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## TAILSPIN NEWSLETTER

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### A Word From The President:

Greetings everyone, Spring is here are you ready, planes done, batteries charged and tested????!!!!

Well Spring means its time for our WRCF Auction. We will be looking forward to a *GREAT* Auction this year. So dust off and shine up those unused "*treasures*" and let's be prepared for the big event.

We need everyone to share in the fun, camaraderie, and the tasks necessary to complete this event. Please make your selves available and be at the event to help. We always have more fun when not having to work all day.

Enough of the Auction stuff. How about those projects this winter???? I have been thoroughly impressed with the "show and tell" portion of our meetings. These folks should really "*brag it up*" on their projects that have been displayed. They are GREAT, thanks. See you at the auction.

*Thanks*

*~ Rick Miller*

### Vice-President's Corner:

The April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be our last at the Natural Resources Center. We move the monthly meetings to our flying field at Springfield starting in May for the season.

Membership due have been paid up by 50 members as of 20 March. That puts us ahead of the game compared to last year at this time.

Several of you have already put in time with the auction, and have donated material for it as well. Thank you all very much.

Starting with this year's auction, everyone (unless 12 or under) will pay \$5.00 gate admission. This entitles you to a buyer/seller number and one free raffle ticket. More below.

This time of the year can be difficult traveling on the access road to the field at Springfield. Deep ruts generally form after a rain storm sometimes making the road impassible. Yet with a little care you might be able to negotiate the road's high spots. But do remember that these ruts can be deep, and could leave your vehicle high centered. Straddle the ruts as best as you can.

*Come out and fly!*

*~ Nelson Carpenter*

### Next Meeting:

**7:00 PM Tuesday – April 7th, 2009**

**Location: Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills  
(Upper Level - NRD Board Room)**



### Financial Report – February 28, 2009

Report to be provided at next club meeting.

*Thank You!*

*~ Ed Splittgerber*

## February 2009 Meeting Notes:

Nelson Carpenter VP called meeting to order:

### Old Business:

- Porta -Potties will be at the two flying fields from May to Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Auction will need data entry people -- four people would be best.
- Raffle item for auction to be chosen by Gail Sherman -- probably a Spectrum 2.4 radio
- Rick Johnson has supplied wristbands for use at auction as a donation (thank you!)

### New Business:

- The mailing of auction fliers (completed 3/20) will be done for approx 300 persons that we have addresses.
- Next year (2010) auction ideas are in place. Goals are to speed things up to take advantage of peak selling period, and lessen our physical efforts.
- Treasurer Ed Splittgerber presented his monthly report which was accepted into minutes.
- We are placing new membership applications at Hobby Town (84<sup>th</sup> St.)
- Nelson C. will be the CDE for the Bud Hall IMAA event in August. IMAA membership dues for the year are \$25.
- We are looking to power roll both fields in 2009.
- Show & Tell
- Meeting Closed.

*Bob Boumstein / Secretary*

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



**CHALCO HILLS WEATHER CENTER**



[www.papionrd.org/weather/usa.htm](http://www.papionrd.org/weather/usa.htm)



## Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay



Congrats to Mark Smith for becoming VP at the AMA, we need to invite him out and do something that gets us some recognition in the AMA Model Aviation magazine. Let's think about doing that. We could use the coverage and acknowledgement.

We have discussed some great ideas for the 2010 auction. The elimination of the impound would cut our work by 33% at least. It is time to move forward now that we have a visible location and are back to the more popular Sunday date. I FIRMLY BELIEVE WE WILL GROW our Western Flyers Auction back to becoming a big one again! The Toledo Show is April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>. Bob Turner is going with me for what may be my last adventure at the Swap Shop. Please stop by and visit us or give us a call (my cell is 402-306-6151) we can meet up for dinner or whatever. You can find our tables up in the Swap Shop by looking for my flashing lights on the top of the display. I have done this for 5 years at least. There are lots of questions of how the show will be based on economic conditions. I think it will be great.

**See you in Toledo!**

**~ 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.



Circa 1986 photo of the founding members of the Western RC Flyers' 284<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron flying its colors. This was at an IMAA Fun Fly event held at Bud's Field in Council Bluffs. Plane in the foreground belongs to Skip Prusha who still owns it. A ¼ scale Pica Cessna 182 with a Zenoh G-23 for power. Can anyone put names to the faces? In this group photo, four are still members of the club.

## Notice: Helicopter Flying

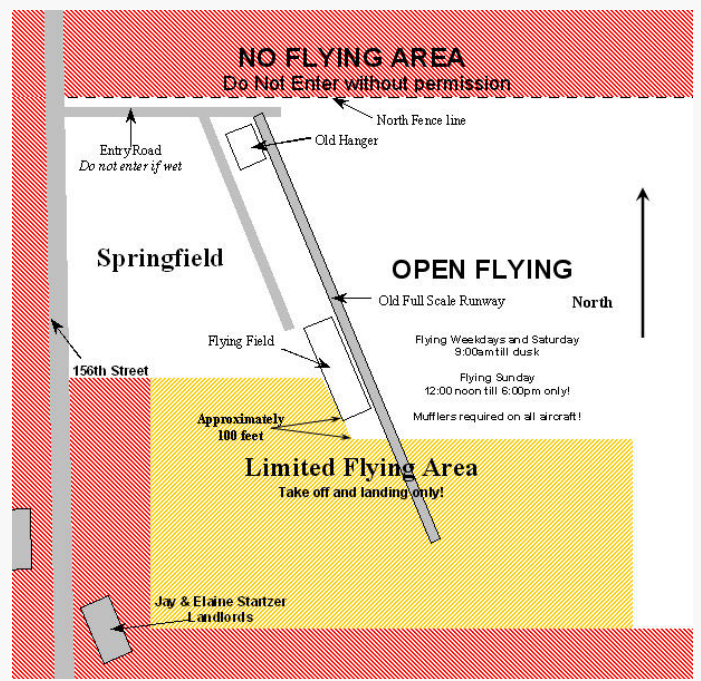
*Because some are still asking:* Member concerns regarding helicopter flying at Springfield during the 2008 flying season led to the following rules being implemented:

- Helicopter flying at our Springfield Flying Field is strictly prohibited.
- Helicopter flying will be permitted at our Mead Flying Field. When both fixed wing airplanes and helicopters are at the Mead Flying Field, pilots should coordinate flying time with each other. Fixed wing flying will have priority at all times to use the runway and fixed wing flight patterns.

While prohibiting helicopter flying at Springfield, the club rules affirm the use of our Mead Field for helicopter flying.

## Flying Boundaries at Springfield

As a quick review, all club members should be aware of the court imposed flying boundaries at Springfield. More importantly, we must all abide by them or risk losing our field. Please study the maps. One other important note: no flying allowed before 12 noon on Sunday. Again, this is a court order mandate, and we want to be good neighbors.



## ~ March Show N' Tell ~

The following photos were taken at the Show N' Tell portion of the March 2009 club meeting. Several members brought their winter projects for presentation.



**Terry Pollard** with a Nomad he built from a House of Balsa kit. All laser cut and very nice to build according to Terry. Wingspan is 46.5 in. Weight is 13 oz. Turnigy brushless motor. 3s 800 lipo. The Nomad first came out in the mid 60s.



**Bob Burt** brought another mold to the meeting. This is a mold that he shaped from bass wood that will be used to form the windshield of his large Aeronica Champ. Bob intends to vacuum shrink the plastic over the mold.



**Gale Sherman** brought a recently re-done Fokker Triplane. All that it lacked at that time were the wing struts.



Shown with his recently acquired old timer is **Bob Boumstein**. He acquired this well built plane from an estate in Grand Island. It has electric power. Nice plane!



**Bob Burt** had his new Turnigy 52cc gas engine with electronic ignition. It should swing a 22x8 or larger.

~ CIRCA 1988 NAME THIS CLUB MEMBER ~



*(HINT: He is good with a grill.)*

## STEPS FOR AUCTION

- **Admittance**

Entry into Firemen's Hall will require a wrist band issued at the door for \$5.00. Everyone must pay at the door. Only Exception will be 12 years of age and under.

- **Registration – Buyer/Seller**

Admittance fee includes a buyer/seller registration number obtained with completion of registration card. Also includes one free raffle ticket. Register at first table inside.

- **Seller Item Cards**

While obtaining buyer/seller number, you may request item cards that you will fill out for each item to be auctioned. Request number of cards needed for your items.

- **Auction Items**

Each item, or grouping of items, must have a minimum value of \$20.00 to be eligible for auctioning.

— The 2009 Auction Committee

## New Flying Season Prep

Now that the flying season is here, some final touch up items that may need to be done.

Secure those loose edges of Monokote etc.

#1 Top Flite's Monokote Trim Solvent is the Secret to Super Smooth MonoKote-over-Monokote Bonding! Perfect for either large or small jobs.

Features: Easy to use, No heat required. Leaves a mirror-smooth finish. No sags, no wrinkles, no bubbles. Completely fuel proof and withstands nitro fuels as well as gasoline.

#2 Use Acetone

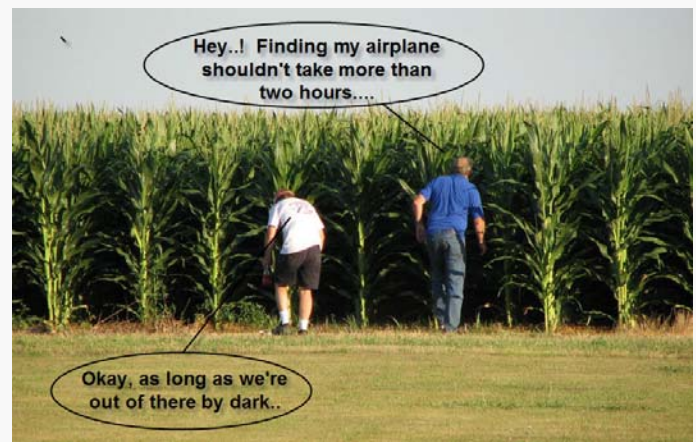
Iron it down and then wipe the whole surface with Acetone (you can get it at home Depot, Wal-Mart, etc). It will seep around the edges and you will never have any issues again.

And once more go over your plane just to make sure that you didn't miss anything the first time. It only takes one little missing or broken part to take down the whole aircraft and ruin your day.

*Safe flying!*

*~ Dean Copeland*

## ***DID SOMEONE ASK IF CORN WOULD BE PLANTED AT SPRINGFIELD THIS YEAR????***



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

**Western R/C  
Flyers  
28<sup>th</sup> Annual  
R/C Auction**



**Buy & Sell**

**Sunday - April 26 - 2009**

**Firefighter's Union Hall - 6005 Grover Street Omaha, NE.**

**\$5.00 Adult Admission**

(Sellers, Buyers, Spectators, admission required)  
Children Under 12- Free

- Buyer/Seller Number & 1 Free Raffle Ticket  
(Included with each Paid Admission)
- All items will be sold in order of check in.
- Bidding Starts at \$20.00  
Sellers **MUST** group your Small Items!
- 10% Sellers Fee for all items sold
- If you buy back your own item there is a 10% Selling Fee
- Sellers may designate a Minimum Selling Price on Item Registration Card . \$2.00 "No Sale" Fee on items not making minimum bid

All items with no designated minimum bid will sell to the highest bidder!

- Checks or Cash only please!
- Fast Computer Check Out!

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From Iowa: I-80 West from Council Bluffs Iowa to Exit 450 (60<sup>th</sup> St) turn North 2 blocks

From Lincoln: I-80 East to exit 450 (60<sup>th</sup> St), turn North 2 blocks

**Maps & Info available  
www.WeFlyRC.org**

Detailed Maps and Info on our Website

**www.WeFlyRC.org**

**Door Prize Raffle!**

\$1.00 dollar a ticket!

**New Convenient Location!**

Just 2 Blocks North  
of I-80 Exit 450  
South 60<sup>th</sup> Street Omaha NE

**Doors open at 7:30am  
Auction 10:00am – 4:00pm**



**Tons of Bargains! Food, Friends & Fun!**

**Bring your unwanted hobby items and turn them into cash!**

**Airplanes, Heli's, Engines, Radios, Cars, Boats, Tools, Supplies & More!**

**Food and Drinks Available! BEER sales after 12 Noon!**

All items will be considered in "AS IS", "unknown condition" by the Western R/C Flyers. As always, inspect the items closely **BEFORE** the auction begins!

All Bids are FINAL and no warranties or guarantees are expressed, or implied by the Western R/C Flyers.

# ~ 2009 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

2009 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys, Springfield, Every Tuesday night May 1<sup>st</sup> through September 4th! 2009  
(Weather Permitting)

**Food – Fun – Flying – Friends!**

**January  
2009**

Tuesday, Jan 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)

**February  
2009**

Tuesday, Feb 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)

**March  
2009**

Tuesday, Mar 3rd - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Downstairs meeting room – north end bldg)

**April  
2009**

Tuesday, Apr 7th - 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)  
- Sunday Apr 26<sup>th</sup> – Western RC Flyers 28<sup>th</sup> Annual R/C Auction at Fireman's Union Hall located at 6005 Grover St. in Omaha. Doors open at 7:30am with bidding starting at 10:00am. Admission \$5.00 per person.

**May  
2009**

Tuesday, May 4th - Meeting  
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food  
- Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – Q500 races at Mead.  
Registration at 9:00am.

**June  
2009**

Tuesday, Jun 1st - Meeting  
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food.  
- Saturday, Jun 6<sup>th</sup> – Annual Spring Club Fun Fly at Mead starting at 10:00am. Open flying.  
- Sunday Jun 21<sup>st</sup> – Q500 races at Mead.  
Registration at 9:00am.

**July  
2009**

Tuesday, Jul 6th - Meeting  
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site bring a plane, open flying & Food  
Saturday, July 11th - Old-timers Fun Fly - 9am, Mead field  
Sunday, July 19th - Quickee Racing  
- Mead Field - Check in 9:30am, Racing 10am

**August  
2009**

Tuesday, Aug 3rd - Meeting  
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & food  
- Saturday and Sunday, Aug 15/16<sup>th</sup> – Bud Hall IMAA Fun Fly at Mead. Aircraft limited to IMAA criteria and membership, large scale aircraft. May join IMAA at field. Criteria 80" wingspan monoplane, 60" wingspan biplane, or a true ¼ scale aircraft. Landing fee \$10.00 provides lunch both days and flying.  
- Sunday, Aug 23<sup>rd</sup> – Q500 races at Mead.  
Registration at 9:00am.

**September  
2009**

Tuesday, Sep 1st - Meeting  
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & Food (Last Tuesday food will be served)  
- Sunday Sep 6<sup>th</sup> – The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Fun Fly and Swap Meet. Outdoor swap meet free to WRCF members, \$5.00 for non-members. Swap meet setup after 9am. Open flying 10am through 3pm.  
- Sunday, Sep 20<sup>th</sup> – Q500 races at Mead.  
Registration at 9:00am.

**October  
2009**

Tuesday, Oct 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)

**November  
2009**

Tuesday, Nov 3rd - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Board Room, inside right of main entrance)  
- Nominations taken for 2010 Officers

**December  
2009**

Tuesday, Dec 1st - Meeting  
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154<sup>th</sup> St.  
(Board Room, inside right of main entrance)  
- 2010 Officer elections

**Want to schedule a 2009 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. 2009 Membership Application***

Please print clearly!

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

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

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

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

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

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

**2009 Dues: \$35** (2009 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:  
Ed Splittgerber 5046 S. 174<sup>th</sup> St. Omaha, Nebraska 68135