



Hawk Talk

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ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING:	Friday, January 30, 2015 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.
PROGRAM:	Ida Grove Video Presentation
BUSINESS MEETING:	Wednesday, February 4, 2015 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

Welcome to the 2015 Flying Season

With this being the first newsletter of the 2015 year, hopefully everyone had a great holiday season and got what was on their lists.

Since this is the Winter season, also known as the "Builder's Season" by many hobbyists, this is a great time to go over your planes from last year to ensure that no damage is hiding in your planes. By checking the structural glue joints, servo's, hinges and other aspects of your planes will help to ensure another great and safe flying season. Also, remember to cycle your batteries at least once during these cold months to ensure that your batteries will be good for the upcoming spring

season. This also is a good time to find out whether its time to replace some batteries before flying.....

Since this time of year is known as the "Building Season", Mikey's Builder's Challenge is a great excuse to build something fun or challenging while keeping your fingers busy. Doing a build during the winter months is a great way to learn more about the inner workings of your planes, how their built, and also, a great tool in helping to repair any damages that happen to any other planes as well. For me, learning about how a wing is built and what components hold the wing together has helped with the repairs of several of my planes which I thought were trash piles. I've learned a great deal of how to repair different damage aspects caused by normal flying and I wouldn't know how to repair these if I hadn't taken a chance and built my first uproar from a kit.

Kit building can be therapeutic, fun, and a great way to spend some of the colder evenings, and documenting your build with what you've learned also makes for some great articles to be included in future Hawk Talk newsletters.

So what's your plans for this building season? What would you like to see or accomplish this year with your flying? Want to see some different flying events? Want more opportunities to show off your flying skills?

Consider hosting an event or fun fly that interests you. Its not difficult or complicated, but does provide a lot of enjoyment for yourself and the club. There are several seasoned coordinators to answer any questions you have, and this helps to build a more diverse and unified club. So come on out, share your ideas, and see what you can do in 2015.....

Editor

January Meeting at the Make a Wish Building

Friday, Jan 30th 2015
7:00pm

Bring your Show n Tell for your 4 free raffle tickets

Raffle Prize:
\$50 Hobbytown Gift Card

Program:
Ida Grove Video Presentation

Upcoming Events:

- ★ Jan 30th—General Meeting
- ★ Feb 4th—Business Meeting
- ★ 2015 Winterfest—tba
- ★ Feb 27th—General Meeting

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THE MINUTES

Mikey Furrow, Secretary

General Meeting.....None for Dec

Business Meeting.....1/7/15

Attending: Steve Earl, Bernie Baker, Bob Wheeler, Carmel Earl, Dan Duey, Dennis Bender, Gary Vohnout, Kevin Hyde, Mikey Furrow

Guests: Harry Perkons, Dick Behrens

Old Business Review:

Upcoming SAC Musuem event – January 17th

- Mikey to send email to club as a reminder to attend
- Ed Paasch and Bob Wheeler are contacts for this event
- Bob W to bring flight sim for guests to use

Review request to make field permits be visible at Hawk Field

- Bernie Baker brought photo examples of ideas to use for pilots to keep field permits visible while flying at Hawk Field – attachable badge holders
- Kevin to see about getting a punch for field permits to allow badge holders to be used while at field
- Carmel to see about possible discount options / bulk purchase order and bring to next Board meeting

Lease Renewal committee review:

- Current lease expires in Dec 2016.

Prevention of vandalism at Hawk field by extending barrier on North end of fence line

Bob W is working with Parks dept about possible options.

Further communication is needed before action to be taken

Membership Report:

- presently have 42 members as of 01/07/15

Treasurer's Report:

- Looking good for this time of year.
- Bernie made motion to accept budget/ Dennis B seconded – Board Approved

New Business for New Year:

New subcommittee's to be setup by President for research of various areas of club interest:

- All committee chairs to report at monthly Board Meeting of progress made in their areas

Lease Renewal / Agreement Subcommittee:

- Bernie Baker to chair this committee
- Kevin Hyde and Dick Behrens to assist on this committee

Bylaws Review and Update Subcommittee:

- Carmel Earl to chair this committee

Website update / Newsletter Subcommittee:

- Mikey Furrow to chair this committee
- Kevin Hyde, Dan and Amy Duey to assist with this committee

New Field Chairman position to be appointed:

Bob Wheeler – Nomination made by Kevin / Seconded by Dennis & Gary

Larry Iness – Nomination made by Carmel / seconded by Bernie
Bob Wheeler was voted and appointed Field Chairman for 2015

Club Safety Officer was also appointed for 2015

Dennis Bender was voted in and accepted position for 2015

Outstanding Projects at Hawk Field:

Shelter Roof Repair:

- Waiting for warmer weather – supplies purchased by Brad Perkons
- Plywood will need to be purchased to replace hole in roof

Shed Repair / Replacement

- Shed vandalized over Christmas Holiday – Bob W did basic repair of shed for time being
- Board to consider options for more secure storage facilities

New Events for 2015:

*** Float Flies, Old Timers, Sailplane events submitted**

- Dick Behrens submitted dates for these events
- Kevin made motion to accept dates / Bernie Seconded motion
- Dates to be presented to General Meeting for approval

*** Pattern Contest scheduled for Aug 8th and 9th**
Sanction submitted and approved by AMA – to be approved by General Membership

*** Suggestions for events to help bolster club appeal**

- Sponsoring a Kids day or other Family type event
- Ideas to be considered at future meetings
- Looking for people to run events such as EDF fun flies, Heli Fun Flies, any other fun fly events that anyone comes up with

Club Raffle:

\$50 Gift Certificate at Hobbytown—Kevin to pick up

Program:

Ida Grove Video Presentation

- Request to be brought to general membership for further program ideas

**meeting adjourned **

New Board Members for 2015

For 2015, we have a few new board members who will be helping lead the Omahawks into another great and fun filled year.

Here's your new Board Listing for 2015:

President: Steve Earl
Vice-President: Bernie Baker
Secretary: Mikey Furrow
Treasurer: Kevin Hyde

Board Members:
— Carmel Earl (new)
— Dan Duey (new)
— Gary Vohnout (returning)
— Dennis Bender (returning)

Field Chairman:
— Bob Wheeler (appointed)

Many of you know these individuals as they have been on the board previously, but for those who don't know them, here's some info about the Earl's and Bernie Baker.



Meet Steve (President) and Carmel (Board Member) Earl:

I started flying in 2009 with a Super Cub. I was informed by the sales person "all you have to do is put it together and fly". Right. At the time we were living on a farm, with trees, gravel road and plowed fields. That plane proved to be very hardy, especially with a half a bottle of glue and a roll of tape. After a few weeks of trying to learn how to fly by the seat of my pants We thought it was time to get some help. And that's when I joined the Omahawks.

Carmel, with a little pressure from Rick Haneline, began flying the next summer. She started with a Great Planes Big Stick electric. And is still flying one today. Even though she is a good pilot in her own right, I'm not sure what she likes doing more, flying or visiting at the field. She is kinda good at both.

Our hopes for this year is to have a lot fun, good food and be with the good friends we have made at the Omahawks field. Anything after that is just a bonus. We are looking forward for a great year.

Steve & Carmel Earl

Steve Earl's "Graceful" landing of his Ender 40 on Monday (1-26-15)

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“” It was quite a job getting it down and eventually some young guy came along who climbed up the tree like a monkey and got it down. He'd had some experience rock climbing and you could sure see that was the case. I'll let Steve fill in the details. “”

Submitted by Bernie

Meet Bernie Baker (Vice President)

I started flying control-line when I was around 12 or 13. In high school I got a job at a hobby shop and bought a Citizenship 6 channel reed radio (not proportional). I never did get that to work right.

I got into RC for real when I was in college and for a few years afterwards until family pressures brought that to an end. My favorite plane at that time was a small ugly stick with an OS25. I flew the heck out of that for a number of years. (which is pretty amazing if you've seen my flying skills.)

I got back into the hobby with my son in 2009. In fact we both went through the Omahawk training program that year and Ralph Brown put the Omahawk sticker on our airplanes after we soloed. Unfortunately my son and his wife moved to Chicago the following year, but by then I was really back into the hobby.

I enjoy building as much (if not more) than flying, and tend to like .60-sized warbirds. There are so many aspects of the hobby I enjoy and it's really great to be retired so I can spend lots of time (too much, according to my wife) building, flying, repairing, and spending time with the great people of the Omahawks club.

Bernie Baker



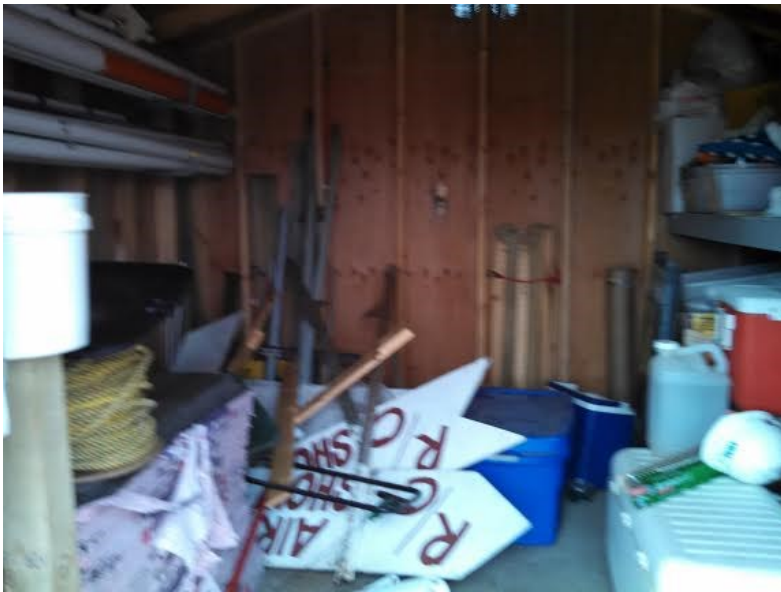
Break-in at Hawk Field during the holidays.....

The Omahawks storage shed was broken into over the Christmas Holiday. Thieves forced the door open by pulling on it with a vehicle. They took all the metal they could find including the Gas Grill, Propane Bottles, Propane Burners, miscellaneous metal pipes, Flag Pole and the Grey Flight Training Box housing all the transmitters and cables. A police report was filed with OPD to record the theft and the City was contacted as well regarding the theft along with damage to the field. There was additional damage done to the main gate where the thief's tried to pull the gate open and failed. There are also tire tracks from making circles in the grass around the runway. The Board was informed and is looking into options for more secure storage of the Omahawks equipment.



Bob Wheeler
2015 Field Chairman

Somebody really wanted to get into the shed.... Quite some damage done.....



Looks like shed cleanup will be a bit easier this year..... Looks like all the metal is gone.....



Damage done to grass / parkway by the vandals...

2015 SAC Museum Indoor Fun Fly event

The Omahawks were in attendance for the 2015 SACS Aviation day held Saturday January 17th. Many club members attended to enjoy some in door flying. The Omahawks also manned a booth and answered questions for anyone interested in Radio Control aircraft. Steve and Carmel Earl long with Bob Wheeler manned the booth with some additional assistance from Rick Hayline.

Bob Wheeler



Our President taking some time to work with some future club members on a simulator.....



Carmel and Rick takin a break from all the action and excitement of the event.....



Hawk Field Updates:

To keep everyone in the loop as to what's happening at Hawk Field, here's what the Board is working on:

Runway Repair Project

Bob Wheeler has begun conversations with some asphalt companies to see what options are available to repair the runway. This is just the beginning of the process, and there's still much to be discussed before anything happens. We will keep you posted on how things progress....

Brush Removal Project

Many of you remember all that brush we removed last year, and discussions are under way with the Parks Dept to see if they can assist with managing the cleared out areas. Bob Wheeler is managing this project and may be requesting some club help in managing this area. Stay tuned for further information on how this will progress....

Shed Repair / Replacement

As many of you know, the shed was vandalized over the holiday season and this one was the worst act thus far on the shed. The Board has been in discussions about various options to help secure our field equipment and once all the information is gathered, this will be presented to the club for approval and further discussions.....

Any other requests or ideas on field improvements can be brought up to any of the Board members for review at an upcoming Board meeting.

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Request for articles, pics, reviews, or anything you want to share with the club

If you thought that this edition of the Hawk Talk was a little light on material, you would be correct. As of this writing, I didn't have a whole lot of articles submitted to include in this newsletter, and so I'm asking you, the Omahawks Club Members, to assist me with providing a fun and great newsletter for your reading enjoyment.

In order to accomplish this, I would like to know what your working on, what repairs your doing, and if there's any tricks or idea's you'd like to share to help someone else keep their planes in shape. Did you get a new plane or radio or servo's for the holidays? If so, what did you think about it? Would you recommend it to another pilot?

These and lots of other ideas are open for you to submit articles, pics, or stories to be included in this newsletter. So take about 15 minutes and send a quick blurb to Mikey (dakoris73@gmail.com) about your submission and I'll be sure to include it in an upcoming newsletter.....

Thank you for your help with this, and looking forward to a great year of articles, fun and some great newsletters.....

*Mikey Furrow
Hawk Talk Editor*