



# Hawk Talk

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\*\*\*\* AGENDA \*\*\*\*

**GENERAL MEETING:** Friday, April 25, 2008 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.

**PROGRAM:** XXX

**BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday, May 7, 2008 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

## COME JOIN THE FUN!

### Benson High School Competition Day is May 3rd.

#### APRIL MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, APR 25  
7:00 p.m.  
11926 ARBOR ST  
Program: To Be Announced



Raffle:  
Thunder Tigre Pro .46

Once again it is time to get together to show off our stuff at the Benson High School Competition Day event. For those who don't know, this is an event where Omaha area junior high school kids get together to compete in various engineering contests. They build such things as stick and tissue airplanes, R/C hovercraft, catapults, CO2 powered racing cars, and towers made from toothpicks and marshmallows. Then they come to compete against each other in different contests. The airplanes have two: one for longest time and one for longest distance.

For many years the Omahawks have sponsored the airplane events and awarded prizes to the winners in each of the two. We also put on a static display of our R/C planes for the enjoyment of all those attending.

But the real fun (for us) comes at the end of the games. While everyone is waiting for the results to be tallied, the Omahawks put on a demonstration of indoor flying for the crowd. And

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Hawk Field  
Clean-up  
Day is  
April 26th  
Don't miss  
it!!! See p. 6

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ April 25 - General Meeting
- ★ May 7 - Business Meeting
- ★ May 14 - Board Fun Fly
- ★ Every Thursday 6 pm - dark - Flight Training
- ★ May 3 - Benson Competition Day

## THE MINUTES

Nathan King, Secretary

### General Meeting.....3/28/2008

Called to order: 7:11

#### Newsletter Update - Mike Berger

If you are planning on hosting an event this year, please give Mike any applicable information. Our editor is still taking any articles, pictures, or other information for the newsletter.

#### WinterFest Report - Steve Peck

Of the sixteen fliers registered, twelve flew. Thanks to everybody for making WinterFest a success.

#### Annual Fuel Buy - Claude Wiemer

If you intend to purchase fuel please fill in your order form and turn it in next meeting. If you do not have an order form please contact Claude. Remember, fuel must be purchased by the case (four gallons).

#### Membership Report - Ralph Brown

Ralph signed up three new members this month. The Omahawks now has 95 confirmed members for 2008.

#### Other Information

A Boy Scout troop from Council Bluffs were nice enough to donate a used Cap 21 to our club. This airplane was raffled off as one of three prizes.

The club had a brief discussion on AMA's new "Park Pilot Partner" program. It was decided that more information was needed before making a final decision on implementing this program.



# SHOW

# AND



# TELL

### Business Meeting.....4/2/2008

Due in part to the fact that Ralphie thought it more important to stay at home to celebrate his wife's birthday than to attend such an important meeting, not enough board members were in attendance for a quorum and no official meeting was held. (Happy Birthday, Lorrie!)



# Join the FUN



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# HAWK TALK

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The Omahawks  
now have a  
YOUTUBE  
account

Check it out!

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)



Doc tried to demonstrate his foam cutting machine, but his equipment didn't want to cooperate.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The Omahawks are happy to welcome the following new members into the club. We want to thank them all for joining. We look forward to their friendship and contributions to the club for many years to come.

**Eric Himan**  
**Garrett Jones**  
**William Lusch**  
**Joe McClure**  
**Gary Schmitz**  
**David Streebin**  
**Preston Streebin**  
**Don Towery**  
**Fred Tuckerman**  
**Michael Wheeler**  
**Ken Young**



Our youngest cat, Clio, checks out my new P38 kit - *editor*



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## COMPETITION DAY - YOUR HELP NEEDED

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once the Competition Day events are over, the gym is open for the rest of the afternoon for anyone to fly their indoor planes!

So, in order to make this event a success, we need you to help out with the static display to tell people about R/C flying and the Omahawks. We also need (that's right, need) people to come and fly their indoor planes after the end of the games.

The Omahawks' participation in this event is hugely popular with the friends and families of the competitors. We need strong participation in order to keep it that way.

The display will need to be set up at 8:00 am. The competition runs until around noon with the awards ceremony following. The display will be right inside the door on the North side of the school. For more information contact Fred Wilke.

## NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR HAWK TALK SUBMISSIONS

In the past couple of years, there have been several people that have had trouble getting e-mails sent to me through my normal e-mail account. This is mostly due to the size of pictures they are sending to me. In order to fix this problem I have set up another e-mail address for anyone having problems. Please feel free to use this address any time you please. It has no limitations on the size of the message or attachments. (The old one is still good, too)

[mrberger352@mmthings.com](mailto:mrberger352@mmthings.com)

# Having Fun at

Here is a very old photo of Standing Bear Lake that Steve Culver submitted. It's really neat to see it without all the suburbia around it, isn't it?.



# HAWK FIELD



**Come  
On  
out!**



**Join  
the  
fun!**



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## HAWK FIELD CLEAN-UP DAY 2008

It's time to dust off the rakes, shovels and other tools and get the field ready for the new flying season.

This Saturday, April 26th, club members are encouraged to come out to the field and help in the clean-up. EJ reports that the field is in relatively good shape and that there are no major repairs needed. But there is still a lot of spring-related cleaning to do.

If we can get a lot of people down to the field on Saturday morning, we can get a lot of work done in a little time.

So get down to the field on Saturday. Bring your planes. But also bring your rake, your shovel, trash bags, gloves and your work clothes and let's get the field in shape for the new season. If everybody helps out, the work will be done in a flash and everyone can get down to the real business of the day - flying!

- editor



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## HAWK TALK TRAINING PRO- GRAM IS GOING STRONG

With the beginning of the flying season comes the start of flight training night at Hawk Field. As you know, every Thursday night, we have free flight training for any new Omahawk members who are learning to fly. For someone who wants to try out R/C for the first time, we have club trainers they can test fly.

This year's training nights are up and going once more and your help is needed to make them a success. If you are a flight instructor, please make the effort to attend as many training night sessions as you can. There are many students counting on you to help them learn to fly.

But more than that is needed. If you are not a flight instructor, you are still important. Ground crew personnel are needed to help the students get their planes checked out, set up and trimmed correctly. They need help making sure that they are charged, up fueled and lined up for learning.

So come on down to the field on Thursday nights. Help the club spread the joy of flying to a new generation of fliers.

- editor



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## BILL'S NEW TOY

Our good friend and vice president, Bill Bender has gotten himself a new addition to his collection. He decided he wanted a new toy and he wanted to do it big. So he went out and got him-



self the new SIG Fourstar 120 that you see here. This is a really sweet looking bird and I'm sure he'll enjoy it for a long time to come!

- editor



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Hawk Talk  
in full color  
on the web at  
[www.omahawks.com](http://www.omahawks.com)

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# HAWK TALK

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Here's some pictures of some neat old warbirds someone sent me. I hope you like them.

- editor



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Don't forget  
Field Clean-  
up Day  
April 26  
At  
Hawk Field

# GOODBYE WINTER - HELLO SPRING

All right! It finally happened. The cold broke and it is now finally spring. Or should I say, the rainy season. Or is it the windy season? It just seems like I can't buy a break this year. First it was the cold that just wouldn't give up, then as soon as the cold gave up, it got windy and wet. And on top of all that, I have a job in agriculture. That means that when the weather is nice, I'm at work from dawn to dusk. Doesn't that sound fun?

So finally, it's Saturday, its 70 degrees outside, and the wind is calm. This is a perfect day for flying. It doesn't, it can't possibly get any better than this. I am going to the field! I'm going to get a plane up! I tell my wife how wonderful it is outside and how badly I want to go to the field and fly.

"Wow," she says, "It is nice outside. I guess this would be a perfect time to get the mower fired up."

"Huh?"

"And while we're at it, we should probably get the tiller out and get the garden going. I've got onions to plant and the radishes need to be put in."

"Um, what?"

"And we still need to get the yard cleaned up so we can mow. And the deck needs to be fixed. And the garage needs to be cleaned out."

"Um... airplanes?"

"Oh, yeah. And you need to get your airplanes out of the way, too."

Heavy sigh.

I guess I'm going to work on the yard instead of the planes. The field will have to wait. But don't worry. I'll get there. Maybe by Memorial Day.

- editor