



Hawk Talk

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, August 28th, 2015 * 7:00 P.M. * Hawk Field * Hot Dogs & Brats at 6:00 PM
PROGRAM: One last fund-raiser for Labor Day raffle prizes
NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, September 2nd, 2015 * 7:00 PM * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BOARD MEETINGS

Upcoming Omahawk Events

Labor Day Air Show - **Mon, Sep 7th, 11:30-4:30**
Float Fly - Weds, Sep 9th, 8:30-11:30
Old Timer Fun Fly - Weds, Sep 16th, 9:00 – Noon
Electric Sail Plane Fun Fly - Weds, Sep 23rd, 8:30 – 11:30
Float Fly - Weds, Oct 7th, 8:30 – 11:30
Auction, Millard Social Hall - **Sunday, Oct 11th**
Old Timer Fun Fly - Weds, Oct 14th, 9:00 – Noon

Although the summer is winding down, the best flying days of the year are still ahead of us. Be sure to get out there while you can.

Also, please consider donating your time or money (for raffle prizes) to help out with this year's Labor Day Air Show.

Memorial to Fred Hawkins: 1927 - 2015

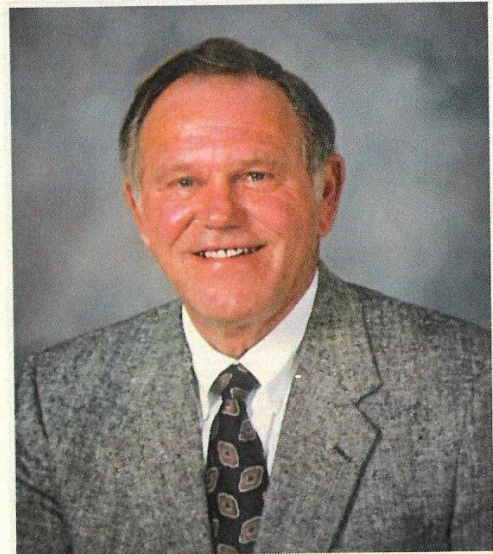
(From Dick Behrens, with contributions from Bud Mitchell and Chuck Buscher)

Fred Hawkins, age 88, passed away on Friday, July 24th. Fred was a long time member of the Omahawks, joining the club over 30 years ago. He was born in 1927 and graduated from Omaha's Central High school. In recent years, during the summer, he would fly with other morning flyers at Hawkfield, mostly on Thursday and Sunday mornings. He did not let age hinder his ability to fly RC. After he retired, he and his wife spent half of each year in Florida. He married his first wife, Tish Gardiner, in 1948. They had two boys and one girl. After Tish died in 1998, he married Patricia Morocco in 2001.

Fred graduated from the University of Nebraska where he played on the Cornhusker football team. One of his biggest football thrills was recovering a fumble and running it into the end zone. He played mostly on the offensive line. Note: In 1923, prior to Fred's birth, his father and uncle constructed Cornhusker (Memorial) Stadium in Lincoln.

After graduation, Fred and his father cofounded the Hawkins Construction Company. Their company became one of the largest in the Midwest and in the country, building the Omaha sewage treatment plant, miles of interstate highways, buildings, bridges, airports, etc.

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Fred Hawkins

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(Fred Hawkins - Continued) In 1980, after he turned over the operation of the company to his two sons, he became more involved in civic affairs. He served on many civic, business, and foundation boards; and in 1999 was named to the Omaha Business Hall of Fame by the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

Fred enjoyed hunting and fishing as well as building and flying model planes. He often hunted pheasants and ducks with Chuck Buscher, a fellow Omahawk member. While Fred was a highly successful business man, he was also a helpful, straight-forward, and down to earth person who preferred to stay in the background....."He was a friend to all".

AMA Camp

(From Matt Carlson)

This year, due to the generosity of District IX members, I got the opportunity to go to Camp AMA. It was a unique experience that I enjoyed.

I shipped two planes to Muncie, Indiana via UPS prior to camp. I discovered how difficult it is to find boxes large enough to fit RC planes in. Secondly, I learned how much packing material is needed to secure the planes safe arrival!

The camp itself provided some outstanding instructors: Jonathan Elie, AC Glenn, RJ Gritter, and Nick Maxwell. It was nice to meet these pilots and learn from them all week. There were around 40 campers in attendance that were from all over the United States. I got to meet many of them and see their planes.

Every day we went to the flying field and flew all day. At the flying field they had an AMA trailer that had five flight simulators where you could go in and practice. They had a storage area in the back of the AMA museum where we stored and repaired our planes. One night we went to a local school gym and flew planes. I got to fly one of the camps *Flyzone Inum* planes.

Another night, we had a campfire and did night flying. I couldn't fly my planes because I don't have lights on them, but the camp had a Carbon Cub with 4 giant LED's, and I got to fly it. I realized, as many campers did, that you can lose your orientation when flying planes at night.

I watched some pretty amazing crashes during the week as you might guess. One of them ended in a Lipo fire. The plane crashed in a soybean field. The battery ejected from the plane and burned several feet away. Safety when flying was emphasized and we learned a lot about that.

Several of the instructors and the experienced campers had been in IMAC competition. After watching this event I would like to develop my own flying skills to be able to do this in the future. It looks like a lot of fun.

Thank you for sponsoring me District IX. A special thanks to the 95th Street Club in Kansas City, for giving a gift, in memory of Darrell Watts, that provided a huge portion of my scholarship. I would encourage other young people to attend Camp AMA. It was a lot of fun!

Here is a link to Camp AMA 2015 pictures: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/modelaircraft/sets/72157654050774799>

Last Call for Help with the Labor Day Air Show Raffles

(From Mikey Furrow)

With the Labor Day Air Show just two weeks away, we are getting down to the wire with the preparations and fundraising needed to make this the awesome event that it is. We are still looking for your help and participation with the setup, and also in the raffle prizes department. Since the upcoming General Meeting is the last meeting before this Air Show, this is the last opportunity we have to raise / donate some extra cash for this air show. Please consider giving an extra \$5, \$10, or \$20 for raffle prizes. This will allow us to donate that much more to the Make a Wish foundation. (Continued on next page)

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(Raffles – Continued) Also, take a look at the signup sheet and pick a slot of where you can assist with the setup of the air show: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044ca8ab22a64-2015>

Thank you all for your generous support of this wonderful event, and we'll see you at the upcoming meeting on Friday.

Omahawks General Meeting Notes – July 31, 2015

(Submitted by Larry McChesney, Secretary)

Vice President Bernie Baker opened the meeting in Mikey's absence. One guest was in attendance.

There were approximately 35 club members who were treated to another enjoyable meal, thanks to Dennis Bender and his wife.

Membership Report - Membership report information was not available

Newsletter - Bernie reminded all to submit a news article, information and pictures if available for current building projects or other news that the club would enjoy.

Field - Bob Wheeler reported that weed spraying will be done, the city will be contacted to see if they will remove brush stacked along the fence near the street/entrance gate, and scouts will be out for a work session in a few weeks. If you want to take on a small "clean-up project" it will be appreciated. We want the field to look great for Labor Day.

General Announcements.

- Bernie Baker reported that the Field Lease had been forwarded to the Omaha city legal department for their review.
- There is a sign-up sheet for the Pattern Contest to be held Saturday August 8th 11:30-5:00 and Sunday 11:30-2:00. See Bob Wheeler if you'd like to help judge or assist in other ways.
- Labor Day Air Show Preparation. Ed Paasch reported on planning for show. Sign up to fly, assist in pits, help with concessions, make cash contributions for prizes for raffle tent, etc. See Ed or Bernie Baker for more details. There are printed fliers available for posting around the community.
- Make a note on your calendar to reserve the date for the annual Christmas party to be held this year at Wheatfields on December 12th.
- Don't forget when flying at the field to "put your pin up." The Board has decided to emphasize what used to be the absolute rule with old 72mhz equipment. Even with 2.4 radios, please put your tag up at the impound area. Getting back into this habit will help us recognize visitors as well.

Events and Misc.

- Next General meeting - Friday August 28th
- Next board meeting - Wednesday September 2nd
- Pattern Contest - August 8th & 9th
- Electric Sailplane Fun Fly to be held Wednesday August 19th from 8:30 - noon.

Raffle Reminder

The summer meeting agendas do not include "Show and Tell" with raffle prizes. Instead, it is important to raise money for purchasing Labor Day Raffle prizes at these meetings. So please help out with cash contributions or prizes.

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Omahawks Board Meeting Notes – August 5th, 2015

(Submitted by Larry McChesney, Secretary)

Board Members in attendance: President Mikey Furrow, Kevin Hyde, Bob Wheeler, Bernie Baker, Gary Vohnout, Larry McChesney, Dennis Bender, and Tom Floyd. Guest – Ed Paasch.

Meeting called to order: President Mikey Furrow

Treasurers report: Kevin Hyde presented the Treasurers Report dated Aug 5th 2015.

Membership Chair report: President Furrow reported that membership stands at 123.

Hawk Field:

- Bernie Baker shared the news that the contract proposal has been passed on from the Parks Department to the City Attorney's office for a final review.
- Bob Wheeler has been in touch with city maintenance regarding help to clean up the parking lot before the Labor Day show. He also requested the city to brush-hog the east side of the runway again before Labor Day.
- Greg Nelson was out to spray some weeks around the runway last Saturday. Thanks to Greg and Bob for their efforts to keep up our "first class complex."
- Bob has also started looking at the schedule for submitting a request for city grant money to help the club fund a new runway.
- Runway reconstruction: There were lengthy discussions regarding the condition of the runway and some short term and long term solutions.
 - Three board members met with a paving contractor to listen to their recommendations and some "ballpark cost ideas for improvements and or replacement." For those interested in numbers the total square footage of the existing runway is 23,000 square feet (2,555 square yards surface area). The contractor proposed a 1½" overlay at a cost that is very steep. Total replacement would be a very significant number in dollars and probably beyond our reach.
 - Any other options that could prove less expensive, such as a Petro Mat were other ideas discussed.
 - More investigation and conversations will take place in the future.
 - In the mean time, Gary Vohnout suggested testing a process to fill some cracks with asphalt "cold patch", leveling and tamping in a small area of the runway. Kevin Hyde made a motion to approve expenditures of up to \$250. Seconded by Bernie Baker. Motion passed unanimously. Several members of the board agreed to join Gary the next morning to apply his proposed solution, in advance of the Pattern Contest.

Labor Day Air show: Ed Paasch was present to review planning for the Air show. The total raised so far for the raffle tent is \$250 with the goal of \$600. This provides cash to purchase prizes so that all the ticket sales money goes to the bottom line for Make-A-Wish. At the next general meeting this month lets see if we can push this over the top. Advance ticket sales, prior to Labor Day are available 2 for 1. So find someone selling and get in early on the "action." Other items reviewed:

- Bernie and Ed will work with Stoysich and Rotellas for hot dogs and buns.
- Ward Neeson has been confirmed for announcing.
- Ed will contact Jim for extra speakers and Kevin has the sound system.
- Ed is assembling segment leaders.
- Bernie requested help with extra electric roasters and extra trash cans.
- Another porta potty will be ordered.
- Larry has new "directional signs" to locate at major street intersections.

Old Business:

Mikey Furrow has been working on some log-in issues for the web site.

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New Business:

The fall Auction is set up for October 11th @ the Millard Social Hall.

Upcoming Events:

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Next Business Meeting - Wednesday September 2nd - Make A Wish office

Float Fly - Wednesday September 9th - Standing Bear

Old Timer - Wednesday September 16th - Hawk Field

Electric Sail Planes - September 23rd - Hawk Field

Events from the Past Month

August 4th - Old Timer Planes. (From Dick Behrens) The weather was good with a light wind. A good turnout with Dennis serving his usual appetizing Brats', Hamburgers, etc. for lunch.



Jud Bock and his new We-Devil

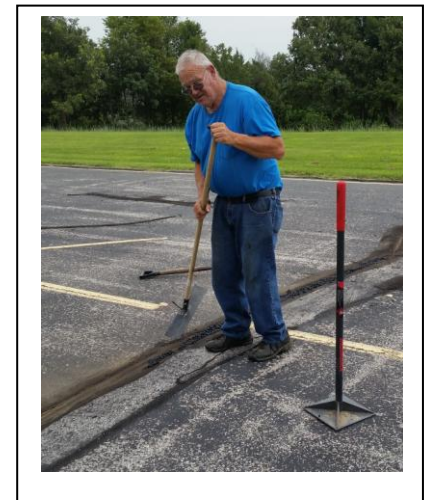
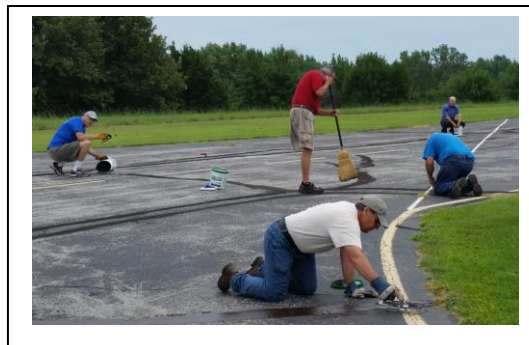
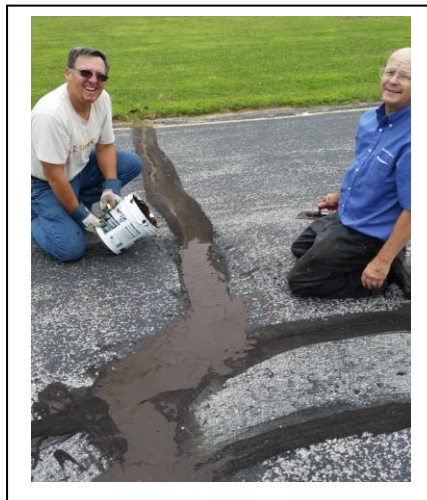


Larry Bailey and his new Playboy



Dean Copeland and his new Jet engine

Runway Repair. (From Mikey Furrow) If you've been out to the field and noticed that your planes don't "bounce" or "hop" as much when taking off or landing, this is due to a small group of guys who went out on a cloudy Thursday morning and laid down an "asphalt cold patch", as proposed by Gary Vohnout to the Board. On August 6th, two days before the pattern contest, Gary Vohnout, Dennis Bender, Tom Floyd, Larry Inness, Bernie Baker, and Mikey Furrow spent about 4 hours filling up the cracks and seams up and down the runway to help make it a bit smoother for our planes with the smaller wheels. This small investment has made a lot of difference to the runway and to our take-offs and landings, and hopefully this cost-saving patch could be the short term answer until the time comes when we can replace / rebuild the runway.....



2015 Omahawks Pattern Championship

(From Mikey Furrow – Contest Director; Pictures from Helen Paasch)

On the weekend of August 8th and 9th, sixteen pilots from around the Midwest came together to participate in the Annual Omahawks Pattern Championship. Nine out-of-state pilots from Iowa, Kansas, and North Dakota combined with seven Omahawks pilots to fill out the slate of contestants.

In the Sportsman class, Jeff Jacobs was the only “veteran” Pattern pilot flying in this class, while Tom Floyd, Matt Carlson, and Northern Iowa’s Kevin Gordon were all first time competitors in this event. Matt Carlson, our youngest pattern pilot in the event, had limited practice time yet came out and made remarkable improvements on each flight. He flew his Avistar to a 4th place finish. Tom Floyd, also participating for the first time, came in at 3rd place flying his Curare, and Jeff Jacobs took 1st for the Sportsman class.

Within the Intermediate class, Casey Vohnout proved you could make an underpowered 60 size Escapade look good and smooth throughout the maneuvers, even if the up-lines were a bit short. But his skill and handling of the Escapade were good enough to earn him a 2nd place finish in this class, with Bob Wheeler taking 3rd not too far behind Casey.

Flying in the Masters Class, Robert Green proved once again that with lots of skill and practice, winning 1st place can look easy. Robert also participated in the National Pattern Competition back in July, flying in the Masters Class against twenty-three very skilled pilots. After four days of flying at the Nationals, he walked away with an impressive 5th place finish.

Congratulations to all the pilots who participated and also a big THANK YOU to the many volunteers who assisted with making this event another one for the books, and looking forward to doing this again next year.

On a side note, there are still some Pattern T-shirts available for purchase if you are interested. I will bring them out to the meeting on Friday, and they are \$10 each.



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August 20th – Electric Sailplanes. (From Frank Wisinski) It turned out to be a perfect day for our sailplanes after having to reschedule because of the gusty winds that we had on the 19th. Pilots who flew were Dennis Bender, Dick Behrens, Bud Mitchell, Larry Bailey, Darwin Piatt, Bob Burt, and Frank Wisinski. We did have two small mishaps: one pilot dinged his finger on a prop, another landed in a tree top. Neither incident was serious - a small bandage and a log pole took care of both problems. Dennis, as always, provided us with a great lunch! Thank you Dennis.



Larry Bailey, who has a talking altimeter to help find thermals.



Bud Mitchell holding court with Dick Behrens and Bob Z.



Bob Burt bringing one home.