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**** AGENDA ****

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, January 27, 2006 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

PROGRAM: New Exciting Introductions and Modifications to our web site, www.Omahawks.org.

BUSINESS MEETING: Tuesday, February 7, 2006 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

THE PRESIDENT'S MEMO



Greetings and Happy New Year to all of you! It is with sincere excitement I write this first memo as your new President. As I indicated at the Christmas Party, I respect and admire all the hard work and hours of time spent building this club over many years. It is with

those thoughts I vow to continue the traditions that came before me while working hard to "pilot" our club to more success in the future.

I'm also excited to be working with some great people as your Officers and Board Members. We have some new and returning faces on the Board that offer some fresh ideas to make our club even more spectacular. In brief, we are developing programs to build better relationships with local hobby stores, will be implementing new ideas to help us recruit more members and hopefully increase interest in our exciting hobby, expanding our business operations and capabilities, enhancing the Omahawks web site, and have plans to offer ways to be more creative and participatory in planning major Omahawks events!

As you are aware, the Board is responsible for the "business" aspects of Omahawks R/C Inc. And business is good! I feel our club is strong in membership and leadership and we all have reason to be proud of Hawk Field. However, as I have said in past articles, I feel a club is only as strong the a sum of its members. With that said, I would encourage attendance and participation at our monthly Board meetings so you may hear and voice ideas as well as give us your valuable feedback for Board consideration. **After all, this is your club!**

I think I can speak for all the Officers and Board Members when I say we look forward to serving the Omahawks this next year. In closing, thank you for your vote of confidence to be your President. I do not plan to let anyone down.

See you in the air...

Steve Culver

Winter Festival



Danielle Kramer

35th Omahawk Festival Queen,

In our never ending search for more FUN, the "Party Boy Committee" of the Omahawks R/C club added another annual event to the clubs social calendar in the Winter of 1970. The "Omahawk Winter Festival" celebrates both the foul cold winters of Nebraska and the states pretty young maidens.

At 1:pm sharp on Saturday, February 11th, the festival will begin at Hawk Field with the crowning of fair Dannie Kramer as 2006 Omahawk Festival Queen. Ms. Kramer, a student at Gross High School

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RAFFLE

FRIDAY

OVER A DOZEN SUPRISE R/C GOODIES WILL GO TO PROBABLY A DOZEN LUCKY WINNERS.

EVERY ONE LIKES SUPRISES. BRING YOUR NEW PROJECT FOR FREE TICKETS (OR SOME CASH) AND JOIN THE FUN.

4 FREE TICKETS FOR "SHOW & TELL"

\$1 Each - Six for \$5
\$10 Buys Fifteen

THE MINUTES

Mike Berger, Secretary

Business Meeting.....1/3/2006

Steve Culver, Substitute Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Officers: Steve Culver, Mike Lollis & Kevin Hyde. Board Members: Skip Brown & Eric Coldiron. General Members: Ralph Brown, Olie Olson

Steve Culver thanked the officers and Board members from the previous year for their dedication and tireless support of the club. He indicated he was excited to continue the proud traditions of this club and looks forward to leading the club into another successful year and working with the new officers and board members.

Officer/Chairman Reports

- ★ Kevin Hyde - Treasurers Report: All financial obligations are paid and up to date. New fiscal year begins on January 1, 2006
- ★ Membership Chairman: Five membership renewals. The 2006 membership drive is under way. All Offices and Board members were reminded recruiting new members is everyone's job in our club.
- ★ Field Report – (Steve Culver sub.):
 - ★ Joe Cannia is the new Omaha Parks Manager.
 - ★ Mr. Cannia sent the Omahawks an email stating no trees were to be cut down and the club needed to vacate the storage shed (text attached to this document for record keeping). A response was sent by Steve Culver (also attached at the end of this document).
 - ★ The impound roof is looking worse for the wear and will probably need replaced this year. This will hopefully be part of the spring clean-up effort.

Old Business

- ★ Development of Omahawks business phone – Brad discussed it would be difficult to request a specific phone number for our use. However, he could attempt to establish an “easy” to remember phone number. This number will be set-up with voice mail and separate mail boxes to direct the calls to the appropriate individual or area. Funding has already been approved for this venture at an earlier Board meeting.
- ★ Monthly Board meeting day changed – Steve contacted the Make-A-Wish office to inquire if the Board could utilize the meeting room the first Wednesday of the month (as opposed to the current first Tuesday of the month) beginning March 1. The meeting room is available and it was agreed by the Officers and Board to change our monthly Board meeting to the first Wednesday of each month begin-

ning March 1. An announcement will be made at the General Meeting January 27 to comply with the 30 day notice outlined in our by-laws.

- ★ Omahawks Banners – Funding has already been approved to purchase three Omahawks banners. Two of these banners will be used to advertise our club and flight training. One each will be displayed at Hobby Town and Bud's Hobby Shop.
- ★ Information Table at Hobby Town – Volunteers to man an information table at Hobby Town will be sought at the next General Meeting. It is with the hopes we can answer questions about R/C customers may have, increase membership in our club, and develop a positive business relationship with Hobby Town. Brad mentioned the Hobby Town manager indicated Saturday and Sunday afternoons and/or Tuesday and Wednesday evenings are high volume traffic times where we could get maximum exposure.

New Business

- ★ Delegation of duties for Officers/Board Members – Steve Culver: A list of club responsibilities was created and then assigned as a responsibility to specific Officers/Board members. This list is a work in progress and is attached to this document for record keeping. Key to this concept is the development of committees, with a committee chair, to assist with major club programs and report back to the Omahawk Board.
 - ★ Training Program: Vice President...Event Coordinator: Board Member (currently Eric Coldiron)...Web Development: Secretary (currently Mike Berger), Brad Shaik: Web Master...Newsletter: President (currently Steve Culver), Olie Olson: Editor/Publisher...Advertising/PR (Hobby Town, Cox Cable Video, etc.): Board Member...Safety: Board Member...Christmas Party: Membership Chair (currently Ralph Brown) Board Member...Auction: Treasurer (currently Kevin Hyde)...Labor Day Air Show: Event Coordinator and Club Committee...Membership: President (currently Steve Culver)
- ★ Flight Instructor Program – Skip Brown: The annual Flight Instructor meeting will be held at Skip Brown's home on Thursday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m.
- ★ General Meeting Program – Brad will facilitate this month's program with a demonstration of the outstanding Omahawks web site and some new enhanced features he and Kevin have been working on. Specifically the ability for club members to upload pictures and/or video for use on the web and other projects.
- ★ Raffle – Jim Thurman will be donating some Omahawks branded clothing as well as setting up a table at the general meeting. Gifts from the annual Christmas Party will also be raffled.

Steve Culver, substitute secretary

Business Meeting.....12/6/005

Mike Berger

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm

Present: Officers and board members present: Brad Shaik, Steve Culver, Kevin Hyde, Mike Berger, Mike Lollis, Eric Coldiron, Fred Wilke, Skip Brown. Also Present: Ralph Brown, Nathan Brown, Robert Green

- ★ Treasurer's Report – Kevin Hyde – Please attend business meeting for details.
- ★ Program for January meeting: Brad will explain the new features and workings of the website for the members.
- ★ Brad has a proposal for consideration: the club could add a business aspect to the club operations by setting up a phone number for contact or voice mail. This number could appear on our banners and fliers so that interested people could contact us another way besides the internet. Approximate cost would be \$21.00/mo. It could include voice mail and a phone book listing. The main drawback would be that the mailbox would have to be checked on a daily basis by someone or it could work against us.
- ★ A motion made that the board establish a telephone number for the Omahawks with three mailboxes to be used for Omahawks business purposes. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- ★ Fred Wilke reports that the Benson High School Competition Day will be held Sat. April 15 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We need 5 or 6 indoor fliers to entertain the crowd before the awards ceremony. Static display planes are also needed. The Benson gym will be open for indoor flying after the end of the competition day events, too. If you are interested in participating please contact Fred for more info.
- ★ Fred also reports that, due to a scheduling conflict, he is unable to attend the board meetings. He requests that, if possible the meetings be held on the first Wednesday instead. The other board members do not object. Steve Culver will check with MAW to see if the room is available on those Wednesdays. The change will be published in the Jan newsletter and the change will be effective for the March Business meeting.
- ★ Tree Cutting Discussion: Brad received an e-mail from the park manger, Joe Cannia stating that any tree cutting must be done in coordination with the city's arborist. Steve Culver will contact Joe to discuss options for getting the obstructing trees removed. Some possible options include replacing any trees we cut, doing the work ourselves, or working with the city to remove them.
- ★ Joe's e-mail also stated that the city shed that the club uses will need to be cleaned out for the city to use. We may get a storage locker for the stuff that we need to store (Brad reports that most of what is there is junk). In the meantime it will be stored in Fred Wilke's outbuilding.

HAWK TALK

Show and Tell

Kevin Hyde reports that the Millard Social Hall will be unavailable to us for 2006 and beyond so a new location is needed. Kevin will contact the Millard VFW (the auction has been held there before.) Oct 15 will be the date of the 2006 auction.

Membership Report – Ralph – One new member, Tony Underwood, and 2 renewals since the last meeting

Raffle for Jan Meeting: Gadgets and tools.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

General Meeting.....11/25/2005

Mike Berger

- ★ Meeting called to Order 7:00 p.m. - Approx 30 members and guests present - Omahawks welcome Paul Hunter and Steve Culver's dad for the first time.
- ★ A presentation was made of a plaque to the Omahawks for their support of the Make-A-Wish foundation through the Labor Day Air Show. This year's proceeds supported a shopping spree wish for a young child.



- ★ Election of Officers: The following people have been nominated for the board positions:

Steve Culver – President
Mike Lollis – Vice President
Kevin Hyde – Treasurer
Mike Berger – Secretary
Fred Wilke – Board
Eric Coldiron – Board
Skip Brown – Board
Brad Shaink will serve in the final board position as departing president

- ★ Motion made to close nominations – seconded and approved unanimously
- ★ Motion made to accept all nominees for the board – seconded and approved unanimously



1992 President.
John Johnson
and Avistar



Brent Erickson
& Sunfly 420



Galen Lillethorup
& Electric "Jenny"



Mike Lollis and
new SPAD
tri-motor



Rene Turkyte &
Old Sportster 40 kit
badly needs wing plan

**PILFERED
CARTOON HUMOR
COURTESY
OF
THE PRESIDENT**



FLIGHT TRAINING

Flight training will be here before you know it. With that being said, all current instructors and pilots, interested in joining the current official R/C instructing crew, should mark their calendars for March 27th and attend an organizational meeting at Skip Brown's home (1417 Holling Drive, in Omaha) at 7:00 p.m.

John Feneck will control the flight operations at Hawk Field again this year and will need a few dedicated volunteers to assist with aircraft inspection and any required mechanical or engine adjustments. This will allow the students and flight instructors to maximize their air time.

Daylight savings time comes early this year - April 1st!. The finest structured R/C flight training program in the entire Midwest gets underway on Thursday, April 6th, 6:00 pm at Hawk Field.

Student pilots need to start preparing now. Get that old trainer cleaned up and checked out. Test run your engine, reset your carburetor adjustments. Make certain that every thing is tight and secure.

Get that back-up trainer completed and ready for the new flight training season. All new or repaired aircraft must be preflight inspected prior to that first take-off of the year. Make an appointment soon with an instructor or bring your aircraft and transmitter, ready for flight to any of the next few Friday evening club meetings.

If you have any questions about the program please contact me or any of the flight instructors listed in the Club Roster.
Mike Lollis

OMAHAWK JACKETS, SHIRTS AND CAPS

On Friday Jan. 27th, Jim Thurman will be at the club meeting prepared to show, sell and take orders for all of the various pieces of Omahawk apparel.

Don't miss this opportunity to pick out your Spring wardrobe.



SHOP TOURS

By Steve Eveans

The late Chris Knowles used to tell us tales of balsa shavings and Tony Green has expounded on his musing in his basement *troll's lair*. I believe that there is sufficient interest in seeing what our brother modelers' dungeon work shops look like to make a series of interesting bimonthly columns in Hawk-Talk.

I'm willing to try carrying the ball, but I know that I will need ideas, support and muscle from outside volunteers. If you would be willing to be one of them, please give me a call and we'll get the show on the road....

Steve Eveans

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**So here is the first report.
With your participation,
it won't be the last**

STEVE E.S FORTY TO SIXTY SIZE FURNACE ROOM



No, forty to sixty is not my waist size, at least not yet. Our basement was my architect/art studio but has evolved into a multi-use, teen party room, sewing, art, drawing, study, museum, etc. space and my aviation hobby has been relegated to the furnace room. The size of this room has kept my aircraft size limited to the .40 to .60 size of aircraft. It has also become the repository for past hobbies and future grand kids' toys. (Really, so I can continue to play with them. (trains, planes and racing cars.))

I have two hollow core doors purchased from Builders' Supply's surplus door bin, (make sure they are straight) one is cut down to 3'x5' and on 2"x4" sawhorses. With a homesote tack board facing, this is easy to relocate to the other open basement space if it comes

available or to the garage during the summer. The other is built in across some existing shelving with 2"x4" sub framing is 2'-6"x6'-8" topped with acoustic ceiling pads 2'x4' for tack/building surfaces, which is also removable. The total space less shelving, hot water heater (which I straddle to get to winter airframe storage) and furnace is a cozy 6'-8"x9'-0".

The pre-existing particle board shelving has been great. It is 16" deep and goes around the perimeter of the space at 12" and 16" spacing vertically to about 5'-6". A few of the spans of the shelving were more than 4' to verticals which you can only put lightweight items on and a few have sagged. 3' spans are better with 3/4" particle board. Only about one half of the shelving is used for the hobby. One shelf has radio and electrical systems, one has RC parts in parts bins and arranged by systems, landing gear, running gear, fasteners, fuel systems, and motors. (One of the treatments for Alzheimer's is to sort parts and hardware into bins. (I figure I have halfzheimers already.)) One shelf

has kits that I want to build, one has balsa wood, plywood, hardwood blocking and sanding blocks/paper. There is a glue, adhesives, fillers, finishes/paint shelf. In the floor joists are two of winter hangars for the Aeromaster and Mustang. Under the stairs are the winter homes of the Club Avistar trainer and my son's Superstar trainer. I have peg board storage for all the wings above the shelving. Also in the rafters I

have most of the remaining fuselage of the Red Zephyr Old Timer that I crashed and am hoping to find the plans to rebuild. We are also repairing the SIG Wonder my son and I built and test flew/crashed last year. I have all the monocoat and some extra plans rolls in architectural drawing bin that makes them really handy to get to.

The really neat thing about my furnace room is that it has all the reminders of the stories of friends and family in the Omahawks making this hobby part of our lives. Each plane has a story of help and sharing by club members. Even an old TV and VCR to watch the video tapes of when our kids were little bitty, like the new leadership's kids are now! Happy New Year!

Steve

FLY WITH A PURPOSE

By Rusty Dose



Editors Note: Rusty Dose (the author) is an Omahawk member, a former Omahawk president, board member and a passionate pattern flyer. He is a Financial Advisor, currently resides in Wisconsin and is treasurer of the National Society of Radio Controlled Aerobatics (NSRCA). www.nsrca.org. Rusty has agreed to do a series of articles for HawkTalk which the editor feels will be of great value to the club, even though most of us are sport flyers and not particularly interested in competitive "Pattern Flying".]

WHAT IS "PATTERN" FLYING?

Pattern is a form of radio-controlled flight. More precisely, it's the careful execution of a series of precision acrobatic maneuvers within an imaginary box in the sky — all according to a special set of guidelines. There are 5 classes (or levels of competition) in Pattern, each higher class marked by increasing complexity and difficulty of maneuvers. These classes include: Sportsman, Intermediate, Advanced, Masters and FAI. The FAI class designates flyers ready to compete in international World Aerobatic Championships.

Guidelines for pattern flight cover things like the size and weight of the aircraft (any plane up to eleven pounds, with a maximum wingspan of two-meters). For more detailed information on the maneuvers & guidelines, see the [2005 AMA Regulations](#) (free download in PDF format).

Governed by the [NSRCA](#) in the USA, pattern flying is actually a worldwide sport. You can find lots of information on the web to help you get a better understanding, but the best thing to

do is download the regulations mentioned above, and start practicing the moves.

HOW CAN PRECISION FLYING HELP ME?

Fly more confidently * Fly more safely * Fly in more challenging weather conditions (*WIND*) * Fly more complex models * Improve your enjoyment of all aspects of model flying.

HOW DOES ONE LEARN TO FLY WITH PRECISION?

Fly with a purpose * Learn about how your airplane flies by "trimming" for specific conditions * Learn about how your model responds to airspeed, rudder, pitch and roll inputs * Learn how and which propeller will enhance the models performance * Learn the correct method and practices to takeoff * Learn the rectangular traffic pattern to land * Learn the correct method and practices to take-off * Learn the rectangular traffic pattern to land * Learn the rectangular traffic pattern to land * Learn how to program your computer radio * Learn how to set-up and adjust your control throws mechanically * Learn how to "crab" when landing * Learn a variety of aerobatic maneuvers * Learn a series of maneuvers or a complete schedule for the ultimate challenge.

See you next month..... Rusty

E-MAIL TO BRAD

[Always nice to read! - A note addressed to retiring president and our web master, Brad Shaink - www.omahawks.com]

From: "Michael Lavender"
Date: Tue, 27 Dec 2005 22:53:32 -0500

Wow!!!! The 2005 year in review video was first rate. As a former member, I saw lots of faces I remember. You all are so lucky to have such a nice field, LOW membership fees and all the dedicated members to make it all happen year after year. The Omahawks is, by far the best club I've ever encountered.

Thanks, Michael Lavender
Sandusky, Ohio Skyhawk940@bex.net

UNSCHEDULED JANUARY FUN FLY

What do you get when the temperature outside is in the 50's, the sun is shining and the breeze is mild and going right down the runway in January? *An unscheduled fun fly!* With the unusually warm day many Omahawk's members decided to come out to Hawk Field on Saturday, January 7 to enjoy an afternoon of flying and visiting with fellow club members and other Hawk Field flyers. The parking lot was full and there were lots of planes in the pit area. At one point there were eight aircraft flying at once. A little bit of everything was in the air; electrics, trainers, pattern, 3-D, and scale aircraft.

One could not ask for a better day to blow the cobwebs from his airplane. I wonder if we will be as lucky on the 11th at the Winter Festival. *Steve Culver*



“Even a Monkey can do It”.



Well by now we are or should be heavy into our building season. That is one of the great things about being in the Midwest...we have a reason for the season, building. With that building season comes a great responsibility. (lol) OK , just kidding but we do have great opportunities here to do something new or something different. I went down into my basement and looked around at the scene. I have so many kits in different stages of being finished that I don't need to start a new project....just finish what I have and I am sure I am not the only one. Now when you have choices...like I do, it gives you opportunities to try new and different finishing techniques. I try with every plane to try some new technique and to perfect an old one. That brings us to the topic of this article. I have a Wing manufacturing F6F-3 Hellcat that is just sitting in my basement. The plane is finished when it comes to being built. I have a RCV 90 4 stroke that will power this machine with a scale size 3 blade propeller. This engine will be an article unto itself. I have the paint scheme and documentation picked out....I think. I have the plane glassed and sanded so what has been holding me up? Panel lines....panel lines have thrown me off track. Now with the Hellcat, one of the most obvious features of the plane are the panel lines. They are to me a main feature of the plane and without them its not a Hellcat. So how do I duplicate this special feature?

There are several ways to simulate panel lines just as there are several different types of panels and you can use some none or all of these to finish your project. I will run thru several of these. The easiest way to do panel lines is to just go ahead and paint the plane and draw them in with a pen or pencil. This is not a bad way but it doesn't bring the plane to life and also the panel lines are not fuel proof. Another method is to use chart tape. You can find this at most hobby stores or art stores. There are 2 ways to use chart tape. One way is to lay the tape down over your drawn in panel lines. When that is done you would then spray some primer over the panel lines to get a nice build up. You would then take some steel wool and lightly buff over these lines to knock the edge off. You would then remove the tape leaving raised panel lines and then paint as usual. Another option is to leave the tape on the plane and paint over them. I have used both methods with different degrees of success. But once again this doesn't fully duplicate what is on the plane.



The method I have chosen to use of course is not new just improved. There is a product out there called “Flite Metal.” It is basically an aluminum tape that you cut to match your panels and stick on. You then steel wool and paint as you desire or if you desire. I have seen many examples of this product and they are extremely realistic finishes. It takes time and patience to do it right. So guess which route I am taking sorta? I will try the aluminum tape but it will just be your standard aluminum tape from the hardware store. At a cost of 2 rolls of monokote, and some time I will be able to duplicate the type of panel lines on the Hellcat. I will from time to time show some pics and report back on my progress.



“The Scale Guys!” It's official. Basically, that is what we have decided to call ourselves. We had our 1st meeting at Jim Simonitch's house and it was great. We had over 20 guys show up for the first meeting. We come from every flying club in the area. We fly everything from indoor tissue flyers to 1/4 scale fiberglass monsters. We found that we love scale airplanes and scale flying. No hovering birds need apply. We know that we love to brag about our projects and we want to learn as much as we can to improve our craft. The funniest remark of the night was, “even a monkey can do it.” That kinda summed up the whole concept of the group. There are some things that



some of the guys know and take for granted, not realizing that there are others of us who want to know and learn those secrets. We had some show and tell, we had some exchange of ideas. We tried to setup some guidelines and some goals. It is all still new and nothing is set in stone or final. Contact Jim or me for details of the next meeting. Here is an Idea that Jim and I discussed. How about the group getting together to all build one type of airplane? You know to build a squadron of one type of air-



plane? I contacted Skyshark Models and they said they would give a group discount for purchase of their planes. Think about it. It's a great idea and a way to share ideas and techniques. Well until next month..... If you guys have pictures, ideas , questions or just want to voice your opinion about something.

Let me know.... Tony Green

FIRST FLIGHT 2006

A STEVE CULVER PRODUCTION

For a January day in Nebraska, the weather for our annual Omahawks First Flight was anything but usual. Instead of having to deal with a freezing Alberta Clipper wind out of the north and snow measured in feet, we had some down-right pleasant weather for us to fly in.

This year, the morning of January 1st was a crisp 36 degrees with the sun shining and a light breeze out of the east. Perfect flying conditions for a January day! Approximately 20 die hard Omahawks took to the air New Years Day to participate in the annual First Fly event., as a dozen or two spectators looked on. Both electric and gas planes were on hand to take advantage of the "mild" winter weather.

The first in the air at 9:00 a.m. was to receive a free breakfast courtesy of your correspondent. Since the electrics do not make enough noise to worry about, there were a few of up in the air prior to 9:00 a.m. The first electric plane flying was piloted by Mike Lollis, our new Vice President. At a minute or so before 9:00 a.m. pilots were attempting to start their engines and race to be the first in the air. Jim Henley was the first to pilot a gas plane in the air for the 2006 flying season. Both pilots enjoyed a tasty breakfast at Hy-Vee on *yours truly*.



Of course the day would not be as much fun if we failed to find the opportunity to make fun of someone's misfortune of crashing and taking over the title of "First to Crash at First Flight!" This year the honor goes to our club treasurer, Kevin Hyde. It was reported that he actually crashed twice. First on take off which tore off a wheel and again on landing where the entire landing gear structure broke off. I guess when you fly those fast jets all the time it is hard to fly a little slower. Congratulations Kevin! I am sure you will survive the same level of teasing I received when I had the honor two years ago.

After a wonderful morning of flying, most of us met at Hy-Vee for some hot coffee and a delicious breakfast. I believe over 20 people showed to eat breakfast and at last count we had pushed together six tables so everyone could sit together.

Thanks to everyone that got out of bed early and came to Hawk Field to either fly or watch. I thought this was a great way to spend a New Years morning. Next year I'm shooting for needing eight tables for breakfast! *Steve Culver*



OMAHAWK WINTER FESTIVAL 2006

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and hopes to obtain a medical degree and become a brain surgeon.

➤ The festival consists of three events. Obviously, **The Crowning of the Queen** is first.

➤ The second event is the **Festival Challenge**. Immediately after the crowning ceremony, those valiant members who picked up the gauntlet (thrown down at he club meeting on **Friday January 27th**) by Squire Steve Peck, director (and invested a \$10 entree fee), will attempt to reclaim their money plus divide \$100 of club funds and the entry fees of those poor souls who did not meet the challenge.

HERE IS THE CHALLENGE

Regardless of the weather or other conditions the **Challenge** is this:

1. Take off from whatever may be available - ice, snow, slush, mud or asphalt.
2. Complete an entire 360 degree circular flight. Direction of the path and landing are optional.
3. Director Peck will be sole referee and judge.

➤ The third event will be a gala party for **ALL Omahawks and their ladies** at the Venice Inn at 72nd and Pacific. Following the banquet, the days activities will be reviewed and our Queen will present the awards to the champions.

YA ALL COME

MENUE:

Prime Rib with au jus (10 oz)...\$20.95

Grilled Salmon Filet.....\$19.95
(with Béamise sauce)

Chicken Marsala.....\$17.75
(brest sauteed with mushrooms
Capers ans Marsala wine)

Baked Lasagna.....\$17.25

[Dinner wine, tax & tip included]

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY



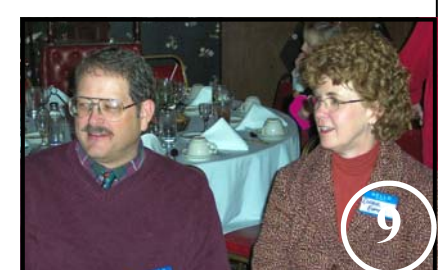
★ Photos by President, Steve Culver, shown on right watching Ralph count the cash with Treasurer Keven Hyde on the left.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The Christmas party was a well attended a great time was had by one and all. Sixty-four people enjoyed a great meal and almost everyone received a door prize. Ralph Brown set up the event at Venice Inn and Steve Culver helped him check everyone in. Fred and Janet Wilke, once again prepared the wonderful center pieces. They were given away, later, to many of our lucky ladies, in addition to a number of gift certificates to Village Point mall. Brad and I visited Harbor Freight and gathered a bunch of trinkets for the boys.

Later, Brad Shaink turned over the gavel to Steve Culver and thanked the 2005 board for their help in guiding the club through another successful year. Then we all enjoyed another spectacular "A Year in Review" video produced by Brad. Those who were unable to make the Christmas party you can view the video on our Web Site, www.omahawks.org. Thanks to those who provided pictures and attended the events to make the video possible and the year a great success for the Omahawk's Club.

Kevin Hyde



"Hawk Talk"

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Winter Festival
Saturday, Februry 11th

FULL DETAILS INSIDE

Where Go Thou?

One of the major problems of editing and producing a news-letter is maintaining the quality that one desires and also ending up with an even number of pages in his publication. The January dead line has arrived and I have this half page which is currently empty. Rather than spend a couple of hours increasing font and picture sizes or line spacing to fill the space, I am going to attempt to, share a concern or two which I feel should to be addressed. for the continued good health of both Hawk Field and our club. Even with the efforts of dedicated directors and excellent officers over many years, the club is facing some issues that are not being resolved.

1. We are experiencing a drop in

both club membership and field use. We can not afford to continue to remain complacent. Very simply, **we grow or we wither and die**. The responsibility for continued growth must be shared by our entire membership.

2. After 20 years, we have yet to come to grips with the Park department in connection with our enforcement of field rules and the application of penalties in the management of Hawk Field. There should be little doubt that this needs to be resolved.

3. As managers of Hawk Field and in the interest of both club and public safety, our outstanding Flight Training Program should be made available to all flying permit holders, including non club members.

4. To the East of the runway, on Corps

of Engineers dam site property, a grove of trees is developing and could (in time become a flying hazard. If, after careful consideration, the club feels that to be the case we should initiate negotiations now with both the Fed and the City to possibly resolve a potential future problem. What we do **not** want to do is wait for a group of discontents to form a party of chainsaw commandos and create a Federal case out of the situation..

Where go thou? It takes a lot of thought and effort to perform the work demanded of a good productive club. I hope that this year you will share some of yours with Steve and his crew. There is much more to R/C than just a search for F-U-N.

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