



Hawk Talk

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ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING:	Friday, Feb 28, 2013 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.
PROGRAM:	Electric Flight part 2
BUSINESS MEETING:	Wednesday, Mar 5, 2013 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

FLIGHT TRAINING IS COMING

You may not be able to tell it but spring is on its way. That means it is getting close to the start of the Omahawks training season. The Omahawks start training around the first week of April and continue the program until the end of September. Thursday evenings is training night and the field is closed to general flying. The Training Program is all volunteer support so the Club is always looking for good help.

From what I've heard, training

programs at some of the other club sites has more or less gone to the wayside. I can't confirm it but I think the Omahawks has the last official training program in the areas.

With all that said the Omahawks wants to and needs to keep the training program alive and well. The Club wants to provide the opportunities for others to join the hobby and become a member of the Omahawks family. The Club needs your help with the training program, if we can't get volunteers to help with the Training Program it very well could fall to the wayside as well. I personally would not want to see that happen.

If you feel comfortable with training others, or can help with managing the pilot and Instructor schedules, or can just help assist new members with airplane set up and general safety topics please think about assisting.

A Instructors meeting will be set up for sometime in March. We will try to get a conference room at the Abraham Public Library for the meeting. Your feedback is

very important on how we manage the program and if we can set up volunteer schedules. Not everyone can make it all the time, we fully understand that aspect. If we can at least get a schedule set up we can manage the resources we have.

If interested in helping let one of the Board members know so they can compile a list of volunteers.

Thank you for the support, past and future.

Bob Wheeler, President, Omahawks

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

FRIDAY, FEB 28

7:00 p.m.

**Make-A-Wish
11926 Arbor St**

Program:

**All about electrics
with Greg Nelson
Part 2**

Raffle:

Great Planes Escapade ARF

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Feb 28 - General Meeting
- ★ Mar 5 - Business Meeting
- ★ The entire remainder of March - Nothing. There is nothing on the schedule. Bummer
- ★ Mar 28 - General Meeting
- ★ Apr 2 - Business Meeting

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THE MINUTES

Erik Krystoff, Secretary

General Meeting.....1/3/2011

New Members or Guests:

- Matthew Carlson (12 yr old) – flying for 4 years now, friend of Fred Wilke
- Ron Cree – moved from San Diego – new member for 2014

Membership Report: 48 Members presently. Also has 6 memberships to be processed = 54 Members present.

Newsletter Report: Mike Berger

Hawk Field Update:

- o No More Dangerous Latrine – City removed old latrine before Christmas 2013.
- o Brush Removal Project
- Membership had questions about maintaining the field once project completed
- Discussion questions about other projects happening that could affect funds used at field
- Discussion about possibly extending the runway to the North to help deter flying over Fort St – to be tabled for later discussions
- Dean Copeland made motion for project to proceed; Dennis Lind seconded motion – Club Approved
- To be completed in February 2014, but no later than March 31st 2014.

General Announcements:

- o Membership (Ed Splittgerber, Bob Burt) – Ed is in Hospice care at home; Bob recovering from triple by-pass
- o Jacob Brown brush management fund (\$100)
- Approached board to create a fund to help pay for the Brush Removal Project, donated first \$100
- Bob Wheeler matched Jacobs donation to start this project
- Mike Berger challenged club to help support this project and donate to this fund
- o Field Chairman needed for 2014 – Board accepting nominations for a volunteer
- o WinterFest 2014 – February 22, 2014 – Steve peck made motion for club to donate \$100 for this event, Membership approved
- o Float Fly, Old Timers, and Sailplanes events (no funds needed, dates are posted)
- o Boy Scout Events - \$40 per event (June 16th and 23rd) – Mondays – need volunteers
- Mike Berger made motion to approve the funds; Dean Copeland seconded motion – Club Approved
- o Scale Contest (Omahawks to sponsor this year. Bernie to lead for Omahawks). (Request to have the event at Buds Field)
- Tri-Club event – move to Buds Field to allow turbines and bigger planes
- Board approved, and brought to membership for approval
- Dennis Bender made motion to donate \$200 for this event, Fred Wilke seconded – Club Approved
- o Builders Challenge currently in effect – Contact Mikey to enter, and build away – To be held during Memorial Day Egg Burn – regardless of weather

Upcoming Events / Dates:

- o Next Board Meeting – Wednesday February 5th, 2014 @ 7pm at Make a Wish building
- o Lincoln Sky Knights Auction – February

8th, 2014

- o Winterfest 2014 – February 22, 2014
- o Next General Meeting – Friday, February 28th 2014 @ 7pm at Make a Wish building

Show & Tell:

- o Carmel Earl – Covering job on Sonic High wing o Steve Earl – Big Stik Rebuild / Recover
- o Ed Paasch – Ultra Sport 60 kit plane o Steve Peck – RTF Firebird
- o Frank Vanichek – HoB Messerschmidt 109 kit
- o Don – Tiger 40 kit rebuild / recover o Dean Copeland – Model engine Replica for Wright Flyer plane
- o Fred Wilke – Estes Proto X; Blade 180 HQ Quad; Hawk ball helicopter

Raffle Prize

- o 50/50 with Proceeds going to Brush Management Fund
- o Mike Berger won this, but donated it to the Brush Removal Project

Program:

- o Greg Nelson – Intro to Electric Flight Part 1

Meeting Adjourned

Business Meeting.....1/3/2011

Board Members in attendance: Bob Wheeler, Bob Zitzlsperger, Dennis Bender, Kevin Hyde, Bernie Baker, Gary Vohnout, Mikey Furrow
Visitors: Dick Behrens

Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports:

- o Treasurer's Report – Kevin Hyde – Looks good for this time of year
- o Membership Chairman Report: – N/A
- o Kevin provided report on current demographic of club
- o Suggested to consider ways of attracting a younger generation to the club
- o Membership Count: – Currently 57 Members as of 02/05/14
- o Hawk Field: Request to ask the city about methods to reduce vandalism at field, including possible fence expansion by parking lot

Old Business:

- o Brush Removal – Neptune Garden's (Jason Heller)
- Unable to attend Board Meeting due to weather
- No further word from City disapproving project
- Board agreed to have Company move forward with Brush Removal Project
- Kevin to pull \$4000 from CD to fund this project
- o 2014 AMA Club Charter paperwork
- Kevin to fill out and submit to AMA
- o 2014 Gold Leadership paperwork
- Mikey to fill out and submit to AMA
- o Scale Contest (Any Ques-

tions)

- Bernie Baker has volunteered to assist with this event

New Business:

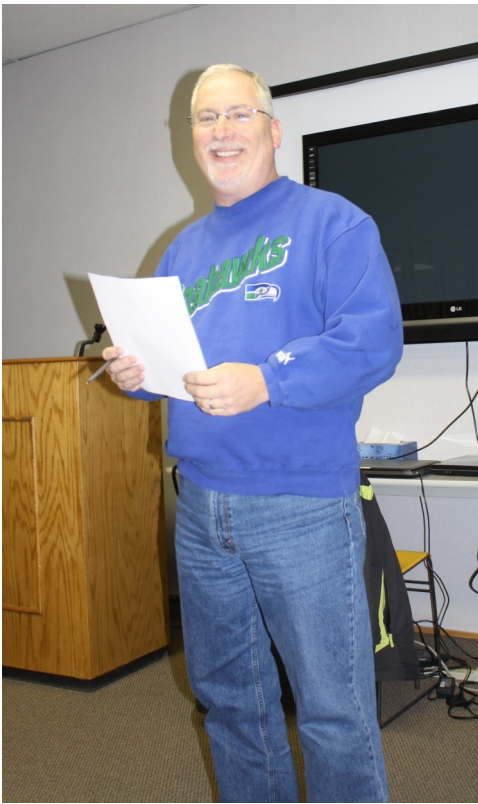
- o New ways to introduce the Hobby to Younger Demographic
- Kevin suggested a possible High School visit to introduce RC Aviation to the students
- Bernie Baker suggested the possibility of a stand/table at some of the Robotics Competitions
- Consider putting an agenda together for marketing plans to introduce hobby to a younger demographic
- Mikey to bring the current Tri-Fold to March Business meeting for discussion
- o Events / Contests???
- Omaha Pattern Championship (August 9-10, 2014) - \$350 requested (supplies and food)
- Shirts to be a separate request (Robert Green to work on this as event gets closer)
- Multi-Wing Fun Fly event to be proposed – July 2014 date to be determined
- Sport Pilot Championship (SPC) to be presented at upcoming meeting.



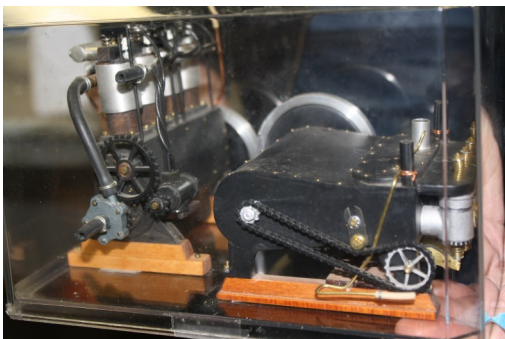
Carmen and Steve Earl show their planes



At the Meeting



Bob Wheeler kicked off another year as club president



ED SPLITTGERBER 1936-2014

Ed Splittgerber, passed away Feb 12 in Omaha. He had been battling cancer that was first detected on his foot in late 2012. He was born Feb 5, 1936 in Omaha. He graduated from Benson HS, got a BA from UNL and Masters from UNO. He worked many years for ENRON and its predecessor. He and his wife Shirley had been married 55 years and had three daughters and one son.

Ed joined the Omahawks in 1996 to learn how to fly model RC planes. He had been a licensed pilot and flew a Cessna, co-owned with two other pilots. He served on the Omahawks board of directors and was very active in the RC hobby taking part in many events at various outdoor and indoor locations in and around Omaha. In 1996, 1998 and 2000 he played a major part to improve Hawkfield by removing unwanted vegetation. In return, the club provided money for him to prepare many breakfasts for the morning flyers, of which he was a part. He took part in area float flies, old timer, cross country, Labor Day, bowling, Montezuma fun flies and other events. Ed was a helpful, modest, and easy going person. He will be missed.



**Coming next month:
A full report on
Winterfest 2014!**

THANKS TO CHASE BOATS FOR MAKING FLOAT FLYS POS- SIBLE

Having a retrieval boat is what makes Standing Bear Lake float flies happen. The guys in the photos have done this in recent years. Many thanks to these and other volunteers who have retrieved downed planes, from the water. Others include Gene Alexander, Bill Francisco, Matt Myer and Bob Wheeler.....Again for this year, Bob Turner has said, he should be able to retrieve on Wednesdays, health permitting.

- Dick Behrens



Jim Minear



Mikey Furrow, Frank Vanacek & Dennis Bender



Leroy Henderson



Russ Ault



Bob Turner

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IN MEMORIAM - BOB HESS

I'm sure there are a few Western Flyers and Omahawks members that remember Bob Hess. I thought you might like to know about his memorial silhouette. Bob's ashes were scattered in the field where he flew his airplanes when he was a young boy.

I drew a picture of a young boy, his airplane, and faithful dog - Jack. A local artisan made the steel silhouette. It's sturdy and placed in concrete to stand strong Kansas winds. The silhouette is five feet tall and stands on a hill on County Line Road. This is about ten miles west of Madison, Kansas. Bob's boyhood home. Madison is located about twenty miles south of Emporia, Kansas.

As Paul Harvey would say - "Now you know the rest of the story."

- Mary Lou Hess

