



Hawk Talk

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**** AGENDA ****

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, August 25, 2006 * 7:00 P.M. * Hawk Field * Standing Bear Lake

PROGRAM: Two subjects tonight: Fun and Flying!

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, September 6, 2006 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

Labor Day Air Show!

Don't Miss the
Omahawks'
Labor Day
Air Show
Monday Sept. 4
12 to 4
Hawk Field
138th and Fort

August Meeting
at
Hawk Field
138th & Fort

RAFFLE RAFFLE

Claude Weimer has donated a complete airplane from his collection for the raffle on Friday. Add a radio and motor and go fly! This is almost too good to be true. Don't miss it!



Once again it is time to get out the best of the best of our airplanes, dust them off and get them out to the biggest R/C airshow in the Midwest! On Monday September 4th, the Omahawks will host the annual Labor Day Air Show for the benefit of Make-A-Wish of Nebraska. With your help we can make this our best year yet.

Pilots and displayers are needed in all of the different classes of planes. Bring out as many planes as you can for static display. One of the best things about this show for our guests is to walk up and down the fence seeing all of the really neat and unusual planes.

Volunteers are also needed to work the concessions, raffle, and flight line, as well as many other functions related to the show. If it

is at all possible, please show up and help out. You don't need to be here all day. Come for an hour or so and join the fun.

Just like last year, this year's raffle prizes are being paid for and donated by Omahawk members so all of the money raised by selling tickets can be given to Make-A-Wish. If you have any new model kits or airplane related items (or money) that you are willing to donate for the raffle please contact Mike Berger or bring it to the meeting or the show. We all know that, with raffles, the more the merrier!

One aspect of the show has changed for this year and should be noted here. In order to provide the best insurance coverage for all pilots, volunteers and guests, the show will be an AMA sanctioned event. In order to fly at this event all pilots must be AMA members. This applies to Omahawk members, too. Please have your AMA card with you for verification.

Please plan to attend this event. With your help we can make it the best Labor Day ever!

-editor

THE MINUTES

Mike Berger, Secretary

General Meeting.....7/28/2006

Meeting held at Hawk Field

Called to order: When we got everyone to quiet down.

Approximately 40 members and guests present.

★ The meeting was held at the field tonight, so little specific business was discussed. Hot dogs chips and sodas were served. Skip Brown was in charge of burning hamburgers.

★ Steve Culver proposed to the club that we spend money for a storage shed and that the club approve funds for various maintenance projects at the field. A motion was made to approve the spending, it was seconded and approved.

★ Steve talked about an organization that will possibly give us an American Flag and flagpole for free to put up at the field. If we get it the city parks department will install it for us. Steve is in the process of applying for the flag from them.

★ Steve Peck spoke on the plans for the Labor Day Air Show. Also, since he is planning on stepping down from running the show in a couple of years, he will hold an informal meeting after the general meeting with those who are interested in carrying on the tradition of the air show.

★ Special thanks are due to the members who bought raffle tickets to support the raffle for the Labor Day Air Show. \$126.00 was added to the fund for buying the prizes. Claude Weimer has offered to donate an airplane for next month's raffle. (See pg. 1—ed)



Business Meeting.....8/2/2006

Called to order: 7:10 p.m.

Board members present: Steve, Kevin, Mike L, Mike Berger, Eric Coldiron, (Brad is on vacation)

Also present: Steve Eveans, Ralph Brown, Larry McChesney

★ Treasurer's report: Kevin Hyde. Please attend the business meeting for details.

★ Ralph Brown - Membership Report: No new members so far this month but there are some expressing interest that will probably join through the training night.

★ Mike Berger: Newsletter Report: Need Labor day article from Steve

★ Hawk Field report:

- Shed has been ordered. Skip is working with Double D to level spot for the shed. We will need to paint it. Also need to paint the floor and maybe seal the shelves or any other wood surfaces. We also need to do something to prevent anyone from running into it. Build date Aug 18, 8:00 am.

- Safety tables: Thanks to Mike and Eric for their work on them. One is in place, five more are in the works with changes suggested by members.

- Power for lights at field? Can we get an electrician to put up a pole light by power box. Maybe a member who is an electrician. Consideration needed for light placement, too.

- Signs are in and will be put up at the field.

Old Business:

★ Phones are running; Brad indicated that technical difficulties are fixed and he is monitoring the messages.

★ Bylaws Committee: Steve, Kevin, Ed Paasch, Skip Brown Updates to bylaws to comply with changes needed for AMA membership. Timeline? Committee to be done by Sept Bus meeting, Recommendations to board for Sept general meeting

★ Sanctioning paperwork for Labor Day is done. Claude Weimer will be CD. Steve Peck is getting things set up.

★ Helicopter flying: No decision. Report of a pilot flying a helicopter from within the pits. This is in violation of club rules and the member will be contacted concerning this problem.

New Business:

★ Meeting with City on Omahawks long range plans. Steve is developing ideas for discussion with board. City.

★ Awards Presentation by Mark Smith. Wed Aug 23rd Mark Smith will be giving awards to Omahawks. Where could we have this? Steve C will look into it.

★ Flight Training: John Fennick has resigned and a replacement is needed. Eric Morgan has volunteered to take over. The board has confidence in Eric's ability to do this job. Eric wants to expand into float fly training. Some people have expressed interest in learning advanced aerobatic stuff as well.

★ Officers for 2007: Who is interested in continuing and is there anyone else interested in joining the board. Elections are coming fast.

★ Omaha R/C council: Steve is working on setting up an Omaha Area R/C Council to encourage better relations between all the clubs in the area.

★ Field Report - Larry McChesney: Question on condition of runway. Are there any plans to roll the runway in the hot weather? Larry will get bids on rolling and filling the cracks on the field.

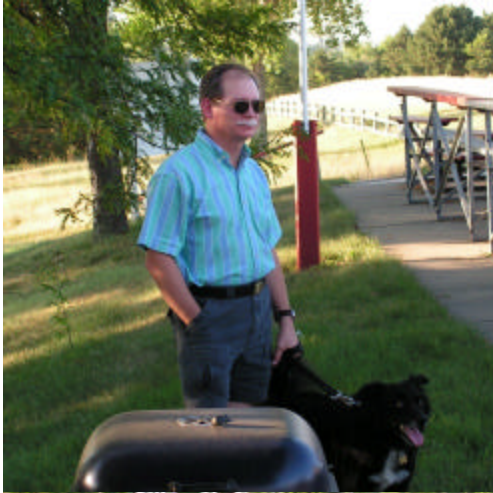
★ Kevin will meet with Cub Scouts on Tues August 29 7:00 pm. Volunteers needed ot

Many thanks are due
to Eric Morgan for
taking over the
Training Program!

JUST SOME PICS FROM THE FIELD—



Meeting at Hawk Field



Another summer's evening, another summer meeting. What could be better? Once again the monthly general meeting was held at Hawk Field.

About thirty members and guests, including Denis Bryers from the Parks Department, enjoyed a beautiful evening of fun, flying, friends and food. There were no crashes to speak of. The talk was short, the flying was great, and everyone had a really good time.

A major departure from the norm was made at this meeting, when, at Steve Culver's suggestion, we added hamburgers to the menu along with the usual hot dogs!



Float Flying at



Candy, little boy?



That's not my prop!



Perhaps the single most popular type of flying event on the Omahawks calendar is the float fly. These events are well attended by both the Omahawks and members of other area clubs. Dick Behrens, Bob Zitzlsperger, Bob Burt, and Ed Splittgerber are the members who work tirelessly to make the float fly events the shining star of our club's activities.

While most of the float flies take place on weekday mornings, once a year the event is held on a Saturday morning and is the biggest and best of them all. This year's event was no exception. There were 22 pilots in attendance and at one time there were 55 people altogether watching and flying. Mark Smith, AMA Regional vice president came up for the event and many people from other clubs were there, too.

The weather couldn't have been better. It was a beautiful, cool morning with almost no breeze. The heat stayed away long enough for everyone to fly in comfort.

Between the pizza, doughnuts, and lots of great flying, this was by far the best event of the summer!

**Don't miss the next Float Fly
Tuesday Sept. 19
8:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
Standing Bear Lake**



Concessions!

Free Admission!

Omahaawks 27th Annual Labor Day Air Show

September 4 12:00 to 4:00

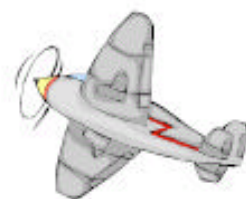
Hawk Field

Standing Bear Recreational Area

138th & Fort



**Come and see the best of
radio controlled flying.**



**See a flying witch, Snoopy's doghouse, and cars that race in the air!
Beautiful Old Timer Air Craft, WWI and II Scale Aircraft, Senior,
Trainer, Electric Planes and much more will take to the sky!**

All Proceeds go to Make-A-Wish of Nebraska

Hundreds of Dollars Worth of Raffle Prizes

Standing Bear!



There's no better way to spend a summer day!

HAWK TALK

HAWK TALK FUN FLY II

STANDING BEAR LAKE CLEAN-UP DAY

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Once again a small but dedicated group got together at the field for the second of three Hawk Talk Fun Fly events. About a dozen people were on hand to enjoy a nice Sunday morning of fun and flying. We had hot dogs, chip, sodas and even a raffle to keep everyone fed and happy.

The third and last of the Hawk Talk Fun Flies will be held on Saturday Sept. 16 from 12:00 p.m. till 3:00 or so. (See the ad pg. 9)



The Standing Bear Lake Watershed Council will be sponsoring a Lake Clean Up Day on Saturday Morning, Sept. 16. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. The Standing Bear Lake Clean Up Day is a part of the city wide Waterways Cleanup Day sponsored by Keep Omaha Beautiful.

We will meet at the fishing dock at the 138th and Fort Entrance. Probably starting at 9 or 10 in the morning and working until 12 noon. Please come and help out and be sure to wear you Omahawks gear to make sure everyone knows we're there to support the whole park.

It is vitally important that the club be well represented in this. It is through our participation in these clean-up days that we demonstrate our support for the whole park system and help to keep area residents on our side when it comes to protecting our field.

-editor

Hawk Field Open House Fun Fly

Saturday September 16
12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Member of all area clubs invited - Landing fee
waived for this event only - AMA required for
non-Omahawk members

Hot dogs, chips soda pop and
lots of great flying at Omaha's
premiere flying facility!

Tuesday Morning FLOAT FLY

September 19

(Makeup Date September 26)

Fly 8:30 am - 11:30

Standing Bear Lake – Omaha
Chase Boat

Coffee and Krispy Kremes

Flyers from all fields welcome

\$5 Fee for pilots without Hawk Field Permits

- no fee for Omahawks

Sponsored by Omahawks

Info: Bob Zitzlperger 493 1610 Bob Burt 339 7482

Ed Splittgerber 896 1787 Dick Behrens 451 6397

IT'S AUCTION TIME AGAIN

Once again it is time to clean out the workshop, garage, attic, basement, storage shed, car trunk, bedroom closet, kitchen table, and living room and get together a new year's batch of R/C airplane stuff to sell at the Omahawks Auction! After all, you need to clear that old stuff out to make room for all the neat new stuff you're going to buy at the auction!

This year's auction will be held on Sunday October 15th at American Legion Post 374 in Millard. It is located at 4619 S. 139th Street. The doors open for sellers at 7:00 a.m. and the auction starts at 10:00. There will be a \$3.00 admission fee and concessions will be provided by the American Legion.

As always, volunteers are needed to help set up and run the auction. If you want to help run the computers, contact Kevin Hyde so you can get trained in their use. Runners are also needed as well as people for checking people in and out. If you can come and help out, even for just a little while, it will be greatly appreciated.



DON'T FORGET!

2006 Auction
New Location!
American Legion
4619 S. 139th St

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DON'T MISS THE LABOR DAY AIR SHOW

MONDAY SEPT. 4

HAWK FIELD

All Proceeds Support
Make-A-Wish
Foundation

Does Justice Prevail?

Sometimes, it seems that the *Bad* guys win more often than we *do*. However, **hark!** Hear this tale of evil doing and restitution from the Standing Bear Lake sea plane port

During the June Float Fly my airplane refused to leave the water. The engine sounded great. I was certain that it was putting out full power. But, it simply refused to lift off from the water. After several additional attempts to become airborne, (humiliated) I taxied back to the dock. After a close examination of the aircraft, floats and controls, I could still not see anything amiss. I believe that it was Ed Splittgerber who discovered my problem. The propeller was mounted backward. This was a real surprise to me, as I hadn't had the prop off of the airplane for some time – certainly not this year. In any case, after correcting the installation the LT 40 flew just fine. I was left to ponder how the incident occurred

Now, to the photo by Larry Quigley. It was taken on July 22nd at at the Hawk Field Saturday Float Fly. That's me, flexing my handsome (and satisfied) smile, retrieving Bud Mitchell's flying boat. Bob Roegge and Tom Floyd are flying in the background. Bud can be seen walking determinedly from the dock, a frown on his face and his beady eyes in the shadow of his cap.

We had just attempted to fly Bud's airplane. With the engine running smoothly, I pushed the ship away from the ramp. Bud advanced the throttle. The engine responded with a burst of power *and backed the aircraft back up the landing ramp.*

We immediately discovered that someone had installed a pusher propeller on Bud engine and thus the reverse thrust. The word spread quickly and all fair minded pilots and spectators present applauded.

So now we have a mystery. Who were the perpetrators of these foul deeds? Is this some type of sabotage? If additional information is uncovered, it will be reported in your copy of Hawk Talk. Stand by.

- Bob Zitzlsperger

