



Hawk Talk

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ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, Jan 27, 2012 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

PROGRAM: XXX

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, Feb 1, 2012 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.



WINTER FUN AHEAD!

On this brisk a clear winter day, we who fly can only si and sulk. The wind blows and howls as the mercury plummets and we are stuck inside with nothing to do. If we are not building or re-pairing something, we are just out of luck.

But there is hope for us after all. There is fun waiting. The annual Omahawks' Winter Festival is at hand. Our one main event for the cold winter months is coming up on the 18th of February at 12:00 p.m. sharp. This is the day that we crown our new year's queen and celebrate the opening of the new flying season with a contest for the stout at heart among us. Afterwards, we all meet at the Venice Inn for a dinner for us and our wives and sweethearts.

The contest works like this: We all throw ten bucks into the hat before the big day, the club adds some money, and on the day of the contest we fly. No matter what the weather, no matter what the temperature, we fly. Anyone who completes a flight consisting of a take-off, a 360 degree turn and landing gets to split up the

money that everyone threw in. In this way we make a feeble effort to convince our skeptical spouses that we can really make money at this hobby.

So come to the meeting on Friday, throw your money in the pot and go out and make some money on Festival Day. You might even manage to convince your spouse that this hobby isn't a complete waste of time and money. You probably won't but it's worth a shot.

- editor

JANUARY MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, JAN 27

7:00 p.m.

Make-A-Wish

11926 Arbor St

Program:

TBA

Raffle:

Magnum XL .91 RFS four stroke glow engine



UPCOMING EVENTS:

★ Jan 27 - General Meeting

★ Feb 1 - Business Meeting

★ Feb 18 - Winter-fest - 12:00 p.m.

★ Feb 24 - General Meeting

THE MINUTES

Erik Krystoff, Secretary

General Meeting.....11/18/2011

Business Meeting.....1/4/2012

Membership goals from Bob are around the 180 to 200 range this year. We're currently sitting around 40 as of our January business meeting.

Steve Earl will research the viability of a shopping mall RC show to generate more local RC interest.

Field Report – Nothing new at the moment besides a padlock issue Mikey is working on swapping.

SAS Museum RC Airshow Effort – Ed Paasch reported on a meeting held today with a small group of area RC club and SAS Museum representatives regarding another RC airshow similar to what was held last year. March 31st, 2012 is the hard set date, more details to come. AMA representation may also be possible and is being investigated in terms of viability and scope.

Example ideas thrown around for the SAS event as well as future events are numerous Vapors available for buddy boxing with attending children, an event at Mahoney State Park, and outdoor helicopter activity.

More meetings are planned, contact Ed Paasch or Steve Peck with questions or suggestions.

Winterfest - 18th of February – The event is a go.

Cub Scout Presentation – Steve Culver received an email in regards to a possible RC event at Hawk Field in the April time frame. Steve is waiting on the cub scout representative to make contact regarding a possible event.

New Paperwork for 2012 – Bob Wheeler will work with Kevin Hyde on the AMA Charter and Gold Leader Club status applications for 2012.

Field Chairman Position – Mikey Furrow has volunteered to be field chairman, Steve Culver motioned to accept his bid for said position. EJ Murphy seconded, all votes supported the motion. Mikey Furrow retains his position as field chairman.

Club Events for 2012 – If you're planning on sponsoring events for the 2012 year, get them ready as soon as possible to lay claim to the Omahawks calendar.

Event Submissions This Meeting – Dick Behrens and Dennis Bender

submitted the 2012 float fly event, sail plane, and old timer events schedule and requests for funding. The growing foliage around the dock area will need to be cleared out, along with the area west of the boat dock for spectators and pit areas. The Float Fly committee will take care of this for the 2012 float fly events. Kevin motioned to approve the events, motion was seconded and approved by the board to be brought up at the next general membership meeting.

Jim Henley and Dean Copeland proposed an AMA sanctioned scale fun fly event called the 'First Annual Tri-Club Don Neil Memorial Event' on August 25th as a joint effort with the Omahawks, Lincoln Sky Knights, and Western Flyers to generate enough interest between the three clubs and create a larger event than past scale fun flies. The event is tentatively slated to be held at the Mead Field used by the Western Flyers. Maximum funding request from each club is 200 dollars at the most. Steve Culver motioned the event be placed on the roster and up to 200 dollars in funding brought up to the club for approval. Kevin Hyde seconded. Motion passes with full approval.

Mike Berger needs newsletter articles for this slow time of the year, help him out if you can.

Show



Steve Peck says I'll get four tickets for this.



Casey is building his first autogyro



Harry Perkins won the pilot's choice award from the scale contest



The raffle prizes



Galen with a very old engine

& Tell

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HOW ABOUT A FUN FLY?



By the way, this plane is for sale.



Fred's B17 is coming along nicely.



Harry showed a battery that blew up on him.

It's that time of year again, time to plan for events and of course have fun. The club doesn't have a deadline for when you can approach the club to sponsor an event. However, dates for scheduling events fill up pretty quickly so the sooner you start planning the better off you will be. Dick Behrens and Dennis Bender have already presented the Board with a schedule for Float Flies, Sail Planes and Old Time events. Myself (your President) will be planning on another Pattern and Multi Wing event. If you enjoyed the EDF, SPC, or Heli events you might want to consider coordinating one of these types of events. As you all know Ed Paasch sponsored a lot of events last year but will be taking a reprieve this year. I'm sure he will have a couple events but nothing like the number he did last year. I'm also very sure you wouldn't hurt Ed's feelings if you jumped in and took the reins on some of these. Remember, it's about having fun and getting a change to bring Omahawks and other club members together for a day of fun and flying.

Bob W.

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MAKE-A-WISH
Foundation**



**FUN FLYS
ARE FUN
FOR KIDS OF
ALL AGES**



Cold weather fun -



The Midwest Performance Flyers played host to a bunch of pilots from the Omahawks and Twin City Eagles flying clubs at their annual Holiday Party and Indoor Fun Fly on Sunday, January 8th, 2012. The Holiday Party, held at the Digz volleyball complex near 140th and Old "L" Streets, featured indoor flying fun from 12PM noon until 8PM that evening. Pilots could also enjoy buffalo wings, meatballs, nachos, and pizza in between flights.

Omahawks board member EJ Murphy enjoyed some flying time with his Blade CX2 helicopter and Ember 2 electric plane. Roger Cowell and Jeff Andersen brought a slew of indoor foamy airplanes and electric helicopters to fly as well. Jeff Andersen's daughter, Rachel, debuted her home made PVC RC Air Car at the event. The car maneuvered nicely around the flying area and sported a lime green paint scheme.

Omahawks pilot Rick Haneline brought his new E-Flight Micro 4Site BNF plane to the party. Rick discovered just how fragile an indoor foamy could be when he bumped the wall and lost his rudder control horn on his very first flight. Carmel and Steve Earl, also an Omahawks board member, were also on hand flying a variety of airplanes and helicopters. Carmel impressed the crowd with her steady piloting skills while practicing hovering with her helicopter.

Not to be shown up by a lady pilot, Omahawks members Jeff Pinnt and Ed Paasch did some helicopter flying of their own. Ed flew several batteries through his freshly repaired Thunder Tiger Mini Titan e325 and his Blade MSR helicopters. Jeff Pinnt enjoyed some stick time with a Blade MSR, a Helimax Novus, and his new Blade mCPX helicopters. Jeff bragged that he headed home without a repair task. Omahawks pilot Dave Olson enjoyed some flying, while Galen Lillethorup, Casey Vohnout, and John Thompson focused more on conversation.

Enjoying the north section of the flying area, Twin City Eagles members Pete Rosas, Bob English, Randy Fahn, Jake Fahn, and Riley O'Brien flew a variety of electric foam airplanes throughout the course of the day. Always entertaining to watch, these daredevil pilots would wait for one of their ranks to "land unexpectedly" so they could go fly their aircraft around the downed plane like vultures.

The Midwest Performance Flyers were well-represented, and showed off with some excellent flying of their own. Dave Vanvoltenberg and John Schenck both treated the crowd to some really cool helicopter aerobatics. Colby Johnson was on hand as well, and performed some really smooth loops and rolls with his foamy lightning bug kit. Doug Smith, Tom Egbert, Ed Jelinek, Keith Paskewitz, Larry Bailey, Jeff Raker, Craig Hamler, Jim Kubicki, John Schnell, Nick Kmezich, Gale Sherman, Wade Pearson, Mike Thompson, and several other Performance Flyers members were on hand to enjoy the flying, fun, food, and camaraderie.

All in all, some 38 pilots from various clubs enjoyed a terrific afternoon of flying, with another 18 guests signing up for the all-you-can-eat pizza and snacks. The food was terrific, but the flying and fraternizing was even better. It was also great to see families coming out and enjoying the fun in addition to the great collection of pilots. I think I can speak for all of the Omahawks pilots in attendance when I say "thank you" for a great time to our hosts from La Vista, and we'll be looking forward to joining in the fun again next year.

--Ed Paasch



indoors, of course



IT'S THE MORNING BUNCH!

Photos taken on January 17, 2011 as they all met for breakfast at HyVee.



L to R(clockwise): Bob R, Bob A, Mitt, Fred, Ron, Leroy



L to R(clockwise): Gerry, Dan , Bud, Bob Z, Ed S, Bob B. Ralph, George W, Dennis, Jim H, Ken, Dean, Chuck

The morning bunch is a dedicated group of Omahawks who has made a habit of meeting every Tuesday morning at the field for fun and flying followed by breakfast at the local HyVee grocery store eatery. (Since most of them are retired, I think they probably all got thrown out of the house by their wives and ended up here.- editor)

FRANK WISNISKI WINS BIG WITH THE OMAHAWKS SPECIAL RAFFLE

It was my great pleasure to meet our third Special Raffle winner, Frank Wisniski, and award his prize shortly after Thanksgiving last month. Frank wisely chose the foldable prize option, and converted his winning \$10 raffle ticket into \$800 cash. Frank joins Matt Myers and Rick Miller on our list of major raffle winners.

I think that Matt Myers, Rick Miller, and Frank Wisniski all said the same thing when I called to tell them they'd won the raffle: "Wow, I never win anything!" If you never win anything either, you should come and see me about the new electric biplane raffle that we've kicked off to help raise funds for the Twin City Eagles runway improvement efforts. It's another spectacular prize package that somebody will be enjoying soon .

- Ed Paasch



MEET THE PRESIDENT

Many of you know me but I'm sure many do not. Hi, I'm Bob Wheeler, your 2012 Omahawk's President. I thought I'd take a minute or two to let you know a little about myself and what I see as important topics for our club in 2012. First a little about me, I first joined the Omahawks back in 1984 for a period of about two year. I took a long break from the hobby to focus on my career and raising a family. In 2003 I rekindled the desire, joined the Omahawks and have enjoyed it ever since. I have been the club Vice President for a couple of years, have lead the Flight Instruction program for the last several years and have sponsored the Multi Wing fun fly since 2004. I plan on continuing to helping with training as time permits and will stay involved in planning club events. What I see as important topics are pretty much the same as our last President Steve Culver. I see the need to manage our field to the City guidelines as a very important topic. Flying fields are very hard to come by so we need to do everything in our power to ensure we are the best Stewarts of Hawk Field and lead by example. Secondly, club membership is very important to me. Last year the club hit a total of 174 members, that's a great number but let us see if we can add to it. Having a healthy membership ensure the club will continue and can support future generations. Thirdly, we have to always be on the lookout for an alternative flying field. As the size of some of our model aircraft grow they start pushing

the boundaries of the park we fly in (another reason to manage to the City rules). The club needs to be more aggressive toward searching for and possibly securing a future site. These are some of the key topics I feel are important. But at the end of the day it's important to remember to be safe and have fun with the hobby we all enjoy. Thank you for your time and I hope to see you at the field flying, have fun and be safe.

★ *Bob Wheeler.*
President



AMA RECOGNIZES RALPH BROWN WITH THE CARL GOLDBERG VITAL PEOPLE AWARD

This last December 3rd during the annual Omahawk's Christmas Party Santa Claus came a little early for the Brown Family. An Award called the Carl & Beth Goldberg Vital People Award was present to Ralph after everyone enjoyed a wonderful dinner. This award is presented annually to vital people in the background of the modeling movement whose efforts enhance the enjoyment of the hobby and whose accomplishments are seldom formally acknowledged. There is a nomination process that is followed and sent to the AMA. Only five AMA members are picked and presented the awarded each year so to have a member of our club receive the award is quite special. Ralph was honored with a very nice Plaque, Award Synopsis, and of course a monetary amount as well. If the award isn't already hanging in the Benson I'm sure it will soon. Next time you see Ralph congratulate him on his achievement. If you know someone that is deserving of an award like this, take the time to sit down and complete the nomination process. If you don't who will?

For those few who actually care, October's Mystery Plane was the Ord Hume OH-7 Coupe. A one of a kind full size airplane that had a second life as a popular model airplane!

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Don't miss

WINTERFEST

Saturday Feb 18

Crowning of the Queen

At 12:00 sharp

Then we fly

Sign up at the meeting

An Editorial from your Editor (who else?)

OK, it's January and it's a slow month for flying R/C. Everybody's cold and bored and there isn't much going on. (Look at the upcoming events schedule on page 1 if you don't believe me.) So I figure I might as well stir things up by getting on my soap box and ranting. I don't think too many people will get upset by what I have to say, (though some surely will).

Recently our hobby and our club have seen some changes with the downturn in the economy and we are faced with the daunting task of trying to raise money to resurface the runway at Hawk Field. But, no matter how tough we have it, there are others in the area that are facing what could only be described as catastrophe. There were three local fields that were devastated by floods last year and the clubs that maintain them are facing a long and costly challenge in restoring them to their former glory. Cobra Field was wet all year and the Twin City Eagles Field (Bud's Field) and the Bellevue field spent the summer under water.

Bud's Field is devastated and I can't even imagine the mess that must be the Bellevue field.

Since I believe that what is good for R/C is good for the Omahawks, I am calling all members to do whatever they can to pitch in and help out the other clubs in the area. The easiest way to do that is to join more than one club. I, myself am a member of the Cobras as well as the Omahawks. As few as ten new members in any club would be a big help. Also, get involved in their events. Attend them, help publicize them. I'm sure that anything you do to help will be greatly appreciated.

Almost every event anywhere in the city is attended by members of several clubs and many fliers are members of multiple clubs. We have a great and vibrant R/C community in this area. It would be a shame to lose any part of it. If we all work together we can help everyone recover and end up better than ever.