



Hawk Talk

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**** AGENDA ****

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, August 29, 2008 * 7:00 P.M. * Hawk Field * 138th & Fort St

PROGRAM: Let's get ready for Labor Day (and maybe fly, too)

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, September 3, 2008 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

LABOR DAY IS UPON US...

Once again the big day is upon us. The Labor Day Air Show is right around the corner (next Monday, to be exact) and once again the Omahawks are preparing to put on the show for the benefit of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Nebraska. This will be the twenty-ninth consecutive year for the show and the twenty-fourth straight year that it has benefited Make-A-Wish.

Every year we lucky fliers get together to put on this show. It's a great day when we can come out to the field and show off our toys to the adulation of the crowd and also raise money for such a good

cause.

The Make-a-wish foundation has been involved for many years with granting wishes to seriously ill children. These wishes range from trips to Disneyland to meeting famous athletes or celebrities and everything in between. No matter what a child wishes for, the Make-a-wish foundation does everything it can to make it come true.

The Omahawks are proud to have been part of the Make-a-wish tradition for the past twenty-four years. In fact, the Omahawks are the longest standing annual contributor to Make-A-Wish of Nebraska. Not only have we given many thousands of dollars that we have raised, but we are also responsible for generating many more thousands of dollars in donations from the publicity that we get with our show.

Last year we had one of our best years ever, donating over \$4500.00. If we all work together, we can make this year even better for us and for Make-A-Wish!

- editor

Labor Day Air Show

Monday Sept. 1
12:00 - 4:00pm
Don't miss it!

AUGUST MEETING AT HAWK FIELD

FRIDAY, AUG 29
7:00 p.m.
138TH & FORT ST
Program: Let's get ready for Labor Day

Upcoming Events:

- ★ August 29 - General meeting @ Hawk Field
- ★ September 1 - Labor day Air Show
- ★ September 3 - Board Meeting
- ★ September 10 - Board Fun Fly
- ★ Every Thursday 6 pm - Flight Training
- ★ September 16 - Float Fly
- ★ October 19 - Omahawks Auction

HAWK TALK

THE MINUTES

Nathan King, Secretary

Business Meeting.....8/6/2008

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

In attendance:

Officers: E.J. Murphy, Bill Bender, Ed Paasch
Board Members: Doc Greenberg, Claude Weimer, Nathan Brown, Ralph Brown
General Members: Larry McChesney

Officer/Chairman Reports



? Treasurers Report – (Ed Paasch): Shows expenses and memberships. A copy may be made available, upon request. Doc Greenberg motioned to accept the Treasurers report as presented, Bill Bender seconded.

? Membership Report – (Ralph Brown): Current count as of August 6, 2008 is 133. New memberships have slowed. Probably, due to the time of year and the lousy weather that seems to occur around training nights.

? Event Report – (Ed Paasch): All Electric Fun Fly, Sat. July 5. As Ed was the only one at the board meeting that attended, he gave the report. 12 – 13 people attended. As the weather seemed to be a factor once again, it was very WINDY, Fred Tuckerman, the coordinator for the event extended an invitation to all flyers. This allowed those that showed up to be able to fly any type of powered aircraft. Even wind powered, as Ed took "Go fly a kite",

literally. Roland Lyons was the winner of a prize, a Curtis Jenny "foamy" biplane. It was only fitting, as his airplane crashed, on the roof of the shelter. Dick Behrens also was a winner. He was awarded a Bath Set, of salts and soaps. (I recall someone making mention of a booby prize).

Hawk Field Report – (EJ and Nathan Brown): Chuck Buscher and Leroy Henderson tackled the work of repairing the bleachers, following the storm damage. They did a great job. Thanks, guys.
Nathan contacted

Double D Excavating, (Dave Dahl), to see about repairing our parking lot, as most of it has tried to escape out the front gate. Dave has offered to donate the work as a gift to the club in preparation for the Labor Day Air Show. Many thanks to Dave, and his crew. The condition of Hawk Field is always a concern when trying to entice new memberships. Not to mention the safety aspect.

Old Business

? It has come to our attention that there are flyers at the soccer fields, again. Claude Weimer has offered to contact Chuck Sigerson, once again, to get the City's assistance in this matter. It's obvious these people are flying 'glow' aircraft. And, may be operating on 72 Mhz. It was viewed by a friend of a club member that this had occurred on a Thursday night. Our trainees don't need any more distractions in trying to learn to control their aircraft. They have enough on their minds without the fear of losing control due to a frequency conflict. This is a direct violation of AMA rules. Not to mention

against park rules, as the fields have signs posted referring to "No unscheduled play allowed".

New Business

? Raffle item(s) for the August general meeting, to be held at Hawk Field, will be a Power panel for a flight box. This was donated by new club member Joe McClure. Mike Berger may also bring some items, to sweeten the pot. The proceeds from this raffle will go to buy raffle prizes for the Labor Day Air Show. Also, if you're not interested in any of these prizes, at the meeting, we would appreciate a donation to the funds for the Air Show.

? Doc Greenberg voiced his concern about club business being conducted via e-mail.

? Doc also, brought up the minutes from some meetings, has not been included in the Hawk Talk.

? In regards to the Labor Day Air Show, I (EJ) received a form from Make-A-Wish, "Special



Event Proposal and License Agreement". I will contact Steve Culver and Steve Peck, to inquire about this. As, I have not seen, nor heard, of this document in previous years.

? Claude Weimer made a motion to publish a Club Directory, again this year, Bill Bender seconded. Ed Paasch will make an effort to get this publication ready to be included with the August Hawk Talk mailing.

? A discussion came up about allowing members to "opt out" of receiving the Hawk Talk by mail. And, allow them to view it via the website. This was brought up because of the costs involved in printing and mailing the newsletter. The only concern that was raised was the timing involved in getting each issue reformatted and posted to the website in a timely manner. Further discussion may be necessary for such a drastic change.



PATTERN CONTEST SCORES BIG

We had 17 flyers at the 2008 Omaha Pattern Championship. The weather was great, sunny, mid 80s and low wind. Seven Omahawk members participated in the competition and I want to congratulate them for their effort. Mike Lollis, Nathan King, Casey Vohnout, Robert Green and past Omahawk President Rusty Dose



the flyers are seen contests all over the area and even at the Nationals in Muncie, Indiana. The Omahawks have held pattern contests since the 1970s and I hope we continue to do so.

Helen took loads of pictures and Ed and she have posted them on the web site and there is a posting on RCU under Pattern with many comments, so take a look. Again I want to thank all who helped make the 2008 contest a success.

- Claude Weimer



all took home awards.

I want to thank all the Omahawk members who came out to help, and it is a reflection of a great club that I had more volunteers than I needed. The pattern contest makes people all over the country aware of the Omahawks RC Club. The T-shirts we give to



MOTHER NATURE LAY A LICK ON HAWK FIELD

At this year's June meeting, the club was about to begin its first of three summer meetings at the field. Unfortunately, we had an unexpected and uninvited guest. Mother nature decided to stop by with a small gift: a classic summer storm! But this was no ordinary storm. This one packed a punch that sent all of Omaha reeling, including Hawk Field.

The same storm that chewed up central Omaha passed by Hawk Field and the nearby Hillsborough subdivision, leaving broken trees and power lines in its wake.

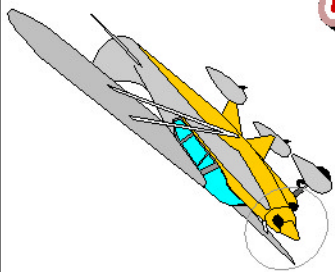
The most notable damage at Hawk Field was the set of bleachers that the wind picked up and tossed over a fence and onto the radio impound. The parking lot was badly washed out, the port-a-potty was tipped over and several trees by the playground were broken and stripped of their leaves. The wind even moved the new shed several inches. Nathan King was at the field for the meeting and had his car damaged when the wind caught his door and folded it over backwards.

All in all it wasn't a pretty site. But the Hawks got together on the following Saturday and got it patched up. With a little more work and some grading services donated Dave at Double D Excavating, the field should be looking good for the air show on Labor Day.

- editor



OMAHAWKS 29TH LABOR DAY AIR SHOW



FREE! Admission

Net Proceeds to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Nebraska
OUR 24TH YEAR FOR Make-A-Wish.

Monday, September 1st, 2008 139th Fort @
Standing Bear Lake 12:00 Noon til 4:00

Hundreds of dollars worth of raffle prizes!

Come see a Radio Controlled Flying Dog House,
Lawn Mower, Car, UFO'S, Witch, and more.

**Pete Rosas will fly 3D. A car race is planned where several
cars will take to the air to see who is the fastest!**

Beautiful Old Time Air Craft, WW I and II Scale Air Craft,
Stunt, Trainers, Electrics and much more will take to the sky.



Concessions on site.

For further information call steve peck @ 763 8577

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FLOAT FLYS ENJOY GREAT SUPPORT

Float Flys July 19 and August 12. The following 16 flyers signed in and flew at one or both events.:

Dave Olson, Tim Peters, Fred Tuckerman, Frank Wisniski, Fred Wilke, Gary Vohnout, Gale Sherman, Ed Splittgerber, Bob Roegge, Bud Mitchell, Claude Weimer, Ralph Brown, Skip Brown, Bob Burt, Bob Zitzlsperger, and Dick Behrens. Roger Brodd used his canoe for the July chase boat and Russ Ault used his boat for the August event. Bob Zitzlsperger brought coffee for both events in the absence of Doc Greenberg.

- Dick Behrens



OMAHAWKS SUFFER ANOTHER LOSS

The Omahawks were saddened again last week at the passing of long-time friend and loyal Omahawk, Ed Pugsley. Ed passed away on Friday, August 22nd after a long illness.

Ed was born in Lower Burrell, PA on Nov 3rd, 1940 and moved to the Omaha area about twenty years ago. He became a member of the Omahawks and shared with them his love of flying for the rest of his days. He always loved flying and became even more interested in the larger planes after coming to Omaha and meeting up with the Omahawks.

Ed was a good friend. He was always ready to help the younger fliers at the field, and was a great asset for the club and the field. He will be greatly missed.

It's Coming...

You better get ready! It's almost here! It's time to start digging, cleaning out your basement and getting ready for the big day.

AUCTION 2008 is right around the corner. Watch next months Hawk Talk for more details

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Don't forget!
The Labor Day
Air Show
Monday,
September
1st
Be there!

GET READY FOR LABOR DAY

It's finally here! Less than a week away is the annual Labor Day Air Show! Are you ready? Got your planes all checked out, everything charged and working? You'd better be ready because the club and the Make-a-wish foundation need you. This is the one event a year where we give back to the community at the same time as we get our name out to the people in the community. This is our big PR event for the year and you are an essential part of it!

Your help is needed to put on the show. Not only are you needed to fly for the crowd, but people are also needed to help with the set-up, concessions, collecting donations, and many other tasks before during and after the show. If you can't come for the whole day, at least come for a little while to help out. You'll be glad you did!

But if you can't be at the show, at least come to the meeting on Friday at Hawk Field and show your support by buying raffle tickets to support the Labor Day Raffle. I will be raffling off a P-51 plane and some other stuff to raise money for the raffle prizes. Don't miss your chance to support Make-a-wish and win another plane!

- Mike Berger - editor

