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**** AGENDA ****

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, January 25, 2008 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

PROGRAM: Dick Behrens talks about float flying

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, February 6, 2008 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

Don't Miss Winterfest!

Come see the crowning of the 2008 Omahawks queen!

JANUARY MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, JAN 25

7:00 p.m.

11926 ARBOR ST

Program: Dick Behrens Talks about Float Flying

Raffle:



Tower Hobbies .40 Trainer and set of Floats

Once again we find ourselves at the start of a new year. Where did the last one go? I was just getting used to 2007 and now they tell me it's a whole new year for flying fun. And a frigid one it is at that. This is shaping up to be the coldest year I have seen yet for flying in winter.

And that is what make Winterfest great! This is not just a day in the sun. This is a test! A test of your manliness; a test of your flying prowess; a test of your willingness to freeze your buns off to see a pretty girl in a swimsuit! And lastly, it's a test to see who can go home with more money than they came with.

That's right! For a mere \$10.00 entry fee, you can have a profitable part in separating the men from the boys. Sign up at the meeting and put your money in the pot. Those that show up and fly on Winterfest day take home an equal share of the pot! And, later that night, we'll all get together for dinner at the Venice Inn.

So, come on out, greet our Queen for 2008, fly for cash, and prove your manhood to your friends. There's money to be made and fun to be had out on the frozen tundra. Don't miss out!

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Danielle - Our 2006 Queen

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Feb 16 - Winterfest
- ★ Feb 29 - General Meeting
- ★ March 5 - Business Meeting
- ★ March 28 - General Meeting

THE MINUTES

Nathan King, Secretary

Business Meeting.....1/9/2008

Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports

? Treasurers Report – Ed Paasch

Are the 2007 financials closed?

What paperwork do we have to get signed for the new Officers and to take Steve off (Great Western Bank forms)?

Did we pay the asphalt repair company yet?

Membership Chairman Report – Ralph Brown
Newsletter Report – Mike Berger
Event Report – Omahawks First Flight Hawk Field

Asphalt repair. Are we okay with what has been done?

One porta-potty still there as of last Friday.

Old Business

Web Site Committee. For discussion, shall we pay the domain and web hosting fees, starting this month?

Brad would like a few minutes, also.

Transition to new Board

I have a CD of all the documents from Steve.

Also, plaques and hard copies of paperwork from AMA, Hawk Field and miscellaneous.

Ralph has reserved the Venice Inn for our 2008 Christmas Party, to be held on December 6, 2008.

New Business

AMA Charter Application

An application package will automatically be sent in January to all current AMA Chartered Clubs for renewal.

Gold Leader Club

We should apply for this for 2008? Board decision.

AMA Park Pilot Program. Nothing on the AMA web site about this yet. Says "Coming Soon"

Flying events in the AMA magazine

Do we need to ask members to plan and request club funding earlier in the year? This might help the Board and members in planning and organization and submitting dates for publication (either AMA or Hawk Talk)

Push to have the event sponsor send the info to the AMA?

Do only AMA sanctioned events get published?

Program and raffle item for January general meeting.



Mike's new night flier.



This poster is from Olie's Hobby Center. It was found during the renovation of the building for a new restaurant.



Fun with foam.



→ Steve gets 4 tickets.
↓ And Dan gets 4 tickets.
That doesn't seem fair!

Renew Your Membership or Suffer the Wrath of Ralphie!

All 2007 memberships have expired as of January 1. If you want to fly, you must renew your AMA and Omahawks memberships for 2008. See Ralph Brown for details.



PRESIDENT'S 2008 KICKOFF

Happy New Year, everyone.

Ah, a change of the year and a change of the guard. Well, the guards of the business, anyway. Let's see in '06, I joined the club, learned to fly and crash (like that was real difficult). Then, in '07, I served as your club Vice-President, fly a little more, crashed a little more (figures). And, now you've confided in me to run the Omahawks as your 2008 Club President. Thanks, so much for your confidence. I hope to live up to your expectations.

As those who were at the Christmas Party heard me say, I'm not big on public speaking. However, I do want to take just a few minutes of your time.

First, let's all give a big, "Thank You" to Steve Culver, for 2 very productive years as President. He guided us through a lot of improvements at Hawk Field, and also, was very instrumental in getting the Omahawks club to join the AMA, and then we received the "Gold Leader" status as an AMA affiliated club. Thanks, for all your time and hard work, Steve. Now, go spend more time flying.

Now, let's get 2008 off to a good start.

The other Officers and Board members, "guards" if you will, for 2008 are;

Vice-President: Bill Bender

Secretary: Nathan King

Treasurer: Ed Paasch

Board Members: Doc Greenberg, Claude Weimer, Ralph Brown, Skip Brown, and Eric Morgan, who is also Field Chairman and Flight Program Coordi-

nator (how's that for filling your plate?).

Remember, helping at club "fun" events, as well as, "work" events, also helps yourself. Please, lend a hand, when you can, especially, at Training nights. If you're not confident enough in your ability to act as an instructor, (that would be me), we could still use your help as ground crew personnel. This takes a big load off of Eric's and the instructors' shoulders, so they can concentrate on the student pilots. And, really does make each night go smoother. And, it's fun, too. I enjoyed it, last year, and I plan to be there again, this year. Hope to see you there.

As I write this message, many are looking forward to "First Flight", coming up on New Years Day. However, as you read this, "First Flight" will have already happened. Hope it will be, is, was (whatever the case may be) a fun time.

Watch for all the usual events. And, if you have an idea for a fun fly or contest, bring it up for discussion.

Hope to see lots of faces at the General Meeting on Friday, the 25th.

Also, feel free to attend the Business Meeting on Tuesday, February 6th.

Have a Safe Flight Day

- E.J. Murphy

Have you renewed your membership?

Remember, all Omahawk members must have their 2008 AMA and Omahawks memberships paid in order to fly at Hawk Field! If you haven't renewed, get it done! You can't fly until you do! Don't forget, Ralph is watching....

Thank you Omahawks

It was a very rewarding two years to serve as your President! I was very fortunate to have a wonderful group of guys who served as Officers and Board Members to help achieve the goals we had set out to attain. No one person on the Omahawks Board can accomplish much. But together as a team I feel we did accomplished our goals while making many improvements to Hawk Field. I would again like to thank the 2006/2007 Omahawks Board and the Omahawks membership for their support over the last two years and ask for your continued support of the 2008 Board of Directors as we enter the new year.

- Steve Culver

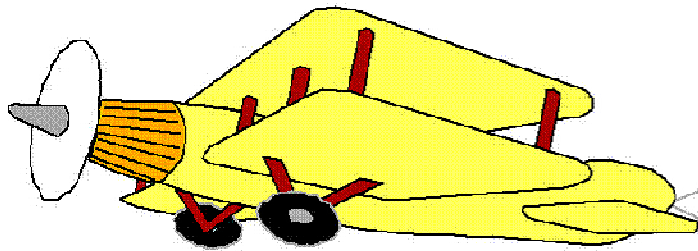


Nice tie!



Here's a first—Ralph lets someone else talk!

OMAHA HAWK'S



Saturday February 16, 2008

12:00 P.M. at Hawk Field

138th & Fort

A white banner with a black border, containing the word 'WINTERFEST' in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline. The banner is slightly curved and has a shadow effect.

The rules remain the same:

1. Must R.O.G. (Rise Off Ground) or snow or ice or water. What ever is available.
2. Must perform a vertical or horizontal 360 degree turn in the air.
3. Landing is an option.
4. May be plane, helicopter, glider or anything generally described as an aircraft
5. May be electric, fuel, gas, or Hi Start.
6. Must fly your own airplane or have an instructor fly it. (No sharing)
7. \$10.00 entry fee is non-refundable.
8. All qualified flyers will share in the prize money.

A ten dollar entry fee must be paid by the end of the January meeting. This contest has never nor will it ever be called off because of the weather. The entry fee is put into a pot. If you fly you share in the pot. If you don't fly you donate to the pot.

We will be crowning a Queen who will be dressed in summer attire to warm are hearts.

That night we will go out to eat at **Venice Inn, 6920 Pacific**, and look at video of how silly we looked and have the Queen, hand out the loot. We gather for fellowship and drinks at 6:00 and have our dinner at 7:00.

The meal Choices are, 8 oz Club Steak \$19.40, Lemon Cat Fish, \$18.75 Chicken Marsala \$18.75 or Fried Chicken \$15.00. Prices includes tax and tip.

This event is held for three major reasons. One is for the chance to check out your equipment in the middle of the winter. The second reason is for a chance for some publicity and the third reason is for a chance to get the wives involved in an event where they watch their husbands receive money for being in this hobby.

Please call with your questions to Stephen Peck 763 8577.

DO YOU REMEMBER BILL DURAND?

On Thursday, January 10th, Roger Durand brought his dad, Bill Durand, out to our office. Back when I was nine years old, Bill had a model airplane shop in his folks' basement at 50th and Miami Street and I started buying model kits there for ten cents each. Glue was about three cents for a little lass tube - if you left the cork off, it would evaporate. Bill is now 93 years old and in good health. We had lunch together at Leo's Restaurant and talked about old times.

Bill designed our office building and also the building that Olie Olson had his Hobby Center in along with his dad's "Olson Meat Market."

Bill was a designer of home built airplanes and a teacher at Omaha University in the aeronautical department. Also he had an architecture business on his property at 84th and McKinley Street.

In 1945, during WWII, bill was in charge of the redesign of the Enola Gay B-29 so it could drop the "Big Boy" atomic bomb. That was all done at the Martin Bomber plant. Olie Olson also worked on that project in 1945.

When the Omahawks lost their flying field and were making a new field at Standing Bear Lake, Bill let the club use his airport field for our flying site until the R/C field, now known as Hawk Field, was complete.

- Ralph Brown

A note from the editor: Ralph sent me a picture of him and Bill together, but I was unable to get a good scan of it and thus could not include it here. Sorry

HAWK TALK BRR! A COLD FIRST FLIGHT

9:00 a.m. on the first of January greeted us with a very cold Northwest wind and sub-zero temperatures. Upon arriving, we noticed about ten cars in the parking lot, but no one in the pits. Nathan and I got my Avistar out of the truck and, with some coaxing with ether, got the motor running. The runway looked like the frozen Siberian tundra with light fluffy waves of powdery snow blowing across it. With the help of Nathan and Ron Pacana, we got the plane into the air for a quick flight. Fred Wilke had the only other plane there and he got airborne shortly thereafter. This was probably the shortest event the Omahawks has ever had. We timed it at 14 minutes.

Everyone then piled into Hy-Vee for a much enjoyed breakfast and thaw. About 12 people attended. Since it was Tuesday, the morning bunch were there also. We had a good time joining them for breakfast and greeting another memorable New Year!

- Skip Brown

A CALL FOR OMAHAWKS FLYING EVENTS

As in past years the Omahawks Board of Directors is requesting club members to submit their request for club funded events as soon as possible. If you would like to sponsor a flying event at Hawk Field and would like to request club funding for the event please contact a Board member with the name, date, and time of the event and how much club funds you are requesting for your event. You may also make your request at the Omahawks Board meeting scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month at

UNsung HERO

Every month the majority of the Omahawks members eagerly await the delivery of their monthly Hawk Talk. The problem is, the Hawk Talk is always in the mailbox the last week of the month and after a while some of us just take it for granted and come to just expect it to be there. Having never been an editor of anything, I can only imagine the work and time necessary to organize, publish and distribute a monthly publication sometimes with little or no contributions or submissions from the club membership (thank you Helen Paacsh for all the pictures!). You might ask why I write this. Like others I have been taking the delivery of our outstanding monthly newsletter for granted. Our current Editor, Mike Berger, who has also been a past Officer and Board Member, spends a great deal of time preparing one of the finest R/C newsletters in the country. I just wanted to say thank you to Mike for all his hard work and dedication and let him know the Hawk Talk is much appreciated and looked forward to each month. Keep up the outstanding job as editor!

- Steve Culver

Make-A-Wish at 7:00 p.m. to make a request. All funding using Omahawks club funds must be approved by a general membership vote. With this in mind, the Board is asking those members wanting to conduct a flying event to get the requests in as soon as possible so the schedule of events can be reviewed and posted for our membership. THANK YOU for considering sponsoring a flying event in 2008!

- Steve Culver

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Is this your last Hawk Talk?

If you have not renewed your Omahawks membership by the end of February, your subscription of Hawk Talk will come to an end. Be sure to sign up for 2008 so you don't miss out on the R/C world's best newsletter.

(but that's just my opinion. - *editor*)

DON'T BLAME THE PRINTER...

"Is today the 21st?" I asked in a panicked voice.

"Yes," she replied, "Why do you ask?"

"Because the meeting is only four days away!!!!"

Ouch! I really blew it this time. I could have sworn that the meeting was next Friday instead of this Friday. I was sure I had plenty of time left to do the newsletter. Heck, it just turned to January a few days ago! Wasn't Christmas just a week or so ago?

Nope. Sorry, Mr. editor. The holidays are over and it is now well past the middle of the month. And guess what? This month ends on a Thursday! You know what that means, don't you? It means the meeting is going to be a week earlier than usual!

Well, I know it now. And I'm getting no sympathy from my wife, either. She only asked me about 20 times if I had my newsletter done. No problem, honey, I've got plenty of time...

So, I blew it. Big time! And I don't have anybody but myself to blame. And all this after the wonderful article of thanks sent my way by Steve Culver. Boy, I really am living up to his praise, aren't I? So, if you are one of the many who will be receiving this newsletter after the meeting instead of before it, reading last month's news and wondering whether it's the printer or the post office to blame, ponder no more. It's all my bad this time. I guess I'll just put my faith in the old adage that it's best to screw up real bad right off the bat. That way you can't do worse and the pressure for achieving perfection is removed.

I'll do better the next time, I promise.

- *editor*

