



Hawk Talk

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ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, February 25, 2011 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.
PROGRAM: How do I fix that? Your questions answered by the Omahawks' experts.
BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, March 2, 2011 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

THE SEASON HAS BEGUN

While it is still only February, the flying season has begun. The queen has been crowned and Winterfest is in the past.

But just because it's still winter and the weather might not be cooperating, you can still be active in the hobby you love so much. There are lots of indoor venues that you can fly in and there are lots of projects you can build to get ready for spring.

But, on top of that, now is the time for planning the events that will make the 2011 flying season so much fun. It's time to get together with your fellow Omahawks and decide what needs to be done, who's going to do what and how much is it going to cost. And you want to do that all so you can get your event scheduled before all of the good dates are gone!

There are also several events coming up that need your participation. The R/C Aircraft Festival will be at the Air and Space Museum on March 26 & 27 and the annual Benson High School Competition Day is coming up on the 2nd of April. We'll need fliers and static displayers at both events and the more people we get involved, the better it will be for both the club and the spectators. Remember, many hands make heavy work light.

So get out there and get involved! The club needs you, the hobby needs you and you'll be able to keep up your R/C skills while you wait for the longer and warmer days of Spring.

- editor

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★ **flying year fun** ★

FEBRUARY **MEETING AT** **MAKE-A-WISH**

FRIDAY, FEB 25

7:00 p.m.

11926 Arbor St

Program:

Experts how-to

Raffle :
Magnum
52
4 stroke
engine



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Feb 25 - General Meeting
- ★ Mar 2 - Business Meeting
- ★ Mar 26&27 - RC Aircraft Festival at the Air and Space Museum
- ★ Mar 28 - Flight Instructors' Meeting @ Hobbytown, Irvington
- ★ Apr 2 - Benson Competition Day
- ★ Apr 16 - Hawk Field Clean-up Day

THE MINUTES

Erik Krystoff, Secretary

General Meeting.....1/28/2011

Officers Present: Steve Culver, Bob Zitzlsperger, Kevin Hyde, Eric R. Krystof
Total Attending: 42

Steve's Words: Thanks to Ralph Brown for all of his work and efforts for the club, and we all wish him a quick recovery from his heart surgery. Get well soon, Ralph!

Please come to the board meetings, as your support and participation help the board and officers make the most informed decisions to best serve the club and membership. A note for the field: The lock on the electrical box and the light at the field is being actively investigated.

Membership Report: Skip Brown gave the membership report: 5 new memberships this month.

Treasurer's report: Kevin Hyde thanked our newest online member, which just happens to be our President, Steve Culver, and also mentioned that internet membership is quick and easy on the Omahawk's website!

Newsletter Report: Mike Berger pleaded for newsletter updates, and given that the winter months are here, if you have any builds you're working on or information that can help flesh out the newsletter for these periods of flying down-time, it would be greatly appreciated. Remember Steve's challenge, get a new member this year!

Finding a new meeting place - A sheet was passed around for ideas as to where we can have an alternative meeting place where we enjoy some indoor flying after our meetings.

Another flying site - A popular topic of discussion is the investigation of looking for an additional flying site. AMA has funds for new sites, and it could bring something brand new to the club.

If you come up with any additional ideas for indoor flying sites and/or land areas for flight field development, feel free to contact Steve at steve_culver@hotmail.com.

Training Program: Bob Wheeler is looking for instructors and ground crew for the upcoming training season. First Thursday in April is the dawn of the new training season, with a meeting to prepare a few weeks beforehand, to be scheduled.

Dick Behrens' request for 300 dollars for 10 float fly/electric sail plane events was passed by the board at the last business meeting. General Membership approved.

Dennis Bender also requested seven monthly events from May to October for Old Timer flying events. 360 Dollars has been requested to cover lunches and related costs. General Membership approved.

Steve says: If you're thinking of sponsoring a fun fly, please come to the next board meeting with your request. The early birds get the schedule worms! The club funds are meant for this exact thing!

Steve Peck brought up the upcoming Winter Festival on Feb. 19th - the 3 rules - take off from the ground, you must perform some sort of 360 turn, and the final rule is to pay Steve 10 dollars. Dinner at the Venice Inn later that night.

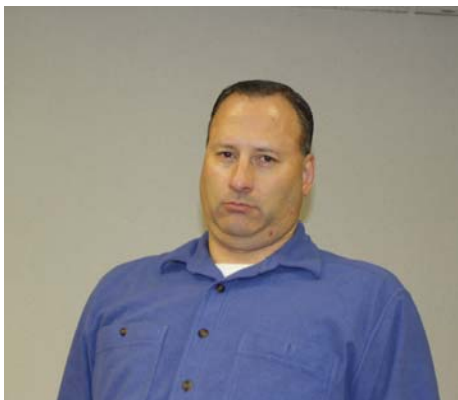
Also, keep in mind the upcoming SAC

Museum Aviation Event at the end of March, keep an eye out for details!

Ed Paasch brought up the topic of fixing the runway. Seems that whichever way we go, it's going to cost around 20 grand. Ed made a motion to create an account/line item on the books as a 'runway war-chest' to support the future renovations. Kevin Hyde seconded. General Membership approved. Feel free to bring up any fund-raising ideas at the next meeting or let a board member know. Thanks to Darren Will for not picking up his leftover Tower Hobbies order money and thus becoming the first to donate to the 'Runway Improvement Fund'!

Tonight's raffle is related to our program attached to the meeting - A set of floats, as well as a donated laser powered incidence meter.

Thanks to Dick Behrens, Bob Zitzlsperger, and Bob Burt for preparing and presenting the program for the meeting - all about float flying. An excellent and informative presentation!



This is Steve's "serious" face

Business Meeting.....2/2/2011

Meeting started at 7:22 PM
Officers Present: Steve Culver, Bob Zitzlsperger, Kevin Hyde, Eric R. Krystof. 9 Members present.

Steve forgot his keys. If you come to a meeting and everyone is sitting in their cars, just wait longer!

Treasurer's Report: Kevin Hyde presented the treasurer's report. Kevin Hyde made the motion to spend 10 thousand dollars of the field management fund to invest in CDs. Larry McChesney seconded, none opposed.

Kevin brought forth the topic of AMA Leader Club status renewal. Steve Culver will fill out the renewal form. Updates to the website for the new officer and board positions by Kevin Hyde are coming soon. Please let Kevin know if you see anything on the website that needs updating or correction.

Membership Chairman Report - 5 new applications. 58 current members as reported by the website.

Membership Drive Ideas - Another newspaper ad as done in the past, hosting an RC demonstration event, a show in the mall, signs off of Fort Street displaying training night information, all types of awareness generating events could drive membership to the club. Please send Steve Culver any suggestions or

ideas for just such a thing.

Remember - if you're given club funds for an event, you are required to submit an article to the newsletter editor as part of supporting the club for supporting the event with club funds.

The dedicated runway fund line has been added to the financial records, as passed in the prior meeting. Ed Paasch brought up the idea of a special raffle - A higher end item than normal - net proceeds going towards the runway fund. Open to members and non-members alike, keep a look out for the first special raffle in the newsletter or at upcoming meetings. The faster the tickets sell, the faster the next raffle would come available.

Michael Furrow brought up the idea of applying a donation can at flying events this year for the runway fund.

Grass cutting at Hawk Field - Michael Furrow will investigate renewing the contract with the past year's landscaping company.

New Flying Events Presented:

Boy Scout Fun Fly and Cleanup - Presented by Dennis Bender - Two Fun Fly events and one cleanup event. 75\$ requested for food. Motion accepted for review by general membership at the next meeting.

Youth Fun Fly and Night Flying Demonstration - Presented by Larry McChesney - Saturday, June 4th - Requested 125 dollars for the event. Motion accepted for review by general membership at the next meeting.

EDF Fun Flies / SPC Events / Helicopter Fun Flies - Presented by Ed Paasch - April through September - 7 events. Requesting \$1050 for food and prizes. Motion accepted for review by general membership at the next meeting.

AMA Renewals of Magazine Subscriptions - Model Aviation magazine subscription to Omaha schools is funded by the club as a donation. 144 dollars to renew all magazines, motion made by Kevin Hyde, seconded by EJ Murphy, motion passed.

Takeoff and Grow - TAG - events - AMA sponsored events to get young people introduced to the RC Hobby. Added to new business, will be discussed as a recurring business item.

Friday meetings and new locations - General feedback indicates that if nothing else, a larger meeting place is needed, regardless of whether or not it includes an indoor flying venue. Investigations continue. March Raffle - Magnum 52 Four Stroke Engine

Program for February general meeting - A repair panel to help answer your questions - bring your broken pieces and hear some tips and tricks on how to repair them. Broken airplanes are NOT eligible for show and tell - Sorry Steve!

Saturday April 16th is the date for Spring Cleanup! More information to come from Michael Furrow soon. 75 dollars for food supplies motioned by Steve and seconded by Bob Zitzlsperger, motion passes and therefore lunch will be provided on the Spring Cleanup day.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm

**SUPPORT
MAKE-A-WISH**

At the Meeting



Bob shows EJ his latest project



Pitching in to get set up



This is Steve's happy face.



Bob's Skyraider project

JOE COLE PROMISES "NO TRICKS" WITH THIS BUNCH

Joe sent me the following message to be printed in the newsletter. If you are interested in any of these planes, please contact Joe Cole at tricknyou@cox.net

- editor

I have 4 plans for sale...3 are not mine and I know little about them.

WWI Plane (Elder 40 possibly): \$45.00

EXTRA 300: 60 size: \$50.00

3D Plane (looks like a Dazzler to me): Had a 60LA in it: With all servos: \$65.00

Slow Poke .15: Fun to fly...cool pilot and co-pilot! \$65.00



Dick Behrens, Bob Burt and Bob Z. put on a great float fly demo



It's an ARF. Got a problem wit dat?



Jeff Jacobs has a Skyraider, too.



SUN SHINES AT WINTERFEST

We had a solid week of warm weather leading up to the big day this year. While the high fifties didn't last until Saturday, it was still very nice but breezy and looked to be a spectacular day for opening the new season. But there was one small hitch. Apparently, Steve forgot to mention specifically to our 2011 queen, Megan Bohn, that she was actually expected to attend the coronation. As a result of this failure to communicate, Megan was actually in Lincoln at a basketball game when the big moment arrived.

Despite this setback (and numerous attempts by Fred Wilke to take the queens place), we forged ahead and flew. Most everybody had a good time, except for the few who took their planes home in more than one piece.

Later that night, we all met at the Venice Inn for a belated crowning of our queen (She showed up for the food, proving after all that she belongs with the Omahawks), and a fine dinner.

It was a good day for flying and a good night for dining. All in all, it was a good way to begin the 2011 flying season. We can only hope that we have many, many more flying days like this one!

- editor



This is how it looked LAST YEAR!



It was a little warmer this year.



TRAINING NIGHT IS COMING



We are finally into February and getting closer to the flying season as the cold snowy days slowly pass by. With Flying just around the corner, it got me thinking it's time to write a short article for the Hawk Talk reminding everyone of the Omahawk's training program. With reports from the Membership Chairman of plenty of new club members I'm sure the training program will be quite busy this coming year. So, here's the plan for this year's Flight Training Program.



Exit. Anyone interest in assisting with flight training or ground support please plan on attending so we can go over some basis information. If you can't make the meeting, send Bob Wheeler an email or give him a call. For new students, this is a great opportunity to meet the instructors you'll be trusting your aircraft too as well as chance to have some very experienced pilots look over your aircraft to ensure it is assembled and trimmed properly before its first flight. Flight Training officially starts the first Thursday of April (April 7) starting at 6 PM and continues through the last Thursday of September.

Bob Wheeler



A Flight Instructors Meeting along with New Student Orientation will be held on Monday March 28, 2011 at Hobbytown USA off of the I-680 Irvington

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, STEVE

Another great thing happened over the last weekend and it was celebrated at the party at Venice Inn. Our own master of Show and Tell, Steve Peck, turned 65 on February 20th.

But even better than that, Steve's wife, Alice and your humble editor also share the same birthday, so it was a merry celebration for all three of us, especially when we both realized that neither one of us is as old as

Steve. So we all had a good birthday celebration.

- editor



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FEBRUARY MYSTERY PLANE

"Make it harder!" they said, "The last ones were too easy." OK the last couple mystery planes were a bit easier than usual. I hope this one is a little bit tougher. It should be good for the float fliers.

Last month's plane was the North American p-82 twin Mustang. Dean Copeland was first with the answer with Larry Quigly close behind him. But Jared Hays added this interesting little historical tidbit: Initially, the left engine was a Rolls Royce V-1650-23 with a gear reduction box to allow the left propeller to turn opposite to the right propeller, which was driven by the more conventional V-1650-25. Both propellers would turn upward as they approached the center wing, which in theory would have allowed better single-engine control. This proved not to be the case when the aircraft refused to become airborne during its first flight attempt. North American engineers finally discovered that rotating the propellers to meet

in the center on their upward turn created sufficient drag to cancel out all lift from the center wing section, one quarter of the aircraft's total wing surface area. The engines and propellers were then exchanged, with their rotation meeting on the downward turn, and the problem was fully solved.

