



Hawk Talk

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**** AGENDA ****

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, August 27, 2010 * 7:00 P.M. * Hawk Field * 138th & Fort St

PROGRAM: Hot dogs, chips, and flying fun!

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, September 1, 2010 * 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

Is it that time already? It seems like summer just started and it's already time for the Labor Day Air Show. Time to dust off all of your fancy planes and come out and put on a show.

This is the one time of the year that we have a chance to show off our stuff to our friends and neighbors as well as do a lit-

tle good for people who could use a good time. This show benefits the Make-A-Wish of Nebraska Foundation. By participating in the show, you will help grant a wish to some lucky child as well as help spread the news about this great organization.

The Omahawks have a long and proud tradition of supporting Make-A-Wish. We are the longest standing annual donor they have. We have every reason to be proud of that. But we need to build on it as well. We need your help in making this another successful year for the show.

So, please come out to the field and help out with the show. Come help sell concessions or raffle tickets. Or just come help pass the jug and raise money. But most importantly come and fly. After all that is why the people come to the show. To see you show off all of your toys!

Get up, get out, get active. With your help we can make this show a success. With your help we can make someone's dreams come true and make this our best year ever!

Scale Fun Fly, Coming Right Up

Mark your calendars, everybody. The Omahawks' 2010 Scale Model Fun Fly is coming up on September 18th at 2:00 pm.

This show is open to all types of scale aircraft and a Pilots Choice award will be given for the best airplane there. Food and drinks will be provided.

For more information contact Mikey Furrow at dakoris73@gmail.com or Roger Brodd at rbrodd@aol.com

You can find the flier for this event on the Omahawks' website at www.omahawks.net

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AUGUST MEETING AT HAWK FIELD

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

7:00 p.m.

138th & Fort

Program: Fly and have fun... or else!

Raffle to benefit Labor Day Air Show Raffle:

Multiple prizes

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Don't miss it!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ August 27 - General Meeting
- ★ Sept 1 - Business meeting
- ★ Sept 6 - Labor Day Air Show
- ★ Sept 8 - Old Timer Fun Fly
- ★ Sept 18 - Fun Scale Event - 2 - 6 pm @Hawk Field
- ★ Oct 17 - Auction

THE MINUTES

Larry McChesney, Secretary

General Meeting.....7/30/2010

President E.J. Murphy opened the meeting. Membership Report – Ralph Brown announced we have 140 members, with nearly 20 new members. Newsletter Report – Mike Berger reminds us to send in articles and photos for your newsletter. Also, if you have not received the e-mail notification for the newsletter, to contact him or Kevin Hyde to get the problem resolved. General Member Announcements – Rennie Terkuile has soloed, and we celebrated by the traditional “Tie-cutting” ceremony. Congratulations, Rennie. Event Reports - The Scouts that had a couple of days of aircraft activities at Hawk Field have announced they will repay us for that event by cleaning-up Hawk Field. Also, these are the same Scouts that assist in parking for the Labor Day Air Show. Thanks, to them. Old Business – Mikey Furrow and Kevin Hyde are working on getting the Hawk field security light repaired.

Harry Perkons is proceeding with the new signs for the field. New Business – We need your help in raising funds for the Labor Day Air Show, either by buying raffle tickets at the meetings or outright donations. Thanks, in advance, for your support.

Dennis Bender is the club liaison for the Scouting event at Mahoney State Park. The ScoutFest is Oct.9. If you'd like more info contact Dennis. Next Board meeting-Wednesday, Aug.4 . Any one can attend. Next General Meeting – Friday, Aug.27. Last meeting before Labor Day.



Rennie turKuile got soloed

Business Meeting.....8/4/2010

Present: Officers- E.J. Murphy, Bob Wheeler. Board members- Mikey Furrow, Skip Brown, Bob Zitslperger, Harry Perkons, Brad Perkons. Treasurers report. EJ presented an abbreviated report, as Kevin was out of town. Membership report. Ralph had more membership applications with him. 4 of these were for new members. Bringing our totals to near 140 members for 2010, of which 22 are new members. Events. EJ was approached by an employee



Jeff Jacobs had a tough night

of Rotellas bakery, (OK, it was his son Eddie) about getting them to supply buns for the hot dogs on Labor Day, at a reduced cost or as a donation. EJ will contact Roger Brodd and get back to Eddie with the details.

Skip announced the “Benson Unity Day Parade” will be back this year, Sep.18. If any Omahawks members would like to participate, contact EJ or Skip for details. Skip suggested getting a trailer to display some planes, and of course, Ralph will be displaying his station wagon with some planes, also.

Field Report. We have had some vandalism at the field, again. Someone spray painted graffiti on the impound, and the frequency board numbers. This will need to be cleaned up before Labor Day. Also, some bleachers are in need of repair. There was some discussion about installing removable starting posts, for the large scale planes, to be added at the South end of the safety fence.

Old Business. Some work continues on the new website. If you have any questions, suggestions or notice any problems, please, feel free to contact Kevin Hyde or Mike Berger. New business. EJ presented a request to the board from Roland Lyons about his using the Omahawks logo on a couple of t-shirts. Harry made a motion to allow Roland to use the logo, on the shirts, Brad seconded and the motion passed. The board felt it was not necessary to approve the design of the printed t-shirt. And, finally, the board tabled, for further discussion, the topic of a signed agreement for the use of the logo in this manner.

Bob Wheeler made a motion to buy a new gas grill to replace the one that has a broken wheel. Skip Brown seconded, and the motion passed. These minutes have been presented by E.J. Murphy.



For Sale:

Electric Heli for sale:

Eflite Blade CX3 MD 520N RTF. The MD520 body is in good condition, with a police livery. Installed optional LED navigation light kit. It only has one full flight on it (one full charge and discharge on the battery), with one minor crash that snapped a skid that has since been replaced, no other damage. The package includes all of the following:

- Blade CX3 and MD520 bodykit/LED lights installed
- Spektrum controller
- One battery & stock recharger
- Original box, manuals, and tools
- 2 spare landing skid sets

Original cost of everything here: \$270 purchased in July 2010, selling for \$170 OBO. Please call 402-830-7384 or email phmooter@gmail.com if you are interested and would like to look at it.

Damaged Nitro Trainer: Alpha 40 DSM2 RTF, damaged by leak in apartment's HVAC system. The tail was warped and damaged beyond repair, but all the electronics, the prop, landing gear etc are in good condition and could be used in other projects. Package includes:

- Approx 3.5 gallons of Nitro fuel (3 containers new, one container a little over half full)
 - Alpha 40 w/ damage
 - Spektrum Dx5e controller
 - Original Trickle charger
- Asking \$90, this is a motivated sell. Please call 402-830-7384 or email phmooter@gmail.com if you are interested and would like to look at it.

COLBY JOHNSON IS 2010 OLSON CUP WINNER



Colby Johnson
2010 SPC Champion

2010 IS TOUGH ON FLOAT FLIERS

The August 17th float fly was cancelled due to inclement weather. This is the fourth float fly this year to be cancelled (out of six planned so far), making it one heck of a tough year for those who fly off of the water. But there are still a couple float flies left. Be sure to attend them all!

★ *editor*

Remaining Float Fly Dates

**Sept 8 Wed, Old Timer Fun
fly 8:30-11:30**

**Sept 14 Tue, Float Fly 8:30-
11:30**

**Oct Tue, Float Fly 8:30-
11:30**

**(OK so one isn't a float fly -
attend it anyway!)**

R/C pilot Colby Johnson has bested the competition to win the 2010 Olson Cup trophy. Colby finished as grand champion and overall points leader for the Omahawks 2010 Sport Pilot Championship with a 1st place finish at the SPC pylon event on May 22nd, a 4th place finish at the SPC sportsman pattern event on June 19th, and a top ten finish at the SPC combat event on July 24th (more on that later).

The 2010 Omahawks Sport Pilot Championship saw a grueling three months of competition. 23 pilots started out in May at the Pylon racing event, with high winds and mid-air collisions downing a number of planes. Colby not only completed the contest with plane intact, he had to win his 4th round heat twice after protests regarding the judging by his competitors required the heat to be re flown. An unflinching Colby re-flew the disputed heat without complaint, and re-asserted his spot as the winner.

Colby again stepped up to the flight line on June 19th to compete fiercely in the very tightly contested SPC Sportsman Pattern event. He won the second of three rounds with the best score of the field, and finished 4th place overall. A mere 20 points separated Colby from last year's Olson Cup winner, Matt Myers, who took 3rd place.

Colby's life took an unexpected turn when he was injured during the 4th of July weekend: "On the 4th of July I was spending time with friends and family at my parents lake (swimming) and ...shattered my C6 damaging my spinal cord... I have an incomplete spinal cord injury which allows hope for recovery in the future. I have feeling and movement above my chest line, below my chest line I can sense touch but no movement."

Colby and Jo Johnson have been at the Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Lincoln, NE since July 8th.

He has been undergoing intense physical and occupational therapy to rebuild his strength and to regain mobility. Jo's most recent update to Colby's CarePages website sums up his terrific progress after his first three weeks:

"Colby has made progress each day. His ab muscles are getting stronger and stronger. He can lean forward, and even opened the door to our room. Colby has a slight voluntary movement in his inner right thigh. We continue to work his legs nightly, doing our ot/pt homework. His spirit and sense of humor remain strong!"

On July 24th, Colby's birthday, the SPC combat event was held at Hawk Field and Colby couldn't be there to compete. Due to previous airplane crashes, scheduling conflicts, and at least one bad truck transmission, neither could twelve of the other SPC competitors. Three of the SPC Combat pilots ended up crashing planes in the first round, and two more planes were lost in a mid-air collision during the final round that day. When the carnage finally ended, Colby ended up tied for 9th place with about thirteen other pilots who were either unable to attend the SPC combat event or unable to start the first round. Colby's previous 1st and 4th place finishes combined with his 9th place ranking for the SPC combat event left him 2 points ahead of runner-up Tom Floyd in the competition for SPC Grand Champion. Tom had flown well during the pylon and pattern events, but there simply weren't enough competitors left for Tom to beat at the combat event to make up the enormous lead that Colby had built up early on.

Congratulations to Colby Johnson, 2010 Olson Cup Winner and Sport Pilot Championship winner. The whole Omaha RC flying community supports you, is praying for you and your family, and wishes you all the best in a speedy recovery!

Summertime comes



It's hard to believe, but another summer has come and gone. The nights are going to be getting cooler (hopefully). The kids are back in school and the Labor Day Air Show is only a few days away. It won't be long till it's auction time with the holidays closely following it. Then it's the new year and the long dark of winter.

But don't let that get you down. There is still a lot of good flying weather left. Some of the best, actually. Get out there and fly and have fun while you still can.

Here are a few pictures of all the fun things that went on this summer. Let them be your guide to having fun this fall!





Helicopter Fun Fly Saturday September 25th, 2010

**Bring out your
helicopter and join
us for autumn flying
fun at Standing
Bear Lake!**

- 500 ft asphalt runway
- Lunch and drinks provided!
- Door prizes awarded!
- 6 pilot stations

OMAHAWKS RC CLUB

Standing Bear Lake Entrance #1
138th and Fort Street
Omaha, NE 68164

Event Host: Ed Paasch
Phone: (402) 391-2855
bigedmustafa@hotmail.com



As unbelievable as it sounds, we will be closing off Hawk Field to all fixed wing airplane traffic for four full hours of open helicopter flying! Electric helicopters, glow powered helicopters, and even large gas powered helicopters are all welcome.

Open helicopter flying will begin at 11AM and run until 3PM. Pop and water will be provided for all participants, and sandwiches and chips will be served from 12PM noon until 1PM or until we run out of food.

There will be door prizes awarded randomly throughout the event. Who knows what treasures await those who come out to join in the fun?

A \$5 landing fee will be required for folks without a Hawk Field flying permit, and a current AMA membership card will be required by all.

See you there Saturday September 25th for a great day of helicopter flying!



2010 Labor Day Air Show



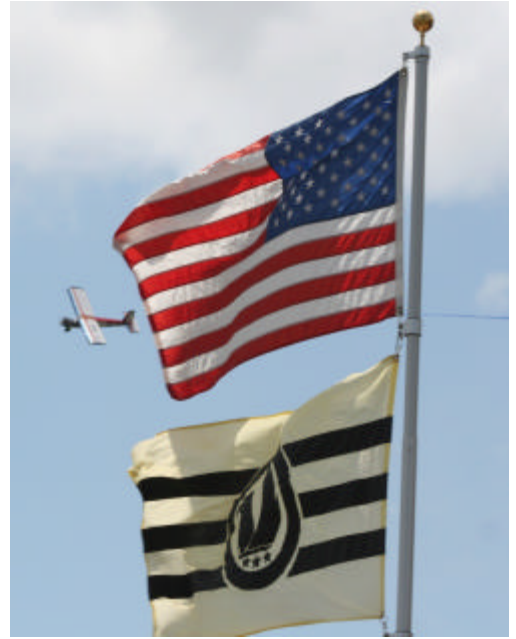
- Air show from 12PM Noon to 4PM on Monday September 6th, 2010
- Air show is at Standing Bear Lake Park at 138th & Fort Streets in Omaha, NE
- Free admission, free restroom facilities, and free parking will be provided
- Hot dogs, chips, soda, water, and snow cones will all be available
- Raffle tickets will be available for purchase and hundreds of dollars in prizes will be awarded



Net proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets, food, and beverages will benefit Make-A-Wish of Nebraska.

Please contact Ed Paasch at (402) 510-8730 or e-mail edpaasch@cox.net for more information. Thank you.

To a Close



HAWK TALK

ELECTRIC JETS BUZZ HAWK FIELD

August 21, 2010 - Hawk Field was the sight of the Omahawks' first ever Electric Ducted Fan (EDF) Jet Fun Fly today, and it was a hot time both literally and figuratively. Event organizer Larry Bailey probably wasn't hoping for high humid and temperatures spiking up into the mid 90's today, but it didn't seem to dampen the enthusiasm of the pilots or spectators.

opportunity for youngsters to fly park flyer aircraft down by the helipad, and a couple of pilots were seen test flying their full contact combat foamies in preparation for the Labor Day Air Show.

Pilots and spectators enjoyed fresh sandwich platters for lunch along with chips, soda, and bottled water. Host Larry Bailey also treated the crowd to a first-



for quite a while despite the heat to enjoy the 500' runway and calm flying conditions. A number of participants commented with the always positive, "This was a blast, we need to do this again" statement. Given the turnout and the enthusiastic response of the spectators, it's not much of a risk to predict that another EDF fun fly will likely be in the Omahawks' future.

--Ed Paasch



There has been a lot of interest in EDF jets among RC pilots lately, and it was certainly apparent at the event. A steady throng of spectator and guests came out to watch almost two dozen pilots take to the skies with their electric jets. Never one to turn away pilots who forgot an event was scheduled, Larry Bailey also welcomed pilots who showed up with gas or glow powered planes to share the runway. The calm wind conditions also provided plenty of

hand look at his EDF bungee launching device, which was quite the site. The skies above Hawk Field were filled with F-15 Eagles, F4 Phantoms, L-39 Albatrosses, F-35 Lightning IIs, F-86 Sabres, Parkzone Habu jets, and even a pair of quad fan Air Bus jetliner models.

A few pilots had unscheduled landings over the course of the event, but nothing that a little glue or a Platinum Visa card couldn't fix. Pilots stuck around



OLD TIMER FUN FLY

On a very hot and humid Wednesday morning, eight pilots flew. They were; Frank Wisniski, Frank Vanecek, Ralph Brown, Bud Mitchell, Bob Zitz, Jud Bock, Ed Splittgerber, and Dick Behrens. Dennis Bender prepared brats, etc and drink for the pilots and a few other people. The cost of food etc was donated by four or five people.

- Dick Behrens

Some of the morning bunch...



Jim Henley & his Astrohog



Gary Striplin & his Upstar



Dennis Bender, 4 yr old grandson, Xender and Randy Fields

TWO WINGS ARE BETTER THAN ONE



The 2010 Multi Wing Fun Fly turned out to be another good event this year. We tried something new and had the event in the late afternoon. The heat of the day was slowly dropping and the sun was at the pilots' backs.



The timing for the fun fly and the turnout were both successful with fourteen event goers showing up to enjoy an afternoon of flying and a dinner of hamburgers and chips. The sky's clear temps were in the upper eighties and the wind was blowing 10 to 15 mph out of south. Not too bad.



Mechanical difficulties prevented Fred Tuckerman and Larry McChesney from getting their aircraft off the ground but all other pilots took turns flying and showing off their skills. The fun fly had another success with no mishaps to speak of. Everyone went home with their aircraft in one piece. Even Ed Paasch had his Pitts Bi-Plane return in one piece.



I want to thank all those that came out and participate and for Dennis Bender and Larry McChesney for taking care of the grilling duties. Participating were Bob Wheeler, Dennis Bender, Roger Cowell, Tom Floyd, Ed Paasch, Mikey Furrow, Gary and KC Vohnout, Ryan Nelson, Bob Zitzlspenger, Gary Striplin, Bud Mitchell, and last but not least Ralph Brown.

- Bob Wheeler, CD

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Don't Miss the Labor Day Air Show

A benefit for
Make-A-Wish
of Nebraska

Monday, Sept 6 - 12 to 4
Hawk Field - 138th & Fort St

Tell your friends!

MYSTERY PLANE CONTEST

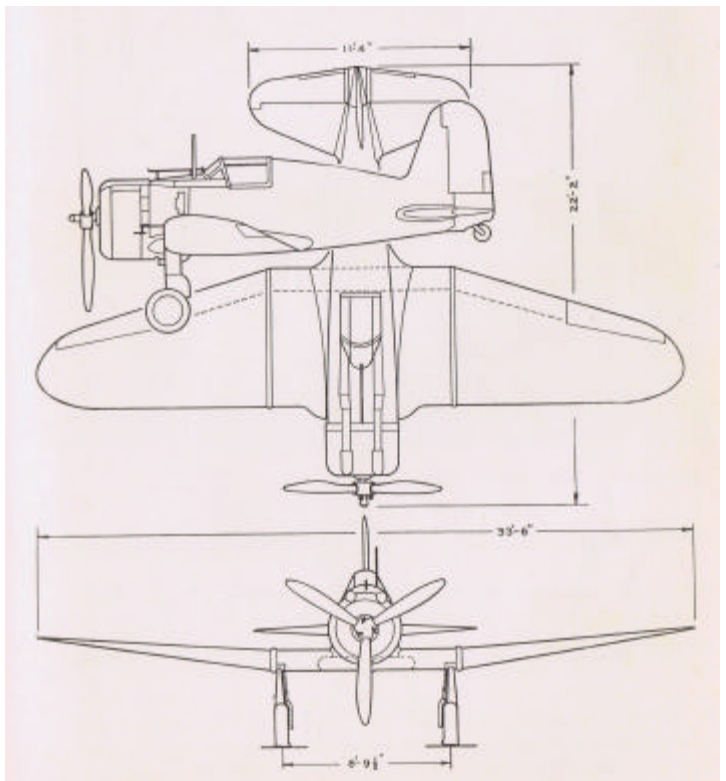
Here we go with another mystery plane. It's back to the past with this one. Good luck!

Last month's plane was the Bell XFL-1 Airbonita. This was the US Navy version of the Bell XP-39. It had a radical design with a mid-mounted turbo-supercharged Allison V-12 engine. Though it was first flown in 1940, design problems kept the plane from playing any significant role in WWII air operations.

Chuck Inserra was the first to guess it's identity, followed closely by Dean Copeland.



Bell XFL-1
Airbonita



August's Mystery Plane