



Hawk Talk

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ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING:	Friday, January 30, 2015 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.
PROGRAM:	To Be Determined
BUSINESS MEETING:	Wednesday, February 4, 2015 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

Change of Leadership for 2015???

With 2015 already under way, an announcement was made at the February General Meeting that our recently elected President, Steve Earl and fellow Board Member, Carmel Earl, have recently accepted an employment opportunity out in Boone, IA which will allow them to be closer to their family and grandkids. Because of this move, they have both resigned from their positions of leadership in preparation for this move.

What does this mean to you and the club? Well, if your interested in shaping the future of the club, or want to have your voice heard by the Board members, this is a great opportunity to join the Board. At the upcoming March General Meeting, we will be taking nominations and electing a new Club President and also a Board Member at this meeting. So, if your interested in either of these positions, please let

one of the Board members know your intent and then be sure to be in attendance at on Friday, March 27th so that you can be nominated for these positions. Your fellow club members will be nominating someone for these positions and being present for this meeting will ensure that your nomination is accepted, and also ensures that your name isn't placed on the absentee ballot and getting elected that way too.....

Good Luck to the Earl's on their new adventure's out in Boone IA.

March Meeting at the Make a Wish Building

Raffle Prize:

To help kick off the new Omaha-hawks apparel offerings, 3 new shirts will be raffled off this month

Program: if time permits, Gary Vohnout has a video presentation available for showing

Apologies for a late newsletter....

I apologize for not having this newsletter out in February, but not having any articles to include or write about made for a very small newsletter consisting of Board minutes, and Winterfest.

Please send any little tidbit of information you would like to see in the newsletter about a product you like, model you've flown and enjoyed or hated, or just what your working on..... It doesn't need to be a lengthy write-up, a simple paragraph or two will work just as well as a 2 page write-up will.....This will help to ensure that a newsletter is put together for YOUR reading enjoyment.

editor

Upcoming Events:

March General Meeting:

Friday March 27th @ 7pm at Make a Wish building

April Board Meeting:

Wednesday April 1st @ 7pm at Make a Wish

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THE MINUTES

Mikey Furrow, Secretary

Business Meeting.....2/4/2015

Board Members in attendance:

Steve Earl, Bernie Baker, Mikey Furrow, Kevin Hyde, Bob Wheeler, Dennis Bender, Gary Vohnout, Dan Duey

Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports:

• **Treasurer's Report** – Kevin Hyde – Numbers look good for this time of year.

• **Membership Report:** – 52 Members as of 02-04-15

Old Business:

Lease Agreement (Bernie and Dick Behrens)

- Currently waiting for City to respond for documentation request
- Consideration for creating initial proposal to submit to city by June 1st 2015

Website / Newsletter (Mikey, Dan Duey, Kevin Hyde)

- Groundwork in place for test site
- To be worked on over next few months – updates to follow

Safety Coordinator (Dennis Bender)

- Dennis to prepare safety meeting for upcoming presentation
- Discussion for Electric Planes to include arming switches for safety
- Discussions made about need for Fire Extinguishers by pilots who fly Gasoline Engines

New Business:

Field Permit Change Suggestions

- Discussion about adding a Family Membership and Junior/Youth Membership permits for 2015
- Motion made to add a Junior Membership (Under 19) Permit

for \$10 (\$5 for field permit, \$5 for Club Membership) with valid AMA permit – Board Approved and will present to General Membership for final approval / acceptance

Training Program 2015

- Steve to see about Training Program supervisors for this year
- Replacing Buddy Boxes and cords from recent theft to be discussed at future meetings

Labor Day Airshow Prep Work

- Need to see about getting paperwork submitted to Make a Wish for approval
- Find out who will head up this year's event

Events Approval / Requests

- **2015 Sport Pilot Championship (Mikey)** – 3 Saturdays (May 17th, June 13th, July 18th)
\$400 requested for all 3 events – Kevin made motion for approval; Dennis B seconded – To be brought to general membership for final approval
- **2015 Builder's Challenge (Mikey)** – Monday May 25th
\$75 requested for prizes – Gary V made motion for approval; Dennis B seconded – To be brought to general membership for final approval
- **2015 Omaha Pattern Championship (Mikey)** – Sat Aug 8th and Sun Aug 9th
\$400 requested for event – Kevin made motion for approval; Gary V seconded – To be brought to general membership for final approval
- **2015 Memorial Day Egg Burn** – Monday May 25th
Bob Wheeler has frying pans; Board members to bring propane tanks/utinsels

Hawk Field Updates / Concerns:

Shed Replacement Considerations – Bob to see about getting quotes on pricing for future discussions

Runway Project – Bob to see about getting quotes / direction from asphalt companies about possible options

Tree and Brush Removal – No activity yet, but request to be sent to city for update

Cleaning up brush

Vandalism at Hawk Field

Discussions about how to prevent, options available – City to be contacted about possible blockage on North side of park

Guest Pilots at Hawk Field

Question raised about how often a guest can fly at Hawk Field. Not currently in Field Rules, but possibly should be documented somewhere. Listed in Board Minutes of 3 visits before requiring field permit—Steve to look at Field Rules to see where to apply this info.

2015 Mowing Contract

to be handled by Jacob Brown from Stone Creek Mowing

Raffle Prizes:

Ron Pacana donated a Taurus Pattern Plane Short Kit for raffle

Upcoming Meetings / Events:

- **February General Meeting** – Friday, February 27th, 2015 @ 7pm at the Make a Wish building
- **March Board Meeting** – Wednesday March 4th, 2015 @ 7pm at the Make a Wish building
- **March General Meeting** - Friday March 27th 2015 @ 7pm at the Make a Wish Building

Meeting Adjourned.....

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A Blustery and Cold Winterfest 2015

On a cold and blustery February afternoon, 15 pilots came out to brave a very chilly wind for a chance at earning some extra spending money for the upcoming year. The thermometers said that it was around 20 degree's, but the wind chill was definitely lower than that. So, with all these pilots all bundled up in coats and hats, Steve Peck coaxed a very chilled and excited Diana Bender onto the field where she was crowned as our 2015 Winterfest Queen.

A lot of electric planes flew this day, but Fred Wilke's Tower trainer managed to be the only Nitro powered plane to successfully fly in this cold air, and following the example led by our past president, Steve Earl.....Fred also managed to land it in the tip top of a tree, which is where it will probably continue to stay until later this summer.....



Omahawks agreement/contract with the city of Omaha

The contract between the Omahawks and the City of Omaha was initiated in 1986 and was originally set to expire in 2001. In 1998 the Omahawks requested and was granted an extension ending December 31, 2016. The Board of Directors has reviewed the current contract and we have a few recommended changes that we plan to present to the city.

A copy of the changes has been placed on the Omahawks web site in the members only area. Look for the "Document Library" on the right side of the page. The revised contract is labeled "City AGREEMENT 2015 rev A TC".

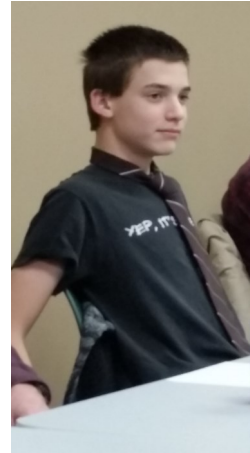
The club will discuss these changes at the March general membership meeting with the intention of approving the changes and presenting them to the city for approval. A summary of the changes is presented below.

- **Credits** the Omahawks for paying off the original loan
- **Gives** the Omahawks Board of Directors the responsibility/authority to develop rules and establish user fee instead of the Parks and Recreation Department.
- **Remove** statement that says field funds have to be spent on the field and the Parks and Recreation Department has the authority/responsibility to approve any expenditures.
- **Remove** discussion of rent payment. The original agreement called for \$3600 rent per year from 1989 to 2001. These payments are no longer required.
- **Add** a statement indicating the city will assist or allow Omahawks to remove trees and shrubs that affect safe use of the field. This includes obstruction of view or air turbulence caused by trees.
- **Remove** statement indicating that the field may be used for other purposes when not used as a flying facility.

If you would like to review the proposed contract revisions and are not able to get to the members only page on the web site please contact Kevin Hyde (khyde@omahawks.net) and request a copy.

Remember: If you would like to ask about a section or append an area of this contract, we will be going over this contract on Friday, March 27th to get your input on these proposals, and this would be the time to voice your concerns on this important documentation.

AMA's District IX's Scholarship winner for 2015's Camp AMA Is also an Omahawk Member



Congratulations to one of our younger Omahawk's Pilots, Matt Carlson, for finally getting his Solo Certificate, and also for being selected to be the Region's FIRST recipient of District IX's scholarship fund which will allow him to attend Camp AMA coming up later this fall.

Matt has learned a lot very quickly and has a lot of fun flying his electric planes, as well as trying to build bigger foamies as well.....



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Standing Bear Float Fly's *By Dick Behrens*

Last year, about 28-30 pilots took part and flew during at least one of the three float flys that were held. On the down side, three of the six scheduled events were cancelled due to high wind or road construction at the park entrance. Hopefully, we will have good weather for all scheduled events this year.

This year, the 16th Annual Saturday Float Fly has been sanctioned by the AMA and set for Saturday, July 11th from 9am-2pm, with Mikey as the CD for this event.

So far the following pilots have indicated they will have new or different float planes this year: Tom Floyd, Frank Vanecek, Bob Zitzlsperger, Jud Bock, Fred Wilke, Dennis Bender, Tom Virgelito, Terry Chall, Mikey Furrow and Bernie Baker. This should make for an interesting year if the weather cooperate's.

Bob Turner said he should be able to again retrieve for the Wednesday's float flys. However, we will need some one to retrieve at the 16th annual Saturday event on July 11th and serve as a backup for Wednesday's flys. If some one with a boat can retrieve, contact Dick Behrens at rbehrens@yahoo.com or Bob Zitzlsperger at [402-493-1610](tel:402-493-1610).



2015 Wed morning events @ Hawkfield / Standing Bear Lake

(Wed Old Timers event (designed for free flight prior to 1950) have lunch and next day makeup)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>
Apr 29	Wed 900-1130	Old Timers	Dennis Bender
May 13	Wed 830-1130	Float Fly	Dick Behrens
May 27	Wed 900-noon	Old Timers	Dennis
June 10	Wed 830-1130	Float Fly	Dick
June 17	Wed 900-noon	Old Timers	Dennis
Jun 24	Wed 830-1130	Elec Sailplanes	Frank Wozniski
July 1	Wed 900-noon	Old Timers	Dennis
July 11	Sat 900-2pm	16th Annual Float Fly	Dick / sanctioned by Mikey
(This is a Sanctioned Event and Pizza will be provided for lunch)			
July 15	Wed 830-1130	Elec Sailplanes	Frank W
Aug 5	Wed 900-noon	Old Timers	Dennis
Aug 19	Wed 830-noon	Elec Sailplanes/lunch	Frank W
Sept 9	Wed 830-1130	Float Fly	Bob Z
Sept 16	Wed 900-noon	Old Timers	Dennis
Sept 23	Wed 830-1130	Elec Sailplanes	Frank W
Oct 7	Wed 830-1130	Float Fly	Bob Z
Oct 14	Wed 900-noon	Old Timers	Dennis

All sponsored by Omahawks (no pilot fees)

(Saturday Float Flys are also held by 4 clubs in the Kansas City Area)

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Looking for some articles, building ideas / projects, or anything to be shared with the club.

Once again, we find ourselves with another "Short" Hawk Talk due to a lack of articles being submitted for this newsletter. As Mike Berger used to say, "This is YOUR Newsletter, and we need YOUR help to make this the best newsletter each month.

Did you get a new plane or get a new quad copter recently? Have you flown it yet? Send a small paragraph of your thoughts on this new plane, and let the club know what you think of your new purchase. Are you working on a new kit build, or putting together a new ARF? Was it an easy build or did it need some better instructions or different way to do it? Let the club know your thoughts on your project, and maybe someone else might have their questions answered.....

Remember: this is Your newsletter, and any tidbits of information can go a long ways to making this a great newsletter.....