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## TAILSPIN NEWSLETTER

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### A Word From The President



Well I hope all of you are about complete on those winter projects. Some people have been out flying this winter with the nice weather.

Hopefully all you indoor flyers will be able to have your other planes ready for flying at Mead this spring. Also, be sure to get your 2012 dues into our Treasurer

Dean Copeland.

See you at the next meeting!

Thanks

- Rick Miller

### Vice-President's Corner



We're one month into the new year, and only a few months away from when the flying season really begins at the field. That said, will your airplanes be ready?

Jim Henley has stepped up with a great proposal for an event at Mead. A scale aircraft contest of sorts with divisions broken down into models that were built from kits (or plans), and the ARF aircraft. As you will read in the minutes, this will bring three of eastern Nebraska's premiere clubs together as sponsors. Tentative date is August 25th. Stay tuned for more details as Jim gets things ironed out.

It's not too soon, nor is it too late, to get your club dues for 2012 sent in to Dean. Consider doing it and get it out of the way.

I've learned from Keith Roupf that long-time club member and expert modeler Jim Albin is now residing at an extended care facility in Bellevue. Jim was very helpful with a lot of things that got done within the club and at the flying fields over the years. I know all of you extend your best to him.

Come out and fly!

- Nelson Carpenter

### Next Meeting:

7:00 PM Tuesday - Feb 7th, 2012

Location: Papio-Missouri River NRD Bldg  
(Lower level, enter bottom left side of building.)



## Treasurer's Report



2012 is upon us and it's time to get you dues in. There were only 41 members in 2011 and as of this date there are only 18 renewals for the 2012 season. So take time out from building your new project to fill out the check and send it in.

Hope you all had a great holiday and look forward to seeing you at the field this

season.

A copy of the January 2012 Financial Report will be available at the February 7th meeting.

**Thank You!**

**- Dean Copeland**

## January 2012 Meeting Minutes



Note: Secretary **Rick Johnson** was unable to make the January meeting, so **Rick Miller** recorded the minutes.

The meeting was called to order and the following items discussed. Some discussions resulted with motions voted on and passed as stated below.

- A scale aircraft event was discussed and is being pursued as a 3 club type of event, to be held this year at Mead. The clubs would include Western Flyers, Omahawks, and Lincoln Skyknights.
- More details to be worked out as discussions are being held with these other two clubs.
- The scale event was approved by those attending the Western Flyers' meeting. Though it is still pending and contingent upon the other two clubs' participation.
- There was discussion of the proposed SAC Museum model airfield and its potential layout. There are many questions that remain.
- There was a vote and approval for food to be provided at the monthly club meetings held at the field this upcoming flying season. Rainouts would postpone to be the following Tuesday.
- Grass seed purchase and application at the field was voted on and approved.

- Additional discussion were held on the possibility of a utility trailer for pulling behind the club's mower. This would be for the purpose of hauling grills and other materials from storage building to field. Members approved pursuing options for a trailer.

**That's it!**

**- Rick Miller**

The Western RC Flyers, Lincoln Skyknights, and Omahawks clubs are proud to announce:

### First Annual Tri-club Scale Event in Honor of Don Neil

Scale meet will be August 25, 2012 at Mead, Nebraska. This will be an AMA Sanctioned event following AMA Fun Scale (event 520) rules.

The event will involve static judging, and prototypical flight patterns (*four mandatory maneuvers and five pilot choice maneuvers from a list of 20 possible.*)

Scale classes and prizes:

- Military Scale non ARF.....\$100.00; \$75.00; \$50.00
- Civilian Scale non ARF.....\$100.00; \$75.00; \$50.00
- Military and Civilian combined ARF.....\$100.00; \$75.00; \$50.00
- Pilot's Choice.....The *Roger Broad* annual award with plaque.

There will be a \$10.00 landing fee, and a cash raffle.

For more information or questions, contact  
**Jim Henley** at 402-445-0948 or  
jhandmehenley@q.com

## Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay

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



Want a neat, cheap helicopter to fly indoors? Wait no longer E-Flite Scout has arrived and it is \$49.95. This dual rotor heli only accepts the small 70 mah battery that comes with it, same as the basic Vapor battery. It flies like a dream with dual modes for gentle and advanced. Builds your confidence in ten minutes and it is darn cute! I have been playing with mine and having loads of fun.

It seems that the RC hobby is fairly concerned over pending government regulations on model airplanes. I have a wait and see attitude. If their rules adversely affect us, who will enforce them? We can barely enforce all the rules and regulations hefted upon us by our leaders. My inclination is that most of us will not really be affected much. Super models over 125lbs, probably, ¼ or 1/5 scale not much. Old timers and sport planes, park flyers and electrics not at all. But what does bother me will the hobby industry see an opportunity to further raise prices based on the fact they must submit their products for government approval, this is happy horse pucky.

So out here in Las Vegas with several airplane clubs, 2 or 3 public fields and about a million people, no RC Auction. Now I see an opportunity. No problem getting a place to do it, no problem getting the word out. Problem is getting people together to do it. Think about the opportunity to make some serious money here. I am thinking of putting together a team to do this in 2012. New terms 15% seller fee and 5% buyer premium. Cash only and \$5 registration, admission etc. Everybody gets charged. No items under \$25 accepted. That means \$5 per item guaranteed profit. If you get 300 item and the average sale is \$75 we will net \$4000 plus admission fees. If you want to be part of this idea let me know.

See you Soon!

~ Bob Boumstein

### **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.





# ~ 2012 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

**2012 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys at Mead, Every Tuesday evening May 8th through September 2nd!**  
(Weather Permitting)

## January 2012

- **Tuesday, Jan 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

## February 2012

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

## March 2012

- **Tuesday, Mar 6th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

## April 2012

- **Tuesday, Apr 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

## May 2012

- **Tuesday, May 8th** - Club Meeting 7pm, at MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.  
- **Saturday, May 19th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

## June 2012

- **Sunday, Jun 3rd** – Annual Spring Club Fun Fly at Mead Field starting at 10:00am. Open flying.  
- **Tuesday, Jun 7th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD, bring a plane, open flying & food.  
- **Saturday, June 16th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

## July 2012

- **Tuesday, Jul 3rd** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD bring a plane, open flying.  
- **Saturday, Jul 21st** - Old-Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

## August 2012

- **Tuesday, Aug 7th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD a plane, open flying.  
- **Saturday and Sunday, Aug 11 and/or 12th** – Bud Hall Large Aircraft Fun Fly. Aircraft limited to IMAA criteria and membership. IMAA membership NOT required. Criteria 80" wingspan monoplane, 60" wingspan biplane, or a true ¼ scale aircraft. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch both days and flying.  
- **Saturday, Aug 18th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly - Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.  
- **Saturday, Aug 25th** - Multi-club Fun Scale Event at Mead Field. Various classes. Details soon.

## September 2012

- **Sunday Sep 2nd** – The 5th Annual Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet. Mead Field. Free to WRCF members, \$5.00 for non-members. Swap meet setup after 9am. Open flying 10am through 3pm.  
- **Tuesday, Sep 6th** - Club Meeting 7pm, MEAD FIELD - bring a plane, open flying.  
- **Saturday, Sep 15th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly – Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

## October 2012

- **Tuesday, Oct 2nd** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
- **Saturday, Oct 6th** – Old Timers Fun Fly with Glider Fly – Starts at 9:00am with flying until 3:00pm.

## November 2012

- **Tuesday, Nov 6th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
- Nominations taken for 2012 Officers

## December 2012

- **Tuesday, Dec 4th** - Club Meeting 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.  
- 2012 Officer election





**Tailspin Newsletter**  
Western RC Flyers  
Omaha, Nebraska

**TO:**

***Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2012 Membership Application***

Please print clearly!

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

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

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

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

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

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

**2012 Dues: \$35** (Renewals must be paid by **April 1**) New/Renewal: \_\_\_ New \_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_ (Check One)

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

**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**