

THE VOICE OF THE OMAHAWKS R/C INC. <u>Feb, 2016</u>
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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, February 26th * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St. GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM: Safety guidelines – Dennis Bender. Raffle – Fun P51.

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NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, March 16th * 7:00 PM * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS

BE SURE TO RENEW YOU OMAHAWK MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016!

Upcoming Events

Training Meeting Make-A-Wish 3/24 TBD

Ruildors Nights Grog Nolson's home 3/8 3/33 4/5 6:00

Builders Nights Greg Nelson's home 3/8, 3/22, 4/5 6:00-8:00pm Old Timers Hawkfield 4/27 9:00-Noon

2016 Winter Fest

You couldn't have asked for a better day for the 2016 Winter Fest. Temperatures were in the mid-50's and the winds were out of the north around 10 (or 10+) mph. That's about as good as it gets in Nebraska in February. There was a great turnout and the Winter Fest queen, Amanda Melcher (Steve Peck's granddaughter), made her royal appearance to kick off a new flying season. Thank you Amanda, and thank you Steve for arranging for the reigning queen and the good weather.









A Special Team Build

By Dean Copeland

Following are some pictures and specifications of the F7F Tiger Cat, being built by six local Omaha R/C'ers. This aircraft will compete at the 2016 Top Gun during the last week of April in Lakeland, Florida, and will be placed in the Unlimited Class (no limit on cost, no builder-of-the-model rule, and no limit on resources). The team of six must wear matching clothes NASCAR style; and it should be a lot of fun.

The crew consists of Jack Wilhelmi-owner, Dean Copeland-pilot; and co-builders Frank Trouba, Mike Gross, Jim Henley, and Bud Kilnoski.

The air frame is from 3W-AMR in England (full composite construction) with all rivet detail and panel lines. No plans or instructions came with the kit and only major formers and ribs were in place. It assumed that if you were buying a kit of this nature, you would have all the knowledge and skill required to complete it to full flying status. As of this date, we believe that we are doing a more than acceptable job; and we are looking forward to seeing it in the air......God willing.

Specifications:

- 120" wing span
- 108" long
- (2) Moki 180cc radial 5 cyl. four stroke engines
- Main wheels are 7" in diameter with pneumatic brakes, nose wheel 5" in diameter
- Sierra custom built pneumatic retracts
- Estimated weight to be approx. 65 to 70 pounds
- Each engine has a 40 once fuel tank
- Flight controls will be "Futaba 18MZ" and backed up by a "Powerbox SRS" power expander containing a flight stabilizing system, retract sequencing, battery back-up with voltage regulation along with servo matching etc.

Jack designed the oil-carburetor air intakes and had them 3D printed, which resulted in a big savings in building time. For comparison, the plane is sitting on Jack's 8 foot long hydraulic table; which to say the least has been quite an asset in building with the ability to vary the building height to meet working conditions.

The crew works Monday/Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings as time allows. It is scheduled to go to the paint shop the week of February 15th, barring any delays. The plane will be painted in a Fire Fighting color scheme (see picture on next page).













There's No Free Lunch

By Bernie Baker

Each year, the morning Float Fly, Old-Timer, and Sailplane events are some of the best attended and most popular events the club hosts. Last year the Omahawks spent around \$1,400, mostly on food for lunches, to support many of these endeavors. Those costs were largely subsidized by an anonymous gift received each year for that purpose. Regrettably, that annual gift will no longer be coming.

After some lively discussion this past week, the board decided NOT to require landing fees to cover these events for 2016, but rather, request a free-will offering for those fliers (and guests) eating lunch. We are requesting that all participants and guests please be responsible and make a contribution toward these lunches. Doing so will allow us to continue this practice going forward. (Please note, we will continue to have landing fees for the Saturday Float Fly events, as we have in the past). Following is a schedule of 2016 events submitted by Dick Behrens.

2016 morning events at Hawkfield/Standing Bear Lake

<u>Date</u>			<u>Event</u>	Coordinator
Apr 27	Wed	900-noon	Old Timers*	Dennis Bender
May 18	Wed	900-noon	Old Timers*	Dennis
May 28	Sat**	900-2pm	Float Fly	Tom Virgillito & Ron Pacana
June 8	Wed	900-noon	Old Timers* /pizza	Dennis
June 15	Wed	830-1130	Float Fly	Dick Behrens
Jun 22	Wed	830-1130	Electric Sailplanes	Frank Wisniski
July 9	Sat**	900-2pm	Float Fly (17th annual)/pizza	Dick/sanction Mikey
July 13	Wed	900-2pm	Old Timers	Dennis
July 20	Wed	830-1130	Electric Sailplanes	Frank W
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Aug 10	Wed	900-noon	Old Timers*	Dennis
Aug 24	Wed	830-1130	Electric Sailplanes	Frank W
Sept 14	Wed	900-noon	Old Timers*	Dennis
Sept 21	Wed	830-1130	Electric Sailplanes Frank W	
Sept 28	Wed	830-1130	Float Fly	Bob Z or TBD
Oct 12	Wed	900-noon	Old Timers*	Dennis

^{*-} Wednesday Old-Timers (designed for free flight prior to 1950) will have lunch and next day makeup

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^{**-} Saturday Float Flies will have a \$5 landing fee, which includes lunch

Omahawks Board Meeting Highlights - February 16

Board Members in attendance: President Mikey Furrow, Gary Vohnout, Kevin Hyde, Rick Sessions, Dennis Bender, Greg Nelson, Bernie Baker, and guest Milt Olsen.

Meeting called to order: President Mikey Furrow

Greg Nelson was appointed as the field chairman for 2016, with Gary Vohnout serving in the role of an assistant. Some discussion was held on better securing the shed and the spring clean-up. Much thanks to Greg and Gary for stepping up to fill this challenging position.

Bernie Baker noted that there was still no response from the city regarding the status of the contract renewal (after repeated email attempts). He will pursue setting up a meeting with the Parks department to get the issue moving forward.

Mikey Furrow, Greg Nelson, and Ed Paasch will be travelling to Kansas City Saturday, February 20th, to represent the Omahawks at a District IX AMA meeting. Topics we wanted to be addressed included:

- Clarification on AMA clubs' responsibilities for enforcing FAA registration
- Liability insurance implications if a model aircraft caused injury or damages and was not registered with the FAA.
- AMA's and other clubs' positions on hosting drone events in general and FPV events specifically

On the topic of drones and drone safety, we need to remind drone pilots that the same rules apply to drones as FW aircraft with regards to flying near or over people. Safety demands that all energy of an aircraft should be directed away from people or property. Please fly safely and responsibly.

With the likelihood of additional scrutiny from the FAA and what appears to be an increasing number of non-member pilots at Hawkfield; it is now more important than ever that all pilots flying at Hawkfield have a current AMA and Hawkfield permit in their possession. If a pilot does not have one, they may be asked to leave or return home to get it. Guests of Omahawk members are welcome to fly as always, but will need to have a current AMA permit to do so.

As noted in an earlier article, the board decided to NOT collect landing fees for many morning events. It is hoped enough money will be collected from free-will offerings to cover much of the associated food costs. This decision will be re-visited for 2017.

Mikey will be pulling together a training meeting at the end of March (tentatively set for March 24th. Details to follow.



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