



Hawk Talk

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**** AGENDA ****

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, August 28, 2009 * 7:00 P.M. * Hawk Field * 138th & Fort

PROGRAM: Fun, Fun, Fun

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, September 2, 2009 * 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!

Once again, we find ourselves at the end of Summer with Autumn's cool breezes bearing down on us. That can only mean that it's time for the big finale of the Omahawks' season, the Labor Day Air Show.

Not only is the air show a big way for us to show off our stuff, but it is also our main event for giving back to the community through our continuing support of the Make-A-Wish foundation. And this year is going to be a big milestone in Omahawks' history. This will be the 30th straight year for the air show. It's

hard to imagine that it has been that many years.

Coupled with the air show is a huge fund raising effort for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Nebraska. The Omahawks are the longest standing annual donor to this worthy cause and the money and publicity that we generate for them is our way of using our hobby for the benefit of others.

Your support is needed to make sure that this year's show is as successful as years past. So get involved. Come out to the meeting Friday and sign up to participate in the show. Come to the show and help out. Help is needed in all areas from concessions, parking, set-up and donation collecting.

Only you can make this show a success. We are the Omahawks. We are the best R/C club there is. This show is our chance to show that quality to the world. We need everybody's help to make it happen.

- editor

Labor Day Air Show
Monday, Sept 7
Hawk Field
138th & Fort St
12:00 pm to 4:00 pm



AUGUST MEETING AT HAWK FIELD

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28
7:00 p.m.
138TH & FORT ST

A Raffle will be held to raise money for the Labor Day Air Show Raffle - Prizes will be announced at the meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Aug 28 – General Meeting
- ★ Sept 2 – Business Meeting
- ★ Sept 7 - Labor Day Air Show
- ★ Sept 15 - Float Fly
- ★ Oct 6 - Float Fly
- ★ Oct 18 - Omahawks Auction
- ★ Every Thursday Night is training night at Hawk Field until October

THE MINUTES

Larry McChesney, Secretary

General Meeting.....7/31/2009

President E.J. Murphy opened the meeting. No guests were present to recognize. Hot dogs were served and enjoyed by all present. Thank you president E.J. for the fine grilling job.

Membership Report The membership report was short. Ralph announced that the current tally is one hundred fifty to date.

Newsletter Report Mike Berger was present and complimented the club on providing him with material, articles, photo's, etc., and to "keep up the good work."

General Member Announcements

E.J. announced that two pilots had soloed. Chris Stuckey was present and his tie "ceremoniously cut in half."

Field Update The date of August 15th in the A.M. was scheduled for the runway repairs. Please keep this in mind as the decision was made that to save "big bucks" we would provide the labor. The following describes the procedure the board has elected for the runway work. The process is not complicated and not overly time consuming if we get a fair number of members to come out and participate in the repair effort. A machine will be rented to heat the filler and will be "hot poured in to the cracks." For under one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) the runway will be very serviceable at much less than the cost previously discussed. More to come in the next few months.

We are waiting for the city Permit to begin the shelter rebuilding effort. Again members, to save funds labor will be provided by the club. Your support and construction skills are critical. While I do not pretend to know all who have contributed already I would note that Matt Myers, Skip Brown, Fred Wilke, E.J. and others have moved into the cleanup stage.

Over the years Dick Behrens has taken care of the flower beds at the field. Now we are looking for someone to step up to continue the outstanding job Dick has done. Please contact the president if you are interested.

Event Reports

Pattern Event for the Sport Pilot Championships was fun and well attended. Ed Paasch reports that Fred Tuckerman won the combat event followed by Matt Myers and Roland Lyons. However Mr Myers ends up the overall champion and the first recipient of the first "Annual Olson Cup." The Cup was presented along with certificates for second and third place.

The North Omaha Air Show was a hit as always. Matt Myers and Rich Tiller flew their jets. In addition there was an electric and third scale gas flown with great skill.

The Omaha pattern Championships will be held Aug. 8th and 9th.

The Labor Day Show is around the corner. Please contact Steve Peck or one of the board members to indicate how you might assist in this annual fund raising event for Make-A-Wish. If you want to join in flying in one of the events or lead an event that is not already on the agenda let us know.

On a recent Sunday evening a memorial

service for Dennis Myers was held at the field.

We appreciate any of those members who arrived at the field that day to fly and out of respect to the families were kind enough to understand the situation.

Old Business None for this meeting.

New Business The phone service for the website will be canceled. This has been an expense that simply was not of benefit to the club.

Raffle Mike Berger Dean Copeland and Ron Pancana generously donated the raffle items. Thank you. Winners included Dean Copeland, Sonny Lusch, Ken Heimbuch, Jim Bires, and Ralph Brown.

Business Meeting.....8/5/2009

Present: Officers E.J. Murphy, Bob Wheeler, Ralph Brown, Nathan Brown and Larry McChesney Board member Doc Greenberg

Treasurers report. E.J. Murphy gave the report as prepared by Kevin Hyde.

Membership report. Ralph Brown reported that as of August 5th the membership roll is still one hundred forty-seven.

Events.

The Omaha Pattern Championships will be held August 8th and 9th.

Mark Smith (Executive Vice President of AMA) and Darrell Watts will attend our August 12th Float Fly. Both will fly their float planes that day as well as do some flying from the runway the day before.

The Labor Day Air Show is only around the corner. Please contact Steve Peck to indicate how you might assist in this great fund raising effort for Make A Wish. Also indicate your interest in flying, organizing a particular event you enjoy, directing traffic, etc.

Field Report.

E.J. suggested adding additional mowing along the east (closer to the crest of the hill) and north side of the runway. Nathan Brown will contact mowing company to discuss cost, etc.

Runway repairs were discussed and weather permitting will start August 15th at 9:00.

Status for rebuilding shelter is dependent on receiving the City Building Permit. On July 16th the Club President called a "special meeting to discuss how to proceed." All attending were in favor of rebuilding. Kevin Hyde made a motion to spend club funds up to \$3,500 for materials. If additional funding was required the board would reconvene to discuss the matter. Doc Greenberg "seconded the motion." Thanks to Matt Myer for assembling the estimate for materials and E.J. for leading efforts to start the rebuilding process.

Construction will start on the first Saturday as soon as the permit is available. Watch for e-mail notices and/or come out to the field on Saturdays to join in the effort.

We are looking for a person or persons to look after the flower beds. Contact a board member if you would be willing to continue Dick Behrens past work which compliments the field greatly.

Old Business. The board wants to thank all helicopter pilots and others who have installed a concrete pad in the southwest corner of the field. This is quickly becoming a quality area for members to expand their horizons.

Thanks to Ron Pancana, Mike Berger and Dean Copeland for generously contribut-

ing items for the raffle.

Fred Wilke and Larry McChesney reported that the Youth Fun Fly in June was successful and funds used for lunch and prizes was significantly less than the approved budget.

New business.

E.J. received an e-mail regarding a Dec 5th raffle for the Holy Child Catholic Church school.

Brad Shaink has announce his resignation as webmaster for the Omahawks website effective November 1st. Thanks to Brad for serving in this important role for the club. We will be looking for someone to fill this position.

The board is always interested in hearing members input for raffle suggestions and meeting program ideas.

A FIELD UPDATE FROM EJ

The shelter rebuild is progressing nicely. Post and beams are in place, so the roof is now fully supported. Almost all the floor joists are in place.

Thanks to Matt Myers and Dan Walz for their tireless efforts in leading this project. Also, Dan and Dale Alva completed the electrical repairs.

Now, we need to get the railing and deck surface in place, as well as the steps. So we will have another work party, Saturday, August 22, beginning at 9AM. Matt feels we can complete this project this weekend. Any time you can contribute will be most helpful.

BTW, if you haven't seen the runway recently, Harry and Brad Perkons completed the runway repairs, last weekend. The weather forced them to make it a 2 day project. But, they "Got r dun". Thanks, to both of them.

Thanks, to everyone for your help.

- EJ Murphy - President



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AN ASSORTMENT OF PICTURES FROM THE FIELD



Did I say dive straight into the ground? Did I?



Ralphie's doing product endorsements now (but we aren't)



Food's ready!



What can you say but "Ouch!"



**Come join
the fun!**



See you at
the field!

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The hot dogs are free, right?



Pattern contests are sooo exciting!



Does the box go all the way over there?



Ed gets advice from an old pro.

The 2009 Omaha Patten Championships completed successfully this year despite Mother Nature's attempts to test the diehard pattern flyers. Saturday was an extremely hot day with temps hovering around 100 degrees and winds from the South at 20 to 30 mph. Sunday brought cooler temps but also rain showers causing a 1 hour rain delay.

The number of flyers this year was down from last years (total of 13) probably due to the high temperatures and winds. Overall the contest went pretty smoothly due to the help of Omahawk members and spouses.

Seven Club members participated this year with Ed Paasch taking First Place in Sportsman, Nathan King taking Second in Intermediate, and Ron Williams taking First in Advances. EJ Murphy, KC Vohnout, Robert Green, and Claude Weimer also participated and received placement awards. Out of town Pattern flyers included John Ford, Adam Barry-Ford, Jeffery Buchner, Ken Kaut, Joe Dunnaway, and Rusty Dose.

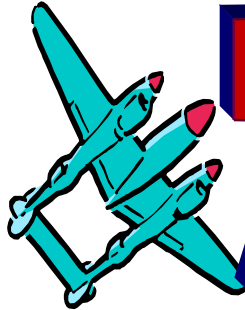
Seeing all these Patten flyers handle the high temps and winds was quite amazing.

A special thanks to the volunteers that made this year's event a success. Dennis Bender, head chef and score sheet runner, Laurian Dumas Award Backgrounds, Helen Paasch Photo's, Mikey Furrow, Gary Vohnout, Dale Alva, Ron Pacana, and Larry McChesney assisting as needed.

Thanks to all of you for your help.

- Bob Wheeler CD

OMAHAWK'S 30TH LABOR DAY AIR SHOW!



Free
Admission!

Net Proceeds to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Nebraska
for the 25th year.

Monday, September 7th 2009
139th Fort Standing Bear Lake
Starts at noon, ends at 4:00.

HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF RAFFLE

Come see a Radio Controlled Flying American Flag, a Flying Dog House, Flying LawnMower, a Flying Witch, Helicopters, and more.

There will be Beautiful Old Time Air Craft, WW I and WW II Scale Aircraft, Trainers, Pattern, Electric and many more aircraft taking to the sky!



Concessions on site.

For further information call steve peck @ 402

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PATTERN CONTEST



Claude Weimer



Big Ed Paasch



Ken and Stephanie Kaut



Ron Williams



John Ford (not the movie guy)



Joe Dunnaway



Adam Barry-Ford



Former Omahawk President - Rusty Dose



Robert Green

2009 Multi-wing Fun Fly

Well the good news is the weather held out for the 2009 Multi Wing fun Fly. Despite a little bit of a breeze and of a cross wind the fun fly turned out to be quite an event. Thanks to all the Flyers who participated to make this event fun and enjoy the com-modore.

The year's event included the normal set of Bipe groupies as well as wannabes. Included in this year's event were Pete Rosas and Leighton Smith from across the muddy Mo... Pete brought his 33 % Stearman and Leighton brought two Sun Dancers, one glow and one gas. Both were a pleasure to watch as they showed off there skills. As usually, Pete was outstanding and was quite a crowd pleaser. Thanks for providing a good show.

Over the last couple of years I started noticing one major trait with biplane pilots. They all like to take center stage when their craft is in the air. As the day went on each pilot took their turn at being front and center showing off their skills for the rest of group. As the norm and a show of respect each pilot received an ovation for taking to the air to show off their stuff.

Other items worth noting, Frank Vanecek was quite the popular guy this year with his Dicky bug. Multi wing takes on a whole new meaning with this aircraft... thanks Frank for showing us not all Bipe's have Cabane struts...

A special thanks to Ed Paasch for assisting with grilling duties, Helen for her great Photographer

skills and to EJ for supporting the effort and even flying his own Bipe this year.

As with last year the day turned out pretty good. A good lunch of hot dogs and brats' kept the flyers feed and willing to risk it all.

Again, thanks to everyone who participated, as it was another good turnout. Best regards to all and keep them flying.

- Bob Wheeler - CD



Another happy customer



Frank Vanacek and his Dicky Bug



The Peanut Gallery

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Geez, that's a big plane!



Pete Rosas never fails to impress



You didn't look silly in that one...



Cheer up EJ. This is a FUN fly!



Omahawks' Chef
Roger Brodd



The 2009 Multiwing Pilots



For Sale:
Contractors 8
inch table saw,
motor and
stand. New car-
bide blade. \$150
firm

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BIG SHOTS VISIT THE OMAHAWKS FLOAT FLY

The wind was southwest at 5-10 mph. Leroy and Brad Hendersen provided the chase boat. They rescued about 10 planes. Coffee was provided by Bob Zitzlsperger. Donuts, bananas, pop, and cookies were served. Four large pizzas were donated by Ralph and Skip Brown. Two picnic tables were provided by the City caretaker.

Attending this event were; Mark Smith, AMA's executive Vice President and Jim Wallen, AMA's District IX Vice President. Mark lives in Kansas and Jim in Colorado. Also attending were; Darrell Watts from Kansas and Glenn Gill from Missouri.

Darrell brought two large float planes with him. Many local R/C people also attended the event.

There were 21 pilots who flew and/or brought planes. They were: Ralph Brown, Ron Pacana, Chuck Buscher, Frank Wisniski, Bob Zitz, Mark Smith, Bob Burt, Bob Wheeler, Skip Brown, Frank Vanecek, Bob Anderson,

Dean Copeland, Jud Bock, Darrell Watts, Brad Perkons, Glenn Gill, Larry Puls, Dave Haggart, Jerry Stehno, Joe Cole and Dick Behrens.

- Dick Behrens



Mark Smith



Jud Bock



Brad Perkons



Frank W



Darrell Watts