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## TAILSPIN NEWSLETTER

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### A Word From The President:

Hello everyone, I hope all of you have those new planes ready to go, and the batteries checked and charged for the new flying year.

We have some events planned for this year, and we need to talk about them at the next meeting. These include our big Fun Fly meets and of course the Auction.

The Auction is our big fund raiser, and we need to have everyone help to raise the club operating funds.

We need help with our activities, and if you could, please attend the next meeting.

Bring something for show and tell. We have had some great updates, and projects shown at the meetings. It doesn't have to be completed yet for a good show and tell item. As a matter of fact, an in-progress type project is excellent.

*Thanks*

*~ Rick Miller*

### Vice-President's Corner:

For those of you IMAAers and members of the 284<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron, I am sorry that my 2008 Bud Hall IMAA Fun Fly report with photos was not included in either the Winter or Fall editions of the High Flight magazine. I was really hoping the report would at least make the Spring 2009 issue, but it did not. There must have been better reports that took priority.

As you all know, we are required to pay our annual club dues by February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. As of January 31<sup>st</sup>, we have 35 membership renewals for 2009. If you have not, please consider filling out the form at the bottom of the newsletter and send it with your check for \$35.00 to our treasurer Ed Splittgerber. You will then be issued your 2009 field pass.

Speaking of club dues, we can all be thankful that our annual fund raiser – the auction -- keeps them low. Unlike other area clubs that must charge much more to maintain and operate their fields.

*Come out and fly!*

*~ Nelson Carpenter*

### Next Meeting:

**7:00 PM Tuesday – March 3, 2009**

**Location: Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills  
(Lower Level - North End of Bldg)**



### Financial Report – January 31, 2009

To be provided at the next club meeting.

*Thank You!*

*~ Ed Splittgerber*

## February 2009 Meeting Notes:

Rick Miller Pres. Calls meeting to order.

### Old Business:

- Auction: location, contract with Fireman's Hall, monies
- Voted and approved deposit and fees for Fireman's Hall
- Wristbands will be issued at door to show \$5.00 fee has been paid proceed to table to get Buyer/ Seller number etc.
- Comment that Joe Halamek has done an excellent job on website. Items for sale get lots of hits.
- Old Timers events will be on our calendar the second Saturday of each month from 9:00am till noon. Various people to administrate.

**Treasurers Report:** was read and accepted into minutes.

### New Business:

- Port-a-Potties will be at our fields from May 1 to Sept 30, 2009
- Only mesh hats remain of our new hat supply \$12.50 ea.
- A motion was made and accepted that the Western Flyers would ask members to consider helping at the Omahawks auction based on the factor the Omahawks have passed the same motion to help the Western Flyers

### Show & Tell:

Meeting Adjourned.

*Bob Boumstein / Secretary*

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

### **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.



**CHALCO HILLS WEATHER CENTER**



<http://www.papionrd.org/weather/usa.htm>



## Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay



Well by now most of you have read or heard about the demise of RC Report Magazine. It seems by not rolling over for the demands of certain manufacturers in the hobby industry, Gordon Banks owner/ editor could not get the advertising he needed to keep the magazine open. Instead he stood up and decided to review products honestly. Pretty much a deadly error! You see we are in a hobby that for most of us is about the fun and camaraderie we have. But speaking from experience, when you turn your hobby into a business, some fun leaves and stress comes in. I am sure not everyone liked everything about RC Report but that is OK as each magazine must strive to be different. Gordon gave free ads to club events, and tips on how to keep you aircraft sound. Gordon thank you for being the "honest man" in a crowd of Tasmanian Devils.

The Lincoln Skynights Auction was a big success with so many donations from club members and Hobby-Town of Lincoln. Perhaps we could all look in the workshop and come up with something we could donate to the Western Flyers Auction on Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Firemen's Hall 60<sup>th</sup> & Grover. Additionally we need all the help we can get. We are charging \$5 admission to everyone over 12. Tell your friend to attend.

*Regards*

*~ Bob Boumstein*



## ~ Safety First ~

Another preseason check is to make sure that your wooden prop is tight. Wooden props are not resilient and will become loose over the winter months.

When building or MonoKoteing a model you will run thru a lot of X-Acto blades, here is a safe way to dispose of them. Discard the used blades in a pill bottle with a slot cut in the top. When it's filled simply put a piece of masking tape over the slot and dispose in the trash.

**Li-po safety; Always store the pack at 1/2 charge when it won't be used for an extended amount of time.** This is a fairly new one. Li-pos simply haven't been around long enough to fall into inactive hands for extended periods of time! I don't know the "whys" or "hows" involved, but a pack stored (more than a month or two) at full charge, over time will lose capacity and discharge capability and eventually it will "puff" and be useless. So if you think it may be a month or two before you fly a pack again, discharge half the capacity of a full pack or charge up a spent pack and then discharge down to half capacity for storage. This explains why a known good battery when last used no longer will perform as well as before. Also, make sure that Li-po packs are brought up to room temperature before flying because they don't like to be used when cold.

Flying season is soon up on us so let's all get those planes ready and enjoy a safe summer.

*Fly Safe*

*~ Dean Copeland*



## ~ 2009 Auction Update ~



It is my pleasure to announce that both the **Omahawks** and the **Western RC Flyers** have recently passed motions to solicit member help with each club's annual auction.

This is a great step forward that promotes good inter-club relations. Right now several members (some are members in both clubs) already help at each club's auction event. The more help each club has at these functions, the easier it is on the others lending a hand.

As many of you know Steve Peck, Tony Green, Fred Wilke, Rick Miller, Randy Tentinger, and I are the primary ones who do the auctioneering for most of the area clubs including the Lincoln Skynights. Everyone benefits from the experience and product knowledge this group brings to each auction which helps both buyers and sellers. Further, Kevin Hyde has contributed considerably in the area of a computer auction program both clubs are able to use, and he puts his time in too.

The Western Flyers Auction is next up on Sunday April 26th at the Firemen's Hall located at 60th & Grover Streets in Omaha.

There will be extra hands needed for moving and staging auction merchandise as well as manning the sold items impound. Computer help is needed too.

Everyone who helps with this important event is appreciated as this is the only fund raiser the Western Flyers hold each year.

If there are any questions feel free to contact me at **402-306-6151** (my cell) and I will answer to the best of my ability. Thank you in advance to everyone who plans to help. Even if your help is for just a few hours.

See You at the Auction!

**Bob Boumstein**

## ~ February Show N' Tell ~

The following photos were taken by Rick Miller during Show N' Tell portion of the February club meeting. Several members brought their winter projects for presentation.



**Rick Johnson** brought along his ARF PT-21 fitted with an OS Max .28 for power.



**Bob Burt** displayed his Fokker D7 which is a foam indoor electric model.



**Gale Sherman** had his latest creation that has yet to fly. You can expect to see this Extra 260 powered by a Magnum 1.80 at the field as soon as the weather and ground conditions allow.



Shown with his scratch built FA-18 Hornet is **Joey Thompson**. This is an electric ducted fan powered model. It should really scream!



**Bob Boumstein** presented an interesting foam electric that he purchased ready to fly complete with radio. It is a "Wing Dragon" with a 36" wing. It is a park flyer meant for outdoors, but seems to fly well indoors. It has ailerons beside rudder & elevator.

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## February Show N' Tell Cont...



Okay, what is it? Would you believe the balsa block being shaped into a cowling for **Bob Burt's** Aeronica Champ that he is building(?)

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The following photos are close-ups of the airplanes brought to the February Show N' Tell.



Thank you all for making the effort to bring your projects to the monthly meetings. Your projects are enjoyed by all. Remember, it doesn't matter what stage your project is in for you to present it at the Show N' Tell. We all would like to see, and learn about your project.

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**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 - Quicke 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