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A Word From The President:

Well WRCF, it is election time again. We have a new situation in that we have a fully opposed slate of officers for election. I don't recall this happening as long as I have been associated with the club.

Every WRCF club member should make an attempt to attend the December meeting so that their vote can be counted. Please every one, join us at the meeting so that you have an opportunity to vote.

In addition to the elections we will be voting on the adoption of the revised club bylaws. There was extensive discussion on these bylaws at the last monthly meeting. This resulted in tasking the executive committee (current officers) to review and revise the bylaws document. This will be presented at the next meeting for vote so that we can "put this to rest".

I hope everyone is doing well with winter quickly upon us. I know that all of you are already working on those new projects. So let's have some of the projects show up at the meeting for presentation.

See you at the meeting at Chalco Hills on December 1st at 7 PM.

Best Regards

~ Rick Miller

Vice-President's Corner:

First, take a good look at the photo on this page. It represents what our hobby and the Western RC Flyers club is supposed to be all about. Flying and enjoying these radio controlled model airplanes as well as the camaraderie. This club is meant for those purposes. That simple. Personal agendas and ambitions can go elsewhere.

Remember that December 31st is the last day we can fly or be at Springfield.

In this issue of Tailspin you will find campaign statements by those running for office. All candidates were given the opportunity to provide remarks stating their position.

Note that next year's schedule of club activities will be completed in January with the seating of 2010 officers. If you have an event to schedule, contact an officer at that time.

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM Tuesday – December 1, 2009

Location: NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills, 8901 S. 154th St.

(Board Room, inside main entrance to right.)



As out-going vice president, I strongly support and endorse **Rick Miller, Dustin Anderson, Bob Boumstein, and Dean Copeland** for office. They are long-time hobbyists who have the desire and ability to lead this model airplane club on an even keeled fashion that has been known by all area modelers.

The election of next year's officers will be conducted at the December 1 meeting. It will require your attendance to vote. There will be no absentee or proxy balloting. So please attend and support your candidates of choice.

Lastly, following the elections this may be the final issue of Tailspin that I serve as editor. I certainly hope you have enjoyed it and all the photos over the last several years.

Come out and vote!

~ Nelson Carpenter

Financial Report – October 31, 2009

To be reported at the December meeting.

Thank You!

~ Ed Splittgerber

November 6, 2009 Meeting Minutes:

-Meeting called to order by pres **Rick Miller**.

-Old Business

1. Clean-up of Springfield location discussed.
2. Discussion to keep the Springfield shed or not.
3. Shed at Springfield may be for sale.

-Treas. Report by **Ed Splittgerber** read and voted on and accepted.

-New Business

1. Date for 2010 Auction to be Sunday April 25th at Fireman's Hall.
2. Approval to contract for auction location.
3. A motion was made and accepted that *"the WRC Flyers shall vote on any new location for a flying field prior to contracting for any location"*.
4. Motion on Board of Directors / bylaws/ and proposed actions was made and tabled.
5. Rick M. moved that the *"executive committee will redo-and update the bylaws, making updates and corrections as discussed and bring the corrected document to the membership for a vote of approval"* This was accepted and passed.

Nominations for officers were made, there are two slates of candidates:

Group #1

- **Rick Miller** –Pres.
- **Dustin Andersen** –VP
- **Dean Copland**- Treas.
- **Bob Boumstein** – Sec.

Group #2

- **Chuck Poore** –Pres.
- **Gale Sherman** – VP
- **Ed Splittgerber**- Treas.
- **Ed Jelinek** – Sec.

Nominations were closed.

Show and Tell concluded the meeting.

~ **Bob Boumstein**

Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay



First of all, this next year (2010) will be my last year for the column and as a club officer. It is my intention to live part time in Las Vegas. Further, I do not feel an officer of the WRCF can serve honorably only living in the area part time.

I have looked at The Las Vegas Radio Control club to be member when I am out there. It is a good web-site. I think Joe has made ours more interesting, and Nelson's videos and pictures are great. We need to thank these to guys for keeping our club's newsletter, website and information top notch.

I got an interesting call this week saying that distribution for Webra Model Engines was available and would I be interested? I was very pleased at the compliment paid to me by these folks. For many years I have joked about my engine business as sort of niche marketing gig. I have called myself a junkman in jest. Reality is I have sold some of the finest pieces for many people, most of whom thought my 15% commission rate extremely fair. Locally I sold a four cylinder Conley Engine for Dean C. and he seemed pleased, additionally I have received many letters from satisfied purchasers. And finally if you call Tower Hobbies I am one of the few people they recommend you to contact for discontinued parts or parts motors.

I do not know what the future for model engines holds as electric has effected the hobby severely coupled with the fact the "collectors side" of the model engine hobby is off in some cases as much as 40%. For example your basic O&R 60 Special Ignition sold for \$125-\$140 in the last few years today you might get \$95-\$100. So when I do a consignment sale there is a lot of work involved in pricing correctly.

We all saw the pitiful prices at the last Auction, I bought a complete ready to fly Old Timer Quaker, Radio, Engine everything for \$85.00 a few years ago it would have been at least \$150.00. So I say it is a buyer's market, not a seller's market.

Stay Warm

~ **Bob Boumstein**

**CLUB ELECTIONS
DECEMBER 1, 2009
YOUR VOTE
WILL MATTER!**

~ 2010 Office Nominee

Campaign Statements ~

Rick Miller for President



I am proud and honored to again run for President, and to be given the opportunity to serve the Membership. We should all take great satisfaction with the current state of the club and what it stands for including its long heritage. Also, the club has had very good financial success in recent years.

Some may wish to tear apart our club and change its vision in the future. My vision is to build upon what we already have, and continue to operate efficiently in the interest of all club members. Not the pursuit of politically oriented ideals for the few.

Chuck Poore for President



Nominated for President I accept. I pledge to an agenda of reuniting our membership into a honest trustworthy and open operations that deals with problems timely and with due process.

My qualifications as follows:

1. 36 years investment banking owner/director doing \$100 million annually.
2. Owner/operator 20 years 2000 ac irrigated farms.
3. 10 yrs Pres/Director of an operation with annual budget over \$2.5 million.
4. 15 yrs Director/member 2 educational foundations over \$200 million assets.
5. Owner/Director trucking company.
6. 40 yrs charter member cosmopolitan civic club.
7. Without new open leadership this club will continue to flounder in quality.

Dustin Anderson for Vice Pres



As a member of WFRC, I have offered several ideas that have been utilized, and have done great things for this club. Based on this I feel more than confident in taking part in the club's leadership. As a young and energetic voice for the club, I will strive to get us back to the basics -- Fellowship and Flying. I am a person for the people and not for personal agenda. I will strive to ensure that everyone is happy. A vote for Dustin Anderson is a vote for the one thing that started this club to begin with, FLYING!

Gale Sherman for Vice Pres



If elected as vice president I promise transparency in all actions taken by the officers of the club and the executive committee. I also will do my best to see that any problems and grievances will be handled quickly in fair and forthright manner. I will strive to see that membership in this club is an enjoyable experience for everyone.

Bob Boumstein for Secretary



As your club Secretary I will report all meeting activities clearly, and to the best of my ability. I will attend every possible meeting so the membership will be reported accurate information.

I feel our slate of candidates will serve the club well and ask that you vote for me, Rick Miller, Dustin Andersen, and Dean Copeland as the "A" team to get the job done in 2010.

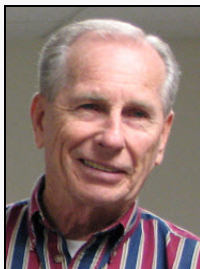
Respectfully, Bob Boumstein

Ed Jelinek for Secretary



Campaign remarks not received.

Dean Copeland for Treasurer



Being nominated as Treasurer for 2010 is an honor and with the support of the club, I will provide you with a club officer worthy of the position. My goal would be to help build a stronger club by providing over 50 years experience in the hobby and as an officer in various other clubs. Politics are and can be very brutal, with that I thank each and every one of you for your vote and support. Above all it is very important that all members get out and vote for their candidate.

Ed Splittgerber for Treasurer



As your Treasurer, I will:

- Promote activities that maximize the pleasure and enjoyment of being a member of the Western Flyers
 - Advocate flying activities and maintaining our field as our top priorities
 - Provide leadership to restore us as the "Friendly Club"
 - Support consistent and fair treatment for all our members
 - Continue my timely performance of Treasurer duties
- This year my responsibilities also included:
- Food at our Tuesday fun-flies and the August fun-fly
 - Overseeing the mowing and maintenance of our fields
 - Directing our Old-timer fun-flies
 - Servicing our mowing equipment

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.

Show N' Tell at November Meeting

Three members brought their projects to the November meeting. They included **Gale Sherman**, **Bob Burt**, and **Dean Copeland**.



Gale Sherman ponders over a question someone had about his Hangar 9 Piper Cub. It is an ARF with an 80" wingspan powered by a Magnum .70 four cycle. The floats are from Hangar 9 as well. Gale has yet to try his Cub off water, but you can bet he will the first chance next Spring.



Admiring the Hangar 9 Cub on floats are **Rick Miller** and **Bob Boumstein**.

The red and white foam winged model belongs to **Bob Burt**. He is smiling because of the fact he only paid \$5.00 for this airplane. It flies great, but it wasn't until recently that it had a name. That being the "Air Rambler."



The *Air Rambler* has sleek lines and a cabin area that reminded one of the Nash Rambler from the early 60s. It has full strip ailerons that are very effective.



In **Bob Burt's** words: "I got the plane at the Grand Island auction two years ago. No one wanted a body, wing and stabilizer for a plane that was to be a pattern plane, so I got it for \$5.00. Since it was only finished up to the firewall and had no landing gear or fin and rudder, I was at liberty to finish it any way that I wanted. Thus it came out the way it looks. After the first flight Nelson said the cockpit looked like a Nash Rambler. So I named it the Air Rambler. Specs: WS 48" foam core wing, Eng OS .48 four stroke, radio converted Futaba to 2.4 GHz. Weight about right. First flight uneventful but ailerons sensitive, will fly it again before I make any more adjustments."

Show N' Tell Continued....

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Dean Copeland stood over his new AT-6 Texan as he explained the scale detail that he added. The Yellow Aircraft kit has a wing span of 101", G-62 for power, and weight of 35 lbs. It also has a smoke system, and will have landing lights that come on when the flaps are lowered. Retracts are also by Yellow Aircraft.



NOTICE
EFFECTIVE DEC 31, 2009
OUR FLYING FIELD AT
SPRINGFIELD WILL BE
OFFICIALLY CLOSED.



For Sale!
Club Classifieds
FOR SALE
FOR TRADE
WANTED
Free listings with Club Membership
Western R/C Flyers

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



~ 2010 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

TO BE DETERMINED

January 2009

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

April 2009

Tuesday, Apr 7th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)
- Sunday Apr 26th – Western RC Flyers 28th 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 5th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food
- Sunday, May 17th – Q500 races at Mead.
Registration at 9:00am.

June 2009

Tuesday, Jun 2nd - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food.
- Saturday, Jun 6th – Annual Spring Club Fun Fly at Mead starting at 10:00am. Open flying.
- Sunday Jun 14th – Glider Event at Mead Field.
- Sunday Jun 21st – Q500 Races at Mead Field.
Registration at 9:30am. Racing starts at 10:00am.

July 2009

Tuesday, Jul 7th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site bring a plane, open flying & Food
Saturday, July 11th - Old-Timers Fun Fly - 9am until noon Mead field
Sunday, July 12th – Glider event at Mead
Sunday, July 19th - Quicke Racing
- Mead Field - Check in 9:30am, Racing 10am

August 2009

Tuesday, Aug 4th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & food
- Saturday, Aug 8th – Old Timers Fun Fly
9am until noon, Mead Field
- Saturday and Sunday, Aug 15/16th – 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 23rd – Q500 races at Mead.
Registration at 9:30am. Racing starts at 10:00am.

September 2009

Tuesday, Sep 1st - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & Food (Last Tuesday food will be served)
- Sunday Sep 6th – The 3rd 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 12th – Old Timers Fun Fly – 9am until noon. Mead Field
- Sunday, Sep 20th – Q500 races at Mead.
Registration at 9:00am. Racing starts at 10am.

October 2009

Tuesday, Oct 6th - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th 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. 154th 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. 154th St.
(Board Room, inside right of main entrance)
- 2010 Officer elections

Want to schedule a 2010 event? Contact any officer or attend a club meeting with a proposal.



Tailspin Newsletter
Western RC Flyers
Omaha, Nebraska

TO:

Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2010 Membership Application

Please print clearly!

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____

AMA Number: _____ IMAA Number: _____

Dues Paid: \$ _____

2010 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. 174th St. Omaha, Nebraska 68135