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## TAILSPIN NEWSLETTER

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## A Word From The President:

Its Election time Western Flyers, come to the Meeting and let your voice be heard.

We will be covering some additional items at the meeting as well such as:

The 2008 schedule of events.

How we are going to staff these events.

And the Auction logistics. ( tentative planning date of April 19th )

Hopefully we can get a lot of the dues paid up for 2008 as well at this meeting.

Have you all gotten started on those new projects for 2008?

Maybe a new giant scale plane???

See you at the meeting!!!!

*Thanks*

*~ Rick Miller*

## Vice-President's Corner:

Seems like our 2007 flying season has come to an abrupt stand still. Not necessarily true. Several of us have shifted our flying to the great indoors. No, not with the big gasers. We are flying indoor electric models, and at several locations throughout the Omaha area. One is the Soccer Center located on Giles Road at about 146<sup>th</sup> Street. We show up every Wednesday over the lunch hour at 11:30 AM and fly for a few hours. Cost is only \$3.00 a person. This is a huge facility the size of three soccer fields. The *Midwest RC Performance Flyers* sponsors this gathering and it is open to all current AMA licensed flyers.

Are you claiming membership in the Western Flyers when making a purchase at either Hobby Town locations? Since we started their rebate program for the club, we have a credit of \$30.85 to be used towards a club purchase. This will benefit us at next year's auction when we purchase raffle items.

If there is anything you would like to see in the newsletter over the winter, please let me know. Sorry, no pinups.

Do your best to attend the next club meeting. Good fellowship!

*Come out and fly!*

*~ Nelson Carpenter*

## Next Meeting:

**7:00pm Tuesday, Dec 4, 2007**

**Location: Papio-Missouri River NRD Office  
154<sup>th</sup> and Giles Road**



## Treasurer's Report:

To be provided at the December meeting.

*Thank You!*

*~ Bob Zitzlsperger*

## August Meeting Notes:

Meeting was called to order by President Rick Miller at 7:05pm Tuesday Nov, 6. A discussion of lawn mower repairs needed at Springfield included buying a new mowing deck and seat. It was determined that a new deck and seat would cost in the vicinity of \$200.00. A motion was made, seconded and passed...

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## August Meeting Notes Cont.

.....to allow spending of up to \$300.00 on mower repairs.

A committee is being formed to look for a possible replacement mower for Mead. Headed by Dustin Anderson, and Bob Burt, consisting of Ed Splittgerber, Jim Dickey, & Dean Copeland. If a mower is found a motion and vote will be made in the future for its purchase.

Bob Burt is checking on obtaining a roller, or service to smooth out the road into the field at Springfield. He will present his findings at a future meeting. If anyone knows someone that can obtain a large roller, contact Bob Burt with the details.

Nelson Carpenter asked that if you currently receive the monthly newsletter by snail mail (Post Office) consider having the newsletter sent by email to save the club the postage for the mailed copies.

2008 event scheduling will take place during the December meeting. Rick Miller asked for volunteers for single or multiple event chairmen. Bob Burt is retiring as Contest Director for the 2008 season; we will need someone to step up to be our official CD (Contest Director) for our AMA events. If you are interested, contact Rick Miller.

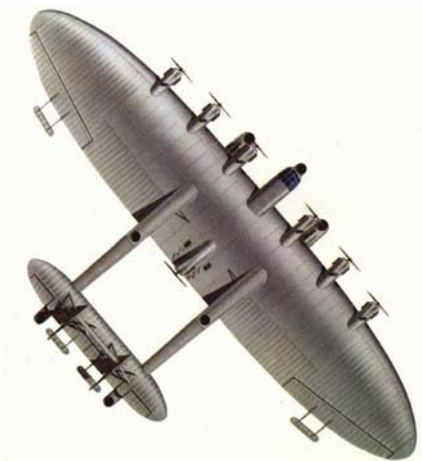
A motion was made to maintain the 2008 club dues at the current \$35.00. It was seconded and passed.

Names were taken for the 2008 officer's race. If you would like to throw your name in to the mix, contact Rick Miller, Nelson Carpenter as soon as possible. Elections will be held during our December Meeting, plan on being there. Thus far we have the following people running for 2008 office:

President: *Rick Miller*  
Vice President: *Nelson Carpenter*  
Treasurer: *Ed Splittgerber*  
Secretary: *Dustin Anderson*  
Safety Officer: *Dean Copeland*  
Field Marshall: *Bob Burt*

**Thanks**

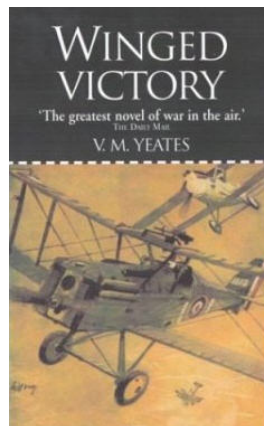
**~ Joe Halamek**



## “Winged Victory” by V.M. Yeates

### *A book review by Dean Dingman*

In the early 1930s, Victor Maslin Yeates was nearly penniless and dying of tuberculosis. At the encouragement of some friends, he began writing a novel based on his experiences as a Sopwith Camel pilot with 46 Squadron RAF during the Great War. The resulting 1934 book has become regarded as one of the finest pieces of fiction literature about air fighting during the First World War.



This book is best described as an "autobiographical novel", because it is only partly fiction. Yeates was actually there in the skies above France, facing death on an almost daily basis in a Sopwith Camel fighter plane best known (before Snoopy, at least) for killing more of its' own pilots than were killed by the enemy. Although the book is technically a novel, many of the "fictional" characters were closely based on actual persons that Yeates had served with. (For instance, the character of "Mac" is obviously 46 Sqdn leading ace Donald MacLaren.) As a result, the book is one of the more realistic portrayals of daily life in a RAF fighter squadron during the latter part of WWI.

The story begins in mid-Spring of 1918, when the RAF held supremacy in the air. Protagonist Tom Cundall and his comrades spend their days chasing German planes, and their evenings chasing women, drinking, and debating about the morality and purpose of the conflict they find themselves caught up in. As the months progress, the continual offensive patrols and ground attack missions begin to take their toll on the pilots of the squadron. Combat fatigue begins to set in. As they begin to encounter better German fighters like the Fokker D.VII, the balance of aerial supremacy shifts. Soon, every mission becomes a narrow brush with death.

This is not a sentimentalized memoir. It is not a romanticized tale of "knights of the air". The book is a no-holds-barred account of one pilots' struggle with fear, loneliness, and the fatigue of unrelenting combat patrols as he watches his friends and comrades being killed and maimed one by one. It's a story of frail human beings thrust into a cataclysm they were powerless to fully understand, much less control. Though Cundall survives his experiences, the book leaves the reader with the unsettling question of, "At what price?"

This book has been reprinted in paperback by Grub Street Publishing, after being out-of-print for many years. It is currently available from Amazon.com for \$17.95 new.

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS



## Dustin's Tips and Tricks

By Dustin Anderson

**Editors Note:** Dustin is doing an in-depth review of a building technique which wasn't ready for press time. Due to uncontrollable circumstances, his deadline has been extended. He will present it in next month's Tailspin....or be demoted to paperboy.



## NOTICE

~ Saturday Jan 19, 2008 ~

### KC RC Swap N Shop

MCC Business Technology Center

1775 Universal Ave KC, MO

I-435 at Front Street (Exit 57)

1/2 mile north on Universal look for signs

\$5 admission 8' table is \$25 call Jim Cianciolo  
818.795.7382.

Vendor set-up 9am Buyers at 10AM- 4pm

Contact Bob Boumstein if interested in going as a group.

**WANTED!** New/Good Used Zenoah G-23 or G-26  
Magneto or Electronic okay - Contact:  
Joe Halamek [docsiggs@aol.com](mailto:docsiggs@aol.com) (402)592-7876

## Featured Western Flyer

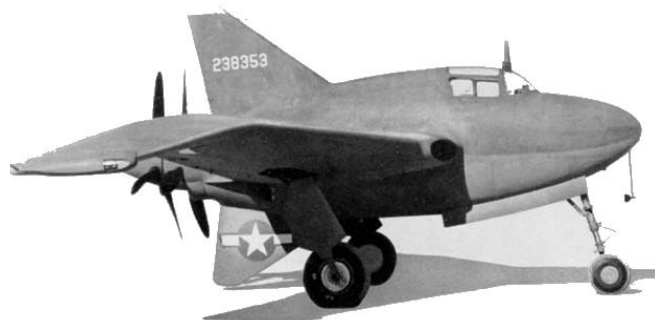
Submitted by Keith Roumpf

Jim Albin is a long time radio control enthusiast in the Omaha area. For my part, I had a long time desire to become familiar with this hobby. My son gave me a complete trainer kit, engine and 4 channel radio when I retired in 2002. I asked around to see if there was anyone who could help me become familiar with R/C flying. Jim Albin name was highly recommended.



He was very open and supportive when I asked him for advice and help to get started in this hobby. Today Jim is one of my best friends. I have also learned that he is widely admired and respected in the whole Omaha area. He has belonged to several clubs over the years. He was even featured in the Tailspin Newsletter several years ago.

Other flyers often ask Jim if he happens to have a part they need to keep their plane in the air. Most of the time Jim is able to find a part or fastener that will work. Over the years Jim has often been asked to test fly a new planes to see if they would fly properly. Jim is also a wonderful grandparent. He helped develop his grandsons into skilled pilots. I have seen him observe with a smile that the grandsons flew each plane until it ran out of gas. He spent lots of time repairing the planes as needed so their next outing would be another successful adventure together. Jim is clearly one of the skilled builders and flyers of our hobby. Jim's regular presence at our flying fields and meetings is assumed. He is also counted upon to help with our auctions and special flying events. Thank you Jim for all you do to make our hobby successful and enjoyable.





## NOVEMBER MEETING SHOW 'N TELL



**Dean Dingman** was playing salesman at the November meeting. Actually he brought two very good deals for club members. The Taube and Sopwith Pup that he picked up from the dealer in Texas willing to give us a big discount on purchases of other BalsaUSA kits from him.



**Jim Drickey** showed us the workings of his China Models P-51 Mustang. It is an ARF with very good detail in the finish.



**Gale Sherman** brought his scratch built project. From a set of borrowed plans, Gale built his OV-10 Bronco from light foam. The observation plane is powered by two small electric motors.



**Dean Copeland** displayed his recently built Chi Chi. Look closely and you will see two electric motors extending outward from the nose of the airplane. It is an ARF with a 46" wingspan that went together quickly. Chi Chi is French for Cricket. This model is a scale version of the real Chi Chi which a pilot fills up most of the area under the canopy in a crammed position. Dean's Chi Chi lacks being a true 1/4 scale model by 2" on the wingspan. Yes, the real McCoy is small.

# FLYING ACTIVITIES 2007





# FLYING ACTIVITIES 2007 Cont....



# ~ 2007 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

2007 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys, Springfield, Every Tuesday night May 1<sup>st</sup> through September 4th! 2007  
(Weather Permitting)

**Food – Fun – Flying – Friends!**

**January  
2007**

Tuesday, Jan 2nd - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

**February  
2007**

Tuesday, Feb 6th - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

**March  
2007**

Tuesday, Mar 6th - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

**April  
2007**

Tuesday, Apr 3rd - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)  
Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup> - WRCF Auction Set-Up  
- 7pm, BJSa Building - Bellevue  
Saturday, April 21st - Annual R/C Auction  
- BJSa Building - Bellevue - Sign in at 8am  
Auction Starts at 10am (Members should be there no later than 7:45am Auction day)

**May  
2007**

Tuesday, May 1st - Meeting  
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food  
Saturday, May 12th - Old-timers Fun Fly  
Spring Round-up  
- Mead Field 9am  
Saturday, May 19th – Spring Fun Fly  
Registration 9:00am Events start at 10:00am - Mead field. 3 Events - Awards! Members free, non members \$5, Open flying between events  
Sunday, May 20th - Quickee Racing  
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**June  
2007**

Saturday, Jun 2nd – Spring IMAA Fun Fly  
- 10am Mead Field (Limited to Giant scale IMAA aircraft, \$5.00 landing fee, Open Flying)  
Tuesday, Jun 5th - Meeting  
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food  
Saturday, June 9th - Old-timers Fun Fly  
- 9am, Mead field  
Sunday June, 10th - Quickee Racing  
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**July  
2007**

Tuesday, Jul 3rd - Meeting  
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site bring a plane, open flying & Food  
Saturday, July 14th - Old-timers Fun Fly - 9am, Mead field  
Sunday, July 22nd - Quickee Racing  
- Mead Flying Site - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**August  
2007**

Tuesday, Aug 7th - Meeting  
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & food  
Saturday, August 11th - Old-timers Fun Fly  
- 9am, Mead Field  
Saturday & Sunday, August 18th & 19th – 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Bud Hall Memorial IMAA Fun Fly  
- Mead Field -9am both days, aircraft limited to IMAA members, large scale aircraft all AMA - IMAA rules apply. May join IMAA at the field. (80inch & up monoplanes, 60 inch up biplanes)  
Sunday, Aug 26 - Quickee Racing  
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**September  
2007**

Tuesday, Sep 4th - Meeting  
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & Food (Last Tuesday food will be served)  
Saturday, September 8th - Old-timers Fun Fly  
- 9am, Mead Field  
Saturday, September 15th – Open Fun Fly and Outdoor Swap meet  
- Mead Field – Swap Meet set-up after 9:00am, Open Flying @ 10am – 3pm  
Sunday, Sep 16th - Quickee Racing  
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing @ 10am

**October  
2007**

Tuesday, Oct 2nd - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)  
Saturday, October 13th - Old-timers Fun Fly - 9am, Mead Field

**November  
2007**

Tuesday, Nov 6th - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)  
- Nominations taken for 2008 Officers

**December  
2007**

Tuesday, Dec 4th - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)  
- 2008 Officer elections

**Want to schedule a 2008 event? Contact any officer or attend a club meeting with a proposal.**

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

**TO:**

**Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2008 Membership Application**

**Please print clearly!**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**2007 Dues: \$35** (2008 Renewals must be paid by **February 1**) New/Renewal: \_\_\_New\_\_\_Renewal\_\_\_ (Check One)

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

**AMA membership is required**  
**Make Checks Payable to: Western R/C Flyers**

**Print this form and send check to WR/CF Treasurer:**  
**Bob Zitzlperger 12568 Brownley Circle Omaha, Nebraska 68164**