



Hawk Talk

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ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, May 30, 2014 * 7:00 P.M. * Hawk Field * 138th & Fort St

PROGRAM: Fun and Flying

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, June 3, 2014 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

Is that a full plate or what???

Wow! Summer is finally here. After that extremely long and cold winter and a too short spring, Summer is finally here! Memorial Day has come and gone. Lots of people came out to the field on Memorial Day to eat burnt eggs and bacon (actually the food was excellent) and celebrated the beginning of summer.

The field looks great. The project of clearing the underbrush has been completed and the "Valley of Death" is no longer a problem. If you haven't been out to the field to see it, you really need to go and look.

And, yes, as the headline

states, the schedule is now quite full. There are events for everyone whether they are a pilot or a spectator. But there are also some special events that are big, not only for their size but also for their impact. The SAS Indoor Air Show is happening this weekend at the museum in Ashland. This show is an excellent chance for our club to show off our hobby and our support for our community. Plus the hangar at the museum is possibly the best room ever for indoor flying.

But the big deal this year is that the Omahawks have been asked to display at the Offut Air Force base's open house. This is a great chance for the club to show its stuff in front of more than 100,000 visitors.

Also, on June 7th, the Omahawks have been invited to participate in the Veterans Appreciation Rally to be held at the North Omaha Airport. This is another great chance for the club to support the community while flying in a great location.

All in all, we have a great summer lined up on the schedule. If you can't find something fun to do, check your pulse because you're probably dead.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ May 30 - General Meeting
- ★ May 31 - SAS Indoor Flying Event
- ★ June 4 - Business Meeting
- ★ Jun 7 - SPC Competitive Fun Fly
- ★ June 7 - Veterans' Appreciation Rally @ North Omaha Airport
- ★ Jun 11 - Old Timer Fun-Fly
- ★ Jun 14 - Field Clean-up Day
- ★ June 16 - Boy Scout Fun Fly
- ★ June 18 - Float Fly
- ★ June 23 - Boy Scout Fun Fly
- ★ June 25 - Electric Sail-plane Fun Fly
- ★ June 27 - General Meeting
- ★ July 2 - Business Meeting
- ★ July 2 - Old Timer Fun Fly
- ★ July 12 - Float Fly
- ★ Training night every Thursday 6 pm till dark

MAY MEETING AT HAWK FIELD

FRIDAY, MAY 30

6:00 p.m.

**Hawk Field
138th & Fort St**

**Program:
Fly and have fun**

HAWK TALK

THE MINUTES

Mikey Furrow, Secretary

General Meeting.....4/25/2014

New Members or Guests: N/A

Membership Report: Membership is good for this time of year. Several new memberships recieved

Newsletter Report: Mike Berger

o Mike is starving for articles to use for the Newsletter. Send him anything from event write-ups, to build notes, or anything RC related.

Hawk Field Update:

o Field Cleanup to be discussed by Board, and date to be determined
o Recap of Board Meeting with Parks Department
o Migratory Bird season in effect – no further development work to begin until Fall
o Club to watch and mark dead trees for possible Fall removal
o Currently no complaints from City on how field looks / club activities
o Lease to be reviewed by sub-committee and to begin negotiations / changes to new lease

General Announcements:

o Lots of upcoming events mentioned:
o SAS Musuem Indoor Fun Fly – Saturday May 30th
o Paul Edmonds requested for possible pilots to do some morning flying at North Omaha for Road Rally happening on Saturday June 7th 8am – 11pm. Send email to Bob Wheeler if interested in participating.
o Float fly on Wednesday May 7th, and Saturday May 24th at Boat Docks – 9am – noon
o Annual Memorial Day Egg Burn on Monday, May 26th 8am - ????
o Builders Challenge Fun Fly to coincide with this event, from 9am – 11am
o Defenders of Freedom Airshow at Offutt Airforce Base – July 19th and 20th – email Bob Wheeler if interested in participating in this event. Static Display only this year.
o 6th Annual Sport Pilot Championship events starting again – email Mikey Furrow for details
o Saturday May 17th – Pylon Racing – 11pm-3pm – Hawk Field
o Saturday June 7th – Competitive Fun Fly – 11pm-3pm – Hawk Field
o Saturday June 28th – Streamer Combat – 11pm-3pm – Hawk Field
o Training Program off to a good start – have several students (teens) learning to fly

Business Meeting.....5/7/2014

Board Members in attendance: Bob Wheeler, Bob Zitzlsperger, Dennis Bender, Kevin Hyde, Bernie Baker, Roland Lyons, Mikey Furrow
Visitors: Ed Paasch, Steve Peck

Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports:

o Treasurer's Report – Kevin Hyde – Numbers look good for this time of year.
o Membership Chairman Report: – Lots of new members signing up – currently 99 members as of 5/07/14
o Hawk Field:
o Discuss Seeding East Hill with recommended grasses

o Recommended grass seed is expensive. Board agreed to just watch and see what happens this year, and then to make better determination for next year's project
o New lock on the Gate (Combo is the same, but different location on the lock)
o Cleanup day set for Saturday June 14th to paint pavilion, shed, tables and small clean-up area as well
o Cleanup to begin around 8:30am – noon??? - Board to provide lunch (Dennis B to grill up lunch)

Old Business:

o Field Chairman position still empty – Board to manage issues as they arise
o Intro Pilot Certificates
o Kevin to look into this and see what is needed to get this taken care of for training program
o Need News Letter articles sent to Mike Berger
o Suggested topics / additions to newsletter:
o Meet the New Pilot section
o Meet the Board Member
o Items to be discussed at later time
o Offutt Airshow updates – needing a lot of tri-fold flyers printed for this event – mikey to work on this

New Business:

o Labor Day Airshow – Need to take over for Ed this year
o Board will begin process of delegating and taking over duties associated with the Labor Day Airshow for this year. Ed will help out where he can, but other obligations prevent him from doing this full time this year.
o Lauren Pillar to be contacted for Make a Wish paperwork and approval.
o Bernie Baker to take on task of managing and setting up concessions areas
o Bob W will be out of town for General and Board Meeting
o Flight Training program going good so far
o Sub-committee to be put together to begin process of lease review
o Bob W, Kevin H, Bernie B, Mikey to work on this subcommittee
o Bob will contact Dennis Bryers to get original lease from city
o Consideration would be to draft a new contract more relevant to current status of renewal
o Program: Dennis Bender to provide annual safety presentation



Need your help with Labor Day Airshow Preparations

We're well into Spring and Summer is just around the corner, I sure hope all of you have been getting get out to Hawk Field for some flying. As I look ahead at summer and the summer events I want to remind all club members the Labor Day Air Show is just a little over three months out so you have plenty of time to work out any kinks in your favor Models. However! planning for that event starts now for getting everything organized. This year the Board is helping to organize the event as Ed Paasch has some other priorities he must attend to. With that said, it does take some time and effort to get this show organized. If "we all help" with the preparation tasks the job will get done and there shouldn't be a burden on any one club member. I will discuss this topic at the General Meeting and as the Boards identifies task that need taken please feel free to jump in and help.

Look forward to seeing you at the field,
Bob Wheeler, President

2014 Defenders of Freedom Air Show

We have a number of volunteers who will be supporting the Offutt Air Show "Defenders of Freedom" this coming July 19-20. If you have the time, come on out to see Offutt Airbase to see wonderful Air Show and of course drop by and say hi to your fellow Omahawks. Check out the following Web site for more details: <http://offuttairshow.com>

HAWK TALK

Hawks Greet Summer with (what else?) Great Food and Lots of Flying

The Omahawks officially opened the summer season with their traditional President's Memorial Day Egg Burn. Lots of people showed up at the field, ate a hearty breakfast of scrambled eggs, bacon, pancakes and cinnamon rolls and then spent the rest of the day flying their airplanes on about as beautiful of a day as you could ask for.



Mmm... me and food. A match made in heaven. - editor



Pancake chef, Dennis Bender



Voting for their favorite in Mikey's Builder's Challenge



The unofficial winner of the builders' challenge



Bacon!!!

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Float Flying in the Area

May 24 & July 12

Omaha NE

Contact: Richard Behrens

Phone: 412-451-6397

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May 31-June 1

South Kansas City

Contact: Pat McGhee

(Barnstormers R/C Club)

Email: pmcghee@kc.rr.com

Phone: 913-696-1168

Website:

www.rcbarnstormers.info

June 28

Lawrence, KS

(Gary has found a new site for this year. He says it is outstanding.)

Contact: Gary Rauckman

Email: rocketman200@juno.com

Phone: 785-843-3281

Website:

www.jayhawkmodelmasters.com

July 12 (tentative)

Jefferson City

Contact: Stacy Gilmore

Email: info@jrcr.com

Phone: 573-291-1460

Website: www.jrcr.com

September 13

SMRCC at Shawnee Mission
Park Lake

Contact: Steve Spielbusch

Email: sspiel-

busch@vankeppel.com

Phone: 913-206-1325

Website: www.smrcc.net

Mid-Sept. (??)

Springfield, MO

Contact: Wes Parker

Phone: 471-838-8855

(Location undetermined)

Email:

wes.parker@harrycooper.com

Website:

www.springfieldrcclub.com

May 24th Float Fly. The winds were less than 10 mph from the south east. Dennis Bender retrieved many planes. Eighteen pilots took part despite forecasted rainfall, starting a few days before. It turned out a near ideal day for this kind of event. Five large pizzas from Irvington were consumed. The pilots signing in were: Steve Earl, Gary Vohnout, Chuck Buscher, Frank Wisniski, Brad Perkins, Frank Vanecek, Gale Sherman, Bob Roegge, Bud Mitchell, Bob Burt, Dennis Bender, Jim Morlan, Dean Copeland, Jeff Pinnt, Bob Wheeler, Joe Cole, Ron Pacana, and Dick Behrens.



George Eheman 1931-2014

George Eheman, age 82, passed away on May 25th, 2014, from esophageal cancer. He first started having problems with this cancer late last year. Still, about six weeks ago he was driving his car. George was born in 1931 and attended school in Detroit, Michigan. During the Korean conflict, George served in the US Coast Guard. He and his wife moved to Omaha from Grand Junction, Colorado in 1990, primarily so his wife could obtain a liver transplant. He joined the Omahawks that year and was instrumental in then forming the morning group flyers. Having had considerable experience in building and flying RC planes, he was the primary instructor for many of that group, including the writer. He was a meticulous builder and helped many build their planes. George flew at RC events at many outdoor and indoor locations around the metro area and was a regular at the Omahawk Old Timer and Float Fly events.... He also had work experience in designing and building full size sailboats and was active in forming a RC model sailboat group in the Metro area for a number of years.



George Eheman 1931 - 2014

Old Timer and Float Fly News

April 23 Old Timer Fun Fly.
Canceled due to weather.

May 7 Float Fly . The wind was mostly from the south 11-16 mph (reported by NWS), a little less than forecasted. Twenty pilots signed in. Bob Turner used his boat to make many retrievals. Afterwards Chuck and Marty Buscher prepared and served a tasty fish fry, of freshly caught walleye from Lake Oahe, along with salad, beans, pumpkin bars, etc. Someone said how lucky and fortunate we are to have members like the Buscher's and Dennis and Patricia Bender to prepare flavorful food for a group of mostly older retired guys. All agree to that.

Taking part were: Frank Wisniski, Chuck Buscher, Dennis Bender, Ron Pacana, Gale Sherman, Bob Zitz, Bud Mitchell, Larry Inness, Frank Vanecek, Bob Andersen, Charles Kluver, Tom Egbert, Mike Crosby, Bob Burt, Jud Bock, Leroy Hendersen, Bob Turner, Dean Copeland, Fred Wilke and Dick Behrens.

May 14 Old Timer Fun Fly.
The wind was westerly less than 6 mph. Twenty pilots signed. Dennis and Pat prepared another tasty meal, including carrot cake. Taking part were: Frank Wisniski, Dennis Bender, Ron Pacana, Frank Vanecek, Terry Chall, Bob Burt, Bud Mitchell, Bob Zitz, Dan Cramer, Tom Floyd, Bob Roegge, Dan Lorimer, Rick Haneline, Jud Bock, Mit Grimes, Ed Paasch, Bernie Baker, Larry Inness, Art Miller, Steve Peck and Dick Behrens.



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Veterans Appreciation Rally at North Omaha Airport

Saturday, June 7th is the Veterans Appreciation Rally at the North Omaha Airport. RC flying will be from 9 AM to 11 AM. Parking for RC pilots will be located north of the Airport office up by Paul Edmund's Hanger. For those of you who participated in prior events there it is the same grassy area. It sounds like there will be lot of activities so come out and support your club and to show appreciation to the veterans. The Omahawks would also like to thank Paul Edmund for being our host and providing his hanger for AC power and storage.

Late Spring Clean up

Spring as finally arrived and by now you probably have made a trip or two out to Hawk Field to get in some flying. You've probably noticed how nice the field is looking and the good shape it is in. As good as it looks the club does have some light chores we need to attend to if we want to keep it looking good. Please come out to the field on June 14th at around 8 AM to help with some general maintenance around the field. We plan on painting the pavilion as well as doing some other light duty cleans up around the field. Bring an airplane and fly when the work is all wrapped up. Lunch will be provided for those who help. If you will be helping please let Mikey Furrow know so he can get a head count.

Bob Wheeler