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A Word From The President:

It's been a fun month of flying, the weathers been a little better too. Thanks to all who helped with the Road work at the Springfield site.

Another Old Timer and also a Quickie event are behind us. It was fun and the weather cooperated better as well. The August 16 & 17 IMAA fun fly is just around the corner, so lets get those big birds ready and we could always use some more help with the event. Please contact Nelson Carpenter and or Dean Copeland if you would spare a few minutes of time to assist with running the event.

Thanks

~ Rick Miller

Vice-President's Corner:

The 19th annual Bud Hall Memorial IMAA Fun Fly is coming up in a few weeks. It will be held at Mead and should be good gathering of large airplanes. There will be a raffle. Understand that your airplane must meet the IMAA criteria for this fun fly. The last two annual Bud Hall events brought 35 and 23 pilots to the field with their large airplanes. Don't forget to wear your club colors – red.

Over the past month we have had excellent days for flying, and there has been a good turn out of club members. Especially on Tuesday nights. The weather has not been a problem, unlike the month of June.

To those of you on the "road gang" we sure appreciate the work done to improve the entrance to the field at Springfield.

With all of the work put into Springfield this year, along with plentiful rain, it hasn't looked better. We can't thank the field crew enough for the time and effort they put into it for the rest of us to fly.

To the new members of Western Flyers we welcome you. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to approach myself or any of the club officials. For that matter, all of our club members are approachable, and we share great camaraderie within our club. Join us at the field.

Come out and fly!

~ Nelson Carpenter

Next Meeting:

7:00pm Tuesday, Aug 5th, 2008

Location: Springfield Flying Site



Treasurer's Report:

Report will be provided at the next meeting.

Thank You!

~ Ed Splitgerber

July Meeting Notes:

The July meeting was called to order at 7:20 on July 1st 2008. The only thing to discuss in old business was the signs for the airfield and placement for the "members only" signs. It was said that if we stay within our field boundaries we should be able to put them where we want. No actual decision was made as to where they will go. Conversation blended to new business in which discussion was held on future of the Springfield site. A motion was made seconded and passed to have Rick Miller and Joe Halamek talk to the owners to find out what the future holds and what we can do to prolong our flying site.

Discussion was held on what to do about treacherous rutting at the entrance to Springfield Flying site. Several ideas were heard but only one motion was made, seconded, and passed to have a work party meet and dig ditches to redirect runoff water.

The treasurers report was given by Ed Splittgerber and motion was made was made to accept and approve.

Blue Skies

~ Dustin Anderson



Omaha Area Hobbyists Suffer Great Loss

Sadly the modeling community of Omaha has lost a great contributor to our hobby and a friend to all. **Olie Olson** passed away on Friday July 18, 2008. He was one of the founding fathers of the Omahawks RC Club, as well as owner of the Benson Hobby Center for many years where many of us got our start in the hobby. Olie participated in most of the area flying events. Especially the Old Timers events held at our Mead field and other club fields. Olie will not only be missed, but remembered dearly by all. The Western RC Flyers expresses its condolences to Olie's family.

What is it?



Do you know what this object is and what it was used for in our hobby? This is a true test off your involvement in our model airplane hobby, or revelation of your age. Answer can be found on next page of newsletter.

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.

Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay



Lately I have been reading a lot in the magazines about buying and selling on EBay, RC Universe etc. The tales of woe come mostly from buyers, saying they got less than they expected. This is a puzzle to me, as I have bought and sold nearly 800 items on EBay with only three at most problems. There are a

few (very few) bad sellers, but most of us value our reputation more than any one sale. There are some bad buyers too. They expect more than what is advertised.

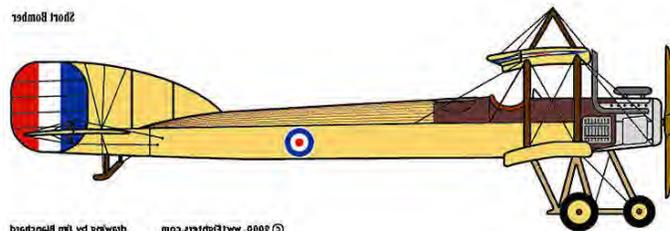
If your considering buying an automobile on EBay (I have done three deals all fine) here are a few tips which I think could apply across the board, meaning most anything. I look for a seller with experience and check the comments others have left. I hope for a phone number on cars and call the seller to see if what they have to say fits the ad, also to make sure they are not a nut! Generally most people are pleasant to deal with and with some caution on your part you can make very respectable deals.

"Deals" that is what we all want on EBay that is what only a few get. I never list anything below my minimum selling price, I hope that others will want it more and drive the price up. But if not I got my bottom line. EBay is no indicator of true value as it is an Auction which equals emotion. You get two guys who want something and egos will come into play every time. We sometimes see a bit of that at our local Western Flyers' auction but we play to a tiny crowd, EBay plays to the world.

Sign up for PayPal get some buyer protection and EBay is a pretty safe playground. The whiners who cannot steal something or get it cheap are jerks. You most likely can get a fair deal every time, sometimes a great deal. So decide what you want to pay, bid that amount and let the dice roll.

Happy Bidding

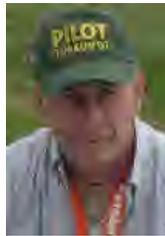
~ Bob Boumstein



Hints, Tips, & Notes

- Take a twist tie used for vegetables or fruit bags in a grocery store. Run it between the red and black wires on the female plug, then between the red and black wires on the male plug. With a twist it keeps the plugs together and is easy to remove. – *Dean C.*
- A short 3-minute video can be found on Google Video that was recently uploaded of Dean Copeland's large twin engine B-25 flying at Springfield. This video can be found on the internet: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-4171383024999552117&hl=en> along with other flying videos. – *Nelson C.*
- Our website's "For Sale or Wanted" page is active with several items. Be sure to visit at <http://www.weflyrc.org/> - *Joe H.*

Notes from Safety Director:



Just a little reminder that Safety is the responsibility of all flyers at the field. Keeping an automobile path next to the safety fence at the Springfield site keeps traffic from going down the east side of the field (runway) when there are aircraft in the air. The road along the east side provides an emergency exit should any one become injured.

Make sure that you are aware of the proper procedure to follow should you or one of the other pilots become injured; the info is on the frequency board. (see June Tailspin for procedures) Maintaining a proper traffic pattern at all times will minimize any unwanted mid-air meetings.

Announcing your take-offs and or landings when there are other aircraft in the air advises the other pilots, and will give a heads up to the people in the pit area as well.

Make sure that you have a current Western Flyers membership card in the frequency board when flying this includes the 2.4 frequency band.

If you have a problem with your plane in the air, let everyone know so that you will have every chance of getting it back to the field. This will also give spotters an opportunity to see where it goes down if you don't make it back to the field.

Speaking of spotters we (safety director as well) have been a little lax in having one. So let's make sure we have some one standing with us while flying.

Safety is not only a bunch of rules but it also helps less proficient flyers become safer pilots. Further, every night is instructor night if someone is in need of help.

General rule is that if you see someone or something that could become hazardous, be polite and address the situation.

So far this year we have not had any accidents causing injury or damage to other than the plane involved, and with that let's continue to have a safe flying season.

Be Safe!

~ Dean Copeland

2008 19th Annual Bud Hall Memorial IMAA Fun Fly



284 Aero Squadron IMAA 284
Sponsored by the Western R/C Flyers
Omaha Nebraska - AMA 857

Location: Western R/C Flyers Field - Mead Nebraska
When: Saturday & Sunday August 16th & 17th 2008
Time: Registration begins at 9:00am - Open Flying from 10 a.m. till 3p.m. *Both Days!*
Details: All AMA - IMAA rules apply. *Open flying both days!* Aircraft limited to minimum of 1/4 scale or 80 inch & up monoplanes, 60 inch & up biplanes as per IMAA rules.
All pilots must present AMA & IMAA membership cards upon sign up.
AMA pilots may join the IMAA at the field and fly the same day!
\$10.00 Landing fee includes a great pilot lunch, drinks

RAFFLE!

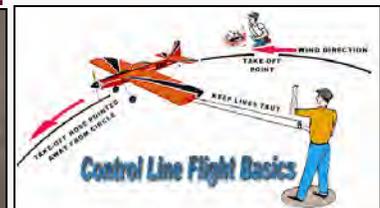
Spectators Welcome! - Bring your lawn chairs & Sunshades!
Transmitter impound. - Large well maintained *low cut* grass runway!
Back up pit parking! - Large Spectator parking area next to white building.

Take Highway 92 (Center Industrial Road) west from Omaha to Mead Nebraska. Turn south on County road 78F; go south 2.7 miles watch for signs at Mead & field entrance. 20 minutes west of Omaha.

Info: Bob Burt reburt@yahoo.com 402-339-7482
Randy Tvinger rtinger@cox.net 402-734-0947

Go to www.WeflyRC.org for maps & details
Downloadable maps available at the Western R/C Flyers website

Answer to What is it?



This is a **U-Control Handle** that many of us flew our model airplanes connected by wire "control lines" from the center of a circle. Placed in your hand, the handle gave you up and down control with the elevator as the control lined plane flew in circles around you. Popular in the 50s and 60s before RC came of age. Some still fly control line today.

CLUB FLYING ACTIVITIES – JULY 2008 cont....



FEATURED WESTERN FLYERS AIRPLANE

Editor's note: Some remarkable airplanes belong to our fellow club members. One who manages to show up at our field with many such remarkable airplanes is **Rick Simmons**. Below is information Rick provided on his most recent airplane. A video of the maiden flight at Springfield has been posted on Google Video for viewing. Go here to view the video: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=-909363091886670150&hl=en>

Hello again, and thanks to all whom assisted me in the maiden flight of my 114" **Zirolu Beech 18** on Sunday July 13th at the Springfield site. It has Zenoah G-38's, weighs 42 lbs. Zinger 18-10 props and covered in Flite metal. Lynn Langer and I traveled to Windsor Canada in March of 2007 to pick up this beautiful bird. The Beech 18 has always been a favorite of mine. I did not build it, but I did spend over 400 hours last Winter building the dummy engines, scale exhausts, replacing the wheels and scratch building the brake calipers as well as rotors, cockpit and flooring. I also installed a more scale tail wheel. Since the engines are completely cowled and receive no direct airflow, I also spent considerable time fabricating a functional and much needed baffling system to direct the airflow that does flow through the cylinders on the dummy engines. That was in order to eliminate the possibility of overheating the engine. So far, the baffling is working since the carb temp is the same as ambient temp after an engine run. The maiden flight went very well. Thanks again to all who assisted me.

Rick Simmons



~ 2008 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

2008 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys, Springfield, Every Tuesday night May 1st through September 4th! 2008
(Weather Permitting)

Food – Fun – Flying – Friends!

**January
2008**

Tuesday, Jan 8th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

**February
2008**

Tuesday, Feb 5th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

**March
2008**

Tuesday, Mar 4th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

**April
2008**

Tuesday, Apr 1st - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)
Friday, April 18th - WRCF Auction Set-Up
- 7pm, BJS Building - Bellevue
Saturday, April 19th - 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
2008**

Tuesday, May 6th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food
Saturday, May 10th - Old-timers Fun Fly
Spring Round-up
- Mead Field 9am
Sunday, May 18th - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**June
2008**

Tuesday, Jun 3rd - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food
Saturday, Jun 7th - Spring IMAA Fun Fly
- 10am Mead Field (Limited to Giant scale IMAA aircraft, \$5.00 landing fee, Open Flying)
Saturday, June 14th - Old-timers Fun Fly
- 9am, Mead field
Sunday June 8th - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**July
2008**

Tuesday, Jul 1st - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site bring a plane, open flying & Food
Saturday, July 12th - Old-timers Fun Fly - 9am, Mead field
Sunday, July 20th - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in 9:30am, Racing 10am

**August
2008**

Tuesday, Aug 5th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & food
Saturday, August 9th - Old-timers Fun Fly - 9am, Mead Field
Saturday & Sunday, August 16th & 17th - 19th Annual Bud Hall IMAA Fun Fly
- Mead Field -9am both days, aircraft limited to IMAA criteria, large scale aircraft all AMA - IMAA rules apply. May join IMAA at the field. (80inch & up monoplanes, 60 inch up biplanes)
Sunday, Aug 24th - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**September
2008**

Tuesday, Sep 2nd - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & Food (Last Tuesday food will be served)
Sunday, September 7th - Open Fun Fly and Outdoor Swap meet - Mead Field - Swap Meet set-up after 9:00am, Open Flying @ 10am - 3pm
Saturday, September 13th - Old-timers Fun Fly - 9am, Mead Field
Sunday, Sep 21st - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in 9:30am, Racing 10am

**October
2008**

Tuesday, Oct 7th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)
Saturday, October 11th - Old-timers Fun Fly - 9am, Mead Field

**November
2008**

Tuesday, Nov 11th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, inside right of main entrance)
- Nominations taken for 2009 Officers

**December
2008**

Tuesday, Dec 2nd - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, inside right of main entrance)
- 2009 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: \$ _____

2008 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:
Ed Splitgerber 5046 S. 174th St. Omaha, Nebraska 68135