



Hawk Talk

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ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, April 29, 2011 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

PROGRAM: Introduction to Electric Flight Q&A

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, May 4, 2011 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!

The big vote is coming up at the meeting this Friday. A change in the bylaws has been proposed that will allow helicopter pilots to fly off of the main runway on Monday nights. Since a bylaw change in 2005, helicopters have been restricted to the area south and west of the main pit area.

This change was proposed as a way to give pilots of larger heli-

copters a better place to fly, attract new members and better utilize the field on a lightly used night. A vote on this proposal will be held at Friday's general meeting as well as online at the Omahawks website.

Motion to be voted on: A motion has been forwarded to the club membership to allow helicopter pilots to fly off of the runway on Mondays.

The current field rules as amended in 2005 states: All helicopter takeoff, flying and landing must be within the posted helicopter fly zone.

If approved by the membership the revised field rule will say: All helicopter takeoff, flying and landing must be within the posted helicopter fly zone except on Mondays when helicopters can be flown from the runway.

Opinions on this proposal vary greatly, so it is important that your voice is heard as well as everybody else's. So come out to the meeting on Friday to vote in person or log on to the member's area on the website and let your voice be heard. The more mem-

bers we get to vote the better the outcome will represent the whole of the club.

To vote online, go to <http://www.omahawks.net/members> If you do not know your login ID go to : <http://www.omahawks.net/members/lostpass.asp> to get it sent to you.

APRIL **MEETING AT** **MAKE-A-WISH**

FRIDAY, APR 29

7:00 p.m.

11926 Arbor St

Program:

**Introduction to Electric
Flight**

Raffle :

**J3 Cub RTF
(finally)**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Apr 29 - General Meeting
- ★ Apr 30 - EDF Fun Fly
- ★ May 3 - Float Fly
- ★ May 4 - Business Meeting
- ★ May 14 - SPC Pylon Event
- ★ May 18 - Old Timer Fun Fly
- ★ May 25 - Electric Sailplane Fun Fly
- ★ May 28 - Float Fly
- ★ May 30 - Memorial Day Egg Burn

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THE MINUTES

Erik Krystoff, Secretary

General Meeting.....3/25/2011

49 Members Present

Happy Birthday to our President, Steve Culver, who turned 49 on Sunday.

Membership Report - Ralph Brown presented the membership report. Eight new memberships, which now takes us above the 100 member mark.

Newsletter Report: Mike Berger presented a note on the newsletter. His job's busy season is now kicking into high gear, so please send him any materials for the newsletter to help keep it populated with inspiring and awesome content.

No new flying events brought up for this meeting. The calendar is rapidly filling up, so if you've an idea for a club sponsored event present it to the board as soon as possible!

Steve Peck presented additional information for the Strategic Air and Space Museum event at the end of March. We'll be flying in front of quite an audience, hopefully by the time you read this you'll be remembering it fondly. Since I'm typing these notes the day before the event, but you're reading them well after... Sorry about that mid-air collision. (Secretary's After-Event Note: One mid-air was with myself and Gary Vohnout... and later on myself and Casey Vohnout. Good times, good times!)

Fred Wilkie presented information on the Benson High School Competition Day on April 2nd. As this has been noted before and since it happens next weekend, you'll not read this until after the event has already happened. Hope all that attended had a great time.

Rob Wheeler's Ground School Reminder - Another event that I'm writing about that has passed by the time you read this but not by the time I write it. It's a very Nostradamus inspired set of minutes this time around.

Magnum Bulk Fuel Buy - Steve presented the Magnum Bulk Fuel Buy the club participated in past times. Unfortunately, it doesn't look like the interest was going to make it worth while, so we'll most likely be skipping it this time around.

Big Ed Mustafa's Big Three Presentation Topics:

Futaba 8FG Raffle Drawing - All 100 tickets were sold, therefore let's thank non-ticket buyer EJ Murphy for rolling the winning role-playing-game-ten-sided-die combination, and congratulations to the winner - Matt Meyers!

New Raffle! - The next raffle is the GP Waco ARF and DLE 30cc engine combination - a 800 dollar value. The drawing will be held when the 200th ticket has been sold.

Helicopter Runway Proposal - You've read the proposal in the newsletter, so as stated in the bylaws the proposed changes to the rules to allow helicopters on the runway must be presented to the general membership before any field changes are brought up for a vote. A spirited discussion was held, with points for and against the proposal brought up. Be sure to come to the April general membership meeting for the big vote!

Kevin presented the online voting capabilities added to the website for MEMBERS ONLY. (Hint, Hint). If you can't vote online, make sure you make the April General Meeting to vote in person.

Thanks to Ed Paasch and all that showed up over the last three weeks at the field to help with some early brush and branch clearing. If they keep it up, our April spring cleaning will be just a spring eating, even more reason to come out and help clean... or eat.

The raffle tonight was a choice between a SUPER SECRET SPECIAL SELECTION and a RTF Micro J-3 Cub. Congratulations to Mikey Furrow on winning the raffle. Having chosen the SUPER SECRET SPECIAL SELECTION, Mikey is now the proud owner of a new Airtronics SD-6G Transmitter! Casey Vohnout presented tonight's meeting program on aerobatic trimming. From making sure your servos have enough torque, adjusting your linkages, leveling your plane with an incidence meter, checking your CG in flight, dynamic balancing, thrust angles, aileron differential, and radio mixes, thanks to Casey for a great visually aided demonstration.



You see, it's like this...

Business Meeting.....4/6/2011

13 Members Present

Pre-Meeting with Dennis Bryers at 6:30 PM

Steve explained the current status of the club as a AMA Gold member and portions of the requirements for attaining such membership, as well as our current activities at the field and healthy financial status. Topics of discussion for improvements were related to:

The Playground. There is no money from the Omaha Parks and Recreation department to renovate our playground. However, if money is raised by the surrounding neighborhood, based on the amount the city may assist with the remaining funds as well as renovation prioritization. However, some of the neighborhood playgrounds can cost well over 60,000 dollars. Steve brought up the topic of potentially removing the playground area all together and replace it with an RC Car/Truck track area. Mikey Furrow brought up that a RC vehicle area would probably require some additional room beyond the current playground area. Dennis was receptive to the idea, in addition to the removal of the perma-

nent outhouse and relying on port-a-potties instead. The possibility of renovating the playground is still open, although funding must come from sources outside the city at this point, although some fund matching is available.

First Year Memberships - Currently 50 dollars is charged for membership in the club. Steve asked Dennis about the city's opinion on charging only 25 dollars for a first year membership to help offset costs for the first time members. Dennis was receptive to the idea from the city's standpoint.

Roadway to the field. The city will be able to perform some patching operations this year.

2016 - Omahawks / City agreement comes due. Steve inquired about extending that to 2020. After some brief discussion, we will most likely revisit the issue in later years.

Garbage Cleanup - Steve will contact 'Joe' and inquire about the beginning of trash can cleanup.

Security - Dennis brought up an automated camera solution available for about five thousand dollars. These cameras take pictures on a motion activated basis, primarily for night time security, and have proved useful for other areas where they're installed.

All in all, Dennis is happy with our management of Hawk Field and the relationship with the City of Omaha and The Omahawks. **Regular Meeting Started at 7:33.**

Kevin Hyde presented the Treasurer's Report.

Ralph Brown presented the Membership Report. 17 applications turned in, 4 of which are new students.

Reminder - If you sponsor a flying event you are responsible for a newsletter contribution.

Field Report by Mikey Furrow - Mowing contract close to being finalized. Port-a-potties are a go as discussions with the city to remove the permanent toilet have been brought up again. Steve will email Dennis Bryers about the current toilet's removal and future options.

Discussion Topics -

R/C Cars in place of the playground - Is there a noise issue with R/C Cars? Would work-stands be necessary? Extension of the playground area itself to increase the track area potential? Is there a small enough cost to test the RC Car waters (similar to our Heli-Pad) to make it practical? A small research committee of Mikey, Steve and Ed will research the topic some more to come back with more information for discussion.

First Year Memberships for \$25 - Would it bring in additional members? The club already honors the AMA introductory fee reduction to new pilots. With field maintenance costs increasing, can the club afford to give the discount? Does an increase in membership offset the discount cost? All in all the board decided the topic was not worthwhile for future consideration.

Hats and Shirts - 50 Omahawks hats will be ordered, but given that shirts are of different sizes, we'll be taking orders for shirts through the newsletter. Steve will verify colors and sizes of shirts available.

Bob requested \$100.00 for the training program materials. Steve motioned, Larry seconded, board approved.

At the meeting...

Cut off funding for club sponsored flying events - Have we reached our maximum budget? Thus far we've allocated about 1600 dollars and last year we capped it at 2000. There are at least a couple events that haven't been nailed down yet, namely pattern and IMAC. Something the board will keep an eye out on.

Cross Club Flying Events – Fly at another local club's field one day, where the other club members can fly at Hawk Field. 'Open House' weekends another possibility. No board opposition to further planning and discussion of event planning.

Helicopter Monday – Ballots will be printed up for the vote at the April General Meeting

Runway Fund - \$529.37 goes towards the runway fund from the Futaba transmitter raffle. The Waco raffle is now open and 25% of the tickets have been sold.

Annual Auction – We do have our facilities reserved for the next auction. October 16th at Digg's is the time and place.

Magnum Bulk Fuel Buy List – Deemed not worthwhile compared to local availability.

Members Ken Heimbuch and Larry Quigley brought up the topic of flying at the site without having an Omahawks flight permit. Steve will be submitting a note to Mike about posting the impound pin procedures as well as bringing it up at the general meeting.



Ron Pacana and his DC9



Jud's feeling patriotic



Steve Peck and Casey Vonhout



Galen and his Curtis - Ely Pusher



It's the SAS museum not SAC!

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Sharing secrets



There's a rowdy bunch!

Hawks fly high at SAS Museum



Steve manned the club display

It was indoor flying at its very best when the Omahawks joined up with other area R/C clubs for the first (hopefully) annual Indoor Air Show at the Strategic Air and Space Museum in Ashland NE on April 2nd & 3rd.

Fliers of all stripes and ages displayed their planes and showed their flying skills off to an appreciative crowd. The young kids learned a lot about flying anything from R/C to full size, while the big kids got to play with their toys in one of the best indoor venues around.

The clubs set up static displays underneath the SR71 in the main atrium of the museum and the indoor fliers got to take over the restoration hangar for the day.

Most area clubs were well represented and did a great job of showing the public what a great hobby R/C flying is. Hopefully, the SAS staff had as much fun as we had and will be making this an annual event.



The flight sims were very popular!



That's a whole lot of helis...



A very big and sweet DR1

Clean-up Day 2011

People always comment on how nice Hawk Field always seems to look. Well, the reason for that is all of the guys who get together at various times of the year to do the work to keep the field that nice. This year was no different as several Hawks went out on a spring day to mend patch and pick up the field for the benefit of all the club and their guests. If you see any of these guys at the field or the meeting, be sure to say thanks!



I sure hope that bomb isn't "live!"



Cleaning the shed can't be fun.



Dan Walz brought his beautiful B17



Erik patches the safety fence



There's a lot of money in that can.



Scott takes the pose, but the plane belongs to Tom Egbert



All I need is a shovel to lean on



Electric/Glow Jet Fun Fly

Saturday April 30th, 2011 11AM to 3PM

Feeling the need for speed? Bring your favorite EDF or prop jet out to Hawk Field for some high velocity flying fun!

- 500 ft asphalt runway
- Food and drinks provided!
- Charging outlets available
- 8 pilot stations

OMAHAWKS RC FLYING CLUB

Standing Bear Lake Entrance #1
138th and Fort Street
Omaha, NE 68164

Event Host: Ed Paasch
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Do you have a fast new plane to show off? Head on out to Hawk Field to show off your favorite speed demon! Electric aircraft and glow-powered aircraft are welcome, just so long as they go fast and look cool doing it.

High speed fun flying will begin at 11AM and run until 3PM. Guests will be welcome to stay for open flying later in the day, but they will have to look out for Kadets and Quakers after 3PM.

Sandwiches, chips, pop, and water will be provided for all participants. Feel free to bring coffee, hot chocolate, cookies, popcorn, or whatever else might suit your taste buds!

A \$5.00 landing fee will be required for folks without a Hawk Field flying permit, and a current AMA membership card will be required by all. Due to the difficulty of searching the woods for aircraft, crashing will be strictly forbidden! See you there on Saturday, April 30th for a great day of flying!

RADIO IMPOUND DISCIPLINE LEADS TO SAFER FLYING

As we approach flying season it is extremely important to remember to properly use the radio impound area. Even though the newer 2.4 GHz Spectrum does away with frequency problems these transmitters must also be properly impounded.

The current field rules require "all transmitters must be impounded except when the owner's field permit is on the appropriate frequency flag." If a pilot is using 2.4 GHz Spectrum there is a plate on the frequency flag for Spectrum users to place their field permit.

It is also required to have a valid field permit to operate remote controlled aircraft at Hawk Field. The responsibility to help maintain a safe flying area by following the radio impounds rules and have a valid field permit showing while flying is for all club members. It is also up to club members to help insist on everyone to follow these safety rules. If you see a person flying with no valid field permit please ask them to put theirs on the frequency stand. If they do not have a valid field permit please request they land and do not fly until they have purchased one. It is considered a violation of the City of Omaha to fly with no valid field permit. If a person refuses to land and/or buy a field permit please contact the Omaha Police Department at 911 and request an officer be dispatched to Hawk Field to resolve the issue.

- Steve Culver

TRAINING SEASON UPDATE

Training season has started out a little on the slow side this year with Mother Nature not cooperating the first two weeks of the official training season. Hopefully by the time you read this students will at least have had 1 good week to training. In the meantime Students and Instructors are poised to start once the weather patterns settle down a bit. As a reminder to all the club members, training is on Thursday evenings from 6 PM to dusk so the field is closed to normal flying. However, if you are a soloed pilot and would like to improve your flying skills there will be advanced training sessions provided by a couple of more skill instructors. So feel free to come out and learn something new. The Instructor and student pilot meeting went good with 9 students and 12 instructors showing up at Hobbytown USA March 28th to discuss training, safety, and to put a name with a face. I want to thank everyone who took the time to show up and to add to the training topics. Remember, this is a hobby to be enjoyed and have fun with. If you come to the field on training night prepared, have everything in order, and practice safety the sessions will be fun and you will learn how to fly. Thank you to everyone for attending.

- Bob Wheeler



BENSON INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY COMPETITION DAY

Benson High once again hosted a Technology Competition for Omaha area schools on Saturday April 2, 2011. The Omahawks were also asked to participate with providing static displays, and entertaining completion goes in the school gym with some indoor flying demonstrations. Fred Wilke usually leads this yearly event but was busy gallivanting around Toledo at some hobby expo so Bob Wheeler presented the first place awards for longest flight, and longest duration. Eight Omahawks club members attended showing either static displays, giving flying demo's in the gym, on manning the flight simulator for passerby's. Unfortunately I did not get the winners names or I would have mentioned them. The Omahawks would like to also thank Jim Musil the Supervisor of Industrial Technology for inviting the Omahawks back for another year.

- Bob Wheeler

BOB'S GARAGE SALE

Our good friend Bob Boumstein is having a garage sale! And for R/Cers this is the Sale of the Century!

He has R/C planes, cars, and parts with prices as low as a quarter. He also has G scale model trains, collectibles and mini bikes.

The sale is Apr 28 - 30th (Thu - Sat) from 9 to 5. Go to 156th & Harrison, then south to Giles Ridge, then follow the signs to 7705 S 155th Ave.

This will be a great sale you don't want to miss. (Cash only please)

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Can you say 'Crash!'?

Holy Cow! What a day. I got to experience a crash. Not an airplane crash, that would be too easy to deal with. Just sweep it up and get another plane out.

But this was another crash entirely. This was a computer crash. Right in the middle of creating the newsletter. A quick, seemingly insignificant error, then the long dark dismal fall into computer hell.

I was happily typing away when an error message popped up and told me that a certain win32 program had encountered an error and had to close. No problem, I thought. I'll worry about it later. "No," said the computer, "You'll worry about it now!"

At that point, my computer ceased to function. It would run, mind you. I could start it and run simple programs like Hearts or Notepad. But anything more complicated than that, like Internet explorer or Pub-

lisher, would not run at all. So, I was stuck. Dead. Nothing works, nothing moves. Looks like a major rebuild is in order.

So, I just spent two hours running to Best Buy for a new hard drive and five hours reloading the operating system and all the software I need to finish the newsletter. NOT FUN! Luckily it rained yesterday and I was able to leave work early today to get all this done. And now I have a freshly refurbished computer. Maybe it'll last a couple more years before it has to be replaced.

So, the newsletter is a little late this month. And it's missing the mystery plane. But that's mostly because I would rather whine about life's little inconveniences than get off my duff and look one up. Oh, well. Better luck next month. Mahalo!

- editor