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AMA 857 - IMAA 284

## TAILSPIN NEWSLETTER

March 2008 Issue

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### A Word From The President:

Greetings RC buffs, hope all is well with those new projects for 08. Sure hope to see some of them at the March meeting's show and tell.

We need a good turn out of club members at this meeting in March folks. We need to stuff envelopes for the Auction Mailers and stamp them etc. This approach worked great last year. All of the envelopes were stuffed and stamped in no time. We still need to discuss and implement some detail plans for the Auction as well.

Please check your Futaba FASST (spread spectrum) type radios for internal program issues as per the Futaba Announcement.

Please come to the March meeting, its GREAT camaraderie and we need help in folding and stuffing the Mailers for the Auction this year.

See you at the meeting.

*Thanks*

*~ Rick Miller*

### Vice-President's Corner:

The club's website has realized a complete makeover with Joe Halemek's revamping of it over the winter. Make sure you pay a visit to the website and see for yourselves.

The newsletter is a little sparse this month due to several reasons. Mostly inactivity of the club during a cold month of February. That included the cancellation of the February meeting due to a snow storm. So I've added some "Flash Back" photos from 2004 on a page below. Know anyone?

Our auction date is fast approaching. To make this work well, we need everyone's help. Please consider volunteering for even an hour or two at the auction. It will take the burden off of the few regulars who typically work the auction from start to finish. Thanks.

*Come out and fly!*

*~ Nelson Carpenter*

### Next Meeting:

**7:00pm Tuesday, Mar 4, 2008**

**Location: Papio-Missouri River NRD Office  
154<sup>th</sup> and Giles Road**



### Treasurer's Report:

NOTE: Complete financial report to be presented at the March club meeting.

*Thank You!*

*~ Ed Splitgerber*

## February Meeting Notes:

The meeting was cancelled due to weather conditions on February 5<sup>th</sup>. There was no make-up meeting.

*Blue Skies*

~ *Dustin Anderson*



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

## News, Rumors, and Gossip



Okay, I went to the Lincoln Skynights Auction to get a few engines and came home with airplanes! I can't believe that I got caught up in Auction fever, I must be losing it!

The Laser 200 ARF retails at Hobby

Town for \$269 I want \$175 New in Box for this 1.20 to 1.50 Kit it look like a beauty and has lots of hardware!



The Cap 230 is for a G-62 the wing is one piece and is overall in excellent condition. Mount up engine and radio and go fly \$225 is the Hot Deal Price!

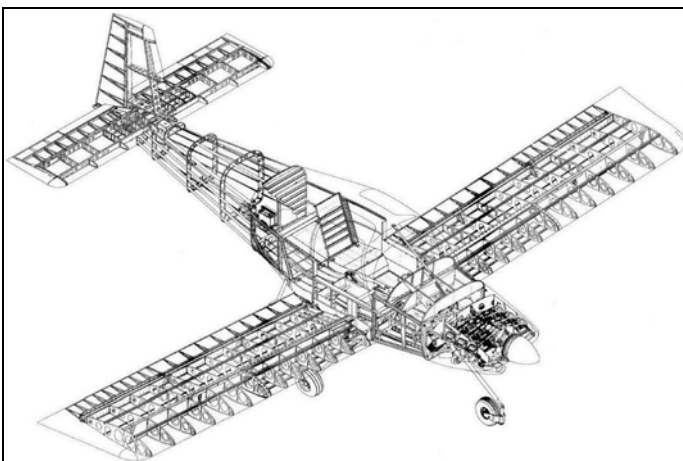


Anyone one interested in these can see them at my business in Millard just let me know and I will bring them to the office. My cell is 306-6151.

I did get a few engines and overall the auction went well. They had \$700 in donations which really helped bring the grand total up. They netted \$1800 not bad for a 4 hour auction. The Skynights are a fun group and I, Steve Peck and Fred Wilke did the Auctioneering. We had a good time on a cold day. But the warm food and good fellowship makes up for everything.

*See Ya*

~ *Bob Boumstein*



### **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.

From the AMA Insider January 2008 Issue:

## Tips & Tricks

### Good Cleaner

Here is a concoction I came up with. In an empty spray bottle, add a tablespoon of dish washing detergent, then fill the bottle halfway with regular rubbing alcohol, and top off with hot water. I have found this to work really well for cleaning the oil off of the wings and fuselage after a days worth of flying. Strong cleaner but will not hurt the covering or take the colors off.

### New Life to Old Wire Landing Gear

Did you ever have a problem where your wire landing gear seems to get weaker and weaker? A possible solution is to remove the gear from the airframe and remove all the hardware from the gear wire (i.e. the wheels, collars, pants, etc). Preheat your kitchen oven to 450°F. Place the wire on a cookie sheet in the oven for one hour. Turn off the oven and toss the wire into cold water to cool it off quickly. What you have just done is to re-temper the music wire and you should have put new life into that old gear. Note that soldered joints should not be harmed as solder doesn't melt until about 700°F.

### Mixing Epoxy

When mixing epoxy use an old coffee can lid, after the epoxy hardens just flex the lid and the epoxy will pop off.

### For New Pilots

Something to pay attention to when learning to fly is control reversal. Control reversal is when the inputs on the transmitter sticks must be reversed when your airplane is flying toward you, rather than away from you. When flying away from you, there is no problem; just move the stick in the direction you want to turn. Many new pilots become disoriented when their airplane is approaching them. To help with this, move the stick in toward the low wingtip. This will level the wing when your airplane is coming toward you, avoiding a sharp bank and possibly a crash.

Example: Say your airplane is coming toward you, and the right  
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### ~ FOR SALE OR WANTED ~

**WANTED:** New/Used Zenoah G-23 or G-26 with either magneto or electronic advance – Contact: Joe Halemek [docsiggs@aol.com](mailto:docsiggs@aol.com) or 402.592.7876

**FOR SALE:** (Your item here.....)

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wingtip is low, as if banked to the right. Move the stick to your left, toward the low wingtip. This will bring the airplane's right wingtip up, and level the wing. I also recommend getting Real Flight G2 if you do not have it. Practice on that before you fly an airplane or helicopter for the first time or if you have been away for an extended period of time. It will save you money and heartaches in the future. →

—All tips and tricks from Jim's RC.com  
<http://jimsrc.com/tips.html>

## From the Portland Area Sailplane Society, Gresham, Oregon Aviation History: Charlie Brown's Story

Charlie Brown was a B-17 Flying Fortress pilot with the 379th Bomber Group at Kimbolton, England. His B-17 was called 'Ye Old Pub' and was in a terrible state, having been hit by flak and fighters. The compass was damaged and they were flying deeper over enemy territory instead of heading home to Kimbolton.

After flying over an enemy airfield, a pilot named Franz Steigler was ordered to take off and shoot down the B-17. When he got near the B-17, he could not believe his eyes. In his words, he had never seen an airplane in such a bad state. The tail and rear section were severely damaged and the tail gunner wounded. The top gunner was all over the top of the fuselage. The nose was smashed and there were holes everywhere. Despite having ammunition, Franz flew to the side of the B-17 and looked at Charlie Brown, the pilot. Brown was scared and struggling to control his damaged and blood-stained airplane.

Aware that they had no idea where they were going, Franz waved at Charlie to turn 180°. Franz escorted and guided the stricken airplane to and slightly over the North Sea towards England. He then saluted Charlie Brown and turned away, back to Europe. When Franz landed he told the control operator that the airplane had been shot down over the sea, and never told the truth to anyone. Charlie Brown and the remains of his crew told all at their briefing, but were ordered never to talk about it.

More than 40 years later, Charlie Brown wanted to find the Luftwaffe pilot who saved the crew. After years of research, Franz was found. He has never talked about the incident, not even at post war reunions.

They met in the United States at a 379th Bomber Group reunion, together with 25 people who are alive now—all because Franz never fired his guns that day. Research shows that Charlie Brown lived in Seattle and Franz Steigler had moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, after the war. When they finally met, they discovered they had lived less than 200 miles apart for the past 50 years. →

# SCHEDULED 2008 FLYING EVENTS

## Western R/C Flyers Spring Fun - Fly

OMAHA, NE - AMA 857  
AMA card required to fly

**Saturday June 7, 2008**  
Open Flying from 9:00am - 3:00pm

Location: Western R/C Flyers Mead Field 20 minutes west of Omaha, NE.

**Any type or size of airplane, gas or electric may fly!**

Trainers & Trainees welcome! Plenty of qualified help available.  
**Come check us out!**



AMA  
SINCE 1930

All AMA pilots & spectators welcome. Bring your lawn chairs and portable sun shades are welcome! Unisex Porta-Pot, plenty of flight line parking and spectator space. Spectators must remain behind the flight line.

Location: Western R/C Flyers Mead field 3.7 miles south of Mead on highway 78F. Take Center street (Omaha, Highway 92) west, past Yutan to Mead. Turn South on Highway 78F. Go approximately 3.7 miles turn left at sign.

For more information contact:  
**Visit our Western R/C Flyers website for maps & info!**  
[www.WeflyRC.org](http://www.WeflyRC.org)

## Quickee 500 Races

2008

Sponsored by the Western R/C Flyers AMA 857  
Omaha Nebraska

**Location:**  
Mead Flying Site, U.N.L. field lab. grounds. 3.5 miles South of Mead and 1/3<sup>rd</sup> mile East on the East side of the large storage building. Mead is located west of Omaha on hwy. 92. Spectators welcome! AMA membership required to fly.

**3 Classes:**  
Sportsman, Thunder Tiger 40 Pro, Quickee, MVVS, Rossi  
428, Nelson, Jett

**Time:**  
Check In 9:30      Racing 10:00

Field may be available on Saturday afternoons for practice also, check our event schedule at [www.weflyrc.org](http://www.weflyrc.org) or contact the good folks below!

**Entry Fee:**  
\$10.00 Sportsman      \$20.00 Quickee, 428  
*Money returned to winners each race day!*

**Dates:**  
May 18      June 8      July 20      August 24      September 21

**Contacts:**  
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## OLD - TIMER Fun - Flys

Hosted by  
**Western R/C Flyers**



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AMA Card Required

Location: Western R/C Flyers Mead Field 20 minutes west of Omaha, Ne.

2008 Schedule	
<b>MAY 10<sup>th</sup> Saturday</b> 9:00am till 2:00pm Open flying	<b>AUGUST 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday</b> 9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying
<b>June 14<sup>th</sup> Saturday</b> 9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying	<b>SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday</b> 9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying
<b>JULY 12<sup>th</sup> Saturday</b> 9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying	<b>OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup> Saturday</b> 9:00am till 2:00pm Open Flying

All AMA pilots & spectators welcome, Flying limited to Old-Timer type aircraft. Open flying from 9:00am till 2pm. Food & Pop served to pilots. Bring your lawn chairs and portable shades welcome! Unisex Porta-Pot, plenty of flight line parking.

Western R/C Flyers Mead field 3.7 miles south of Mead on highway 78F. Take Center street (Omaha, Highway 92) west, past Yutan to Mead. Turn South on Highway 78F. Go approximately 3.7 miles turn left at sign.

For more information contact: Bob Burt      Phone:      Email: [reburt@yahoo.com](mailto:reburt@yahoo.com)  
or  
Visit our Western R/C Flyers website!  
[www.WeflyRC.org](http://www.WeflyRC.org)

## 2008 19<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 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 3.7 miles watch for signs at Mead & field entrance. 20 minutes west of Omaha.

Info: Bob Burt [reburt@yahoo.com](mailto:reburt@yahoo.com) 402-339-7482  
Randy Tentinger [rtentinger@cox.net](mailto:rtentinger@cox.net) 402-734-0947

**Go to [www.WeflyRC.org](http://www.WeflyRC.org) for maps & details**  
*Downloadable maps available at the Western R/C Flyers website!*

# CLUB FLYING ACTIVITIES – FLASH BACK 2004





# NEW AND IMPROVED CLUB WEBSITE

Folks, our club's webmaster **Joe Halemek** has raised the bar for other RC clubs with the outstanding improvements he has made to the Western R/C Flyers website. If you have not visited the site recently, it is a must visit. The site is easily navigated and provides thorough information on our club and its activities. Thanks Joe!



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





**Buy & Sell!**  
Omaha, Nebraska

## Annual R/C Auction

**Saturday, April 19, 2008**

**BJSA Building 1001 High school Drive – Bellevue, Nebraska**  
Just Minutes South of downtown Omaha, Nebraska

**\$5.00 Adult Admission Includes:**

- Buyer/Seller Number
- 1 Free Raffle Ticket

Children Under 10 are Free  
(No buyer/seller Number or free raffle ticket)

All items will be sold in order of check in.  
Check in starts at 8am, Auction starts at 10am

**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
- All items with no designated minimum bid will sell to the highest bidder! \$2.00 "No Sale" Fee
- Checks or Cash only please!
- **Fast Computer Check Out!**

**Tons of Bargains, Food, Friends & Fun!**

For Additional Information contact:  
Rick Miller, P.O. Box 195 Mead, Nebraska  
Email: rick.miller@kellogg.com Phone: 402-824-2530  
Bob Boumstein,  
Email: bblhwc@cox.net Phone: 402-334-0122

All concessions and a portion of the admission go to the  
Non-Profit Bellevue Junior Sports Association


**Food and Drinks Available!**

Just Minutes From Area Motels, Entertainment, Omaha's Old Market, Casinos, Strategic Air & Space Museum  
**Make it a weekend!**

**Doors Open at 8:00am  
Auction Starts at 10:00am**

**2.4 Gig Spread Spectrum  
Radio System Raffle**  
\$1.00 dollar a ticket, **One** lucky winner!

I-480 Omaha, Nebraska  
I 80



Take I-80 in Omaha, to Kennedy Freeway (Hwy 78) South to Cornhusker, turn east it becomes Harwell Drive. Turn right on Lincoln Rd. Go 1/2 mile south on Lincoln to BJSA building on east (left) side of street.

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.

**www.WeFlyRC.org**

# ~ 2008 Western R/C Flyers Event Schedule ~

2008 Tuesday Night Fun-Flys, Springfield, Every Tuesday night May 1<sup>st</sup> through September 4th! 2008

(Weather Permitting)

**Food – Fun – Flying – Friends!**

<b>January 2008</b>	<u>Tuesday, Jan 8th</u> - 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)	<b>July 2008</b>	<u>Tuesday, Jul 1st</u> - Meeting - 7pm, Springfield Flying Site bring a plane, open flying & Food <u>Saturday, July 12th</u> - Old-timers Fun Fly - 9am, Mead field <u>Sunday, July 20th</u> - Quicke Racing - Mead Flying Site - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am
<b>February 2008</b>	<u>Tuesday, Feb 5th</u> - 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)	<b>August 2008</b>	<u>Tuesday, Aug 5th</u> - Meeting - 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & food <u>Saturday, August 9th</u> - Old-timers Fun Fly - 9am, Mead Field <u>Saturday &amp; Sunday, August 16th &amp; 17th</u> – 19 <sup>th</sup> Annual Bud Hall Memorial IMAA Fun Fly - 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) <u>Sunday, Aug 24th</u> - Quicke Racing - Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am
<b>March 2008</b>	<u>Tuesday, Mar 4th</u> - 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)	<b>September 2008</b>	<u>Tuesday, Sep 2nd</u> - Meeting - 7pm, Springfield Flying Site - bring a plane, open flying & Food (Last Tuesday food will be served) <u>Sunday, September 7th</u> – Open Fun Fly and Outdoor Swap meet - Mead Field – Swap Meet set-up after 9:00am, Open Flying @ 10am – 3pm <u>Saturday, September 13th</u> - Old-timers Fun Fly - 9am, Mead Field <u>Sunday, Sep 21st</u> - Quicke Racing - Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing @ 10am
<b>April 2008</b>	<u>Tuesday, Apr 1st</u> - 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) <u>Friday, April 18th</u> - WRCF Auction Set-Up - 7pm, BJS Building - Bellevue <u>Saturday, April 19th</u> - 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)	<b>October 2008</b>	<u>Tuesday, Oct 7th</u> - 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) <u>Saturday, October 11th</u> - Old-timers Fun Fly - 9am, Mead Field
<b>May 2008</b>	<u>Tuesday, May 6th</u> - Meeting - 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food <u>Saturday, May 10th</u> - Old-timers Fun Fly Spring Round-up - Mead Field 9am <u>Sunday, May 18th</u> - Quicke Racing - Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am	<b>November 2008</b>	<u>Tuesday, Nov 11th</u> - 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) - Nominations taken for 2009 Officers
<b>June 2008</b>	<u>Tuesday, Jun 3rd</u> - Meeting - 7pm, Springfield Flying Site, bring a plane, open flying & food <u>Saturday, Jun 7th</u> – Spring IMAA Fun Fly - 10am Mead Field (Limited to Giant scale IMAA aircraft, \$5.00 landing fee, Open Flying) <u>Saturday, June 14th</u> - Old-timers Fun Fly - 9am, Mead field <u>Sunday June 8th</u> - Quicke Racing - Mead Field - Check in @ 9:30am, Racing starts @ 10am	<b>December 2008</b>	<u>Tuesday, Dec 2nd</u> - 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) - 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. 174<sup>th</sup> St. Omaha, Nebraska 68135