



Hawk Talk

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**** AGENDA ****

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, April 24, 2009 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

PROGRAM: A Good time will be had by all!

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, May 6, 2009 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

BIG ED'S BIG NEW EVENT

Our good friend Big Ed Mustafa, otherwise known as Ed Paasch, has developed a new event for the Omahawks this summer. It is called the Sport Pilots' Championship and is a three part event designed to allow all members to dust off their old sport planes and compete on a playing field that is tilted in favor of affordable middle of the road sport planes instead of the high dollar high tech marvels that make one question whether it is the pilot or

the plane that has all the skill.

Big Ed's new event is split into three separate events. Part one is a pylon racing contest to take place on the 16th of May consisting of heat races and a final race.

Part two is a pattern flying event in which pilots will be required to perform a series of maneuvers with their sport plane. This event will take place on Saturday June 20th.

The third and final event will be a combat event to take place on Sunday July 12th and involve pilots trying to clip a crepe paper streamer from the tail of their adversaries' planes.

At the end of the third event, an overall winner will be chosen to receive the coveted trophy naming them the best sport plane pilot in the club!

Entry is limited to a set number of participants so be sure to sign up early and don't miss this exciting new event!

Contact Ed Paasch for more details on his cell phone at 510-8730 or email him at Bigedmustafa@hotmail.com

- editor

Don't forget the
Western Fliers
Auction
Sunday April 26
Firemen's Hall
60th & Grover
10:00 am
Come to help!
Come to buy!
Come to sell!

APRIL MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, APR 24

7:00 p.m.

11926 ARBOR ST

Raffle:

Great Planes Escapade
& 46 LA Engine



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ April 26 - Western Flyers Auction
- ★ Apr 24 - April General Meeting
- ★ May 5 - Float Fly
- ★ May 6 - Business Meeting
- ★ May 16 - Sport Pilot Championship event #1
- ★ May 30- Saturday Float Fly
- ★ Every Thursday Night is training night at Hawk Field

THE MINUTES

Larry McChesney, Secretary

General Meeting.....3/27/2009

Meeting was brought to order by President, E.J. Murphy.

New members in attendance included, Paul Mooter, Darren Will and Judd Bock. Also, Kevin Hyde brought a guest, his brother Steven Hyde.

Membership Report – Ralph Brown

? As of March 26, we show 97 members. And, 9 as new.

? Ralph presented a stack of applications to the Treasurer, 7 altogether.

Newsletter Report – Mike Berger - As always, we could use your input into your newsletter. Send Mike some airplane pictures, building articles, and anecdotes, whatever. If you elected to receive e-newsletter, and have not received it, notify Mike Berger at the e-mail address HawkTalk@Omahawks.org . However, be advised, it is the time of the year Mike will be working long hours, farm community type long hours. Please, be patient while waiting for a response from Mike.

E.J. has received the Club Charter Certificate, for 2009, along with the Certificate of Insurance.

Also, the renewal forms for the Model Aviation magazine for the Junior High Schools. These are for our elective to become a Gold Leader Club, again this year. Just a side note, the cost of the magazine has been raised to \$12 per year, for each subscription. This is up from \$11, previously.

Field Update

? Nathan Brown has been collecting information, on runway repairs. Nathan reported he has measured 2,000 lineal feet of cracks on the runway. He has collected prices to rent the equipment needed to grind the areas above the cracks, in order to make repairs. Rental would be \$300 per day. The time needed to make the repairs would require closing the field for a couple of days. It was suggested we could try to time this with a Float Fly event, or during the week. Nathan and Bob Wheeler continue to search for alternatives.

? Mike Berger is in the process of repairing the numbers on the frequency board. The flags have been removed and are in the process of being sand blasted. Mike will repaint the flags, as time permits. Dean Copeland contacted Mike, and will help with the new vinyl numbers to go on the flags. Also, the SPEKTRUM flag will be moved from the bottom of the frequency board to the impound, along with the flags for the ham numbers.

Event Reports

? Benson Competition Day was, March 21. Fred Wilke reported the event was well attended by both students participating in the event and Omahawks members displaying aircraft.

? Ground School and Instructors meeting was held March 24th. Bob Wheeler coordinated the meeting. We had a number of instructors attend, and, potential instructors, (I'll give it a try). We can always use extra help on training nights, ground crew, someone to work the sign in table, etc. Please, consider helping out, occasionally.

? Event Requests, for 2009 included, 2009

Sport Pilot Championship, Float Flies, Electric Glider fun fly, Youth Fun Fly, Pattern Championship, Scale Competition, Labor Day Air Show, Multi-Wing Fun Fly, Christmas Party, and 2010 Winterfest. A motion to accept the slate of events was made and seconded, the club members passed the motion.

? Steve Peck is the coordinator for the Strategic Aerospace Museum Event, in July. Further information to come.

? Reminder: Please, lock the gate if you are the last club member to leave. If there are non-members still parked inside the Hawk Field area, politely inform them that they need to move there vehicles. This facility is to be locked, if there are no club representatives present. Also, remember to close the lock on the chain, when you open it. This will prevent the lock from being lost or stolen.

? Children's Museum Event could use a coordinator. Last possible date is April 19th.

? Flight training begins April 2. We can always use help with ground crew, instructors, etc. Remember, the field is closed to sport flying during training sessions.

? E.J. suggested a "Member of the Month" parking space. Seems I wasn't aware this was tried in the past, and wasn't much of a hit. Since, there didn't seem to be much enthusiasm in resurrecting this. The idea was dropped.

? Ed Paasch made a presentation suggesting a helicopter flying area. The area proposed is just to the Southwest of the parking lot. There was much discussion, and a lot of ideas/issues were discussed. A motion was made and seconded to procure 3 picnic tables to be used in this area. If we cannot get tables from the parks department, we will buy them ourselves. The motion was passed.

? Don't forget to check out the Omahawks Radio Control Club on Facebook. This month's raffle prize was a Parkzone Vapor RTF. Brent Erickson was the lucky winner.

Because of the length of some of the discussions, we did not have time to view Bob Wheeler's presentation of "Warbirds Over the Rockies".

Minutes prepared by E.J. Murphy. I want to thank, Nathan King for taking notes for me at the meeting, as Larry was out of town.

President's note:

Remember, these meetings are for all of us to have a say in how our club operates. Fortunately, we had a quorum this month, and were capable of voting on the event requests for this year. Come to the meetings, and let your voice be heard. And, bring your ideas. Just because mine didn't spark any interest, doesn't mean yours would be rejected.

Business Meeting.....4/1/2009

Officers and Board Attending: Officers E.J. Murphy, Pres., Bob Wheeler, V.P., Kevin Hyde, Treasurer, Larry McChesney, Sec., Board Members Nathan Brown, Doc Greenberg, Brad Shaink

★ **Treasurers report:** Kevin Hyde was present to provide treasurers report.

★ **Membership:** Ralph Brown was not present. President reported that there are now 109 members who have joined or renewed

memberships. Recently seven new members have been registered. A notice to those 2008 members who have not renewed will be sent out as is traditionally been done.

Events

★ Ed Paasch handed out an information registration form for the Sport Pilot Championship "Olson Cup" event. Event #1 is the Pylon Racing Session May 16th. Session #2 Pattern Competition is June 20th and last is the Combat event on July 12th. Landing fee is \$5.00

★ Pilot training program began on April 2nd.

Hawk Field Report

Prior to the beginning of the business meeting was a half hour meeting with Dennis Byers, City of Omaha Parks Department. This is an annual review of the clubs operation of the field. Several items were discussed with Mr. Byers pertaining to mowing, latrine, general review of Omahawks financial reports, etc. The Parks Department is satisfied with the current status of the field and our efforts and investment in maintaining the area and management of the facility.

Nathan Brown and Bob Wheeler have had further discussions with American Paving regarding proposals for improvements and upgrades to the runway. From the last meeting they had submitted a recommendation for milling and patching the runway in a few areas as a test. With that proposal was a "unit cost" per crack. Since the method described was similar to that utilized in the past the board suggest that Nathan and Bob ask for a price to do a complete job from end to end. They will pursue that proposal for the next meeting.

Also discussed was the suggestion, supported by many, that we develop a specific area for helicopters at the far south end of the property. This idea was also reviewed with Dennis Byer. They are willing to provide some picnic tables for this addition.

Old Business

Brad Shaink and Kevin Hyde gave us an update on the PayPal account for the club. It has now been tested and works well to support the clubs business activities. Kevin asked the board to approve making the PayPal option "live and active." All present approved and thanked Brad and Kevin for organizing this effort.

New Business

Board discussed program suggestions and raffle item choices for the next meeting.

Inventory. As near as the Secretary can determine the club currently owns the following: Yellow Hobbico Superstar MkII, trans., servos, receiv. J. Henley Hobbico trainer, trans., servos, receiv. N. King Avistar trainer, trans. Servos, receiv. (Eric Morgan is putting together) E. Morgan Avistar trainer, trans., servos, receiver. (Doc G. is giving to club) Buddy box's (4) Club AV system and speakers S. Peck

We would like this list complete. If you have something that does not appear on this list please let the Secretary know what is not accounted for yet. Also this inventory does not include anything stored in the shed at the field.

End of meeting.

Show & Tell

IT'S EASIER THAN EVER TO JOIN THE OMAHAWKS!

A new feature has been added to the Omahawks.org web site. It is now possible to join the Omahawks while sitting at your computer!

Brad has added the capability to the web site that allows you to join the Omahawks and pay through Pay Pal. You simply enter your information on the application page and you will be taken to the Pay Pal page where you can pay with your credit card or your Pay Pal balance. You don't even have to have an account on Pay Pal to do it.

Now there is no reason not to join the Omahawks! It is so easy that anybody with a computer and an internet connection can do it with ease. So go out to the website and check it out!

- editor



Fred demos a great new covering method



Bob shows off his Aeromaster



Olie's tripe got a make-over



OK, this one I stick-built!



Yes, I built an 8ft flying wing. Why I did it is another question.

Work Day (?)



Frank V. and his Dragonfly

Even though we didn't have any major projects like we have had in the past, we still spent a good three hours getting the field looking nice. Safety fence, weeding the flower beds, cleaning gutters, trash pick-up, etc. etc. was still a lot of busy work.

We did, also, take time to empty, clean, rearrange and inventory the shed. The weather was very cooperative, and I wanted to take a moment to thank all the people that were there to help: Mike Lollis, Joe Cole, Steve Zikmund, Larry McChesney, Fred Wilke, Leroy Henderson, Bob Wheeler, Skip Brown, Nathan Brown and myself.

I wished I had realized this was the Saturday before Easter, when we scheduled this. But, we managed to get a lot done. If you couldn't be there to help, we understand. But, when you see one of the guys mentioned above, be sure to thank them for their hard work.

As President, and Nathan as Field Chairman, we want to say a big "Thank You", to all.

- EJ



I'm not sure I believe this guy was actually working! I guess I'd feel better about it if we had actual pictures to prove it!

- editor

At Hawk Field



**Come out
and fly!**

**It was a
great day
for working
and flying!**



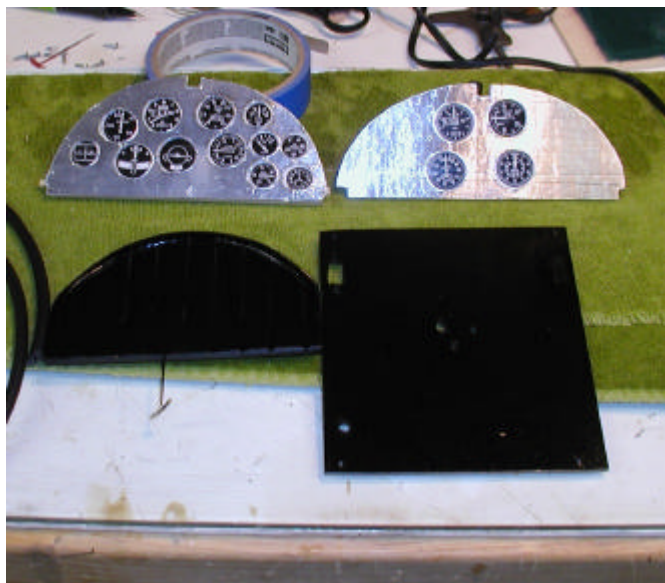
Our top photographer, Helen Paasch, enjoys the spring sun.

JIM'S MARQUET CHARGER IS FINISHED!

Jim Henley's latest project is a 1/4 scale Marquart Charger Biplane. This beautiful plane is complete at last as you can see in this final installment.

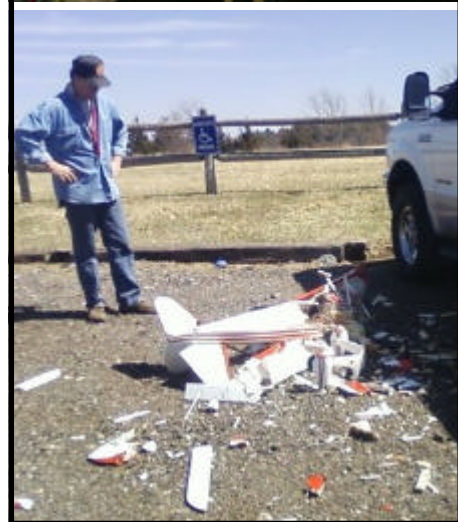
The instrument panels were made up from 1/8" balsa cut to the proper shape. File folder stock was used for the face of the instrument cluster with 1/4 scale J'tec instruments. Once the layout was done, holes cut for the instruments, the folder stock was covered with aluminum tape and brushed with scotch brite, and the assembly was glued together with Pacer glue. Wind screens were cut from .040 plexiglass and the fuselage was marked for the windscreen attachment screws. Once the wind screens locations were finalized, the balance of the mounting holes were drilled and reinforced. Cockpit combing was cut and fitted to the fuselage. The complete aircraft, waiting for warmer weather for that first flight.

- Jim Henley



JIM SUFFERS A TRAGEDY

It's a good thing that Jim has completed his Charger because he recently suffered a catastrophe while flying his current biplane (I think it was a Pico). Let's hope he has better luck with the Charger!



THE CITY'S NEW LOCK AT HAWK FIELD

The Omaha Parks Department has installed a new lock at Hawk Field. They have put the new lock there so they can get in to collect the trash and anything else they may have to do inside the field grounds.

The locks are set up so that the Omahawks' lock hooks together with the city lock on the chain on the gate. That way either the city workers or the Omahawks' members can get into the field.

So, if you are out at the field and are locking up the field, please make sure that both of the locks are hooked together in such a way that they can both be used to unlock the field. This club has always had a great working relationship with the city and the parks department. Let's all work together to keep that going long into the future!

- editor

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

36 years of RCModeler, boxed by the year . Needs a new home. Present owner is moving (down-sizing).

FREE!

Call Doc Greenberg
493-5492

IT'S FLOAT FLY TIME!

The new season is here and it is time for everybody's favorite event: the float fly! Every year Dick Behrens, Bob Zitzlsperger and a host of others put on a great slate of float flying events and this year is no exception.

The Standing Bear Lake Recreation Area has about the nicest area for float flying around and the Omahawks and their guests are truly fortunate to have such a great place to fly.

The float flying events are unquestionably the most popular events on the calendar and they enjoy the most loyal following. So if you are able to, be sure to attend as many as you can. If you have never seen a float fly, you owe it to yourself to come out and watch. I promise that if you see it one time, you will want to rush out and get your own float plane and join in the fun!

Be sure to clip out the schedule below and save the dates. You don't want to miss any of these fascinating events!



Come and see what it's all about!

HAWK FIELD FLOAT FLYS - 2009

May 5	Tuesday	8:30 a.m.
May 30	Saturday	9:00 a.m.
June 23	Tuesday	8:30 a.m.
July 18	Saturday	9:00 a.m.
Aug. 18	Tuesday	8:30 a.m.
Sep. 15	Tuesday	8:30 a.m.
Oct. 6	Tuesday	8:30 a.m.

Any make-up dates will be determined on the day of the event.

Clip and Save

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Um... About those frequency numbers...

Paint, paint, paint.

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Did you know that there are over sixty of those little paddles for the frequency control board? And they are taking four coats of paint each? One primer and three coats of implement paint. I didn't know that when I started this, but I do now. It has been a lot of work and it's getting real close to being done.

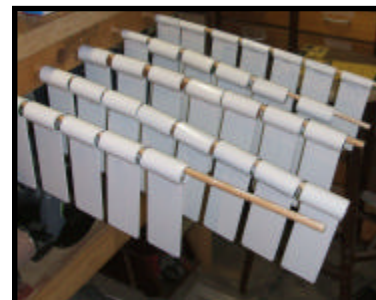
I have received a few queries as to how it is coming along, so I believe an update is in order. The



Just four more to go...

paddles are in the process of being painted. At the time of this writing, 2/3 of them have one coat and 1/3 have two coats. So they will be done very soon. Dean Copeland has gotten the numbers for them and has sent them to me, so I should be receiving them early this week. A couple of the pipes need replacing and the numbers will be applied before the whole setup is returned to the field.

It's just about finished. I am hoping to have it back together by this weekend. It will be really nice to have them back in place for the rest of the flying season.



A batch drying.

- Mike Berger - editor