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## TAILSPIN NEWSLETTER

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### A Word From The President:

Well it's December and the official month for the club's elections. We should have a good turn out for the meeting. Please bring some Show and Tell items if you can. I hope all of you are busy with building for next years planes.

See you at the meeting.

*Thanks*

*~ Rick Miller*

### Vice-President's Corner:

We've had a good year of flying for the most part. A few months were very wet, and also very windy. Yet we kept at it the best we could. Winter is essentially here, and most of our flying now comes to a halt.

With some good planning and time management, we can all get our planes ready for next year. Whether it would be the repair of an airplane, or building of a new one. Take advantage of this down time.

As most of you know by now, a rule has been passed that prohibits helicopter flying at Springfield with no exceptions. Also, an invitation has been extended to the guest helicopter flyers to join our club, and permit use of the Mead flying field for their activity. See notice within this newsletter.

In this issue you will find an article having to do with winter storage of your airplanes and motors. This offers some good advice for preserving your airplane and motor for smooth flying next year.

Thank you Ron Brandt for donating the airplane to the club. It will be used as a trainer and demo for visitors to our field.

Welcome new club members. Happy Holidays to all Western Flyers and families.

*Come out and fly!*

*~ Nelson Carpenter*

### Next Meeting:

**7:00pm Tuesday – Dec 2, 2008**

**Location: Natural Resources Center, Chalco Hills**



### Financial Report – October 31, 2008

To be provided at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> club meeting.

*Thank You!*

*~ Ed Splittgerber*



## November Meeting Notes:

Rick Miller Called Meeting to Order;

### Old Business:

- Ron Brandt donated a high wing trainer airplane to the club, and it will be maintained by Jim Drickey.
- Financial Report was give by the Treasurer Ed Splittgerber and accepted by vote into minutes.

### New Business:

- There will be a winter sale of agricultural equipment at Mead by the state after the ground freezes. Having the agricultural equipment on our field is an impact. Date of sale is not known. We should be prepared to do some restoration work (rolling) at Mead this next spring. Also, there are creatures feasting on the sod webworms at our flying field. This is ruining the grass. Badgers are the most likely culprits.
- A motion was made: *“Helicopter flying at our Springfield Flying Field is prohibited. Helicopter flying will be permitted at our Mead Flying Field only. When both fixed wing airplanes and helicopters are at Mead, pilots should coordinate flying time with each other. Fixed wing flying will have the priority at all times to use the runway, and fixed wing flight patterns.”* There was some discussion; the vote to approve was unanimous. The rule was passed.
- A motion was made *“To talk with the Sarpy County Sheriff on enforcing our trespass rules, on posting a proper trespass sign. The committee is Dean Copeland and Ed Splittgerber who will follow-up on this and report.”* The motion was voted on and passed.
- There was discussion on the club by-law rule. The rule already in place reads: *“Members are allowed to bring one flying guest per visit.”*
- Nominations for Club Officers for 2009 are: President **Rick Miller**; Vice President **Nelson Carpenter**; Treasurer **Ed Splittgerber**; Secretary, **Bob Boumstein**; and Safety Officer **Dean Copeland**.
- Ed Splittgerber has agreed to coordinate who will be mowing the two flying fields and setup a schedule. The possibility of contracting the Mead mowing to Rick’s younger son is being considered.

Submitted by 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.

## Rumors, Gossip and other Signs of Decay



Well, OK ... now it is getting too darn cold to fly, so what can you do? Go fly indoors at the Sports Center just west of Hwy 50 (144<sup>th</sup> Street) on Giles Road for \$3.00 on Wednesdays from 11:30 AM till 1:30 PM. Sounds like fun!

The next Auction is in January at Grand Island. Weather permitting I will be going and looking for a few passengers for the company. Contact me if you want to go. Then the Lincoln auction will be in February. I will try to supply dates, places and times to Nelson for publication shortly.

The Omahawks Auction was a success for the club, they should have made \$3,000 or so, I do not know exactly. Let’s see what we can do to improve our April Auction:

- Change the Auction from Saturday to Sunday. This frees up those who might have to work on Saturday and should increase participation.
- Raise the minimum to \$20 further eliminating junky stuff.
- Bidders may protect their items with a minimum amount marked on the card. If someone bids up their own item they should pay us the commission (10%) keeps everyone honest.

Our club remains a bargain. \$35 fee allows you to fly at two fields, while most clubs are \$50 or more for one field. Take baloney sandwiches to work but renew your membership in these trying economic times, keep our club alive!

I am planning the first motorcycle ride for spring, a trip back in time lasting about three hours. We will ride to Marne, Iowa and visit Baxter Cycles “back room of nostalgia.” With nearly 100 antique bikes for sale, it is a good ride (150 miles roundtrip) and lunch at Mickey D’s. Dates for the adventure to be sometime in April on a Saturday. Please let me know if you will go, OK to bring a friend or two.

Walking Better!

~ **Bob Boumstein**



**CHALCO HILLS WEATHER CENTER**



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

## Notice: Helicopter Flying

Member concerns regarding helicopter flying at Springfield were discussed at our November meeting. Since helicopter flying is usually over the runway, members are experiencing less flying time for fixed wing aircraft. To avoid a reduction of airplane flying time at Springfield, the following motion was made, seconded and passed:

*Helicopter flying at our Springfield Flying Field is prohibited.*

*Helicopter flying will be permitted at our Mead Flying Field. When both fixed wing airplanes and helicopters are at the Mead Flying Field, pilots should coordinate flying time with each other. Fixed wing flying will have priority at all times to use the runway and fixed wing flight patterns.*

While prohibiting helicopter flying at Springfield, the motion as passed affirms using our Mead Field for helicopter flying.



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

## Tips and Tricks

Source: AMA Insider November Issue

### Airplane Winter Storage

Be sure to give the entire airplane a thorough cleaning to remove all traces of exhaust residue. Check the covering to be sure that fuel is not creeping under the seams around the firewall and areas around the exhaust outlet, soaking the balsa. If so, make the repairs during the off season while you have some extra time. Check the fuselage and flying surfaces closely for cracks or other damage. Check the servo arms, control horns, clevises, and pushrods for excessive wear or damage.

The airplane can be stored indoors or outdoors in the garage; the constant cold temperatures can be tough on batteries, but otherwise don't seem to cause any problems. The only problem that could occur would be if you stored it in, for example, a workshop that is heated occasionally and then allowed to cool down after use. This could result in damage to the engine because of condensation and probably to the balsa or covering material from temperature changes.

If you store the airplane on a wall, it should not be supported on the nose because this could damage the engine bearings. Support it by the tail structure or similar means. If the wing is removed, do not stand it on end. Support it similar to the way it is normally mounted on the fuselage. Do not leave the weight of the airplane resting on the tires if you don't store it vertically.

### Engine Winter Storage

The major concern regarding engine storage is to remove all the glow fuel from the inside of the crankcase and cylinder to prevent rust formation on the bearings, crankshaft, etc. The best advice is to remove the engine from the airplane, remove the glow plug and back plate, and flush the inside out with a solvent such as kerosene.

While the back plate is off, check it over for signs of rust, bearing failure, etc. After cleaning, generously oil the bearings and the cylinder with lubricant such as one of the after-run oils or Marvel Mystery Oil. After it is well oiled, reinstall the back plate and plug and place it in a sealed plastic bag along with the mounting hardware until next season.

If you decide not to remove the engine, at least remove the glow plug, pour some oil into the carburetor, and spin the engine over clockwise to distribute the oil through the bearings. Add some oil through the glow plug hole, turn the engine over slowly a few more times and reinstall the glow plug. Remove the propeller if it is made of wood. Put a plastic bag over the engine to keep dust and dirt out.

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# CLUB FLYING HIGHLIGHTS 2008



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# ~ 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 Field - Check in 9:30am, Racing 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 IMAA Fun Fly - Mead Field -9am both days, aircraft limited to IMAA criteria, 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, 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, inside right of main entrance) - 2009 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!**

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Splitgerber 5046 S. 174<sup>th</sup> St. Omaha, Nebraska 68135