



Hawk Talk

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ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, April 27, 2012 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

PROGRAM: Casey Vonhout discusses advanced aerobatic techniques

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, May 2, 2012 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

TRAINING HAS BEGUN

Learn to fly
for Free!
Every Thursday
6:00 pm til
Dusk

Spring has sprung, the clocks are set to the correct time with lots of evening hours and it's time to go fly. But it's also time for many of our newest friends to learn (or relearn) how to fly. That is why we have the training night every Thursday from 6:00 pm until dusk.

this and every Thursday. Enjoy the evening watch the flying and help the club share the joy of flying with new members and friends. There's a lot of reasons to come out to the field on training night. Come on out and join the fun!

- editor

APRIL MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, APR 27

7:00 p.m.

Make-A-Wish

11926 Arbor St

Program:

Casey Vonhout discusses advanced flying techniques

Raffle:

.60 sized

Glow Fuel Motor

Now, I know just about everybody that is reading this already knows that, but it never hurts to plug it again. Plus there is always a need for people to help out at the field during the training. Instructors are always needed, as are ground crews to help the students get their planes ready to fly. Also people are needed to keep things organized so everybody gets a fair number of flights and things move smoothly.

Also, although the main runway is closed to all but student fliers, the helicopter and electric park flier area to the south of the field is open to anyone who wants to fly there (I think you need a Spektrum radio so you don't interfere with the training).

So come on down to the field

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Apr 27 - General Meeting
- ★ May 2 - Business Meeting
- ★ May 9 - Float Fly
- ★ May 16 - Old timer fun fly
- ★ May 26 - Float Fly
- ★ May 30 - Electric Sailplane Fun Fly

HAWK TALK

THE MINUTES

Erik Krystoff, Secretary

General Meeting.....1/3/2011

Business Meeting.....1/3/2011

Board Meeting for 04/04/12 with Dennis Bryers:

Members Present: Bob Wheeler, Steve Culver, Ralph Brown, Steve Eames, Harry Perkins, Brad Perkins, Dennis Bender, Bob Zitsberger, Kevin Hyde, Mikey Furrow
Guests in attendance: Dennis Bryers – Omaha Parks Department; Dennis Leary, Ed Paasche

Updates on Field Improvements over last year: 4 more starting tables added – Currently 10 stands in use, and the mowing area's expanded

New Business / updates / projects:

· Road to field updated with new asphalt – big thank you

The Old Rusted Out Porta Potty dilemma, Dennis submitted a work order to get that removed last year. He will look into this issue.

Mentioned that Vandalism is starting early and more devastating this year. Omaha PD to check periodically, but not much they can do about this.

Dennis mentioned about security camera's in use @ Hummel Park – approx \$5k to setup, but have shown to be very effective

Suggestion was to also put out some dummy camera's and maybe motion lights out to deter vandals.

Chartered with AMA and also mentioned this is our 6th year as a Gold Leader club.

Possible improvements,

Bleachers on North end – possibly anchoring them in, and also possibly replacing the older bleachers

Hawk Field entrance sign – Dennis to see about getting this sign replaced with a more current design

Float Fly's have been successful over the years, more events scheduled this year.

Noise Ordinance update: City has redesigned the Noise ordinance levels. Need to check out city requirements and ensure that engine noise is within acceptable limits. Noise meter has been set up in the shed to monitor this as well.

Dennis stated that "No news is Good news". Parks Dept says we're on good terms with them.

Bob Wheeler inquired about a possible second field option. Dennis to see what he can find out about some possible areas, and if any options were available. Dennis suggested that maybe we could build a second site there. More research is needed here.

End of Successful Yearly meeting with Dennis Bryers (1 hour meeting)

Official Board Meeting:

Treasurer's Report: Kevin Hyde – all is good.

Membership Report: Ralph Brown – 111 or 117 current members signed up. Turned in several more apps to Kevin Hyde

Hawk Field Updates:

o Spring Cleanup April 21. Discussion on

Runway repair for gaps in seals. Kevin H motioned for \$1000 to be used for this repair. Steve Culver seconded. Board approved this repair. Harry Perkins will head this project up as he assisted with this 2 years ago.

Impound Yard: to be removed and rebuild in alternate location. Brad Perkins will help manage this project over the next month.

Frequency Board: to be moved closer to entrance. Brad Perkins has great idea to implement within next couple weeks.

No fertilizing the field this year. Jared Brown (Stone Creek Lawns) will be taking care of this for us.

Safety Fence: Replace top rails and safety fence.

Executive Lawns: They have been informed that the Omahawks do NOT have an open mowing contract this year, and are not to be mowing the field. The current Mowing Contract is with Stone Creek Lawns for the duration of 2012.

Old Business:

AMA Charter : completed by Bob W.

Omahawks Training Program: everything looks good to go

Vandalism at Hawk Field – Omaha PD will try more rounds through park, but not much else they can do at this time. Steve Culver will try to find NW Precinct Captain and see what options are available.

New Business:

Roger Cowell requested \$100 for 2 heli fun fly's this year: July 28th and Sept 15th.

Approved to be presented to General Membership

Bob Zitsberger to lead April General Meeting. Bob Wheeler not able to attend.

Program for April meeting:

Casey Voughnout – advanced flying techniques

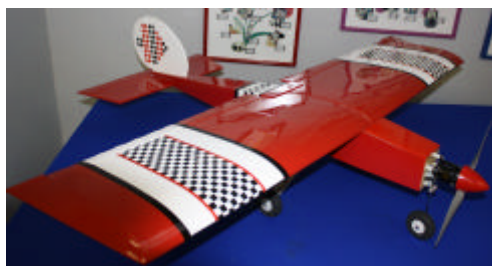
Special Note:

Ed Paasche and Steve Peck attended a dinner event sponsored by Make a Wish Foundation. The Omahawks were awarded a Plaque for recognition for Donation and Support for the foundation, and Special recognition for one of the longest contributors to the Foundation.

AT THE MEETING



Fred Wilke handed out envelopes to use for saving money for the runway repaving project



HAWK TALK

CUB SCOUT PACK 429 LEARNS ABOUT R/C

Pack 429 spent a pleasant but windy evening learning a little about Radio Controlled Airplanes. Dennis and Pat Bender along with their trusty sidekick Molly joined Bob Wheeler to present to the Scout Pack. Scott Keller one of the pack members father reached out to the Omahawks to see if they were up for a challenge. Let's see, twenty or so scouts ranging in age from 8 to 11, a few parents thrown into the mix and about an hour's worth of presentation, sure bring it on! Once the colors were raised and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited the presentation began. The presentation included a number of airplanes, engines, Batteries and Transmitters to show as examples. All in all the presentation went very good and kept everyone entertained. It appeared the scouts and parents had a good time and asked lot of good questions. At the end, Dennis and Bob managed to get one flight on an Avistar to put a finishing touch to the presentation. I personally want to thank Dennis and Pat for taking the time to helping out with this project.

- Bob Wheeler



Indoor Air Show - Year Two



On a fine spring day the Omahawks got together with other flying clubs and organizations for the second annual SAS Museum Indoor Air Show. There were display tables all over the museum packed with just about everything you could imagine about aviation from stick and tissue models to helicopters to giant scale R/C



planes with lots of hands on fun for kids of all ages.

There was lots of indoor flying for all of the R/Cers in what was perhaps the best indoor flying room this side of the Astrodome, the museum's restoration hangar. The pilots flew most of the day, entertaining themselves and the many kids of all ages who attended the museum that day.



This was a great day for everyone, made even better by the cooperation of the entire Omaha area R/C community. We can only hope that the museum continues to put on this air show for many years to come.

- editor



Hawk Field Clean-up Day 2012

On a beautiful, albeit chilly, Saturday morning in April, a group of Omahawks gave up their flying time and got together at Hawk Field to get it in shape for the new flying season. They came to work and boy, did they get a lot done.

The winter, the weather and the local vandals did a number on the field and a ton of work was needed to put things in order. In addition to the general clean-up the plan was to build several more work tables, move the signs around and move the radio impound to a more convenient location.

The guys worked hard and really accomplished a lot so their fellow members and guests could enjoy the fun and flying at Hawk Field. Many thanks are due to these dedicated members. Without them, the field would never look as good as it does.

- editor



Four guys with shovels - one is working. Apparently this is a union job.



GET READY FOR SPC 2012

Its that time of year when the weather starts warming up, flying fingers getting itchy for some good RC flying, and also time to bring out those fun planes we all enjoy flying. Its also time to start thinking about the 2012 Sport Pilot Championship this year, and to decide what planes to fly this year.

As you may have heard, this year's SPC championship is taking a very different approach this year. This year, instead of running the championship over the course of 3 months, we're going to make it very challenging and exciting this year by running ALL the events in just ONE weekend. That's right folks. 3 events, almost 60 flights, all in just one weekend. Sound exciting and challenging? Well, whoever survives this weekend will be in a good spot to win the coveted Olsen Cup trophy to be awarded at the June General Membership meeting. The events are as follows:

Friday evening, June 22nd - Competitive Fun Fly event - 5:00pm - dusk

- 3 or 4 mini events to test pilots skill, nerves, and flying abilities.

The mini events are:

- Roop Touch and Goes (take off, a 360 degree Roll, and Loop)

- Spot Landings

- 6 ft Limbo contest

- and if time allows, another event to be determined at later time

Saturday morning, June 23rd - Pylon Racing - 11am - 3pm

- Pylon racing around 2 Pylons spaced 400' apart

- 10 laps, 5 heats, lots of exciting and fun times

Sunday morning, June 24th -

Streamer Combat - 11am - 3pm

- 30' streamers, 4 planes, 5 minutes. See who comes down with the longest streamers.

So what kind of plane do you want to fly in this exciting event?

This year, its easy:

- Nitro engines limited to .49cu in 2 stroke or .65 cu in 4 stroke,

- or if your flying electric, 900 Watt Max output,

- minimum wingspan of 52",

- minimum weight of 4.5 lbs RTF (no fuel for nitro planes).

Registration for this event is limited to the first 24 pilots who pony up their \$5 landing fee to Mikey Furrow

(dakoris73@gmail.com).

So get your planes ready, get practicing, and look forward to a very exciting weekend.

Please feel free to forward this on to those who may be interested in this event.

*-Mikey Furrow
SPC event CD*

The answers to the Mystery Plane puzzle from last month

1. P-40 Warhawk, U. S. Army
2. ME-109, Germany
3. Mosquito, British fighter-bomber
4. Hurricane, British
5. ME-110, German attack bomber
6. B-25 Mitchell, U. S. Army
7. F4U Corsair, U. S. Navy
8. Zero, Japanese fighter
9. B-17 Flying Fortress, U. S. Army
10. FW-190, German Fighter
11. TBF Avenger, U. S. Navy
12. A-20 Havoc, U. S. Army
13. P-47 Thunderbolt, U. S. Army
14. Spitfire, British fighter
15. P-39 Airacobra, U. S. Army
16. P-38 Lightning, U. S. Army

FLOAT FLY NEWS

Float flying remains one of the most popular and loyally followed types of R/C flying. The Omahawks have many float flies during the year and they are well attended by pilots and guests alike. Many members of other area clubs attend the events as well making them one of the highlights of the flying season.

If you read the latest edition of Model Aviation, it seemed like it was float fly season there as well. There were several articles on the subject.

One article in particular told about the Heart of America Float Fly that will be held in Paola, KS (outside of Kansas City, KS) by the R/C Barnstormers Model Airplane Club. This event promises to be a great one and will probably be attended by more than a few Omahawks. Check out the article in the May issue of Model Aviation, then check out the entry form on the next page. It's close enough to home for you to go down to one of the big events of the year. Don't miss it!

But just in case you want to stay closer to home, here is the schedule for this summer's float flying at Standing Bear Lake:

May 9	Wednesday	830-1130
May 26	Saturday	900-1230 - pizza
June 20	Wednesday	830-1130
July 14	Saturday	900-1230 - pizza
Aug 15	Wednesday	830-1130
Sept 12	Wednesday	830-1130
Oct 3	Wednesday	830-1130

Contact for more information:

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R/C Barnstormers Presents

The Heart of America Float Fly

June 2nd and 3rd, 2012

Lake Miola, 20 miles south of Kansas City at Paola, KS.

Format for 2012

Low Landing Fee

Only \$10 for one or both days!
Just fly and have fun, no raffles.

> Flying 9:30am to 5pm each day.

> Retrieval boat at the ready.

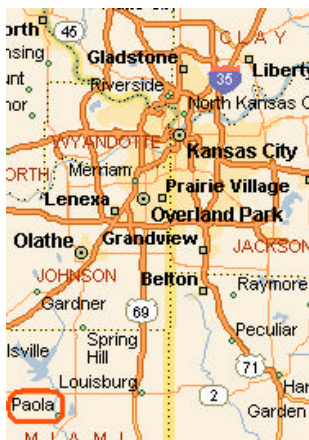
> City Park lawn for a pit area.

> Large take-off and landing area.

> Lunch available on site.

> Camping at flying site (no hookups)

> Overnight camping with electrical hookups in the park.



Directions

From I-35 in Kansas City
S. on Hiway 169 (exit 215)
Go 20 miles to Exit 163
Baptiste St., Paola
W. on Baptiste 1 blk.
N. on Hedge Ln. 1 mile
E. on 299th St. 1 blk.
N. on Lake Miola Dr. (1½ miles.)

From points south Take
KS 68 W. from Louisburg
or
E. from Ottawa to 169
south.



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For the lucky few...

For those of you who are lucky enough to be able to fly in the mornings, we have a lot going on in the Omahawks' world. Many members who are retired or just have flexible schedules will enjoy attending one of these events.



OMAHAWK SPONSORED MORNING EVENTS NEXT SIX WEEKS

<u>WHAT</u>	<u>WHEN</u>	<u>WHERE</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
Old Timer Fun Fly*	Apr 25, Wed 830- noon	Hawkfield	Dennis, Bud, Bob Z
Float Fly	May 9, Wed 830-1130	Standing Bear Lake	Dick, Bob Z, Bob B
Old Timer Fun Fly*	May 16, Wed 830- noon	Hawkfield	Dennis, Bud, Bob Z
Float Fly Pizza	May 26, Sat 900-130pm	Standing Bear Lake	Dick, Bob Z, Bob B
Elec Sailplanes	May 30, Wed 830-1130	Hawkfield	Frank W

*Old Timer events include lunch and next day makeup