



# Hawk Talk

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\*\*\*\* AGENDA \*\*\*\*

**GENERAL MEETING:** Friday, January 29, 2010 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.

**PROGRAM:** WWII German Aviation Video

**BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday, February 3, 2010 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

## PRESIDENT KICKS OFF 2010

Happy New Year everyone. Wow, another year has flown by, (pun intended) and you have again entrusted me to oversee the business of the Omahawks for 2010. Thank you and I hope to do my best.

2009 showed an increase in membership for the first time in quite awhile. We surpassed the previous 2 years in total members, and almost equaled the numbers for 2006. This was due to 25 new members joining and a few former members returning to the Omahawks.

### JANUARY MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, JAN 29

7:00 p.m.

118TH & ARBOR ST

Program: WWII German

Aircraft Video

Raffle: Great Planes

Viper 500 ARF



Thank you is in order for the 2009 officers and board members: Bob Wheeler, vice-president; Kevin Hyde, treasurer; Larry McChesney, secretary; and board members: Ralph Brown, Claude Weimer, Doc Greenberg, Nathan King, and field chairman, Nathan Brown.

The officers and board members for 2010 are: vice-president, Bob Wheeler; treasurer, Kevin Hyde; secretary, Larry McChesney; and board members: Skip Brown, Harry Perkons, Brad Perkons, and Bob Zitzlperger.

Now, let's get 2010 off to a good start. 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, we could still use your help as ground crew personnel. This takes a big load off of the instructors' shoulders, so they can concentrate on the student pilots, and it really does make each night go smoother. And, it's fun, too. I plan to be there again this year. Hope to see you there.

2009 also, saw the end of an era. After eight years, Brad Shaink has stepped aside as webmaster for the Omahawks.org website. Brad did a fine job of creating and maintaining

our world-class website. Brad was also instrumental in getting the membership application and payment by PayPal up and running, with the help of Kevin Hyde. Thanks for all your hard work, Brad, and to Kevin for his assistance. Mike Berger is now our new webmaster, and we look forward to seeing his creative touch in the future.

As I write this message, many are looking forward to "First Flight", coming up on New Years Day. Also, watch for all the usual events. And, if you have an idea for a fun fly or contest, bring it up to the Board for discussion.

Hope to see lots of faces at the General Meeting on Friday, the 29th. Also, feel free to attend the Business Meeting on Tuesday, February 3rd. Have a Safe Flight Day - E.J.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Jan 29 – General Meeting
- ★ Feb 3 – Business Meeting
- ★ Feb 13 - Winterfest
- ★ Feb 26 - General Meeting
- ★ Mar 3 - Business Meeting

# HAWK TALK

## THE MINUTES

Larry McChesney, Secretary

### Business Meeting....12/02/2009

Officers- E.J. Murphy, Bob Wheeler

Board member- Ralph Brown

Also, attending- Mikey Furrow, Harry Perkons, Brad Perkons, and Ed Paasch

Treasurers report.

Not available.

Membership report.

Ralph Brown reported we have 26 members for 2010, with 4 more applications in hand.

Events.

Ralp Brown reported, as of tonight's meeting, there are 60 guests signed up for the Christmas Party, on Saturday. Ed Paasch is working on the "Year In Review". E.J. will pick up a dozen Poinsettias, for center pieces and door prizes.

Reminder: First Flight is New Year's Day, at 9AM.

Field Report.

Mikey Furrow has offered to be Field Chairman for 2010. This will be addressed and a decision made by the new Board of Directors, at the January Business Meeting.



### Business Meeting.....1/6/2010

**Present:** Officers- E.J. Murphy, Bob Wheeler. Board member- Brad Perkons Also in attendance- Ed Paasch Because of the weather, only a few ventured out to the meeting. As a result, E.J. simply read his meeting agenda, for those in attendance. Followed by just a couple topics of discussion, to be addressed at the General Meeting.

**Treasurers report:** Not available

**Membership report:** E.J. reported, as of the meeting date, the website showed 27 members, with 5 of those as new members.

**Events:**

Steve Peck joined E.J. Murphy, to present our contribution check to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Nebraska. These funds are the result of all the hard work by the Omahawks members, friends and family, at the Labor Day Air Show. Also, E.J. submitted an article, with picture, for the newsletter. Check it out.

The Omahawks' Christmas Party was a lot of fun. Thank you, goes to Ed Paasch for creating the "2009 Year in Review" video. Also, Ed has burned a number of copies for others to view. Contact Ed or ask around, and we can pass around the disks, if you'd like to see the video. (With sound).

Bob Wheeler is preparing a location and dates

for the Flight Training Instructors Meeting and Ground School.

First Flight? Really? Some of you guys made your way through the snow drifts and cold temps? I'm impressed. And, "No," I did not make it (again) this year.

**Field Report:** (See New Business)

**Old Business:** Reminder: A lot of HawkTalk copies are still being printed. If you are still receiving a hard copy, you can help our club save some money, by electing to receive the newsletter electronically. Contact Kevin Hyde with your e-mail address, and we can take care of that for you.

**New business:** Field Chairman nominations for 2010 could not be addressed, because of the low attendance. Currently, Mikey Furrow is the only person that is being considered.

With the exception of the November General Meeting, all the other meeting dates for 2010, do not have any kind of holiday conflict. As such, the November General Meeting is re-scheduled for the 19th, (the week before Thanksgiving).



### General Meeting....11/20/2009

President E.J. Murphy opened the meeting. Guest Eric Krystof was welcomed.

**Membership Report** The membership report stated that current memberships for 2010 stands at twenty four. Five are new members.

**Newsletter Report** Mike Berger was present. He encouraged members to keep providing new material, articles, photo's, etc., and to "keep up the good work in this regard" There will not be another edition until January due to the holidays.

**General Member Announcements** E.J. shared that the soloed pilots will be awarded certificates at the holiday gathering if possible.

**Field Update** The shelter ceiling still needs to be caulked and the gable end siding painted before winter arrives. Your help in putting the final touches on the shelter will be appreciated. Contact the president or a board member if you can volunteer to complete this important work. Mowing has been terminated for the season.

**Event Reports**

The Labor Day Airshow netted a total of \$2,825.18. Kevin Hyde made a motion to use club funds to increase the check to an even \$3,000.00. It was seconded by Mike Berger. Motion was carried. A date to present the check to Make-A-Wish will now be set.

Indoor flying has begun on Sundays at The Digz. There is a small fee but the enjoyment "large."

**Old Business**

There was a short discussion regarding the new website. Look for it to be functional in January.

We were reminded that a lot of Hawk Talk hard copies are still being printed. The more who receive it electronically the less it will cost to send out the newsletter. If you want to participate contact Kevin Hyde at Khyde@omahawks.org. Send your email address.

New Business

- Remember the annual Christmas program/dinner is Saturday Dec. 5th. Sign up with Ralph Brown so that he has a count for the restaurant. Pay at the door as you arrive.

- The president acknowledged all those leaders/helpers who contributed in many ways to the success of the club this year.

- Those who organized events and the pilots assisting with the TAG activities for the kids.

Those who pitched in with the reconstruction of the pavilion, especially Dan Walz and Matt Myers for the extra time and effort organizing the work. And to the many members who were there to lend a hand, bring extra tools, equipment, water refreshments and lunch or to swing hammers.

-Thanks to all the board members for their service. We appreciate all those involved with the flight training program which enjoyed another successful year. Thanks to Ralph Brown for his Membership activity. Thanks to Mike Berger for his terrific job as the Editor of the Hawk Talk and now volunteering to assist as the Webmaster. We appreciate Steve Pecks work and commitment to the auction and for the Perkons and Nathan Brown for filling in those nasty runway cracks that used to swallow up those small electrics. And last but not least to Brad Shaink. We extend a big "thank you" for your effort and hard work as developer and webmaster for our club site over the years. This is a website for which we can all be proud.

**2010 Officer and Board Elections**

Nominations were:

President - E.J. Murphy

Vice President - Bob Wheeler

Treasurer - Kevin Hyde

Secretary - Larry McChesney

Board: Brad and Harry Perkons nominated by Ed Paasch and seconded by Kevin Hyde. Bob Zitzlsperger nominated by Bud Mitchell and seconded by Jeff Jacobs. Ed Paasch was nominated but asked that his name be removed from the slate. Dean Copleand made a motion to elect the slate as proposed. It was seconded by Mike Berger and motion carried.



Ralph gave a lengthy report



# Meeting Magic Moments



I won! I won! I won!



Ed shows off Fred Tuckerman's work



Is that a Falcon 56?



Matt has a sweet new ARF



Steve and EJ present Make-A-Wish with the proceeds from the Labor Day Air Show



# Omahawks Party Hearty!

On a crisp and clear December evening (which just happened to be the same night as the Big 12 Championship game) the Omahawks gathered to celebrate the Christmas season among friends at the Venice Inn. About 60 Hawks and guests braved the cold weather to join the fun.

The food was great (as usual) and we all enjoyed the video presentation of the year in review as presented by Ed and Helen Paasch.

Many thanks were given to all of the members that worked hard through the year to make the club successful for another year and Steve Peck was given a major award as the Master of Show and Tell for the Omahawks!



Would you accept a gift from this man?



Skip's gonna pay for this one!



It's a major award!



## RRR-FIRST RRR-FLIGHTS!



Kevin Hyde tries to find his way between the drifts



Mike (?) flew the only gas plane.

Some time ago, out on the frozen tundra of the upper Midwest, some deranged lunatic got the idea that it would be "fun" to go out into the middle of a field in the middle of winter and do something really crazy, like fly radio controlled airplanes! When his friends heard of this ridiculous notion, they thought that they could either have him committed to a nice safe institution or they could go along with the idea and see if it really was fun.

It must have been fun because, to this day, there are still a few brave loonies that can't think of anything better to do on a frozen winter day than to go out flying! Such was the case on January first when a dedicated group of about ten fliers took to the air at Hawk Field to lay claim to being the first to fly in the new year.

2010 was definitely good year for demonstrating fortitude (or lunacy). The temperature hovered around 6 degrees above zero and the remains of our Christmas blizzard still covered the field.

Three planes made it into the air. One gas and two electric. Dennis Bender was the first to get a plane off the runway, though his flight wasn't entirely successful. As Olie once said, "the plane reached the ground more slowly than gravity, so it might be said that the plane flew."

After it was all over, a bunch of the loonies went to Hy Vee for breakfast and hot coffee.



Bob brought warm clothes and stimulants

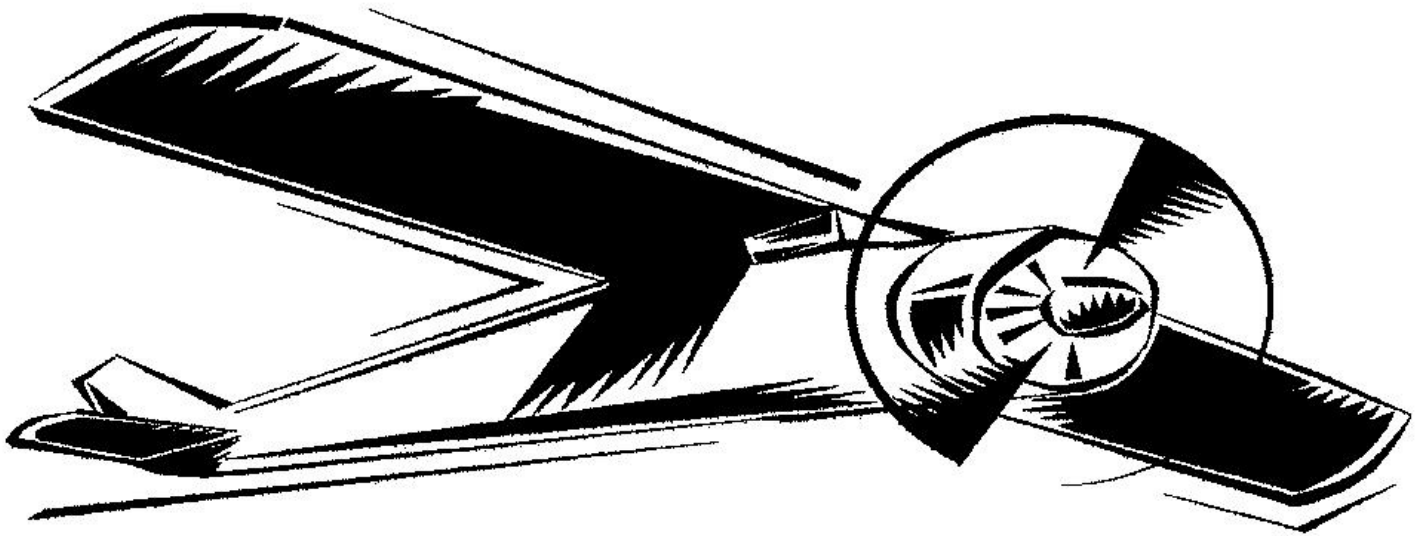


Dennis tried valiantly to coax his plane up.



The R/C doctors all consulted, but the patient couldn't be revived.





**OMAHAWK'S R/C FLYING  
WINTER FESTIVAL - SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 13<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 NOON  
AT HAWK FIELD 139TH & FORT**

Winter Festival is set for Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 noon right in the middle of Hawk Field. We will crown our Queen in her summer attire, and then the R/C Aircraft will take to the air to earn their money and place in history. All you have to do is give \$10.00 of good faith money at the January Meeting, to make sure you show up on Saturday the 13th, and after the Queen is crowned all you have to do is rise off what ever is there (ground, snow, water, ice, etc.), do a 360 degree turn in the air (horizontal, vertical or combination). That is it, landing is always optional. Then you not only get your money back but the club puts up money just to see you fly. Now if other entrants decide not to fly, then you share their money too. Isn't that great! There is just one thing to remember, we fly no matter what the weather. Your money will be awarded at Dinner at The Venice Inn by the Queen. 6:00 drinks, 7:00 dinner, a Movie of your flight will be shown.

Dinner prices include tax and tip. 10 oz Prime Rib, Au Jus \$22.95, 3 PC Jumbo Shrimp \$21.75, Baked Lasagna \$18.75, 4 pc Fried Chicken \$15.50.



## QUESTION AND ANSWER TIME

*(The following question and answer came from correspondence between Dick Behrens and Bob Aberle of Model Aviation magazine. Dick felt it would be good to share it with the rest of the club. - editor)*

Bob,

I have some over night chargers that came with the radios near 20 years ago. I have Add a Trickle in the line of two of them. How can I tell if the chargers are still putting out 50 and 70 ma or less with the trickle charge in the line. Do you know of a simple ammeter to check the outputs.

Dick Behrens

Dick,

I'm not sure exactly where you are at right now. You didn't say, but I hope you are not trying to trickle charge a Li-Poly battery, that's a definite no -- no! Trickle charging should be considered only for your Ni-CD and NiMH batteries. The trickle rate shouldn't be any more than C/50. So a 600 mAh pack only needs about 12 mA and no more.

You could probably buy a Radio Shack multimeter. They don't usually have high current ranges, but you only need something that goes up to about 50 mA anyway.

Our hobby industry has digital meters, but they are mostly all set up to read only voltage, not current. The one that might work for you is the Astro Flight digital meter that we use for electric powered flight. It can read current, voltage and power (watts). It costs about \$50 and if you plan on eventually going electric it would be a good investment at this time. To measure current, of course, you just insert the meter in series in one of the two battery leads, usually the plus or positive lead.

Bob Aberle

Model Aviation

## THE REAL MYSTERY PLANES...

As the editor of the Hawk Talk, I am occasionally presented with something interesting but not the entire story. Such is the case with these two photographs. They were sent to me with little more explanation than that there would surely be someone in the club that could tell me about them. These two airplanes (in the foreground below) have some connection with a present member of the club. Who that is, I don't know. But I am putting these photos in the newsletter in the hope that he will see them and be able to re-

port to the rest of us the significance of them. He may very well have to think way back into a fairly fuzzy brain to come up with the answer, but I am quite certain that it's in there somewhere.

If you want to find out the answer to the mystery, be sure to come to the January meeting at Make-A-Wish to find out. Hopefully the keeper of this secret will still be able to find his way around enough to show up and tell us what the story behind these beautiful planes is.

- editor



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## **Paid your dues?**

Everybody always says, "I've paid my dues!" But have you really? Have you paid your 2010 Omahawks and AMA dues? If you haven't, make sure to come to the meeting, Friday and pay them up or send them in to Ralph.

**Don't miss the  
fun in 2010!**

## JANUARY MYSTERY PLANE

Here you go, guys. This one should be a little bit harder than the last one. The first person to send me the answer will earn the eternal respect of his peers by being mentioned in this space next month. Send me your answers at [hawk-talk@omahawks.org](mailto:hawk-talk@omahawks.org). I'll let you know next month what this one is.

Last month's mystery plane was the McDonnell XP-67 Moonbat. It was intended to be a long range fighter designed for a USAAF contract to be delivered in 1943. After several delays in production, a prototype was flown on January 6, 1944. The coming of the jet age ended the XP-67's future.

Larry Quigley was the first to identify the plane from November. He was followed very closely by Dean Copeland.

