



Hawk Talk

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ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING:	Friday, August 26, 2011 * 7:00 P.M. * Hawk Field * 138th & Fort Street
PROGRAM:	Fun, flying and preparation for Labor Day Air Show
BUSINESS MEETING:	Wednesday, September 7, 2011 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

IT'S SHOW TIME!

Alas, the end of Summer is upon us. The pools are all closed and the kids are back in school. It was fun, but it's almost gone. There's only one thing left to do and that's put on a show! A big show! A really big show where everybody get to fly and have fun and eat good food and fly some more.

Yes, it's time for the Omaha Hawks' showcase event, The Labor Day Air Show. And we'll be making money for a good cause at the same time.

Ed Paasch, our new director of festivities, will be discussing the plans for the show at the

meeting on Friday at the field. Come on out to the meeting and find out how you can be a part of the greatest little airshow in miniature.

But there's more that you can do. We need your help to raise money for the air show raffle prizes. As you know, in recent years we have been raising money to pay for the prizes in advance so all of the raffle ticket money can go to Make-A-Wish. But this year we are a little behind in raising the cash for the prizes. We don't even have enough money to pay for the grand prize yet, let alone all of the other prizes. You can help by coming to the meeting and buying tickets for the raffle at the field or just donating money to the cause (bring a check made out to Make-A-Wish and it's tax deductible)

Or, if you have something you want to donate for a prize on Labor Day, bring it out, too. The more the merrier!

So come on out, fly, have fun and help your club support this great organization on Labor Day!

- editor

Due to popular demand (and free food!) the September Omaha Hawks General Meeting will be held at Hawk Field on Friday, September 30. Please come on out, bring something to fly, and have a great time!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ August 26 - August General Meeting
- ★ August 28 - Olie Olsen Memorial Old Timer Fun Fly
- ★ August 28 - Soo Land Summer Fly In
- ★ August 29 - Boy Scout Field Clean-up
- ★ Sept 5 - Labor Day Air Show
- ★ Sept 13 - Float Fly
- ★ Sept 21 - Old Timer Fun Fly
- ★ Oct 23 - Auction

AUGUST MEETING AT HAWK FIELD

FRIDAY, AUG 26

7:00 p.m.

138th & Fort

Program:

Fun and flying

Raffle to support Labor

Day Air Show:

Multiple Prizes

THE MINUTES

Erik Krystoff, Secretary

General Meeting.....7/29/2011

Big award night with the AMA leadership visiting and Ralph Brown receiving his achievement award. Congratulations!

Hats are in, 15 bucks each, get them while they last.

New Raffle is now up for Runway Improvement Fund – Mustang ARF and 4 stroke engine, \$950 retail value, tickets are 10 dollars. See Ed Paasch for details.

Bob Wheeler brought up the Multiwing Fun Fly event scheduled for 7/30/2011

August 13th and 14th – Omahawks Pattern Contest – sign up sheets are available for shirts, see Bob Wheeler for details.

Bob reported that training is going very well, thanks to all instructors and other helpers for continuously coming out to help the new students.

Congratulations to most recently soloed pilot, Steve Earl.

Michael Furrow reported that towards the end of August – a week or so before the Labor Day Airshow – we need to do another field cleanup to prepare. Please let Mikey know about any suggestions to help improve the field for the upcoming air show.



Our award for Five Years as a Leader Club

Business Meeting.....7/6/2011

9 members present.

Kevin Hyde presented the Treasurer's report.

Ralph Brown presented the membership report. Six additional members added.

Mike Berger was unavailable to present the Newsletter report.

Field Update – Mikey is working on some replacement signs in time for the Labor Day Airshow. The former playground area, weather permitting, may be used for overflow

parking. Steve will approach the topic with the city.

Prep Tables – Steve has the plans for additional prep tables, work will be commencing soon.

Labor Day Airshow – Ed reported a few notes – namely working on an additional PA system to help supplement our current setup to make it easier for pilots to hear announcements as well as the audience. Different concession handling is also being considered. Parking setup is being refined, and segment leaders or those wanting to lead an event are encouraged to get a hold of Ed Paasch.

Gold Leader – The Omahawks have been awarded a five year gold leader plaque and patches from the AMA for being a gold leader club for the last five years. Steve will be handing out patches at meetings to catch members that have not received one yet.

Hats – 17 hats sold so far at the general meeting, get in touch with Steve if you want one! We still have about six ordered Polo Shirts yet to be picked up.

Thanks to Elmer Herbranson for donating a Live Wire Pursuit original kit to the club. Steve will create a small write up to make it available for sale in the newsletter for best offer, otherwise to be sold on eBay or RC Universe to raise club funds.

Runway Fund Update – New Raffle! Top Flight .60 to .90 size Mustang ARF with Futaba 7C Radio and O.S. Max FS-95V four stroke glow engine! See Ed Paasch for tickets, they're only 10 bucks.

The September meeting will be AT THE FIELD, Steve will work with Kevin to get the word out early.

Steve Culver proposed a change to the club by laws in regards to board spending. Ed formally made the motion to bring up the proposed change to the club membership, Kevin Hyde seconded. The motion passes with one dissenting vote. August newsletter will have the details, followed by an August meeting discussion, with voting in September.



Ralph Brown won a lifetime achievement award



Little Nathan Brown—All grown up!



Gary Vonhout & Frank Vanacek



Steve Earl receives his solo certificate - with strings attached.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO OMAHAWKS' BYLAWS

The Board of Directors has discussed and approved a proposed change to the By-Laws for the consideration and approval of the general membership.

The proposed change is to Article IV – Board of Directors SECTION 1. General Powers and reads:

“The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. The general operating expenditures of the organization, such as maintenance, administrative expenses, training program, etc., shall be voted on and approved by the Board of Directors. Any special events, capital improvements and equipment expenditures approved by the Board of Directors shall be submitted to the entire membership for a final vote requiring a simple majority of those present.”

The Board of Directors proposes a change to the second sentence to read, “Any special events, capital improvements in excess of \$500 and equipment expenditures approved by the Board of Directors shall be submitted to the entire membership

for a final vote requiring a simple majority of those present.”

On average it takes approximately six weeks between a club or Board member suggestion or idea, Board meeting discussion and approval, and then taking it to the general membership meeting to vote on capital improvements to Hawk Field.

The reason for this proposed change is to give the Board of Directors the flexibility to make capital improvements faster and take advantage of possible savings should a short notice improvement make itself available. Capital improvements are made by utilizing Hawk Field Permit fees which are only allowed to be used for Hawk Field maintenance and capital improvements. If this change is approved it would still require a majority vote of the Board of Directors to approve Hawk Field capital improvements up to but not exceeding \$500.

This proposal will be discussed at the August 26 General Meeting at Hawk Field and voted on at the September 30 General Meeting.

YOUR CHANCE AT A VINTAGE TREASURE

Recently an incredible donation was made to the Omahawks. Elmer Herbranson, from Largo, FL, donated a deBolt Live Wire Pursuit kit to the club. This classic kit is complete with original box and plans with all the kit parts present. The Board of Directors decided to give Omahawks club members first dibs on purchasing this one-of-a-kind kit. Proceeds from this sale will go to the Omahawks Runway Fund. Best offer over \$100 takes this beauty home to a lucky buyer or collector! Contact Steve Culver for details.



JOIN THE OMAHAWKS MAILING LIST

Did you know the Omahawks had an email list? Did you know you can send email to the Omahawks Mailing List? Are you on the list? Did you ever want to send an email to the Omahawks but didn't know how? Good questions if you want to keep up on the happenings in the club and at the field. You can join the list, even if you're not an Omahawks member, by clicking on the “Join Now” link on the right side of the Omahawks.net home page. You'll find it on the right side banner just below the HawkTalk link. You will be asked for your email address and a link will be sent to you so you can confirm your addition to the list. Anyone can send an email to the people on the list by sending it to hawk-mail@omahawks.net. The submitted email will be sent to Kevin Hyde for approval prior to being sent to the list (This will prevent you from getting a lot of junk mail). If you decide you want to be removed from the list you can do that at the same “Join Now” link. If you don't know if you're on the list or not, click the “Join Now” link to confirm your email address.

- Kevin Hyde

2011 Pattern Championship



The Omahawks' Pattern Championship returned this year. Bob Wheeler and Ed Paasch Co-CD'd the event which attracted flyers from all around the Midwest. This year we had thirteen contestants with five of the flyer from out of town. Mother Nature presented plenty of sun and wind on the first day, testing every pilot's skills in both flying and landings. Sunday was a perfect day with sunny skies and mild winds.



With the help of Omahawks members their spouses and friends the event went on without a hitch. Big thanks go out to Steve and Carmel Earl, Jim Clipperton, Helen Paasch, and Pam for all the work they did. Contestants got five rounds of flying in before calling it quits so the out of town contestant's had time to travel back home.



The Class standings were as follows: (Sportsman) First Place, Bob Wheeler; Second Place, Ed Paasch; Third Place, Gary Vohnout. (Intermediate) First Place, Nathan King. (Advanced) First Place, Robert Green; Second Place, Casey Vohnout. (Masters Class) First place, Vince Bortone; Second Place, Todd Schmidt; Third place, Tom Gilkey. Two special awards "The Hard Hat Award" were given to Gary Vohnout and Mark Barnett for their ability to come back from hard hits to finish the contest. Appreciation Awards went to Mark Woytassek, Mikey Furrow, and Graham Craft for participating in the contest. Thank you to all who participated and helped out during the event.



- Bob Wheeler CD

These are just a few of the pilots who flew in the pattern contest—My apologies to those were omitted due to lack of space

- editor





2011 Labor Day Air Show



- Air show from **12PM Noon to 4PM** on **Monday September 5th, 2011**
- 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 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.

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All the Thrills at the Multi-wing Fun Fly



The Omahawk's enjoyed a good night for the 2011 Multi Wing Fun Fly. The heat kicked up a bit but it wasn't enough to stop those die hard Bi-plane enthusiasts from having an evening of flying. The late afternoon event worked out well, allowing everyone to beat the heat for the most part. Food and spectators were plentiful with all enjoying a good time eating hotdogs and brats and watch the pilots fly those wonderful two winged beauties.



Sixteen participants joined the event this year with no major mishaps and everyone heading home with their airplanes in one piece.

A special award should go to Ed Paasch for his determination. After a number of attempts even Ed was able to get his Pitts Bi-Plane into the air. Way to go Ed for not giving up, the brat was your special award.



Pilots attending were Larry McChesney, Roger Cowell, Tom Floyd, Ed Paasch, Mikey Furrow, Gary Vohnout, Harry and Brad Perks, Randy Fields, Jim Henley, EJ Murphy, Ed Paasch, Ron Pacana, Skip and Jacob Brown. We missed you this year Ralph Brown! But staying home out the heat was the wise thing to do.



I want to say a special thank you to our Chef (Dennis Bender) for enduring the heat to prepare the Brats and Hotdogs and to Carmel Earl for bringing the brownies, they sure were good.

- Bob Wheeler CD



ELECTRIC JET FANS TREATED TO TOP SPEEDS

Saturday August 20th, 2011 was another crowd-pleaser at Hawk Field. Spectators were treated to some of the fastest Electric Ducted Fan (EDF) RC planes around whizzing across the skies above Standing Bear Lake Park at 100+ MPH speeds. Electric jet enthusiasts began arriving at the field early, with some pilots unloading entire squadrons of aircraft from their vehicles in preparation for the day's festivities.

Pilots John Thompson, Didier Watson, and Dan Cramer flew some of the larger electric jets of the day. John Thompson flew a very large F-86 Sabre Jet several times, at least when he wasn't competing in Squall combat against fellow pilot Jared Hays. Didier Watson treated the crowd to some nice scale flying with his four-motor EDF version of a British Airways Air Bus. Dan Cramer flew a very large foam model of a BAE Hawk that also displayed very nicely in the air.

Omahawks club member Joey Thompson was also on hand with a nice selection of EDF jets. The beautiful and sunny blue sky made a striking background for Joey's chrome-finished Mig 15 EDF jet. Joey also enjoyed a number of brisk flights with his Habu EDF jet and a very nice looking model of the SU-27 Flanker.

Pilot Ray Agosta came out to fly a bit with his nephew Ryan, who has been known to pilot a jet at work as well as flying some models for fun. Ray brought out a kit-built F-20 Tiger Shark model that was originally de-

signed for glow power. Ray set the plane up with brushless electric power, and the plane flies as smoothly and precisely as one could hope.

Omahawks pilot Randy Seggerman brought out a glow-powered prop jet that somebody gave him. It looked pretty sweet, but didn't land so gracefully once Randy's engine quit running. Pilots Bob English and Dennis Bender each enjoyed a brief walk in the woods after putting their EDF jets into "arbor-oriented" landing zones. Bob had his Squall flying again soon enough, but Dennis Bender's A-10 Warthog will need a little bit of work before taking to the air once more.

Many thanks to Gerry, Roger, Rennie, Carmel, Steve, Bob, Rick, Kevin, and all of the other folks who didn't do much flying, but still pitched in to help make sure the sandwiches and lemon bars got cleaned up. We laughed, we cried, we ate a lot of food. My thanks go out to all of the pilots, help, and spectators that made Saturday August 20th's EDF Fun Fly such an enjoyable event!

--Ed Paasch



The date for the 2011 Omahawks' Auction has been changed to Oct 23

HISTORY FINDS A NEW HOME



Recently, our good friend, Doc Greenberg, moved into smaller digs and had to find a home for his display of R/C radio equipment from past to present.

April and Steve Craren of Crarens' R/C Hobbies and More at 6307 Maple Street stepped in to rescue this great piece of history and put it on display in their store in Benson.

So get on over there and check out this unique display. And do a little shopping while you're there. These good folks have done a lot to support us and our hobby. We need to support them as well!



- editor



OLIE OLSON MEMORIAL OLD TIMER "PIE" FUN FLY Sunday, August 28th, 2011, 9am to 2pm @ Hawkfield

(Info provided by Larry Quigley and others)

Background: Olie Olson passed away three years ago in July at age 85. He had been an Omahawk member for at least 38 years. He died suddenly at home after having attended Tuesday morning coffee at HyVee, two days previous.

Besides running a hobby center in the Omaha Benson area for 42 years, Olie also served as the Omahawks president in 1971 and 1983. He started the Omahawk winter festival in February 1971, a multiple wing event in 1973 and the Egg Burn in 1974. From 1984 to 2006(22 years) he was the editor of the Omahawks newsletter.

It is safe to say that old timer (climb and glide) designed planes

were Olie's favorites. Besides taking part in all the Omahawk old timer events, he would attend these events at the Western Flyers, Cobras, and Bluffs Twin City Eagles clubs. He was an early member of the Society of Antique Modelers (SAM), retaining that membership until his death. It was his promotional efforts, via the newsletter, that attracted many of the current area old timer flyers. He also promoted having "pie" alamode at Omahawk old timer events.

August 28th event Fees. There will be no fee for Omahawks participants who bring an old timer plane. For other Omahawk and other nonparticipants(spouses, etc) the fee to eat lunch is \$3. The fee is \$5 for AMA participating pilots that do not have a Hawkfield permit.



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Don't forget The Labor Day Air Show

Monday Sept. 5
12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
At Hawk Field

Benefit for
Make -A-Wish
of Nebraska

It's a mystery! (Plane, that is.)

Well, well, I finally got me a stumper! Last month's mystery plane was guessed by... no one! I talked to Dean Copeland at the meeting and he said he suspected but couldn't confirm it. Considering dean's extensive knowledge of airplanes, I'll take that as a victory. The plane for July was the Aerocar Coot Model B. This little kit plane was an attempt at a utilitarian amphibious plane/car and enjoys a rather devoted following of owners. (Look it up on the internet for some really interesting stuff.)

This month's plane is a step back into military aviation, so it should be a little easier for everyone to figure out. So get out you books and send me you guesses. It doesn't cost anything to enter 'cuz you don't win anything if you're right!

