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ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, Feb 24, 2012 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

PROGRAM: XXX

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

TIME TO GEAR UP FOR TRAINING SEASON

Even though the winter season has been mild and there have been a few favorable flying days it is time to get excited about spring and a "new training season." Last year was a big year with several new Omahawk members who joined the Thursday

night training sessions. And, importantly, a great group of our members were willing to devote their time as their instructors.

Although we do not have a count for the number of new students plus those who may be returning from last year to finish the program there may be another large group to work with.

Harry Perkons and Larry McChesney have volunteered to coordinate the program this year. Thanks to Bob, our new "Pres," Wheeler for his guidance over the last couple of seasons.

Last year the instructor roster included Brad Perkons, Ed Paasch, Chuck Inserra, John Thompson, Casey Vohnout, Ron Pancana, EJ Murphy, Mikey Furrow, Skip Brown, Ralph Brown, Fred Wilke and Matt Myers.

There may also be a few others not on this list that I have missed.

It would be helpful to know how many of those listed above will help with the training program again this year in some capacity or another. So that we have a rough count please email your response, yes or no, to the following email address

candlmcches@cox.net at your

earliest convenience. It will be helpful information for planning.

New instructor candidates are also welcome. You are welcome to attend our first organizational meeting to learn more about the program.

Our first session will include some new ideas, discussions about areas of interest to the team, schedule, etc. and will be held: at HobbyTown USA at 10020 Scott Circle on Monday March 26th at 6:00 o'clock.

FEBRUARY MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, FEB 24

7:00 p.m.

Make-A-Wish
11926 Arbor St

Program:
TBA

Raffle:

Phase 3 Squall
Electric Ducted Fan ARF



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Feb 24 - General Meeting
- ★ Mar 7 - Business Meeting
- ★ Mar 26 - Flight instructor meeting @ Hobby Town 6:00 pm
- ★ Mar 30 - General Meeting
- ★ Mar 31 - Sac Museum R/C Airshow Event
- ★ April 4 - Business Meeting

THE MINUTES

Erik Krystoff, Secretary

General Meeting.....1/27/2012

Ralph Brown presented the membership report. At least 16 new memberships incoming; we're looking at around 70-80 current members.

Remember, if you're going to fly, make sure your membership is current.

Mikey Furrow is once again the Omahawks Field Chairman, having accepted the nomination at the last business meeting. Let Mikey know if any repairs are needed at the field and he'll add it to the list of work items.

First Flight Of The Year – January 1st, 9 AM. Light winds and not so frigid weather enjoyed by all who participated.

Winterfest is coming - Saturday, February 18th, at noon. Ten dollar entry fee, and the Winterfest Queen has been selected. Flying begins after the Queen is crowned, and a simple 360 degree maneuver off the ground is 'required' to have a chance at the big money. Following the event later that night is dinner at the Venice Inn.

SAS Museum RC Airshow Event – Saturday March 31st is the event date. Ed Paasch mentioned a few notes on the event. Another meeting was held with the museum management to go through more details. More room for display craft will be available this year compared to last, as well as having better traffic flow around the static display models. There will also be a cardboard aircraft carrier for Vapor sized touch and goes. AMA representation at the event is still being worked, and the event will be completely free for all pilots. No parking fees charged, plus pizza will be available. The event runs 10 AM to 4 PM, show up anytime after 7:30 AM to get your display and indoor craft set up. Even more details on parking and which doors to use for loading/unloading coming soon.

In regards to other events for the year – Start thinking about sponsoring some events this year, as our calendar will be open while Ed takes a bit of an event management vacation. Get the event plan, dates, and proposed costs to the board members at any business meeting.

Two events brought to the board during the last business meeting were brought up for approval:

1. Dick Behrens/Dennis Bender – Float Flies, Sail Planes, and Old Timers events submitted last business meeting. 55 dollars submitted for approval for all three events across the board. All in favor, motion approved.

2. Jim Henley/Dean Copeland - The 'First Annual Tri-Club Don Neil Memorial Event' - AMA sanctioned scale fun fly - Held at the Western Flyers Mead field, August 25th. ARFs are allowed and will have their own category. Approval for up to 200 dollars

requested and approved by the board last meeting. Kevin Hyde made the motion, seconded by Bob. All in favor, motion passed. Look for more information as Jim and Dean work on a flyer to be released in the future.

Congratulations to Jeff Pinnt on receiving his solo certificate!

Congratulations again to Ralph Brown on winning the AMA Carl Goldberg Vital People Award for 2011.

Fred Wilkie reminded the club to consider putting money aside in a jar and match donations for the runway fund.

Please consider submitting any interesting RC or club related news to Mike Berger for the next issue of the Hawk Talk newsletter.

Mikey Furrow has volunteered to take over the SPC contest management from Ed Paasch this year. Look for a group email and information on the website for more information in regards to changes to the SPC events this time around.

Congratulations to Roger Brodd on winning the raffle for the Magnum XL91 RFS Four Stroke Engine.



I do love me some donuts!

Business Meeting.....2/1/2012

? The First Treasure Report of the year was reviewed with nothing major report.

? Membership Count as of Tuesday Jan 31st = 61

? If anyone has news worthy articles, please send to Mike.

? Bob mentioned he will send Mike an article reminding prior year club members they need to have a field permit in order to fly. He will ask everyone to follow the rules and get signed up if they are planning on flying.

? Jacob Brown attended the meeting to discuss Mowing for 2012. He has expanded his mowing business and would like to bid on the field this year. The Board asked Jacob to submit a proposal to Kevin for review. The Board will make a decision during the March Business meeting.

? The Board discussed projects for the field.

Mikey has already been looking at grading of the parking. Possible work for the retaining wall at the top of the parking lot is needed.

? The Board discussed additional Run-Up Stands and will look at locations in early spring.

? Moving the Impound and Frequency structures came up as a topic. Additional discussions are needed with the membership.

? Bob is looking for the AMA Charter paperwork to file. Kevin has not seen it. Steve is not present so Bob will follow up with Steve Culver.

? The Gate Lock is working fine. Harry lubricated the lock. Bob mentioned the Key holder for the shed needs lubricated as it is sticking.

? Gold Leadership application and MA Subscriptions for area schools were sent to EJ. EJ made a motion to purchase the subscriptions for the 12 schools as a way to promote Model Aviation in the Omaha area. Cost is \$12 for each subscription totaling \$144 for the year. Dennis Bender seconded the motion. No discussion, motion carried.

? Bob made a proposal to the Board for the Pattern Contest August 4-5. The contest will be Saturday and Sunday. Bob also requested \$350 for funds. There will be \$30 entry fee so the contest can potentially pay for itself with enough participation.

? Dennis Bender requested funding for Boy Scout events the last 2 Mondays of June for Flight introductions and the last Monday of August for field clean up. Each event will be \$25 for a total of \$75

? Harry Perkons mentioned the need to purchase support equipment for the training program this year. He is looking at possibly 1 aircraft, Fuel, and Batteries. The Board asked Harry to complete a detailed list for the March Business meeting.

? Harry discussed having an instructors meeting this year but no early Ground School. Harry will write up a newsletter article.

? The Raffle price this month will be the Phase 3 Squall.

? Casey to present again for improving skills with aerobatics.



At the Meeting



President Bob

TAKE THE FRED WILKE CHALLENGE!

Do you enjoy flying RC airplanes, but hate unsightly runway cracks? So does Omahawks pilot Fred Wilke! Fred is excited about the great start that the runway improvement fund has gotten, but he wants to do more.

Fred Wilke is pledging to take \$10 every month that he would otherwise have spent on comic books or bubble gum, and instead put it in his change jar at home. At the end of the flying season, Fred will have saved up about \$100 in cash, which he then plans on donating to the Omahawks' Runway Improvement Fund.

Fred Wilke wants you to join him. Pick an amount that you'd like to save every month; it can be \$5, \$10, or \$20, whatever fits your budget. By the November 2012 general meeting, you will have put away about ten times that monthly amount, and you can join Fred in donating your pledge to the Omahawks Runway Improvement Fund, too.

There are no raffle tickets to buy, and you don't have to worry about the IRS finding out about undeclared winnings or anything. Just pick a monthly amount that you won't miss, and start socking it away in your savings account or change jar every month. When

the flying season is over, bring in the cash you've saved and donate it to the runway fund.

Fred Wilke figures that every all 174 Omahawks pilots participate at the \$20 per month level, we could pave the runway with gold. If most of the club members simply participate at a level that is comfortable for them, however, we can probably settle for concrete and go ahead and repave the runway.

Take the Fred Wilke Challenge today!

--Ed Paasch



Don't forget to buy your special raffle tickets from Ed Paasch

They are ten dollars apiece and there will only be 200 sold.

The current raffle is for a sweet large scale plane

The proceeds of this latest raffle go to pay for repair on the Twin City Eagles' Field which was badly damaged in last years flood.

W i n t e r t i m e F u n



Ms. Grell - Omahawks' 2012 Queen

Winter has come again, and with it came the great tradition of Winterfest where all the R/C lunatics get together to do what they love best, looking at a young girl in a bikini. No wait, I mean flying! Yeah, that's it, flying!

The day was nice, with no wind and lots of sunshine. The Omahawks' Queen for 2012 was crowned. Most everybody flew, and there was only one casualty.

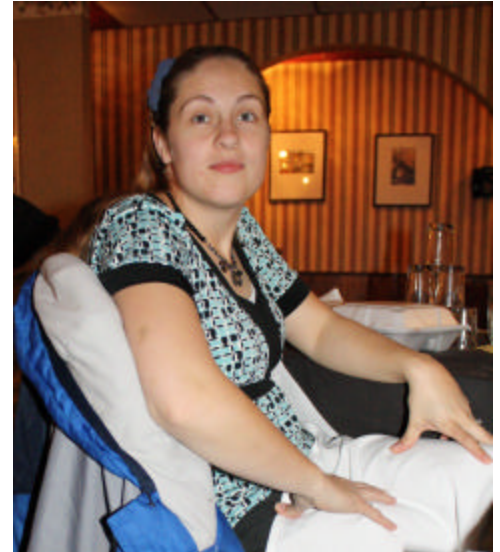
Then everybody met later that night at the Venice Inn for a great dinner and a good time with their fellow Omahawks'.



Mikey did the pix and video



A t h a w k f i e l d



A sad,sad sight



**MEMBERSHIP AND PERMIT
REMINDER**

I just wanted to give everyone a friendly reminder that your 2011Omahawks memberships and Field Permit, as well as your 2011 AMA membership are no longer valid. Yes, its 2012 and if you are planning to fly at the field anytime soon you need make sure you get your membership and or your Field permit, and AMA membership. The City Rules state you must have a permit. Remember, if you are flying! You need to have your permit where it can be seen. These rules go for everyone and there are no exceptions. Have fun, fly often and be safe.

- Bob

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Redneck Airlines loses its flagship

A great tragedy occurred at the latest Omahawks' event. During the Winterfest activities a beloved treasure was ripped from the sky. It was flying beautifully. (OK, actually it was out of trim so badly that it was barely staying in the air.) Nevertheless, it was soaring to the heights for the delight of all when disaster struck. During a graceful maneuver (trying to fly straight and level) the plane suddenly turned into two planes. One, a flying wing that gracefully fluttered to the ground. And the other, a missile hell-bent on destruction.

A search and rescue operation was undertaken to find the missing pieces to put them back together, but alas, it was not to be. While the wing survived with little damage, the fuse came back in too many pieces to salvage.

This treasured beauty will be sorely missed by all who loved her. The loss was summed up beautifully by an unnamed Hawk flier, "It's about time that piece



of junk bit the dust!" I know we all feel his pain.

Actually, I bought this plane three years ago at the auction for \$20 with the intention of crashing it into the barn on Labor Day. Though it did hit the barn, it survived and has flown many times since (mostly unsuccessfully, I admit). I can't wait for the next auction so Redneck Air can fly again!

-Mike Berger