



Hawk Talk

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, May 29th, 2015 * 7:00 P.M. * Hawk Field * Hot Dogs & Chef's Surprise at 6:00 P.M.
PROGRAM: TBD

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, June 3rd, 2015 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BOARD MEETINGS

Upcoming Omahawk Events

Egg Burn	- Mon, May 25, 9:00 – 11:00
Builders Challenge	- Mon, May 25, 9:00 – 11:00
Old Timer Fun Fly	- Wed May 27, 9:00 – noon
Spring clean-up/roof fix	- Sat May 30, 8:00 - noon
Float fly	- Wed June 10, 8:30 -11:30
SPC Competitive Fun Fly	- Sat June 13, 11:00 – 3:00
Old Timer Fun Fly	- Wed June 17, 9:00 - noon
Electric Sailplanes	- Wed June 24, 8:30-11:30
Old Timer Fun Fly	- Wed July 1, 9:00-noon
SPC Combat	- Sat July 18, 11:00 – 3:00

Don't forget about the Egg Burn on Memorial Day (May 25th) starting at 9:00am. Bring a pound of bacon, dozen eggs, sausage, or whatever you want to have cooked (and share). Bring a plane to fly.

Also, we need your help at the Spring clean-up and roof repair set for Saturday morning, May 30th. Bring some gloves and tools if you have them. Lunch will be provided. See note from Bob Wheeler on page 6.

RC Flying Safety and Etiquette

Bernie Baker (with credit to Scott Rhoades)

Now that this year's flying season is in full swing, I thought an article on the unwritten rules of flying RC would be appropriate. Following are some suggested safety rules and guidelines. Part of this content was initially published by Scott Rhoades at www.allflightrc.com, who has granted us permission to use this material.

- Always be cautious of the prop arc and the area forward of the engine. Be sure the immediate area is clear before starting or running an engine. Thrown or broken props do happen and are very dangerous. Stay clear of the area directly in line with the prop or in front of the engine.
- Keep engine-running time in the start-up area to a minimum! Engine noise on the ground makes it difficult for flying pilots to listen to the sound of their own plane and distinguish any changes in engine performance. High throttle runs should be kept very short, just a few seconds. If you need to run an engine for an extended period time, it should be done at the south-most pilot station away from the main pilot area.

- If you need to walk onto the runway, make sure everybody understands your intentions before you do so. Observe all requests to land before you go. Spend as little time there as possible and announce when you are clear.
- When flying toward Fort street (south end of field), keep your aircraft to the north of the trees. This will reduce the risk of noise complaints or lost aircraft going down in a residential area.
- Do not fly over the pilot stations or anywhere west of the safety fence.
- If there are multiple airplanes in the air, be sure to "fly the pattern" (i.e.: fly in the same direction as the other pilots – clock-wise or counter-clock-wise.)
- Be careful when doing low-level passes down the runway or touch-and-goes. These can interfere with take-offs or landings. Use common sense and make other pilots aware of your intentions (or resist the temptation if there are multiple planes in the air).

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Omahawks General Meeting Notes – April 24, 2015

(Submitted by Larry McChesney, Secretary)

President Mikey Furrow opened the meeting. There were no guests in attendance

Membership Report

- Kevin Hyde, Attendance Chairman, was not present but it was reported that the club currently has 94 members registered for the year.
- At the last board meeting Mikey Furrow introduced some ideas to attract new and younger members. Statistics say that the average age of our membership now is 59 years old. The board agreed that a small group should be organized to promote our hobby among our youth in the community. It was decided to approach Matt Carlson after he returns from the AMA Camp this summer

Newsletter Discussion

Bernie Baker has volunteered to look after the newsletter. Our new president had spent a number of months managing the letter very ably following Mike Berger's long tenure in that role. With Mikey's position as president we want to thank him for temporarily taking on responsibility for the newsletter and Bernie for stepping in to take charge.

Field Lease Agreement discussion

- Bernie Baker reported that the paper work required by the city has been submitted for their review and comment. They are expected to respond sometime in May. Thanks to Kevin Hyde and Dick Behrens, who drafted the bulk of the contract renewal documents.
- Members voted at the March meeting to submit the document as drafted.

Field.

Bob Wheeler discussed need for a Spring Cleanup day with the high priority placed on installing new shingles on shelter, repair of Plexiglas and cork in the sign board near the impound area, and fence repair along runway. No date was set.

Training Night.

Harry Perkons reported that the program started the first Thursday in April. Some Spektrum equipment had been donated and some spare Futaba and Skyport transmitters will be delivered for club use.

Events and Misc.

- Mikey talked about the "Builders Challenge" with a \$5.00 entry fee. A \$25.00 gift card will be awarded the winner. This event will coincide with the Memorial Day Annual Egg Burn. Bring your eggs or bacon and the fry pans will be filled.
- May 16th is the first of three events for the popular SPC event. See Mikey if you are interested in participating in either of these.
- Fred Wilke is considering sponsoring an Electric Jet Fun Fly.
- Kevin Hyde received an invitation from a club in Great Bend, Ks. They are looking for participants for a fun fly in October to raise money for a charity. A few of our club members have attended in the past.
- The club in Grand Island will have a fun fly in conjunction with the District 9 AMA meeting June 19th, 20th and 21st.
- Mikey presented a Demo on the new and improved web site and expects to have it completed in a few weeks.
- A Quad Copter was donated by Joe McClure for the raffle prize.

Dean Copeland made a motion to end meeting. Seconded by Dennis Bender.

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Omahawks Board Meeting Notes – May 5, 2015

(Submitted by Larry McChesney, Secretary)

Board Members in attendance: President Mikey Furrow, Kevin Hyde, Dennis Bryers City of Omaha Park Planner, Bob Wheeler, Bernie Baker, Gary Vohnout, Larry McChesney, Dennis Bender and guest Milt Olsen.

Kevin Hyde provided a Treasurers report and commented on the current membership roles. As of 4/1 there are 90 members.

Hawk Field:

- The City Park planner (Dennis Bryers) attends our board meeting once a year to listen to our needs and concerns. This is an opportunity for Mr. Bryers to keep us posted on what the city Parks Department may need from the club.
- Foremost in our minds was the status of the long term lease agreement on the field. He was aware that it had been submitted and expected approval yet this month. He will touch base with the gentleman in his department who is reviewing the document.
- Good news was that Dennis had not received any complaints from the neighborhood. And he covered some items that will be beneficial to the condition and status of our facilities such as;
 - Through a summer work program for youth in the community they will be installing new split rail fence on the north side of the shelter. In addition he will look into removing or repairing the fallen wire fence around the old playground equipment area.
 - He will contact one of his park department employees to bring in some equipment to fill in the ruts in the parking lot.
 - He was open to the idea raised by Kevin Hyde regarding the city paying the cost of the Portapotty. If there is no other facility in the whole park, he thought this was a reasonable request. Board should designate someone to follow up with a plan to follow through with the idea.
 - He approved of our efforts to clean up the area east of the runway and further plans to stay on top of it.
 - There was discussion regarding some small grants that we could apply for to potentially be used for various projects including runway repair. Mr. Bryers recommended that grant requests should typically be submitted around October for November consideration.
- Bob Wheeler, Field Chair reviewed what the club had done last year. Discussed the vandalism issues, gate repair needs, bulletin board, etc.

Old Business:

Mikey updated the board on the status of the website modifications. He expects to roll this out next week.

New Business:

- General Spring Cleanup, shelter roof replacement and shed repairs was discussed. The date selected was May 30th in the am. Please contact Bob Wheeler to let him know that you can help.
- Memorial Day Annual Egg Burn / Builders Challenge. Dennis Bender and Bernie Baker volunteered to set up burners and propane tanks.
- Labor Day. Ed Paasch will be the "Coordinator" and look into who might take charge of the Raffle Prize Tent, a job that Mike Berger has done for a number of years. Someone should talk to Alex at Hobbytown regarding a prize again this year.
- Bernie Baker has already sent out notification to membership to meet at Hawk field for the summer monthly meetings.

Miscellaneous:

- The Christmas party date was set as the second Saturday of December and will be held at Jack and Mary's again (pending final confirmation).
- Bernie Baker reviewed the cost to print and mail out color hard copies of the newsletter (\$34). The board suggested trimming cost by doing black and white reproductions rather than color.

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Etiquette (Continued)

- Call out your intentions or difficulties to others that are flying. Some examples are: “Taking off”, “Landing”, “Touch and go”, “On the field”, “Off the field”, “Dead stick” or “Lost control”. This last one can be useful to you the pilot as well. Others that are not flying will visually track where the plane goes down and be of great assistance in locating it.
- Give landing aircraft priority use of the runway as well as the airspace immediately surrounding it, should a go around be necessary.
- Give a student pilot’s airplane plenty of space when flying. Beginners can become overly worried about traffic and will concentrate on collision avoidance rather than maneuvers that improve their skills. The same holds true for a pilot that is conducting the maiden flight of his/her aircraft.
- Keep unsolicited advice to a minimum. Safety concerns should always be politely brought to the attention of a fellow modeler. But if it’s just general advice and you can’t help yourself, be brief, be concise, present your suggestion once and move on. Just keep in mind if you really do know your stuff, your advice will be solicited.
- Keep conversations to a minimum with a pilot when he/she is setting up their aircraft. It’s too easy to get distracted and miss something (e.g.: plugging in ailerons, incorrectly connecting batteries, etc.)
- Some pilots do not mind holding conversations while flying and some do not like to at all. Unless you are familiar with the pilot, assume he/she prefers not to chat. Wait until their plane is back in the pits and the engine is off.
- When standing in the immediate vicinity of a flyer, be sure to provide *plenty* of space and stand back a foot or two to allow him/her clear vision up and down the flight line.
- Help search for downed aircraft when possible. The next search and rescue mission could be for your plane and you will welcome the assistance. If you are the first one to the crash site, unless the damage is very minor, let the pieces lie until the owner arrives so he/she can take inventory or even investigate a probable cause.
- As a general rule, all visitors (especially children) should stay behind the flight line (i.e.: wooden rail fence).
- Keep the language clean! Remember this is a family sport. Many modelers have children grandchildren, nieces and nephews they are trying to involve in R/C. These individuals should not have to worry that profanity will be used in front of the younger ones.

HAPPY FLYING

Events from the past month

Lighting strike and repairs. Thanks to Dennis Bender and Greg Nelson for fixing the fence (again).



Although we have no pictures, Dennis Bender says this year’s first **old-timer event** (April 29th) was a real success. It was a gorgeous day and we had 26 pilots for lunch. Dennis also likes the new grill and large tires to help move it across the parking lot.

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Training night – April 30th. (Note Mikey giving an introduction to a father & son.) Thanks to Harry Perkons for pictures.



Great views of Hawk field!! Thanks to Roland Lyons for providing these pictures taken from his quad-copter.



From Dick Behrens. **High Standing Bear Lake level.** Overnight on 6-7 May, heavy rainfall (3-plus inches) occurred in the area and the lake level rose to about elev 1108.2 nearly 24 hours later. This level was about two feet above the top of the boat dock. However, this was not the max pool of record. That occurred on June 12, 2008 at an elev of 1108.6. Initial fill of the recreation/multipurpose pool occurred in 1977. The photo below was taken after the pool had fallen about one half foot. This was part of the reason why the float fly for May 13 was postponed one week, high winds were the main reason.



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Float Fly May 21. Winds were 6-7 mph from NW. Sunny. Krispy Kremes. Chase Boat Bob Turner. Thirteen pilots took part. They were: Gale Sherman, Rick Miller, Dennis Bender, Frank Vanecek, Bob Roegge, Fred Wilke, Gary Vohnout, Ron Pacana, Bob Zitz, Terry Chall, Rick Haneline, Larry Inness, & Dick Behrens.



Bob T, Gary M & Bob R



Frank V & new Pond Hopper
Engine Torpedo 40



Ron P & Cub



Gary V & Astrohog

Field Update from Bob Wheeler: The field is in pretty good shape. The roof on the shelter is the big project. Harry Perkons is willing to make a new gate if the board gives the okay. (Voting is underway.) He has the steel ready to cut and weld. We could install the new gate that weekend as well. Other than that, there may be some painting of the bleachers and shoring up of the safety fence. The City has graded the parking lot and the rail fence is being looked after by the Parks Department.

If anyone else sees something we need to do please feel free to comment and add to the list.

