



# Hawk Talk

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**GENERAL MEETING:** Friday, August 31, 2012 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Hawk Field \* 138th & Fort St

**PROGRAM:** Flying and Preparation for Labor Day

**BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday, September 5, 2012 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.

# IT'S LABOR DAY!

Here we are at the end of a long hot summer. I hope you all had lots of chances to fly. Certainly rain never got in the way although heat stroke may have been an issue. But the kids are back in school and the days are getting shorter and we find ourselves on the brink of the biggest event of the year, the Labor Day Air Show. And it's close, too. Just three days after the meeting

this Friday we'll be setting up the tents and putting on the show.

Ed Paasch has taken over for Steve Peck as the event coordinator and he'll be needing everybody's help to make this show a success.

Also, this year Jack Clark from Seward, NE has donated two planes and a bunch of other items to the club to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The one glow plane will be used for the Grand Prize and the other items will be raffled off at Friday's meeting to help pay for the rest of the prizes. Be sure to come out to the field and get in on the fun of winning these great prizes while supporting this great cause.

And don't miss out on the fun on Labor Day. The show starts at 12:00 and runs until 4:00. There's lots to do and lots to see and we need the help of everybody if we are to make this a good show. So, come on out and help out, if only for a little bit. I guarantee you will have a good time and you'll be helping out a great cause!

- editor



Many thanks are due to Jack Clark, who donated the Grand Prize (and more) for the Labor Day Raffle!

## AUGUST MEETING AT HAWK FIELD

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

6:00 p.m.

Hawk Field

138th & Fort St

Program:

Have fun and fly!

Raffle:

Raffle to support the Labor Day Air Show

Raffle See pp. 8

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Aug 31 - General Meeting at Hawk Field
- ★ Sep 3 - Labor Day Air Show
- ★ Sept 5 - Business Meeting
- ★ Sept 9 - Olie Olson Old Timer Fun Fly
- ★ Sept 12 - Float Fly
- ★ Sept 15 - Heli Fun Fly
- ★ Sept 19 - Old Timer Fun Fly
- ★ Oct 21 - Omahawks' Auction
- ★ Every Thursday 6 pm til dusk - Training Night

# HAWK TALK

## THE MINUTES

Erik Krystoff, Secretary

### General Meeting.....7/27/2012

*Nobody had time to take notes because they were too busy flying. Ed Paasch said some stuff about Labor Day, but nobody really listened. But don't worry. Come out to the meeting on Friday and he'll repeat it.—ed.*

### Business Meeting.....8/1/2012

Board Members in attendance: Bob Wheeler, Kevin Hyde, Dennis Bender, EJ Murphy, Steve Earl, Carmel Earl, Mikey Furrow (as secretary) - Visitors: Ed Paasch, Dean Copeland, Jim Henline,

Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports:

**Treasurer's Report** – Kevin Hyde - Monthly numbers and accounting all look good.

**Membership Chairman Report:** – Ralph  
Membership Count: – as of Tuesday July 31st – 148

#### Hawk Field:

Removal of Paint Graffiti: Enrique stated he would look into some options on this issue  
Fire Safety concerns at the field: With the dryness of the field, the possibility of fire issues is high. Suggestions were made to have buckets of sand available in case of Lipo fires  
Pilots who fly with gas engines are required by AMA to have a personal fire extinguisher with them

Scout Cleanup on Monday evening, August 27th If graffiti is still present, then the scouts will assist with painting over the cement, and also finish the yellow striping on the runway and pits

#### Old Business:

Letter to Dennis Bryers for the Toilet, Trash, Parking Lot Grading: Dennis Bryers did respond to email sent from Bob W. Toilet Removal – He will put in a work order for this removal. Trash Pickup – He will contact the city trash service for info as to what is lacking with the service this year. Parking Lot – He will see about getting the lot graded and leveled

Ed mentioned that some repairs have been made by the washout pipe.

Trash Pickup signed with Papillion Sanitation  
Papillion Sanitation has started Trash Removal service at the field. Barrels have been rolled over, and replaced with 2 green trash bins. Suggestions were made to chain bins to pavilion, and board will look into this option.

#### Labor Day Airshow (Ed Paasch)

Paperwork has been submitted to Make a Wish Foundation for approval of use of logo  
Ed will be checking on the status of the Featured Pilots segments. Pilots have been asked to bring 3 dozen desserts / treats that could be used to sell at airshow

Media Contacts – Wanting to invite the media to publicize the event

Carmel will check with her sister who works for the Chamber of Commerce for options there

Looking for club assistance for Radio Hosts on Local Radio shows to advertise event

#### New Business:

Jack Clark Donations (Sig Kadet LT, Lancair, Realfight G3 Simulator) – Need a letter to Jack for tax purposes  
Came up from Seward, NE and delivered to Bob W as a club donation. He has the Sig Kadet LT flight ready to be raffled off at the Labor Day Airshow. The Lancair and simulator will be part of the club meeting raffle and all proceeds to be used for the airshow prizes.

Meeting Adjourned.....



Robert is held spellbound by Ed's speech.



Brad & Harry Perkons



## Heli's over Stand Bear Lake



Did you hear the air being beaten into submission over Stand Bear Lake on July 28th? Well multiple helicopters helped the cause that day. We had some 30 people in attendance and three very lucky dogs come watch and participate in our first helicopter fun fly of the year. I was especially happy to see so many spectators be at Hawk field for our event, that was really nice! Nick Wheatley, Tom Egbert, Craig Hamler, Ed Paasch, Brad Perkins and myself flew several times and I'm happy to report all copters made it back in one piece. Ed even had some great forward flight that day as well which is awesome news.

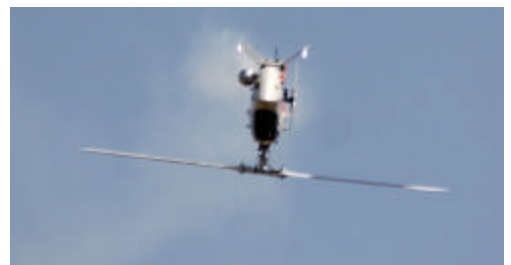


I am also happy to report that Hobbico and Tower Hobbies contributed to the flying prize awards for this 1st event. That was very nice of them to contribute and show support of our great club. One of the neatest newer and gorgeous heli's flying was Tom's new SAB Goblin. A beautiful green beast with so much power we think it could carry a small passenger around. Our next event will be 9/15, hope to see you there.



Ed dons the war paint

- Roger Cowell



# 2012 Pattern Contest

What do you get when you combine outstanding weather, lots of Omahawks club members, spouses, their Children, and of course 23 pilots from six states? You get the 2012 Omaha Pattern Championship contest.

This year's event turned out fantastic! There is no other way to describe it, the contest went off without a hitch mostly due to the support and help everyone gave to make this a success. It's a lot of work and commitment to support this event for an entire weekend and I personally want to thank everyone for their hard work and efforts. A special thanks to Dennis and Pat Bender, Carmel and Steve Earl, the Green family (Casey, Jayna, and Jasen) and of course Helen Paasch. Lots of others helped as well, I just can't take up the whole news letter thanking everyone.

Visiting pilot Russ Rhodes asked if I would supply a write up to the NSCRA for their publication the "K-Factor" along with some photos. I have kindly obliged and will share it when it hits the press. And speaking of photo's if you didn't have an opportunity to view the montage Helen created from all the photo's she took over the weekend go to this link to see them, <http://youtu.be/fX-bm8ziOFY> and as she say's look fast.

As for contest results, the four classes went as noted listing first to third place; Sportsman (Jeff Jacobs, Mikey Furrow, Graham Craft), Intermediate (Jay Scott, Ihncheol Park, Bob Wheeler), Advanced (Mike Howard, George Ashley, Casey Vohnout), Masters (Dan Curtis, Joe

Dunnaway, Vince Bortone).

If you're interested in this type of an event you may consider joining the contest next year. Overall the

contest went pretty well and everyone had a great time. For everyone that flew, helped or just came out to watch and support, you made it all worth it. See you all next year.

- Bob Wheeler  
CD and Club President



**“Olie Olson Memorial”**

# **OLD TIMER FUN FLY**

**September 9, 2012**

**Sunday, 9am-2pm**

**Hawkfield, 138<sup>th</sup> & Fort, Omaha**

**(Fly or display various OT planes until you want)**

**Brats, etc, drink, pie or strawberry shortcake**

**Sponsored by Omahawks**



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**Dennis Bender 457-5427 Bud Mitchell 493-4697 Bob Zitzlsperger 493-1610**

# HAWK TALK

## "I WAS S.M.M.A.C.'ED AND LIKED IT....."

A few years ago now, the highlight for most R/Cer's was the Ida Grove Extravaganza. I personally looked forward to it and it was the highlight of all the event's I attended. I was saddened by its demise, and looked diligently for an event to go to annually that would substitute for it. Alas, anything that I could find was on the east or west coast. One day, Dean Copeland suggested the S.M.M.A.C. event (Southern Minnesota Model Airplane Club) in Owatonna MN, now in its 7th year. He has attended and flown his big stuff there several times. I Googled it, and this year's theme was called the "Northern Alliance Military Fly-in". The theme changes from year to year, and this year they were having my favorite models, Military Scale. This club is an I.M.A.A. club, i.e., big models, and the event was all I.M.A.A. size stuff.



We arrived at the field on the first day of the event, just as the flying was getting underway. One nice feature for spectators, was if you are an AMA member, you get a complimentary badge that says you are a Pilot, and allows you to go anywhere in the pit areas at no charge. Also, no charge to be a spectator. There's lots of

room to sit and "spectate" and not the madhouse crowds of Ida Grove.

I first toured the area and looked at all the planes, big and beautiful to say the least. I took many photos of the museum quality birds.



The flying started about 9:30 and the first one up was a huge A-10 jet attack aircraft. It had a pair of jet engines, and looked and sounded just like the real one. From then on, it was nonstop flying the rest of the 6 hours we stayed. I don't know how many I.M.A.A. events you have attended locally, but some of them I have gone to, one or maybe two planes in the air are the norm. Not here. I counted as many as 6 in the air at a time once, and 4-5 was the norm. The quality of the aircraft was superb, and for the most part, so was the flying. When an allied plane took to the air, you could bet there was an axis plane in the air to harass it. Ditto, WW1 birds. Many mock dog fights were flown during our stay.

So, where is this place you ask, and how far and how to get to it? It was 323 miles from my house, (add 25 miles if you are in Omaha). Go east to Des Moines on I-80, Then North on I-35 Owatonna. It is across the MN line about 50 miles. It took us 5 hours to get there driving the speed limit. It's kind

of hard to find, and a GPS is handy. One of the members of their club is a farmer, and he donated the land for the beautiful field and built the building on the field. It has a huge paved runway and an adjoining grass runway. The refreshments were reasonable, and there were a few vendors there. Nothing like Ida Grove however, and I enjoyed the deals you could get there. Check it on on line.

All in all, it was a great event and a great trip. Even the wife enjoyed it. If you chose to attend, and stay in a motel, I would suggest getting reservations early, as I had to stay in a town about 16 miles away as I was unable to find a vacancy in Owatonna. Fari-bault is the town I stayed in.



It seems to be in the second week of August, and info can be found on their page on Google. If you chose to go next year, I think you will enjoy it as much as I did. I will go again next year if the theme is one I find interesting. Keep the shiny side up and out of th trees.....

- Jud Bock Sr.



## OLD TIMER FUN FLY - AUG 8

The wind was light most of the morning making for good flying. However, the jungle east of the runway grabbed and hid six planes. Luckily, they were all recovered but in need of repair. A New York visiting son in law of one of the older pilots found two of the planes.

Dennis and Pat Bender served hamburgers, brats, Italian sausage or hot dogs along with salads, chips, pop and muskmelon. Eighteen pilots signed in. They were: Dennis Bender, Frank Vanecek, Ed Splittgerber, Bud Mitchell, Chuck Buscher, Rick Haneline, Tom Floyd, Joe Cole, Ron Pacana, Bob Zitzlsperger, Bob Burt, Rick Miller, Frank Wisniski, Jud Bock, Ed Paasch, Jeff Pinnt, Tom Egbert, and Dick Behrens.



Gary Striplin



Dennis Bender

## HAWK TALK FLOAT FLY - AUG 15

The wind was from the south at 12 to 18 mph most of the morning. Bob Turner provided his boat to retrieve planes from the water. The lake was low making it difficult for him to get into and out of his boat for the retrievals. Lack of rainfall and high temperature evaporation caused this lowering. Small rolls and bananas were served.

Fifteen pilots signed in. They were: Rick Miller, Bob Roegge, Frank Vanecek, Dennis Bender, Larry Inness, Ralph Brown, Skip Brown, Frank Wisniski, Ron Pacana, Fred Wilke, Ed Splittgerber, Bob Burt, Bob Zitzlsperger, Tom Egbert, and Dick Behrens... To test the effects of the wind, Frank W, with his Rascal, was the first to fly. The rest eventually followed.

- Dick Behrens



## OLIE OLSON AND "PIE"

For those who don't know, Olie Olson owned and ran a hobby center in Benson for 42 years. He was the editor of the Omahawks newsletter from 1984 to 2006(22 years) and served as the club president in 1971 and 1973. He started the winter festival in 1971, a multiple event in 1973 and Egg Burn in 1974. It is safe to say that Old Timer climb and glide designed planes were his favorites. He was an early member of the Society of Antique Modelers (SAM) and maintained that membership until he passed away four years ago (2008) in July, at age 85. He also helped promote having pie at Omahawks old timer events..... This year besides pie being served for desert, a limited supply of strawberry short cake will be served.

- Dick Behrens



## "Hawk Talk"

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Don't forget the  
**Labor Day  
Air Show**  
A Benefit For  
**Make-A-Wish  
Foundation  
Of Nebraska**  
12 to 4 pm Monday

## PLEASE HELP MAKE THE LABOR DAY RAFFLE BIGGER THAN EVER!

Once again, Labor Day is upon us. And once again, I make my annual plea for your support of the Labor Day Raffle. The raffle is but one small part of the festivities at the Labor Day Air Show, but I believe it is a huge part of the fundraising for the Make-A-Wish Foundation that the show supports. For this year's raffle, Jack Clark of Seward, NE has graciously donated a plane for the grand prize and several other items that will be raffled off at this Friday's meeting. These items include a new in the box Lancair ES electric ARF and Real Flight G3.

Jack's generosity has helped out immensely but more help is needed. We're actually quite a bit short of the usual amount of donations by this stage in the game, so we need the continued support of our members if we are to get our table full of prizes for the big

day. So, I call on all Omahawks to do what you can to help out. Come down to the meeting, buy raffle tickets to win these great prizes. If you have any new items to donate as prizes, bring them either to the meeting or the show. (Things like plastic model kits are great and they help promote the hobby.) Donations of cash are, of course, always greatly appreciated.

Come to the meeting, come to the show. If everybody who's able helps out we can make this a great show again this year  
- editor

