



Hawk Talk

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**** AGENDA ****

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, January 28, 2007 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

PROGRAM: TBA

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, February 2, 2007 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

WELCOME TO WINTER!

Blah.... Blah, blah, blah. Boy, winter has certainly sprung, hasn't it? I'm sitting here feeling the chill in the air, having just spent the day cleaning up after a six inch snowfall and I definitely have the winter blues. I'm ready for winter to be over and it's barely a month old. What's an R/Cer to do? This is the time of year when it seems like we'll never see spring. And indoor flying just isn't the same as going out to the field on a nice crisp spring day. So here I sit and mope, hoping for the light at the end of the cold winter tunnel.

But, wait! There is hope on

the horizon. It may not be spring yet, but the opening of the 2011 Omahawks' Flying Season is at hand. In just a couple of quick weeks we will be having our annual Winterfest celebration to open the new flying season. Steve Peck, who has run this event for many years has announced that the big day will be held on Saturday, February 19th. The queen will be crowned at 12:00 noon sharp and the 2011 flying season will be officially open.

This year the Queen of the Omahawks will be 18 year old Megan Bohn. She is a student at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and a cheerleader for the Omaha Nighthawks. She will be crowned at the field at noon and will officiate at the dinner at the Venice Inn that evening.

And, of course you all know that this event is also a contest to test the fortitude of the brave pilots in the club. Each pilot who dares will put up \$10.00 to enter the contest. The club will add money to the pot, too, and all pilots who successfully fly on the

big day (no matter what the weather) will split up the proceeds among themselves in a desperate effort to show their wives that money can be made at this otherwise expensive little hobby of ours.

After that is all done we will meet up at the Venice Inn for dinner at 6:00.

Come to the meeting on Jan 28th or contact Steve Peck for more details.

- editor

JANUARY **MEETING AT** **MAKE-A-WISH**

FRIDAY, JAN 28

7:00 p.m.

11926 Arbor St

Program: ???

Raffle :

Neat Float Fly stuff

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Jan 28 - General Meeting
- ★ Feb 2 - Business Meeting
- ★ Feb 19 - Winter Festival
- ★ Mar 26&27 - RC Aircraft Festival at the Air and Space Museum

THE MINUTES

Erik Krystoff, Secretary

General Meeting....11/18/2010

President E.J. Murphy opened the meeting. Meeting attendance count was thirty eight members.

Membership Report: The membership report was given by Ralph Brown. He currently has thirty three members for 2011 with eight who are new.

Newsletter Report: E.J. thanked Mike Berger for his hard work on the newsletter for the year. Mike spoke to the need for material from membership to include in the newsletter.

Field Update: Mikey Furrow reported that the graffiti at the field has been painted over and we are "clean again.". Relamping the field area light is still being worked out. More news will be available at the next business meeting.

Event Reports: Erik Krystoff reported on two "night flying events" held over the last few weeks. The first one on Friday night saw around thirty people attending. Some flying and some just there enjoying the occasion as well as some excellent chili. Enjoyed by many but unfortunately "not Bud Mitchell." Guess is goes to show that the "early bird gets the worm." It was an excellent Paasch recipe.

The Cub Scout event that had been scheduled for Nov 7th had to be cancelled and will be set up again in the spring.

Old Business:

The Club By-Laws are now posted on the website under "Members only."

There was more discussion and a reminder that the club roster books will be printed in the spring. Membership had no input regarding the number of copies that might need to be printed.

New Business:

Kevin Hyde made a motion, second by Mike Berger, that the club allocate \$500 for gift certificates for wives attending holiday party and flower center pieces. Discussion included questions about whether this had been budgeted last spring. We were reminded that it had been discussed in general terms but a dollar amount not set at that time. Second was the matter of the amount of money. It was noted that this is about the same amount of money spent on the event last year. Following this discussion, the vote passed.

The club secretary is preparing a thank you letter for Stoysich House of Sausage for the hot dogs donated for the Air Show on Labor Day.

Steve Peck has been in touch with the Air and Space Museum. They are planning a day long RC flying/static display event next March 26th and 27th. Several area clubs will be invited to participate.

Officer Elections:

Following was the slate:
President Steve Culver
Vice President Bob Zitzlperger
Secretary Eric Krystoff
Treasurer Kevin Hyde

The president asked if there were any further nominations. None being heard Kevin Hyde moved to close the nominations. Larry McChesney seconded. Motion passed. Steve Culver made a motion to vote once on the slate of nominations noted above rather than

individual votes. Bob Wheeler seconded. President Murphy called for the vote to approve the slate of officers for the calendar year of 2011 so specified above. Vote passed.

Following this we moved to Board positions. By-Laws indicate that the previous years officers would take a position on the new Board. Bob Wheeler declined. E.J. Murphy and Larry McChesney accepted the position for the 2011 board. Brad Perkons was nominated to a second term but due to personal business he declined. Others nominated were:

Harry Perkons, nominated by Ed Paasch and second by Scott Johnson
Ed Paasch, nominated by Brad Perkons and second by Mike Berger

Kevin Hyde made the motion to close nominations. Seconded by Mike Berger. Motion carried.

A second motion was made by Brad Perkons, seconded by Scott Johnson, to vote by show of hands on the slate. Motion carried.

Mike Berger made a motion to approve the slate for the two open board positions with a second from Kevin Hyde. Motion passed.

The position remaining open is the Field Chair which will be the responsibility of the new officers and board.

Raffle: Rick Haneline won the FlyZone Albatross, Ron Pancana and Mikey Furrow won a gallon of fuel each.

Business Meeting....1/05/2011

Meeting called to order at 7:08

Officers - Steve Culver, Bob Zitzlperger, Eric R. Krystoff, Kevin Hyde. Others Present: Dennis Bender, Dick Behrens, Ralph Brown, Michael Furrow, Ed Paasch, EJ Murphy, Larry McChesney, Jim DeLawter, Brad Perkins, Harry Perkins, Dan Walz

Treasurer's Report: Kevin Hyde presented Treasurer's Report Confirmed that Steve is still waiting on paperwork related to new Officer positions, Kevin Hyde is still taking on responsibility of web updates, but interested in anyone capable and willing to assist.

Membership Report - Ralph Brown.

Currently 9 members are new students, 50 current members as of January 1st.

Newsletter Report: Mike Berger was not present. Assumed he will still be in charge of the position of Newsletter Editor.

Field Issues:

Kevin Hyde nominated, EJ Murphy seconded Michael Furrow to position of Field Chairman. No dissenting votes, Michael Furrow has accepted the position.

Street light remains an issue and a mystery. The lock on the electrical box is also broken as noted by Steve Culver. Michael Furrow brought up that the safety fence also needs to be replaced due to last year's vandalism. Noted that the plastic fencing material is not seasonally readily available but has been placed on the list for Spring clean up. Six safety / spectator signs will need to be replaced in the future.

Ed Paasch brought up discussion points regarding the field pertaining to the state of the runway. Discussion of future options to replace the current asphalt field at some point in the future. Current agreement with the city lasts until the end of the year 2016, which may come into play. Noted that after the spring thaw the field should be inspected in regards

to the current field status, as well as whether concrete or asphalt would suffice.

Alternate Field discussion - Steve Culver presented that the AMA offers funds for field development of a second bare-bones flying site that could potentially service turbines and helicopters more so than the current field, as well as functioning as an additional flying area.

Old Business:

Air and Space Museum Event - Steve will discuss with Steve Peck for further details.

Club Roster books still to be printed in the Spring.

Steve thanked the 2010 Officers and board members for their service. No additional items were raised as Old Business.

Two Fun Fly Events proposed for scheduling and funding, Old Timers and Morning Fun Fly.

1. Dennis Bender submitted the Old Timers Events - 7 monthly events from May through October. Proposed that club funds are used for lunch for a total of \$360.

Steve motioned Old Timer Fun Fly accepted as submitted save for 8AM schedule for one event moved to 9 AM. Kevin Hyde/Larry McChesney seconded. None opposed.

2. Dick Behrens submitted Morning Fun Fly for Floats and Electric Sailplanes Events. Noted that sailplanes need to land on grass, therefore the area south of the runway would need more frequent mowing. Events start at 8:30 to 11:30, from May through October. 9-12:30 for the specific events. 300 dollars requested for the 10 events. Steve made the motion to carry, Larry McChesney seconded. None opposed.

Dick requested the area was mowed more often - Kevin suggested the maintenance be made more frequent during the times of events.

Steve asked who will take over the training program, Bob Wheeler stated in prior meetings he would handle related responsibilities. Steve asked about looking back at past members that are no longer current to welcome them back to the club should they wish to rejoin.

Raffle/Program discussion for future general meetings - Steve Culver asked Dick Behrens about a potential float fly program event for purposes of education for building, choosing, installing, maintaining, and converting planes to floats.

Raffle Item - Mike Lollis bought a ParkZone J-3 Cub and offered to sell for \$125 for the raffle. Also noted were floats. Steve motioned club funds used to purchase floats for approx \$90-100 for January raffle, and Mike's J-3 Cub for \$125 for purposes of raffle in February. Bob Zitzlperger seconded. Kevin Hyde will investigate purchase of floats.

Discussed Winter Festival - Saturday after Valentines - February 19th - Next General Meeting is January 28th.

Dennis Bender brought up the desire to host another Boy Scout Event as done last year for training flights as well as have the Scouts help work the field. Dennis will work on a proposal.

EJ Murphy - Brought up 'Board Fun Flies' - to promote club members to meet and fly with the board. Casually decided after discussion that board fun flies would be the first tuesday of the month.

Business Meeting....12/07/2010

President E.J. Murphy opened the meeting. Board officers present: EJ Murphy, Bob Wheeler, Kevin Hyde and Larry McChesney. Board members present: Skip Brown, Harry Perkons, Brad Perkons, Bob Zitslperger, Mikey Furrow. Members attending: Ralph Brown, Ed Paasch, Steve Culver and Eric Krystof

Treasurers Report: Kevin Hyde presented the treasurers report.

Membership Report: The membership report was given by Ralph Brown. As of this date there are 41 members and this includes nine new members. Thanks to Ralph "Mr Steady" who never fails to have a report for your continued support of the club.

Field Update

The Field Chair Mikey Furrow "The Best EVER" is still working on the area light relamping problem. A couple contractors were mentioned by our members. Sadler Line or Schaeffer were two companies noted. Mikey will contact them.

The Board "Pre-approved" an expenditure not to exceed \$250.00 for the work. However it is very possible that the cost may be much more. In that case other options were discussed to keep the cost down. Some thought that a simple head could be found for a nominal amount and could be mounted on the existing pole or perhaps even off of the shelter.

Event Reports:

The only upcoming event was the holiday party. It looks like over sixty couples will attend.

New Business

Congratulations to the new Officers elected for 2011.

President - Steve Culver

Vice President - Bob Zitzlperger

Secretary - Eric Krystof

Treasurer - Kevin Hyde

And Board Members:

E.J. Murphy, Larry McChesney, Harry Perkons and Ed Paasch

Old Business:

Nothing new on the WebSite. Thanks to Kevin Hyde for his hard work and attention to our WebSite.

Hard copies of the club roster will be available in the spring.

And last but not least Steve Peck has been in touch with the Air and Space Museum regarding the planning for the two day RC flying/Static displays/retail vendor booths and other activities next March 26th and 27th. Several clubs will participate. This would be a great occasion for the Omahawks to organize a TAG event as part of this exciting opportunity for the community.

Meeting Pix



EJ presided over his last meeting as president



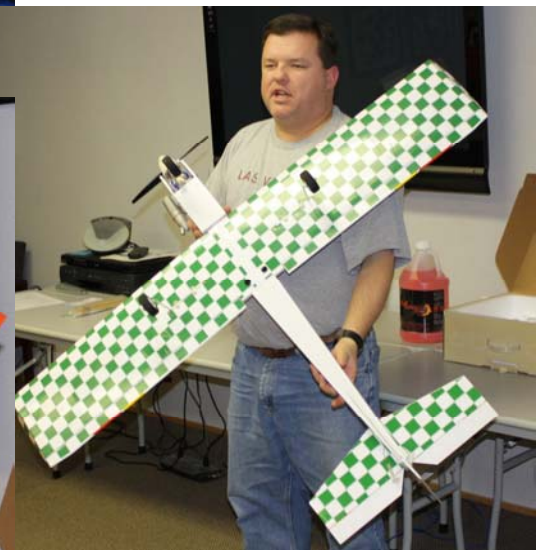
Ralph plugged the big party



Bob Wheeler and his latest



Jud Bock had a home-built electric Stick



Did I do this myself? Um... no.

Jan 1 - First Flight Crazyies

Cold was the word on January first when a bunch of the crazier members of the Omahawks met at Hawk Field to see who could be the first one to either get his plane in the air or die of hypothermia. This year's weather made the latter seem quite likely for the few who made it out to the field. Temperatures in the single digits and a light breeze made it hard to get started and even harder to keep the feeling in hands and feet.

A few made it up and a few more showed up for breakfast at the local Hy-Vee on the first, even after the festivities of the night before. And nobody froze to death. All in all a successful day for the club's crazyies.



Skip shows off his one-bladed prop.



Take a guess. Which one of these guys works outdoors most of the time?



HAWKS PARTY HEARTY AT VENICE INN

The annual Christmas party was held December 4th at the Venice Inn. About 70 members and guests came out to enjoy good food and good friends and the end of another fun flying season.

The club welcomed the newest version of the Omahawks' Board with Steve Culver returning as president, Bob Zitzlsperger as vice president, Erik Kristoff as secretary, and Kevin Hyde as treasurer for life.

Many new faces and old-timers were on hand to toast the holidays and a good time was had by all.

- editor



Omahawks' top photographer, Helen Paasch, mugs for the camera.

2011 Scheduled morning events at Hawkfield or Standing Bear Lake

(as approved by Omahawks board 5 Jan)

Dennis Bender is coordinator for the Old Timer events

Frank Wisniski is coordinator for the Sailplane events

Dick Behrens and Bob Zitzlsperger are coordinators for the float fly events

	<u>Events</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>
May 3	Tue Float Fly	Dick
May 18	Wed Old Timers – lunch	Dennis
May 25	Wed Elec Sailplanes	Frank
May 28	<u>Sat</u> Float Fly – pizza	Dick
June 15	Wed Old Timers – lunch	Dennis
June 21	Tue Float Fly	Dick
June 29	Wed Elec Sailplanes	Frank
July 6	Wed Old Timers – lunch	Dennis
July 13	Wed Elec Sailplanes	Frank
July 16	<u>Sat</u> Float Fly – pizza	Dick
Aug 10	Wed Old Timers – lunch	Dennis
Aug 16	Tue Float Fly	Dick
Aug 28	<u>Sun</u> Old Timers	Dennis
Sept 13	Tue Float Fly	Bob Z
Sept 21	Wed Old Timers – lunch	Dennis
Oct 4	Tue Float Fly	Bob Z
Oct 12	Wed Old Timers – lunch	Dennis



Steve wants to thank everyone, Bob just wants to eat his steak.



New secretary Erik Krystoff keeps a low profile.

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January Mystery Plane

This month's mystery plane should be an easy one for anyone who loves the odd ones. It should be a good way to start off the new year. Send your guess to omahawks@kaptnkarl.com.

November's mystery plane was the H-1 Hughes Racer. Built in 1935, this plane set speed both a world air-speed record and a transcontinental speed record. This was the last privately built airplane to ever break an air-speed record. All records since have been set by military planes. Aviation historians have suggested that this plane may have been the inspiration for the P-47 Thunderbolt and the Focke-Wulf Fw 190.



The first person to identify the mystery plane last month was Jared Hays.

- editor

