



# Hawk Talk

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\*\*\*\* AGENDA \*\*\*\*

**GENERAL MEETING:** Friday, February 26, 2010 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.

**PROGRAM:** The P-51D Mustang - A Pilot's Perspective (video)

**BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday, March 3, 2010 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

## SPRING IS COMING - I HOPE!

Is it cold out, or is it just me? I keep hearing about the records we have set or will set (most consecutive days with 1 inch of snow on the ground, first time it hasn't hit 40 degrees in February, 49 of the 50 states with snow on the ground, etc, etc...) and I'm beginning to wonder if spring will ever come.

But whether or not Spring comes, the 2010 flying season has begun. Winterfest '10 is in the bag and the Queen has been crowned. (And Hailey deserves the prize as the toughest queen yet, because this year was COLD!!!)

It is now time to prepare for the new season. Get your planes trimmed, batteries cycled, and flight box cleaned out. But more importantly, it's time to get your thinking caps on and decide what events you want for the 2010 season. Get a head start on the year and get your proposals in to the board so they can set the schedule and secure funding.

And if there is anything you would like to see done at the field, be sure to let the board know so they can consider it in their plans for the year.

Remember, this is your club. It's important for everyone to contribute in order to make this the best club out there!

- editor



## INTRODUCING OUR 2010 OMAHAWKS QUEEN



Hailey Novotny  
See page 4 for all the details

### FEBRUARY MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, FEB 26  
7:00 p.m.

118TH & ARBOR ST

Program: The P-51D  
Mustang - A Pilot's Per-  
spective (video)

Raffle: 3 Magnum  
XLS .46A two-cycle  
glow engines



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Feb 26 - General Meeting
- ★ Mar 3 - Business Meeting
- ★ Mar ??? - There must be something going on! (I hate winter!)
- ★ Apr 1 - Training night starts every Thursday till Fall

## THE MINUTES

Larry McChesney, Secretary

### General Meeting.....1/29/2009

President E.J. Murphy opened the meeting. No guests were present tonight.

**Membership Report** The membership report stated that current memberships for 2010 stands at approximately seventy.

**Newsletter Report** Mike Berger was present. He encouraged members to keep providing new material, articles, photo's, etc., and to "keep up the good work in this regard." Also keep him posted with articles about current building projects.

#### General Member Announcements

We currently have no soloed pilots to recognize.

E.J. read a letter from Make-A-Wish thanking the club for the \$3,000 donation. He and Steve Peck presented the check at a recent meeting with the organizations leadership.

**Field Update** Come the spring thaws ("cannot happen soon enough") lets gear up to finish the shelter ceiling caulking and painting the gable ends.

There was brief discussion about the need for a new field chairman. The president asked for volunteers to fill the position for 2010. Seeing none he announced that Mike Furrow had indicated an interest. Without further discussion a show of hands was called and there were more than enough to affirm him for the office.

#### Event Reports

Winterfest is scheduled for Saturday Feb. 13th beginning at noon. This annual event will be followed by dinner at Venice Inn. Steve Peck is again the coordinator. A sheet was passed along for people to sign up or contact Steve if you are interested in participating in this event and did not attend the meeting.

Ralph Brown reported on another successful Christmas Party with fifty nine members and wives attending.

Bob Wheeler reported on the upcoming ground school instructors meeting. They will start in March and more people are needed to meet the demand. Contact Bob. First training night is April 1st.

#### Old Business

There was a short discussion regarding the new website. Kevin Hyde shared that the transfer is in place and the new site is complete.

We were reminded that a lot of Hawk Talk hard copies are still being printed. The more who receive it electronically the less it will cost to send out the newsletter. If you want to participate contact Kevin Hyde at Khyde@omahawks.org. Send your email address.

#### New Business

The president announced that the schedule for meetings for 2010 has only one conflict. The November date is being moved to November 19th.

Sky Nights Club auction is Feb. 6h at the Waverly Community building and starts at ten o'clock. Doors open at seven.

Begin organizing your event proposals for 2010. A slate of activities will be considered at the March General Meeting. Be prepared to present the format, anticipated budgets and dates.



Did I really agree to be secretary again?!?

### Business Meeting.....2/3/2009

**Present: Officers** E.J. Murphy, Bob Wheeler, Kevin Hyde and Larry McChesney **Board members** Ralph Brown, Brad Perkins, Harry Perkins and Bob Zitzlspenger **Members:** Ed Paasch, Mikey Furrow, Skip Brown and Dick Behrens

E.J. welcomed new board members Brad Perkins, Harry Perkins and Bob Zitzlspenger

**Treasurers report:** Kevin Hyde presented the treasurers report.

**Membership report:** Ralph Brown reported that since the last meeting there are 23 more members signed up of which 1 is new to the club. Sign up for 2010 can now be done through the website.

**Events:** Bob Wheeler shared that he is organizing the first meeting for ground school instructors. And also asked that anyone interested is welcome to participate as an instructor in this important function for the club.

**Field Report:** E.J. welcomed Mikey Furrow our new "field chairman" for 2010. Lets support Mikey as work day approach's again this year and as other tasks are identified.

Thanks to Skip Brown and his neighbor for clearing a path through the gate and up the drive to the field.

There was a brief discussion regarding relocating the Corps of Engineers sign now located north of the shelter to a new location near the main gate.

#### Old Business

Kevin Hyde reported that the new web site is working except for the photo gallery. After next week the new address will be available to members.

#### New business

Dick Behrens presented a schedule for the morning Float Flies with seven dates starting in May. All will be posted on the web site.

AMA Leader Club applications will be prepared again this year for submittal for 2010. One requirement involves sending at

club cost the AMA magazine to ten local schools. Kevin Hyde made the motion and Larry McChesney seconded. Motion approved.

A new "safety Chairman" is needed for the new year. If you are interested contact an officer.

Last, raffle prizes were discussed. It was decided to purchase three 46 size Magnum four stroke engines. Ed Paasch knows how to get a deal. Anyone ever know Ed to "not have a source for a deal?"



EJ begins his third term as president



Mikey won a belt buckle...



And EJ won a plane. It just doesn't seem fair!

## A BUNCH OF SHOW OFFS!



Dale Alva & his resurrected Contender



I call it mini-mine!



Frank is serious about winter flying



## WEB SITE UPDATE

After much hard work, tinkering and testing, Kevin Hyde has the new version of the Omahawks web site up and running on the new server. The new home of the Omahawks is [www.omhawks.net](http://www.omhawks.net). By using this new address we were able to keep the old web site active on Brad's server while getting everything squared away with the new service provider.

Kevin had to deal with some significant database problems on the new server. He now has everything working together as it should and the parts of the website that use them, like the photo galleries and the Hawktion software demo, are working well and are ready for everyone to use. Kevin deserves many thanks for handling the migration to the new server.

Going forward, we are looking to expand the website to include more information about the club and its activities. I am working on some new pages for the different interests in the club, like float flying, multiwing, and club history. Plus I want to include our community involvement like the Make-a-wish, Boy and girl scouts and other civic organizations. The web site is an important tool is selling our club to the public and we owe it to the club to make this site the best it can be.

If you have anything you want to contribute or if you have issues that need to be addressed, please contact either of us and we will be glad to help you out:

Mike Berger:

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[khyde@omhawks.org](mailto:khyde@omhawks.org)

Remember! This is your web site, too. Let's make it great together!

# Winterfest Lives



Yeah, it was snowy all right!

Cold and snowy is the way we always want our Winter Festival to be. And boy was it! This year, there was about four inches of snow on everything along with the remains of the fourteen inches of snow we got on Christmas. The runway was completely covered with snow. Good news for those who had skis on their planes, bad news for everybody else.

President EJ Murphy's plane wouldn't stay running long enough to fly and your humble editor chickened out when his plane turned out to be very badly out of trim, but most of the pilots who showed up flew and everyone had a good time.



Don't talk to me about fashion!



Skip's flight...



"Did Skip 'rise - off - ground'?"  
"He says he did."



Our queen is freezing while Steve cracks jokes



Hey! That's cheating!



Our future queen, maybe?

# Up to its Name



EJ tried...



Ed and Helen Paasch did the video



Ed always perks up at feeding time!



...and tried...



Hailey Novotny, our 2010 Omahawks Queen, looks a lot warmer than she did earlier.



... and tried to get his plane to run. But in the end it failed him and he was forced to give up and donate his money to the cause. Those who flew were very grateful!



Fred and Janet Wilke enjoy the evening.

# OMAHAWKS' QUEENS THROUGH THE YEARS



Here are just a few of the Omahawks' Queens who have joined the fun through the years



## RALPHIE RECALLS

*I had it all planned out! The article would appear in the Hawk Talk and Ralphie would show up to the meeting with a tale of life-long friendship and model aviation. The plan was perfect except for one thing. I had counted on Ralph's memory to work a little bit quicker than it did. He showed up at the meeting without a clue as to what the big deal was. But, as is usually the case, his fuzzy gray matter started working eventually and he was able to recall the rest of the story!*

- editor

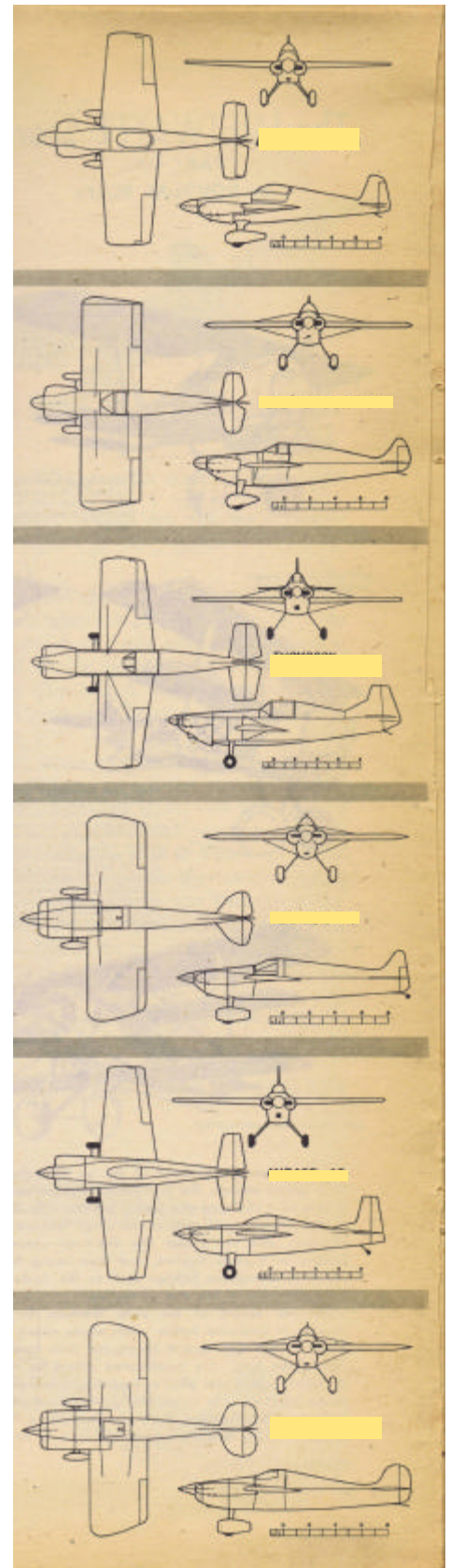
Here's Bill on a slightly warmer day than today...



The answer to the mystery plane in the January newsletter is my friend Bill Lage, who I went to grade school with at Walnut Hill in the '30s. Bill got me started building models when I was nine years old. We bought the kits at Bill Durand's model shop in his folks' basement. Bill went through the Army Air Corps flight training at the same time as I did. He went through the twin engine and I went through the single engine. He has been one of my best friends all these years and lives with his wife and family in Austin Minnesota. He loves airplanes!!! And he is an excellent golfer.

- Ralph Brown

OK SMARTY-PANTS! TELL ME ABOUT THESE:



## NEWSLETTER NEWS

Because of the ever rising cost of everything in the world, we are setting a new policy for the distribution of the newsletter. From the start of this year, if we have an e-mail address for a member, we are going to send the link to the newsletter to them via e-mail and not send a paper copy of the newsletter through the mail. Any member wishing to receive a printed copy of the newsletter instead of email needs to contact Mike Berger or Kevin Hyde to request a printed copy.

Those members who do not use e-mail will still receive a printed copy of the newsletter in the mail. This change will allow us to save a lot of money on printing and postage and allow the club to keep up the field and events without increasing the cost of membership (hopefully).

- editor

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Is this your  
last issue of  
Hawk Talk?

Renew your  
membership so  
you don't miss  
the fun!

## FEBRUARY MYSTERY PLANE

Here again is this month's mystery plane. This one should be a little easier than the last one. And to make it even easier for you to win, Dean Copeland is excluded from this month's contest. He probably knows all of these planes by heart, anyway. So we'll just have to give somebody else a chance at it. E-mail me at [hawk-talk@omahawks.org](mailto:hawk-talk@omahawks.org) with the answer. The first two people who answer correctly will get the credit here next month.

Last month's plane was the Republic P-35. This small, four gun, single-seater fighter plane saw action during the Japanese invasion of the Philippines. It was underpowered and poorly armed and did not fare well against the more capable Japanese fighters. But it was a predecessor to the much more successful P-47 fighter.

Dean Copeland was the first to name the mystery fighter for January followed closely by Roger Brodd.

- editor

