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A Word From The President:

The Auction was a Grrrrreat Success -- MY SALUTE to the WRCF. We should recognize Bob Boumstein, Nelson Carpenter, and Gale Sherman, (the auction committee) as well as all those who planned, participated, and executed the event. A special thanks to the Omahawks, we owe them a contribution of effort with payment in-kind. Thank You Omahawks.

I believe the event was very good. The location was well liked. I will let our other officers cover the details of the events financial success and other logistics.

I have been contacted by the ARDC about our flying field at Mead. They are requesting some upkeep work from us at the Mead Field. Although minor in nature, this will be brought up at the next meeting.

Now we must start thinking about our events coming up. So get all of those new planes you bought ready to go, and lets start flying!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thanks

~ Rick Miller

Vice-President's Corner:

The 2009 auction was a success more ways than one. To begin, it has created a new era of cooperation with another Omaha RC club, the Omahawks. Thank you Bob Boumstein for taking the lead, and setting new direction with our auction!

In that regard, many thanks also go out to Kevin Hyde, Ed Paasch and the other Omahawks for contributing their time and computer expertise to the auction. It made a difference. The help was greatly appreciated, and we look forward to assisting you with your next auction.

Of course many members of our own club are to be thanked for their devotion to the auction which insured it a great success. See auction photos starting on page 4.

By the way, the rewards program that all of you have been using at Hobby Town, lessened the cost of purchasing the radio for the auction raffle considerably. Keep using the rewards program by mentioning your affiliation with Western Flyers.

Come out and fly!

~ Nelson Carpenter

Next Meeting:

7:00 PM Tuesday – May 5th, 2009

Location: Springfield Flying Field

(Bring an airplane to fly!)



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Financial Report – March 31, 2009

Report will be provided at the May 5th meeting.

Thank You!

~ Ed Splittgerber

April 2009 Meeting Notes:

General Meeting Minutes for 4/7/09. Bob Boumstein called meeting to order, Ed Splittberger, Treasurer, was the other officer in attendance.

- Ed S. delivered the Treasurer's Report which was approved and accepted into the minutes.
- Old Business: Nelson Carpenter's auction work assignment plan was presented to the members, and everyone thought it well organized.
- Discussion was held on calling people directly the week before the auction and asking for their help.
- Ed S. will do the food at our May meeting (at Springfield flying site) but needs help for the Tuesday night flying.
- New Business: Plans for a "Buy it Now" for select items for the 2010 Auction were discussed along with the \$4.00 surcharge to buyer.
- Plans for changing the auction format to eliminate the impound were discussed for 2010.
- Bob Turner (President of Swift Soaring Club) explained to the members of his group's desire to rejoin the Western Flyers. Mead will be the preferred location for their glider activities if this is to happen; with assurances for fixed wing flyers. Swift Soaring Club definitely wants to be cooperative. The Western Flyers members in attendance seemed to agree with preliminary proposal.
- Gail Sherman was the "show and tell" with a great electric plane.



- Meeting was adjourned.

Bob Boumstein / Secretary



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Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay



Well, by the time you read this the Auction for 2009 will be history. I think that everyone who helped should stand up and take a bow and a big thank you to everyone! The question is now; what can we do better for 2010? Please bring your ideas to the meeting, and talk with me and/or Nelson C. as both of us are dedicated to improving and streamlining

the auction for next year.

Toledo was a mixed bag this year. While the number of vendors in the swap shop was about the same as last year, it is not what it was in the past. I think we have an example of a show that is not changing with the times. I would suggest that the Weak Signals club consider being open Friday night to 9PM so as to give the working guys a chance to get there and catch the show. Additionally the parking situation was a mess. The main outside lot behind the Seagate did not open until 10AM and was a big problem as I see it. Couple this with construction across the street and generally it was a real circus around there. At this point I feel this will be my last trip as a Vendor. It just costs too much to go and not do more in sales. Yes I had the right stuff and we actually met my sales goals. But in the end it wasn't enough. We had three tables which cost \$25 each per day or \$150 for two days, The motel was \$250, gas \$125 food \$180 or a total of \$705. Realistically I needed to do \$7000 retail to make it worthwhile; I did about 80% of that due to low traffic on Friday.

That aside; I ordered an electric powered glider from Hobby City in China, and because my batteries are back ordered I still do not have the glider after three weeks. Additionally, no communications from the company. I have heard these guys are good, cannot confirm at this point as I still have heard nothing. Add to this the cost of shipping from Hong Kong, and I will tell you if their deal is real or just a butt pain.

See you at the field!

~ 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.

Use of Frequency Board

Well now that flying season is in full swing (between rainy days and windy days) let's make sure that the frequency impound is being used for more than just frequency control.

By placing your membership card in the impound you have confirmed that you are a paid up member and are aware of all the rules pertaining to proper use of the flying site.

This also helps the rest of the members identify non members and possibly recruit a new one.

As a member it is the responsibility of each of us to monitor activity, and to make sure that our pleasure in flying model airplanes is being done in a safe and enjoyable manner.

With the auction behind us, lets take that newly acquired purchase (plane radio or what ever) and put it to good use at the field.

Safe flying!

~ Dean Copeland



The circa 1986 photo displayed in the April 2009 newsletter was of Randy Tentinger fixing a flat tire on his Giant Hots at the Bud Hall IMAA Fun Fly.

Auction 2009 Success!

The most successful Western Flyers auction in years was conducted at the Firemen's Hall in Omaha on April 26th. There were a large number of attendees. More attended than last year and a few traveled from as far as Minneapolis and North Platte.

The general consensus was that the auction items were for the most part good. No real junk – so to speak. There were close to 350 items auctioned in six hours with less than 10 items not selling. Buyers and sellers went away happy. One airplane was left behind at the auction, but that person from Grand Island now has it back.

Overall most thought the new auction location was good, and that we should consider using it next year.

To offset our expense with the auction, we imposed a \$5.00 admission fee. The radio raffle was also a help, as were the hot dogs and chips sold by the club.

Reasons the auction was so successful had to do with more than just the new facility and the central Omaha location. It was primarily because of the people we have in this hobby and our area clubs. Bob Boumstein outstandingly gave the Western Flyers new direction with this year's auction. Further, we had great help from members of both the Western Flyers club and the Omahawks club, as well as a few from the Cobras RC club. The total number of auction workers numbered close to 40 persons. Special thanks go to our treasurer Ed Splittgerber who was still doing auction business days later with balancing the book and squaring away our finances. Ed will present a financial report on May 5th.

Photos taken by Helen Paasch, Bob Burt, and myself.

Thank you all!

~ Nelson Carpenter



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Auction photos by Helen Paasch:



~ 2009 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

2009 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys, Springfield, Every Tuesday night May 1st 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. 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 1st - 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 21st – 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 15/16th – 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 9:00am.

**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 2nd 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 20th – 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. 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 2009 event? Contact any officer or attend a club meeting with a proposal.

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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. 174th St. Omaha, Nebraska 68135