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A Word From The President:

(No Report)

-Thank you! - Rick Miller

Vice-President's Corner:

Last month I got to run the meeting at Springfield as Rick was off sunning himself in Australia, lucky bloke! All seems well and everyone agreed the year has gone fast.

I am looking forward to the Swap Meet on 9/23 I think it will be fun if it can stay dry on a weekend! I hope to see everyone there.

Remember elections are coming up, step up and run for something it is fun and good experience too!

I really don't have much else to say, so I will see you all at the next meeting.

Regards Bob Boumstein

www.weflyrc.org

Old-Timer Fun-Fly:

The last Old-Timer Fun Fly for 2006 is scheduled for Saturday October 14th. 9 AM, Mead Field. Come & participate, or just watch the old-timers.....

Last event of the season!

Next Meeting:

7:00pm Tuesday, October 3rd, 2006

Location: NRC, Natural Resources Center

Chalco Hills Recreation Area

Board Room, just inside right of main entrance

8901 S. 154th St.

Just south of 154th & Giles Road

Western R/C Flyers Hats & Shirts!



We are continuing to generate a pre-order list for everyone interested in purchasing Western R/C Flyers embroidered shirts and hats.

Prices are very reasonable!

Example: At the last ordering, hats were just \$10 each.

Contact Bob Burt for more information, options, and all the details. Get your name on the list!

Don't miss out!

The larger the order, the better price we get!

Contact: Bob Burt phone 402-651-4805

email: reburt@yahoo.com

2007 Club Elections:

In November we will again be looking for folks to step up to the plate and consider running for club office.

Whether or not the current officers will be running in 2007, we always look for all members to announce their interest in running for these positions.

We are lucky to have a club that is low on politics and high on fun. Our laid back atmosphere and general membership that gets things done, makes it easy to hold office. It is something that someone has to do, to continue to maintain our great club, our fields and our fun.

Below is a list of each office and it's general responsibilities.

President:

- Oversee the officers, members, club activities, safety, and general club responsibilities..
- Hold and conduct general meetings

Vice President:

- Support president in all club activities and responsibilities
- Fill in for president in general meetings and club activities if they are not available

Treasurer:

- Responsible for all financial aspects, including record keeping, check writing & payments, receipts and debits.
- Collect club dues

Secretary:

- Maintain club records and membership lists.
- Generate flyers & club paperwork
- *Newsletter editor unless otherwise specified*

Please consider announcing your interest and candidacy in one of these positions.....

All candidates must announce no later than our November meeting and general elections will be held during our December meeting.

It appears that we may have openings for the President and Vice president positions, and that Bob Zitzlperger and myself, Joe Halamek, will be running again for the Treasurer and Secretary positions.
~ Staff

Tailspin:

I would like to see if someone would like to submit a monthly / semi monthly article with their techniques & tips, product reviews/news or just plain thoughts.

It doesn't need to be professional, you don't need to be a novelist, but an article or two would be really nice to share.

Do we have a cartoonist in our midst? How 'bout a monthly cartoon?

I don't want this to be *my* newsletter, I want it to be *your* newsletter.

Your *for sale or trade items* are always welcome each month. We're open to any ideas and comments.

Want to talk about an idea you have for the Tailspin, contact me.

As always, articles, and for sale/trade items must be submitted by the 15th of the month for publication in the next months tailspin.

Email: Tailspin_newsletter @yahoo.com

~ Joe Halamek
Newsletter Editor

Buying & Selling on Ebay:

One of the best *and worst* things to happen in our lifetime is Ebay. It puts thousands of modelers together in one spot to buy those hard to find items we've always wanted to obtain and to sell those items that we thought were worthless or don't need anymore.

Overall, Ebay provides a great place for us honest folks to congregate to do business together. You can find those really hard to find kits, collectables and items needed to finish our latest project at a good price. It also provides a place to sell those unwanted items that we have had in our shop for decades. You would be surprised how many people want that old kit or set of retracts that has been collecting dust on our shelves for years.

The worst of Ebay is, providing a major location for thousands of buyers, to buy that bargain or collectable, thus reducing sales and profits from our own club's annual auctions, not to mention the few unscrupulous people that want our money, or item for nothing in return, or selling substandard items with a great description and a little fuzzy photo. Here are a few tips that we have found helpful when conducting business on Ebay. We hope this will help you.

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Buying & Selling on Ebay:

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Buying:

- Read the item description and text carefully, and more than once Understand what is being sold, it's condition, location and method of shipping. If there are any questions you have about anything in the description or photos, ask the seller questions before bidding.
- Check the shipping cost, you will pay for your item. If the shipping cost is not specified in the auction, be careful the seller doesn't inflate the cost, add handling charges, or is located other than the 48 continuous states, as you will be responsible for them. Shipping from Tibet is *really-really expensive*.
- Most important, check, and double check the sellers feedback record including the feedback that the seller has left for others. This will indicate if there have been any past problems with this seller. Beware of excessive negative feedbacks.
- Never- Ever send cash to a seller. Your best bet is to send money though PayPal using a credit card. You will have some protection this way in case the seller does not ship the item or if the item is not as described. The credit card and PayPal, provides some protection to the buyer if this should occur. Pay Pal charges the seller roughly 3% of total sale to use.
Checks and money orders require time to clear the sellers bank, requiring longer shipping times and don't offer any protection if you don't receive your item.
- Make certain the seller offers insurance. This is usually obtained through the post office, fed ex or UPS. Most if not all sellers will not be responsible for damaged or lost items if insurance is not purchased from the buyer.
- Never leave negative feedback to a seller immediately, unless all options have been exhausted. Remember you have 90 days to try all your options before leaving negative feedback. Most sellers will try to resolve the situation before that. Keep negative feedback to the facts and not personal such as "*this seller is a loser*"
- Got burned on a buy, you can contact the post office and file a mail fraud claim, and you can also file an internet fraud claim, and an Ebay claim on the seller if comes to that. Although, it probably won't get your money back.

Buyer Beware!

Selling:

- Make certain you have your item listed in the correct category. If it's not in the correct category you won't get the number of viewers to get the best price for your item. Example, if you list a vintage 1960 collectable gas powered R/C kit in "Wooden Models" rather than in "Gas Powered R/C Airplanes", you may sell it, but you won't get the best price for your kit.
- Be as short and as precise and accurate as you can in your description of you item. Include all details such as weight, wingspan, size and condition. Make certain your item title is specific as to what your item is.
- The more clear photos of all angles the better. Remember the old saying, a photo is worth a thousand words
- Include your shipping and handling charges in your auction, if you say that shipping cost will be calculated at the end of the auction, be prepared for a lot of "how much does it cost to ship to" questions. Our suggestion is to ship primarily to the US or Canada, but that is up to you. Shipping cost to Europe. Mexico, The Far East or Australia is very expensive, make sure your international buyers understand that, within your description if you sell world wide.
- If you decide to accept checks or money orders, make certain your buyer understands it takes up to 10 days for them to clear your bank. Don't ship until they clear.
- If it's an item that you won't take any less than, say, \$100.00. Make certain you set that in your minimum bid. If it's not listed with a minimum, it will sell for the highest bid. (*Just like our auctions*)
- If you want say, \$200.00 for your kit, you can use the **BUY IT NOW** option. This works well for those impulsive buyers. Just make sure your Buy it Now price is not under priced, Do Your Research on your item's value before you post your item.
- Be fair with your buyers, make certain you don't inflate shipping/handling cost to extremes, be willing to answer questions, and be willing to work with the buyer for any after transaction problems. Pack your items well for shipment. This will help you maintain positive feedback.
- A general suggestion, is to post the buyers feedback after the buyer received the item and has posted feedback for you. Inform the buyer that it will be that way, either in an email, or in your item description. This will allow you kind'a the last word in case your buyer fries you in your feedback.

Use as a general guideline only, Have fun!

~Staff

~ 2006 & 2007 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

2007 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys, Springfield, Every Tuesday night May 1st through September 4th! 2007
(Weather Permitting)

Food – Fun – Flying – Friends!

**January
2007**

Tuesday, Jan 2nd - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

**February
2007**

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

**March
2007**

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

**April
2007**

Tuesday, Apr 3rd - Meeting
- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.
(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)
Date TBD - WRCF Auction Set-Up
- 7pm, BJSA Building - Bellevue
Date TBD - Annual R/C Auction
- BJSA Building - Bellevue - Sign in at 8am
Auction Starts at 10am (Members should be there no later than 7:45am Auction day)

**May
2007**

Tuesday, May 1st - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food
Date TBD - Spring Round-up, Oldtimers FunFly
- Mead Field 9am
Date TBD - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @10am
Date TBD – Spring Fun Fly
Registration 9:00am Events start at 10:00am - Mead field. 3 Events!

**June
2007**

Tuesday, Jun 5th - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food
Date TBD - Oldtimers FunFly
- 9am, Mead field
Date TBD - Quickee Racing
- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**July
2007**

Tuesday, Jul 3rd - Meeting
- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site bring a plane, open flying & Food

Date TBD - Oldtimers FunFly

- 9am, Mead field

Date TBD - Quickee Racing

- Mead Flying Site - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**August
2007**

Tuesday, Aug 7th - Meeting

- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & food

Date TBD - Oldtimers FunFly

- 9am, Mead Field

Dates TBD – 18th Annual Bud Hall

Memorial IMAA FunFly

- Mead Field -9am both days, aircraft limited to IMAA members, large scale aircraft all AMA - IMAA rules apply. May join IMAA at the field. (80inch & up monoplanes, 60 inch up biplanes)

Date TBD - Quickee Racing

- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

**September
2007**

Tuesday, Sep 4th - Meeting

- 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & Food (Last Tuesday food will be served)

Date TBD - Oldtimers FunFly

- 9am, Mead Field

Date TBD - Quickee Racing

- Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am

Date TBD – Open Fun Fly and Outdoor Swap meet

- Mead Field – Swap Meet set-up after 9:00am, Open Flying @ 10am – 3pm

**October
2006**

Tuesday, Oct 3rd - Meeting

- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.

(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

Saturday, Oct 14th - Oldtimers FunFly

- 9am, Mead Field

**November
2006**

Tuesday, Nov 7th - Meeting

- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.

(CAP meeting room, basement, far left of entrance)

- Nominations taken for 2007 Officers

**December
2006**

Tuesday, Dec 5th - Meeting

- 7pm, NRC, Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St.

(Board Room, just inside right of main entrance)

- 2007 Officer elections

Want to Schedule a 2007 event? Contact any club officer or attend the meetings.

For Sale!**Dynaflite PT-19 Kit (NIB)**

Discontinued kit! - IMAA Giant Scale
Hard to find - New in box. \$150.00

Great Planes Fokker DR-1 Triplane ARF 1/4 scale

Discontinued ARF. Assembled ARTF, w/new 4 channel futaba skysport radio all servos installed and newer Enya .80 4 stroke installed. Red \$380.00

Royal ME-109 (Discontinued)

Assembled ARTF, ready to install your radio & engine. Needs control valve & air lines. Drilled for Saito .65 4 stroke. Pneumatic retracts & bottle installed Camo, Flat Floquill painted. \$180.00

Hanger -9 P-47 .60 size ARF

(New Assembled, ARTF) Mechanical retracts installed, includes retract servo. Brand new Magnum .91 2 stroke installed. Pitts muffler included. *Never seen fuel.* Ready to finish! *No Guts - No Glory* Done right \$300.00

Dynaflite Decathlon

Newly built and covered IMAA Giant Scale. Includes mounted converted 31cc Ryobi gas engine with prop, cockpit kit. Requires minor finishing. Beautiful airplane, dark blue & white starburst 21st Century Fabric covering. Painted fiberglass wheel pants cowl. No radio or servos included. *Easy to finish!* Nice Nice Nice \$300.00

Prime Cut

Looks kinda' like an Acro. Great Giant scale IMAA low wing trainer. Assembled artf with 1/4 scale pilot & canopy ready for your engine and radio. Easy landing & better flying. Nice older airplane. Red/White \$120.00

Digital photos available of all items above

Docsiggs@aol.com (email Preferred)

402-592-7876 (After 7pm)

Joe Halamek

Send a list of your for sale / trade items to:

tailspin_newsletter@yahoo.com

Omahawks R/C Auction Sunday October 15th

American Legion Post 374 4618 South 139th St Omaha NE.

Check in starts at 7AM Auction Starts at 10AM

www.omahawks.org

Western R/C Flyers Inc. 2006 Membership Application

Name: _____

Address/Zip: _____

Evening Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____

Email: _____ AMA Number: _____

IMAA Number: _____ Dues Paid: _____

Dues: \$35 per year, (*Renewals must be paid by February 1*)

New/Renewal: _____

Please Sign Here: _____ Date _____

Make Checks Payable to: Western R/C Flyers

Print this form and send with check to WR/CF Treasurer:

Bob Zitzlsperger 12568 Brownley Circle Omaha, Nebraska 68164



Mead Field 2006