



Hawk Talk

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**** AGENDA ****

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, April 30, 2010 * 7:00 P.M. * Hawk Field (Hobby Town, Irvington if bad weather)

PROGRAM: Have fun and fly!!!

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, May 5, 2010 * 7:00 P.M. * Skip Brown's House

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

IT'S TIME TO HAVE FUN, FLY AND BURN EGGS!

Spring is here! Beautiful, lovely, glorious Spring! The trees are green, the grass is growing and the weather is finally on our side. It's time to fly!

So get your planes ready, if you haven't already and get out to our nicely refurbished field and have some fun. It's going to be a long summer and we are only looking at the very beginning of it. There's lots of good days coming and we all want to be part of

the fun.

When you get out to the field, be sure to fly safe and friendly. We want to make sure that everyone has a safe time as well as a good time. And remember that you are in control of the all-important first impression for anyone outside the club who visits the field. So, if you see someone new or unfamiliar out there, go up and introduce yourself. Answer any questions they may have and encourage them to join us in the fun. We all have a part in selling the club and we can each do a lot to show people what a great club this is.

And while you are out this summer, be sure to attend as many of the events as you can. The float flies are starting soon as well as the glider fun fly and the Sport Pilot Championship.

Although it's almost a month away, the President's Memorial Day Egg Burn is coming, too! We all remember, of course, that on Memorial Day we all come to the field with some breakfast food like eggs or bacon and the officers will cook breakfast for everyone. After that, assuming we still have the stomach for it, we

all go flying for the rest of the day.

We have a long summer ahead of us, but it will be gone before we know it. Let's all go out and have a safe and fun summer of flying and make the most of every opportunity we have to have fun!

- editor

APRIL MEETING AT HAWK FIELD

FRIDAY, APR 30

6:30 p.m.

Weather Permitting
Alternate site: Hobby Town Irvington

Raffle: 2 \$75 Hobby Town Gift Certificates

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Apr 30 - General Meeting
- ★ May 4 - Float Fly
- ★ May 5 - Business Meeting
- ★ May 15 - Electric Glider Fun Fly
- ★ May 22 - SPC Pylon Event
- ★ May 29 - Saturday Float Fly
- ★ May 31 - President's Memorial Day Egg Burn
- ★ Jun 5 - Helicopter Fun Fly

THE MINUTES

Larry McChesney, Secretary

General Meeting.....3/26/2010

President E.J. Murphy opened the meeting.

Membership Report: The membership report was given. As of March 25 there are 83 members of which seven are new. Thanks to Ed Paasch for handling some of the applications earlier this month.

Newsletter Report: Mike Berger was present. Due to the secretary arriving late to the meeting I cannot record the conversation for these minutes. (He didn't say anything important anyway - editor)

Field Update: Mikey Furrow, Field Chair, has received a few suggestions for projects at Hawk Field. If other members have ideas for improvements, changes see Mikey

Two bids for mowing this season have been received. The board is still accepting bids. Anyone interested contact a board member.

Spring Clean Up is set for Saturday, April 17th beginning at 9A.M. Please come out. Bring some tools and lets invest some time in the annual effort in maintaining our first class facility.

Event Reports:

Flight instructors met on Monday to discuss the Training Program which will start next Thursday. One of our new members used the opportunity to have his new Avistar checked out.

A slate of events was presented by E.J. based on information submitted earlier in the month by sponsors. They include:

- Morning Float Flyers Starting May 4th and ending Oct. 5th
- Electric Powered Fun Fly March 3rd
- Youth Fun Fly June 12th
- Sport Pilot Championship May 30th Pylon
- June 27th Sportsman
- August 1st Combat
- Helicopter Fun Fly June 5th
- Multi-wing Event July - August (TBD)
- Fun Scale Event TBD

Mike Berger made a motion to approve the above events and dates. It was seconded by Skip Brown. Motion passed unanimously. It was noted that the total cost to the club treasury would not exceed \$2,000 for food, trophies and prizes based on the money requested by the sponsors of all the events.

In addition the following events were placed on the agenda for the year. They are: Memorial Day Egg Burn
Christmas Party 1st Saturday in December
Labor Day Air Show
Winterfest 2011

Old Business

There was a short discussion regarding the new website. Kevin Hyde and Mike Berger are dealing with some small matters. If you need access to the "Members Only" section or find something amiss contact Kevin @Khyde@Omahawks.org.

The April General meeting will be held at the field unless there is weather. Then we will try to meet at Hobby Town again at 6:30.

New Business

It was noted that due to spring flooding, par-

ticularly at the Cobra's field, some friends are without space to fly. After considerable discussion he made a motion to open Hawk Field until their fields are available again providing that other club members are guests of an Omahawks member and have current AMA membership. It was seconded and passed.

The raffle prize was a Park Zone Cub RTF. It was won by Harry Perkons.



Business Meeting.....4/7/2010

President E.J. Murphy opened the meeting.

Officers present: EJ Murphy, Bob Wheeler, Kevin Hyde, Larry McChesney.

Board members present: Skip Brown, Harry Perkons, Brad Perkons, Bob Zitslperger, Mikey Furrow.

Members attending: Ralph Brown, Ed Paasch, Mike Berger

Treasurers Report: Kevin Hyde presented the treasurers report.

Membership Report: The membership report was given. As of April 6th there are 96 members. Eight are new.

Field Update: Mikey Furrow, Field Chair, has continued the process for selecting a mowing company for 2010. He has five bids now and presented the cost proposals. Also discussed was the scope of the mowing for the year which may include additional area over the crest of the hill along the east side of the runway.

Due to timing the board asked Mikey to continue talking with the companies showing interest and email board members more information as it is received. It is expected that a decision will be made before the next board meeting.

Spring Clean Up is set for Saturday, April 17th beginning at 9A.M.

A new sign and its location was discussed. It is felt that the old sign (north side of shelter) should be removed and a new one erected so that it is displayed near the main entrance drive to the parking lot.

We need to also repair or replace sections of the safety fence and apply a weed killer.

Event Reports:

A slate of events and budget has been completed for the calendar year. They include;

- Morning Float Flyers Starting May 4th and ending Oct. 5th
- Electric Powered Fun Fly May 15th
- Youth Fun Fly June 12th

- Sport Pilot Championship May 22nd Pylon
- June 19th Sportsman Pattern
- July 24th Combat
- Helicopter Fun Fly June 5th
- Multi-wing Event July - August (TBD)
- Pattern Contest August 1st or 2nd week
- Electric Powered Ducted Fan August

21st

- Fun Scale Event TBD
- Scale Contest September 18th
- Helicopter Fun Fly September 25th
- In addition the following annual events were placed on the agenda for the year and do not require club funds. They are:
- Memorial Day Egg Burn
- Christmas Party 1st Saturday in December
- Labor Day Air Show
- Winterfest

Old Business

There was a short discussion regarding the new website. Kevin Hyde is working on the photo gallery. If you need help to access the "Members Only" section or find something amiss contact Kevin

@Khyde@Omahawks.org. The by-laws can also be found on the web site. The group felt that they should not be limited to the "members only" section.

There was some discussion about the topic of landing fees. Kevin Hyde volunteered to go back into the records to research the matter so that it could be reviewed with the board at the next meeting.

It was also suggested that we should look at having the by-laws posted at the field.

New Business

The President wanted to note that Kevin and Mike have made big strides forward on the website. This includes updating the Officer and Board member roster. And if anyone would like to contact a board member their contact information will be available in that location.



Many thanks are due to the good folks at Hobby Town for letting us use their facility!

BENSON COMPETITION DAY

Once again the Omahawks kicked off the new flying season by going indoors! Benson High School 's Competition Day took place on April 3, and once again, the Hawks sponsored the flying competition.

The static display was well received and Dan Walz brought out his nearly finished (just a few hundred hours of work left) giant scale B17 Flying Fortress.



JOE'S NEW JOB

In addition to being a full time magician and a full time R/C fanatic, our good friend Joe Cole has added another feather to his cap. He is now the distributor for Whirlybird Aviation products in the United States.

Joe will be the contact for anyone interested in autogyro plans and can help you in just about any part of your quest to have and fly one of these unique aircraft. He'll be the distributor for the following plans: DAG R1; DAG R2; DAG 60; RPG; Profile Kellet and PCA-2 60 (Plans available SOON!)

You can contact Joe at whirlybirdaviation@hotmail.com

FLYING THUNDER AT THE MID-WEST MOTORPLEX

Larry Pratt is developing a new flying site for local RCers at the Mid-west Motorplex in Pacific Junction, IA. He is trying to come up with some events to get things rolling. Here is part of a letter he sent me. I am posting it here so you can contact him and let him know what you think of his ideas or offer any suggestions for his new facility. - ed

I am in the process of getting a week end runway built at the race track so that may happen very soon. the plan is that when the Motorplex is open anyone can fly all they want.

Could you please get me an idea on how many would like to have a night fly at the Flying Thunder. It would last from before dark to the last man standing or daylight want to have that soon.

Do you know of any interest in pylon racing? I am going to try to have as many different events as possible this summer and even have a pond there for float flying.

- Larry Pratt

Please feel free to contact Larry with any ideas or suggestions you might have. His e-mail address is: roadstarpratt@yahoo.com

HAWK TALK

CLEAN-UP AT HAWK FIELD



Ed shows off his skills at supervision.



It's a fertilizer spreader, Skip. It's not that complicated!



Clean-up done - Time to fly!



Meet our newest mascot



Did anybody actually see this guy work?



As God is my witness, I thought turkeys could fly!

All Hail the Working Man

April 17th was a beautiful day to be out and cleaning up Ol' Man winter's lasting effects on the field. With such a large group of members who showed up, we were able to accomplish a lot of projects that weren't originally on the list, but were needed to make our field a great place to fly. The pavilion's roof got its first coat of paint, a lot of brush and limbs were cleaned up and removed, and lots of fun times were had by a great group of guys. Thanks to all who came out, and if you see them at the field, be sure to thank them for their efforts.

- Mikey Furrow - Field Chairman



Larry's a little fuzzy this time of day...



All cleaned up and ready to go!

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KIDS LOVE TO FLY AT HAWK FIELD

YOUTH FUN FLY IS COMING SOON

When: June 27th / Ten until two o'clock.

Come join the Youth Fun Fly June 12th at Hawk Field with your grandson, granddaughters or your kids. What the sponsors hope will be to start the young kids, under the age of fourteen, to begin to think about a fun hobby.

Lunch will be available for all attending. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided. And there is no landing fee assessment. Fred will purchase a couple "Yellow Bee electrics" to have at the event. These will be built and hopefully complete enough to fly before the end of the day. They will be raffled for the kids to take home with them. Other rubber band balsa planes will be given to all the participants.

Bottom line for us is that while we got into the hobby for personal reasons we probably also saw it as a chance to connect with our grandkids/kids. And when they come to the field and see others their age or younger flying and having a good time perhaps some of the reluctance to "crash Grandpas nice plane" will disappear. Those of us who have had the youngsters on a buddy box and yet had that nasty disaster occur know that they can become hesitant to fly again. What is the saying? When you "fall off the horse" you get right back on.

So lets meet up, enjoy some building, some hot dogs, some flying and some prizes. Most of all the smiles when the kids accomplish something that seems simple to older people but very rewarding to the kids.

See you the 12th! - *Larry M*



Electric Glider Fun Fly Saturday May 15, 2010

Bring out your electric glider, sailplane or electric old-timer and join us for some spring soaring at Standing Bear Lake!

- **All Up/Last Down contest**
- **Lunch and drinks provided**
- **Door prizes awarded**
- **Prize for contest winner**

**Standing Bear Lake
138th & Fort St
Omaha, NE 68164**

**Event Host: Larry Bailey
Phone: (402) 291-3164
Email: Inbailey@cox.net**



Charge up your electric glider/sailplane or electric old-timer and join us at Hawk Field for a fun and relaxing day of flying! We'll have open glider flying from 10 am until 1 pm and an All up/ Last Down contest from 1 to 2 pm (1 hour maximum)

Registration for the All Up/Last down contest will start at 10am. Be sure to register early to reserve your frequency! Door prizes and a Prize for the contest winner will be awarded.

Pop and water will be served to all participants and lunch will be served at 12.

A \$5.00 landing fee is required for all fliers without a Hawk Field flying permit and current AMA membership is required for all participants.

TUESDAY MORNING'S AT HYVEE

Starting about 10 years ago, a group of mostly retired modelers have been meeting on Tuesday mornings at HyVee for breakfast/coffee. The following photos were taken at the March 23rd meeting.

These guys have been doing this for many years and they have a great time doing it. They would love to have you join them any time you get the chance. (They say there's a really cute young girl that likes to spend time with them at Hy-vee but she never seems to appear in the photos.- *ed*)

Photo 1: L to R; Terry Pollard, Bob Anderson, Gerry Stehno, Bob Burt, Ralph Brown, Larry Quigley, Mike Lollis, John Thompson, Fred Wilke, Harry Perkins, Ed Splittgerber, Bob Zitzlsperger, Bud Mitchell, and Chuck Buscher.

Photo 2: Coming late Doc Greenberg. In background, regulars Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Montgomery. Others attending but not in photo included Mitt Grimes, Leroy Henderson, Ken Heimbuch, Ron Pacana and Dick Behrens.



"LET'S FLY SOME PATTERN!!!"

Arvada Associated Modelers
presents the
Colorado Pattern Challenge

Date: June 26 – 27, 2010 (2-days)

Time: 8:00 am – practice and registration; 9:00 am – pilots meeting

Place: AAM Club Field; 7608 Highway 93, Golden, CO 80403

Sportsman / Intermediate / Advanced / Masters / FAI

- Up to 6 rounds flown, 2010 AMA rules apply
- Contestant/non-Contestant Judging (please read your rule book)
- Trophies for 3 places (each class)
- Prizes, Lunch and Refreshments Provided

**NO MODEL RESTRICTIONS for ALL AMA CLASSES
ALL ENTRIES ACCEPTED**

For more information and for an entry form and flier please contact the editor at omahawks@kaptnkarl.com

Or contact the Contest director:

Joe Pirozzoli

jfpirozzoli@gmail.com

303-422-0290

FLOAT FLYS In May

Standing Bear Lake Omaha

Chase boat, coffee, donuts

**Tuesday May 4 830 am to 1130 am
Fish Fry for Pilots**

**Saturday May 29 9 am to 1230 pm
Pizza & pop for lunch**

AMA pilots from all fields welcome

\$5 fee for pilots w/o Hawkfield permits (No fee for Omahawks)

Sponsored by Omahawks

More info: Dick Behrens 451-6397

Bob Zitzlsperger 493-1610

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April Meeting At Hawk Field... ...Or Not

Due to remodeling, we are unable to hold meetings at the Make-A-Wish meeting room, so the April meeting will be held at Hawk Field. (That's where we all want to be, anyway.) But if the weather does not cooperate, the meeting will be held at Hobby Town in Irvington at 6:30. If the meeting is at the field, just get there as soon as you can so you have a chance to fly before all the "blah, blah, blah" starts!

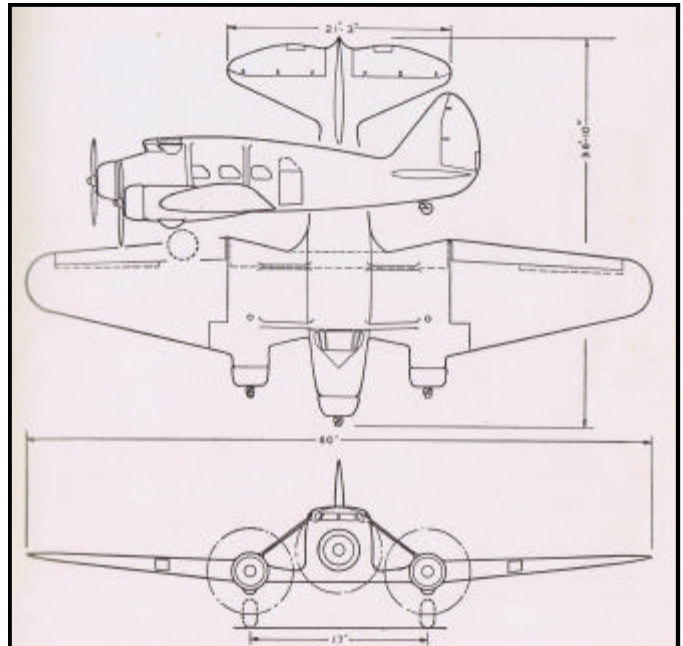
Mystery Plane for April

Last month's mystery plane was a fun one. A few people tried to guess what it was. Skip Brown tried... and tried... and tried... but ultimately failed. So it was with no small amount of smugness that I showed up at the meeting thinking that I had stumped everybody. But when I had the chance to brag in front of the club, Dean Copeland looked up at me and said, "It's a Monocoupe, right?" Ooh! Ego deflated. I guess I should have known better than to think I had outfoxed such an able old hand.

Yes, last month's mystery plane was the Lambert Monocoupe, built in Robertson, MO, right outside St. Louis. It was powered by a 90 hp engine and had a cruising speed of 110 mph. Lambert Aircraft Corporation built 32 of them in 1936.



The Lambert
Monocoupe



April's Mystery Plane—Easy for Dean, tough for you!