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A Word From The President:

WOW, what an Auction! We really had a good auction this year. Obviously the added emphasis on getting the word out worked. More detailed news on the Auction next month. I don't have the exact numbers for the Auction, however I know we ran out of tables to put stuff on, and we had more buyers than last year too.

Heartfelt THANKS go out to all of the Personnel that helped with the Auction. We need to work on our organization and club participation though; we needed more people to help. Now the Auction is over, and we need to look forward to the summer season.

Well its time to go fly, the mowers have already trimmed the grass. Thanks to the ground crews.

Also, its time to start getting ready for the events lined up for the summer.

The Kansas City guys that come to our races each year are setting up a Q500 race on May 5/6 with a "Run what ya Brung" on Sat the 5th, and Quickee races on Sun the 6th. So if you feel the need for speed, go for it.

Thanks again for all those that helped with the Auction.

Thanks

~ Rick Miller

Treasurer's Report:

Will be provided at the May 1st meeting.

Thank You!

~ Bob Zitzlperger

Next Meeting:

7:00pm Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Location: Springfield Flying Site

Vice-President's Corner:

This year's auction was accomplished without a hitch. First auction item went up for bid at the 10 o'clock start time. Approximately 245 items later, it ended at 3 o'clock. Buyer attendance was outstanding with a count of 120. We had the windy weather to partially thank. Greater thanks go to the 20 club members who devoted some time, if not the entire day, to running a smooth auction. You guys work well together, and make this the premier club to be a member!

The year is turning into a good one for the club in that the auction was very successful, the two fields are thriving, and we have several new flyers that have joined our ranks. For that matter, let's make the new members feel welcomed when you see them.

As you start this year's flying season, make sure safety is on your mind. Not only being safe around engines, but also through diligent use of the frequency board for your transmitters. This is a practice all of us must stay in the habit of doing, whether there are only two flyers or as many as a dozen flyers at the field. The plane you save might be your own. And you sure don't want to be responsible for knocking someone else out of the sky. While at the field with new members, take the time to go over our field safety rules which they may not be familiar with.

Make sure you note the events coming up in May.

Come out and fly!

~ Nelson Carpenter

WANTED: Articles, notes of interest, photos (old and new), and contributors for the Tailspin newsletter. Also comments and suggestions are more than welcomed. Contact Editor.

REWARDS PROGRAM

Remember to use **Hobby Town'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 Hobby Town location.

April Meeting News:

In attendance at the Papio-Missouri River NRD conference room were approximately twenty club members.



The April meeting focused on final preparation of the club's auction. Last minute details were ironed out to assure that the auction would be conducted with minimal problems. Show 'n tell concluded the evening meeting. Everyone was reminded

that the May 1st meeting would be at Springfield and to bring an airplane to fly.

~ Nelson Carpenter

Auction 2007 Report

What a great Auction we had on 4/21/07. Rick Miller really had things well organized. The idea of team leaders for each segment went well. Nelson is to be applauded for the organizational skills he displayed in getting the items set up in the proper order. Randy Tentinger, Rick Miller, Steve Peck and I did the auctioneering and we had as great time.

With 300 or so items to sell, the Auction ended at a reasonable hour. I understood we had around 120 registered buyers and sellers. The turnout seemed good to me and the items



brought in were some real deals. A big thank you has to be given to the Bellevue Junior Sports Association for the excellent facility, great food at reasonable prices and friendly people. As always so many people helped on computers, check in, carrying stuff and



working the impound. The list is long but some of the folks need mention such as Ameet Savant, Bob

Burt, Jim Albin, Joe Halamek, Dean Dingman, The Reverend, Randy's Son, Rick's son, Dean Howard the Raffle King, Bob Z. the Treasurer. Thanks to everyone who helped the club appreciates it. See you next year!

~ Bob Boumstein

~ SPRING FUN FLY ~



WHEN: Saturday May 19th, 2007 registration at 9:30 AM and flying at 10:00 AM.

WHERE: Mead Field.

WHO: Western Flyer members and guests.

COST: Free to members, \$5 for non-members.

EVENTS: Vegas Roll, Beanie Loops, and Climb & Glide with open flying between events.

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April Meeting Show N' Tell

New member Lynn Langer brought a Hobby Hanger 1/5 scale Bf 109E-4 kit. The model is painted as Col. Adolf Galland's JG26 aircraft that he flew in the Battle of Britain in 1940. Model has an 82" one piece foam wing and currently has an OS BGX installed for power. Lynn says he is slowly restoring the model to modern standards (kit was built in late 90's for Toledo Convention competition).



Lynn plans to upgrade the motor to a small gas

engine with all modern servos and radio gear. Reportedly this is the last surviving example of this model kit (only a few were manufactured, fewer were built).

This plane is highly detailed including the cockpit as seen in the photo. However, it will be a while until this model is completely ready to fly. ...*(Continued on page 3)*



April Meeting Show N' Tell Cont....

Bob Burt displayed one half of the huge wing for his current large scale airplane project. According to Bob, the Aeronca 7AC Champ is being built from RCM plans. It is a one-third scale model with a 141 inch wingspan weighing about 35 lbs. He will power it



with a Quadra 54 gasser. Bob says he is trying to build everything himself.

Further, he didn't plan to build the cowl and wind screen due



to RCM being completely defunct. Bob cannot get the Aeronca project articles from RCM now. So he will have to build the molds and make the fiberglass parts himself. Covering on the Aeronca will be Coverite, and Nelson paints will be used. Great project Bob! The next Show 'N Tell (...and fly) will be at the Springfield site where the May meeting is scheduled.

~ Nelson Carpenter

Featured Western Flyer



Can you identify this Western Flyer and the airplane in the circa 1980s photo? Answer below.

~ QUICKEE RACING at MEAD ~

For some excitement, grab your hard hat and come out to the **Mead Field** on Sunday **May 20th** for the scheduled Quickee 500 racing. Registration at 9:30 AM with a start time of 10:00 AM. Don't forget your racer! Contact Randy Tentinger at 734-0947 or rtentinger@cox.net for more information. He could also use some help with it.



Bud Hall IMAA Fun Fly 2 Jun 2007 - Mead Field



Western Flyers/284th Aero Squadron
(Partial group photo circa 1988)



Dean's Northrop Wing Flies!

On 23 April 2007 conditions were ideal for Dean Copeland's 1/6th scale Northrop N9M flying wing's maiden flight. It was performed at the Wahoo Airport with winds at or under 8 mph.

Dean eased the wing off the runway at 200 ft and into a gentle climb out. It



flew around the airport for approximately 6 thrilling minutes before landing back on the taxiway. Dean was extremely satisfied with the flight which is in preparation for the Top Gun competition in a few weeks. He has a top contender with the Wing, and should do very well at the competition for his category of scratch built scale aircraft. Wish him good luck.

~ Nelson Carpenter

2006 Photos left to right: Jim Albin firing up the Cub with Keith Roumph holding; Carrying his ME109 to the flight line is Lynn Langer being helped by Rick Simmons; Larry Roach with a Rearwin Speedster being assisted by Kent Williby.



2006 Photos left to right: Active pit area at Springfield on a Tuesday evening; Setting up the trainer for Jim Gunhus at Mead; Ron Brandt watching Dean Copeland fuel the Shorts Skyvan prior to a flight at Springfield.



Western Flyers Auction 2007: Seen is Bob Zitzlperger taking the money, and Dean Howard selling raffle tickets for the Spektrum radio. Tables loaded with airplanes and parts filled the building. Directing traffic is Rick Miller. Auction photos by Joe Halamek.



Western Flyers Auction 2007: Many airplanes to choose from at the auction. Attendance was very good for bidding on everything barebones to completed and ready to fly as well as parts. More photos will be placed on the club's website: <http://www.weflyrc.org/>



Identification of this month's **"Featured Western Flyer"** is Jim Albin in a photo taken in the late 80s with his Der Jagger German biplane powered by a small gas engine. Jim has been a prolific builder of many sharp airplanes over the years.

~ 2007 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

2007 Tuesday Night Fun-Flies, Springfield, Every Tuesday night May 1st 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. 154th 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. 154th 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. 154th 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. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)
Friday, April 20th - WRCF Auction Set-Up
- 7pm, BJS Building - Bellevue
Saturday, April 21st - Annual R/C Auction
- BJS 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 - Oldtimers 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 - Oldtimers 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 - Oldtimers 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 - Oldtimers Fun Fly
- 9am, Mead Field
Saturday & Sunday, August 18th & 19th – 18th 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 - Oldtimers 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 starts @ 10am

**October
2007**

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

**November
2007**

Tuesday, Nov 6th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th 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. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)
- 2008 Officer elections

Want to Schedule a 2007 event? Contact any club officer or attend the meetings & let us know!

Tailspin Newsletter

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Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2007 Membership Application

Please print clearly!

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

AMA Number: _____ IMAA Number: _____

Dues Paid: \$ _____

2007 Dues: \$35 (*2007 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**