marske with a single seat and a 46 ft wing span. It proved to be much faster than I expected. Has a 2.4 meter (96") wing span, and EPO foam with plywood formers. It became available in 2011. I read a blog of 14 pages with 22 entries. Each describing problems encountered getting it set up to be a good flying glider. I made all changes mentioned in blog, and it was worth the read. It flew with no required trim or balance changes.

*Happy Landings*

*~ Dean Copeland*

## CLUB WEBSITE

<https://westernrcflyers.org>



# 2022 Membership thru July 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
30	Don	Pieken	491585
31	Frank	Trouba	54712
32	Mike	Lawver	1010979

	<u>2022 Members</u>		<u>AMA</u>
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
40	Rich	Setlak	735901
41	Larry	Woscyna	1061039
42	Earl	Pollard	865026
43	James	Ogden	390498
44	Scott	Kuhm	509990
45	John	Mille	390177
46	Jud	Bock	558416
47	Skip	Prusha	333250
48	Jacob	Brown	596446
49	Jeff	Jacobs	422320
50	Bernie	Baker	928732
51	Steve	Rasmussen	1086761
52	Rich	Walker	923881
53	Bob	Wheeler	775001
54	Don	Fiedler	1082603
55	Carroll	Jolly	847183
56	Bob	Wheeler	775001
57	Duwayne	Schmelzer	655512
58	Rene	Mayo	1038588
59	Gary	Vohnout	162708
60	Casey	Vohnout	774226
61	Tracy	Willits	681955
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Source: Dean Copeland, Treasurer

## Aviation Weather Forecast at Wahoo Municipal Airport, Nebraska



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



You've got control of the tow plane.....right?!!!!

Me....????!!!! NO!!!! I've got the GLIDER!

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## Tom Floyd – A Tribute



Nelson asked me to write a few words in tribute to the passing of a flying colleague. Perhaps because I seem to spend as much flying time with the *Omahawks* as our club lately. Tom and I shared that role; membership and identity with two clubs.

I knew Tom from the *Omahawks* Wednesday morning and weekend events ... old timers, gliders



and float flies. He attended the corresponding events at the *Western Flyers*. He all too easily became part of the background until one took the time to observe what he was really doing. An unselfish and skilled helper to new fliers. An amazing technical resource to those trying to comprehend their new transmitters. And an accomplished builder and flier of some really nice old-timer models. Plus, an insatiable consumer of local sweet corn provided at the fun flies ... ☺

He was the guy with the new *Volvo*, out of which bounded the most amazingly trained hunting dog you could ever imagine. It was a rare fun fly where he and **Sophie** weren't already walking the grounds when you arrived.

It won't be too long until there is a well-deserved plaque in honor of Tom attached to the benches behind the *Omahawks* flight line. Those of you who have been in the local hobby for some time owe it to yourselves to view that memorial and reflect on those gone by.

Loren Blinde

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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 20th**

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.

## MEAD FLYING VIDEOS

Four short videos created at Mead Field recently. Some of the flying with GIANT aircraft, and gliders. Description in each video.

**GIANT Sig Rascal with Saito 3-cylinder Radial 84cc**  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YKB2Q\\_ckGLU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YKB2Q_ckGLU)

**Gliders Over Mead 16 July 2022**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GSiAXnQBEGg>

**GIANT Telemaster with Chutist 26 July 2022**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=neP92DVDpzw&t=89s>

**Loren's 1/4 Scale Schleicher K 8 Sailplane**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LOLZ3gE6fw4>



# Rearwin Speedster

By Loren Blinde

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A 1/4 scale *Rearwin Speedster*, built from a sort-of *Bridi* kit. Covered with *Oratex* (good stuff) and power from DLE 35. If you ever get a chance to buy a kit in a plain white box, with only the *Bridi* logo, don't. It's either a cheap imitation or the company had fallen on hard times; I don't know the story. Plastic cowl and wheel pant halves, replaced with fiberglass originals. 1/8" music wire landing gear legs instead of dural aluminum, also replaced. A sheet of very thick plastic instead of a windscreen. No other hardware included. This turned in to a real money pit! Don't confuse this with a *Bluejay* kit, those are superb.

Photos by Rene Mayo.



## FLASHBACK AUG 2007

### Why Old Timers

By Bob Burt

Why Old Timers? For those of us that were lucky enough to be born in the 1920s and 30s, the golden age of aviation, and did not have all of the modern day distractions, it was a time of discovery.

We started out with paper airplanes, then 10 cent balsa gliders. Or we flew pasteboard planes cut out of cereal boxes. When we could afford it, we would build rubber powered planes that were a wonder to us

because we had to carve our own props.

Wow! Was that ever a new experience.

As we got older we saved our money,

lots grass cutting with an old push

mower, and bought our first engine.

The power of those engines, when we

could get them to run, was marvelous.

We could at last build a plane that would

go fast and climb high. Then things really got interesting because this

created a new set of problems. Cub fingers to start with and then how

to limit the engine run. We did manage to build small tanks. Trimming

was another problem. Engine off-sets

and rudder trim would give us a nice

spiral climb and a nice circling descent.

Thermals would take the plane out of

sight, and so would the wind if you

couldn't keep up with it. We would run

after the plane, or jump on our bikes and

peddle as fast as we could while trying

to keep one eye on the plane and the other on where we were going.

So it is nostalgia that now has us flying some of the same old airplanes.

Now that we are older and can't run or ride our bikes in pursuit, we

depend on our radio control to hopefully keep the plane in sight, and

land it a lot closer and without damage.

So if you want to see a bunch of old guys still living our youth, come

join us for one of our OLD TIMERS FUN FLYS.



**SPECIAL NOTE:** It is not easy to sway club members to contribute articles for the monthly newsletter. I understand not wanting to become a "repeater" due to perhaps some modesty. But others truly enjoy seeing and reading about build projects and models flying at the field. So please consider sending something in. I've been fortunate to have enough material each month for the last 10 plus years. Thank you all. -Nelson

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# Old Timers/Gliders Fun Fly

By Nelson Carpenter

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First! My apologies to those of you who brought old timer models and I didn't get photos. We had 24+ pilots attending the July 16<sup>th</sup> gathering. But the large number is not my excuse. Simply we had a great turnout, much activity, and most brought EP gliders. Several tow planes too.

The temp and winds were decent for a change, and there was much flying. Especially flocks of old timer airplanes combined with gliders orbiting high overhead in what appeared to be slow-flight. So close that there could easily have been midair collisions. Yet that would have been no matter; we'd have just glanced off each other and continued the flight.

Photos are worth more than words. Here are a few pages sampling that day.



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# OT/Glider Fun Fly Cont.



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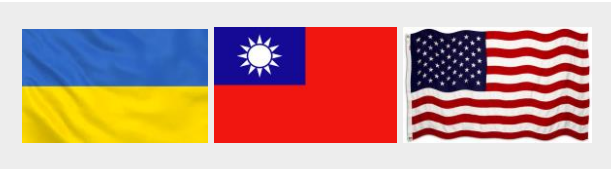
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## MEAD FIELD WEATHER

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

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## AMA 2022 NATIONALS

Muncie, Indiana - The Nationals is a series of model airplane events held yearly. It currently runs from June 28<sup>th</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup>. Our own Brian Peterson entered one of those events.

As Brian describes the event: *I entered Fun Scale, which allows the use of limited documentation and prebuilt airplanes, such as my Zero. Since I couldn't take my Zero, I took the Super Cub, but remained in the Fun Scale class because of the limited documentation that I had and because it's not a true scale representation of a Super Cub.*

Brian was asked for a report which is included with this newsletter as a **SUPPLEMENT**. Along with this newsletter, you will find it attached to your email.

## Wait!!! What.....??!!



Front l-r Hog Bipe, Great Lakes Bipe, Sig Sky Bolt. Rear 4 Star 60 Bipe, and Bob Dively Skybolt.



*"Kind of boring to have them so alike, but it cuts down on the colors needed for repairs and I am used to looking at the color scheme. Hope to see y'all Aug 20."*

Jim Hoff

<https://westernrcflyers.org>





## 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](http://www.metrorcflying.com/metro_schedule.htm)



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### **Membership Renewal and Application 2022**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**WRCF Treasurer Dean Copeland 15668 Fountain Hills Dr. Omaha, Nebraska 68118**