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**** AGENDA ****

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, February 29, 2008 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

PROGRAM: To be announced

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, March 5, 2008 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

A NEW YEAR DAWNS

Renew your membership for 2008 or miss out on all the fun!

FEBRUARY MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, FEB 29

7:00 p.m.

11926 ARBOR ST

Program: tba

Raffle:



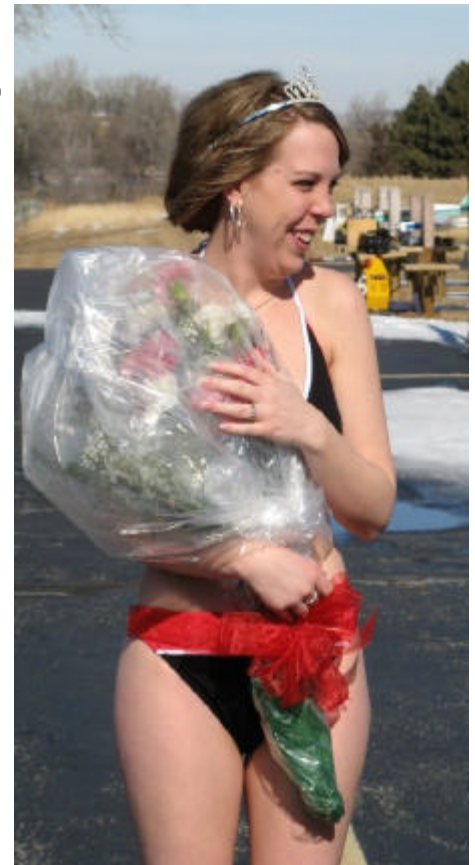
Hobby Town Gift Cards!

\$100, \$50, and \$25!!!

Once again a new year is upon us. Winterfest is over and a new flying season is fast approaching. By the time the next Hawk Talk comes out, we may even see a day or two of decent weather for flying. (Hey, it could happen...)

So now is the time to get ready for spring. Get your planes ready for the flying season, dig out the flight box and get everything charged up, cleaned up and tuned up.

But more than that, it's time to get going on all the things that are part of being an Omahawk. It's time to plan your events and get involved in all the activities coming up this year. The Benson High School Competition day is coming up soon. Other events will be happening sooner than we think. It is very important for us to all get involved and work together to make this year one of the best years yet. We got the AMA's Gold Leader Club status last year. We need everyone to help make sure we do the same again this year! - editor



OMAHAWKS QUEEN 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Feb 29 - General Meeting
- ★ March 5 - Business Meeting
- ★ March 28 - General Meeting

THE MINUTES

Nathan King, Secretary

General Meeting.....1/25/2008

No new members or guests present.

Roger Brood had coffee and donuts ready.

Jim Thurman brought some Omahawks Apparel. (And, a really cool new design for the cap.)

Reports from Ralph Brown (Membership), and Mike Berger (Newsletter).

Field Report- Porta-Potty on site will stay.

They don't charge us for any usage, and we don't charge them for storage, during the winter months. (EJ made this report)

EJ introduced the new Officers, and Board Members.

A motion was made to send Warren Buffet an Honorary Membership.

The website committee will be working with Brad Shaink, to get the Omahawks website moved to a new Web Host.

Announcement- Ralph has already reserved the Venice Inn for this year's Christmas Party. It will be held December 6, 2008. (First Saturday in December)

EJ has been in contact with AMA, about address change to have 2008 Charter paperwork sent to him.

We will renew application for Gold Leader Club, again this year.

EJ received the credit from the LaVista HobbyTown, for the Omahawks Reward Program, \$17.28. (Forwarded to Ed Paasch, Treasurer).

There was a healthy discussion, about the AMA Park Pilot Program. This discussion will continue at the February Business Meeting, and probably at the General Meeting.

Approval for funding of Pancake breakfast events. (Including, for the Labor Day Airshow workers)

Steve Peck requested and received approval for funding of Winterfest. \$75 to cover items for Queen, and \$100 to sweeten the pot for the flyers/contestants.

Upcoming events announcements, included:

Business Meeting February 6th.

General Meeting February 29th.

Winterfest Fun Fly February 16th, Noon.

We will continue the Board Fly events, to be held the second Wednesday of each month, April through September, at 6PM.

Everyone is invited to come fly with the Omahawks Officers and Board Members. (It's a great chance to help me fly, EJ)

Dick Behrens made a presentation on building floats and setting up a float plane properly.

Wonderful presentation and literature. Thanks, very much, Dick. Best guestimate, the club has about 20 members that fly off the water.

Maybe we can get a few more flyers interested in getting their wings, er 'feet' wet.

Raffle included a Tower Hobbies TOWER Trainer 40 MkII ARF 40-.46, 62", and Great Planes .40-.60 Fiberglass ARF Sport Floats. Winner was Bob Boumstein.

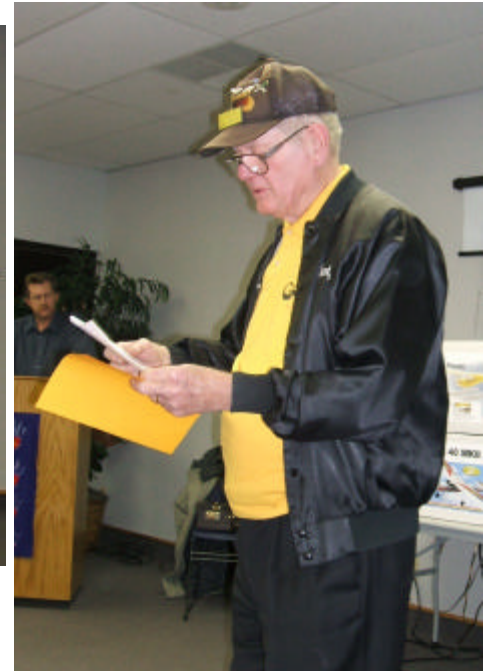
Also, Jim Thurman donated an Omahawks hat and T-shirt. Winner was Roger Brodd

My thanks to Bill Bender for taking minutes at the meeting.

Business Meeting.....1/3/2008



EJ's first meeting goes well



Ralph gives a lengthy report



Fred flies indoors



Steve shows off an old radio



SHOW



AND



ITS TIME FOR THE ANNUAL FUEL BUY!

It's time again for the Omahawks annual fuel buy, where members are given the opportunity to buy their glow fuel in bulk and save some cash while getting ready for the new flying season..

In the next newsletter and at the next meeting you will have the chance to order the fuel by the case. Claude Weimer and Ron Williams are handling the fuel buy as usual. There will be an order form in the next issue of Hawk Talk and at the February meeting. Orders will be taken at the March Meeting and the fuel will be available at the April meeting. Contact Ron or Claude



TELL



WINTERFEST



**Hurry up!!
It's cold out here!**

On a warm sunny day (Hey it was almost 30 degrees! That's a heat wave this year) the Omahawks greeted the new year with the Winterfest pageant. Steve Peck's niece was kind (and crazy) enough to be the Queen of the Omahawks for 2008 and kicked off the new flying season.

Lot of guys showed up, most of them flew. And a good time was had by all. Except maybe Matt Myers, who flew early, crashed his plane, and thus missed out on the megabucks prizes that come to those who complete successful flights. Or your humble editor whose plane stepped out of character and fell apart before its flight, instead of at the end.

Later that night, we all got together for dinner at the Venice Inn to enjoy the company and food and videos of the day's events. A good time was had by all and nobody froze.

- editor

Mark Smith came up from Kansas to enjoy the fun!



Matt Myers had a boo-boo and donated his money to the cause.



WELCOMES 2008



Fred admires Matt's handiwork



Skip Brown (age 50) gets ready to fly...



Handing out the cash...



Ralphie gets a thrill while his amused wife looks on....

LITTLE SKIPPER REACHES "OLD FART"-HOOD



A milestone was reached recently when lifelong Omahawk member Ralph "Skip" Brown somehow managed to reach the ripe old age of 50 years. This little boy that learned flying by chasing his dad's planes has raised three boys of his own, (the last is ready to graduate high school) and reached that age where we can now all call him an old timer.

On a snowy night last December, a call for help was made. "Come help me get this water heater out of my basement," Matt said to Skip.

So Skip got on his grubby clothes and headed out to help his

friend. Little did he know that lugging broken appliances wasn't on the schedule but partying was!

When he walked into the basement, he was surprised to find a house full of family and friends waiting to help him celebrate his birthday.

Flying friends, racing friends and family friends all piled into Matt Myer's house for food, fun and frivolity on a cold winter night. There was lots of food and beer, and a birthday cake that said, "Happy Birthday Pigpen," which perfectly fit Skip's mode of dress for the night. The party went on well into the night and a good time was had by all.

So little Skipper has finally reached his golden years and can stand tall with the best of our senior members. So if you see him at the field—or better yet in a public place—be sure to tell him, "Happy birthday, you old fart!"

- editor



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SKIPPER!



Happy
Birthday
Pigpen

Allison must be a
saint for putting up
with this bum for all
those years! →



A SERVICE ADVISORY CONCERNING FASST RADIOS

This service advisory affects only owners of the Futaba TM-7 module and 6EX and 7C FASST systems. Each FASST transmitter contains a unique eight digit identification code, programmed at the factory to identify the respective transmitter and to allow a receiver to be paired only to that radio's signal. Recently we have learned that a very small number of the TM-7 modules, and 6EX and 7C FASST systems were incorrectly coded with a common code number during the manufacturing process. These units were subsequently sold prior to our awareness of the situation.

If two or more units, utilizing this common identification code, were to be in use simultaneously, they may cause interference with one another. Please note: Units which utilize the correct identification code will not be affected by these units.

We're extremely confident that this is not a widespread problem. However, to catch any possible incorrectly coded units in the field and to give you peace of mind that your system is not affected, we have set up test stations at participating hobby shops throughout the country where you will be able to determine -- within a matter of minutes -- whether or not your transmitter is affected, at no charge to you. There are 100 such Test Stations in place now, and the number will be increased to 500 over the next two to three weeks. Please see:

<http://2.4gigahertz.com/techsupport/service-advisory-tm7-7c-6ex.html#list> for a listing

of these testing stations. Or, if you prefer, you may send it in to our service center and we will analyze it for you at no charge. If any problem is found, it will be replaced. We will gladly pay the postage for returning the unit and sending it back to you.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our Futaba Service Center at: 217-398-0007 or via email at: service@futaba-rc.com. Our staff is available to you Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm U.S. Central Standard Time.

Precautionary Measures and Information-

It is important to note that the precautionary measures are relevant only to the Futaba FASST items with serial numbers as described below. To determine if your transmitter might be affected, look on the bottom of the transmitter case. If using the TM-7 module, the serial number is located on the inside portion of the module:

6EX: A7xxxxxxx without the "I" (Inspected) sticker
7C 07xxxxxxx without the "I" (Inspected) sticker
TM-7 07xxxxxxx without the "I" (Inspected) sticker

The precautionary measures do not apply to systems that utilize a serial number as noted below:
6EX ALL A8xxxxxxx or systems with the A7xxxxxxx serial number which include the

"I" (Inspected) sticker
7C ALL 08xxxxxxx or systems with the 07xxxxxxx which include the "I" (Inspected) sticker
TM-7 ALL 08xxxxxxx or modules with the 07xxxxxxx which include the "I" (Inspected) sticker

1) As with all radio control equipment, we strongly suggest that you pre-flight your aircraft thoroughly prior to flying. When flying at a location with other FASST owners, prior to flying we suggest that all pilots briefly activate their systems simultaneously to check for any interaction between units. If any interactions should occur, do NOT fly. Return the unit to the Futaba Service Center for immediate replacement.

2) Each time that your transmitter is turned on, it is imperative that you allow the FASST system an adequate amount of time to thoroughly boot-up completely before shutting down the transmitter. After the battery voltage appears on the LCD, we recommend allowing the system to remain on at least one (1) additional second prior to turning off the power to the transmitter.

3) If the transmitter and receiver have lost their binding which required them to be re-linked, we recommend returning them to the Futaba Service Center for analysis. This is not expected behavior and should be investigated accordingly.

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Is this your last Hawk Talk?

If you have not renewed your Omahawks membership by the end of February, your subscription of Hawk Talk will come to an end. Be sure to sign up for 2008 so you don't miss out on the R/C world's best newsletter.
(but that's just my opinion. - *editor*)

IS IT COLD OUT? OR IS IT JUST ME?

Wow! Is it cold outside, or what? This new year is probably the coldest I have seen since I learned to fly. Usually there are a few days where the temperature gets up high enough to coax us outside with our planes to go out to the field and fly at least once or twice.

Not this year. I don't know how many days we have seen in a row below freezing, but it has been enough for me. I don't know about you, but I'm ready for spring. Now. Not later. Not next month. To heck with the groundhog. I'm ready for some warm weather. And I'm really tired of listening to the weatherman tell me that it may be cold now, but it'll be nice in four or five days. That doesn't make me feel better. It makes me feel cold.

So, here I sit, grumbling in my morning coffee, about to go out into the frozen arctic wasteland. I'll just remind myself that March starts next week. And

March is when spring starts. On the calendar, at least, if not on the flying field. Warm days have to come sometime after that. So, keep your head up, better days are coming! (I hope) - *editor*

