



# Hawk Talk

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, January 29th \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.  
JAN BOARD MEETING: Friday, January 29th \* 6:00 PM \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St. (Rescheduled)  
FEB BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup> \* 7:00 PM \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS

## BE SURE TO RENEW YOU OMAHAWK MEMBERSHIP FOR 2016!

### Upcoming Omahawk Events

There will be a Builder/Repair workshop every other Tuesday at Greg Nelson's home. Future workshops are scheduled for 1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 3/8, 3/22, and 4/5 from 6-8 pm. Be sure to thank Greg when you see him.

### First Flights for 2016

Bob Wheeler

Arrived at Hawk field about 8:45 am on January 1st and to my surprise I was the first person there. I unlocked the gate and made my way up to the field. The field was covered in snow with only the foot prints from park visitors present. It was a pretty view and I looked forward to that first flight of 2016. I was finally joined by a few other brave souls who dared the elements for their first flights of 2016. Some were able to overcome the drag of the snow and some were not. All in all we had a couple successful flights along with the first crash of 2016, with those honors going to Dennis Bender. It was a beautiful morning at the field followed by Coffee and Breakfast at Hy-Vee. Happy New Year to all, and I hope to see you at the field later this year.

Club Members: Frank Vanecek, Dennis Bender, Larry Inness, Bob Wheeler and Noble Rasmussen (with help from Dad, Kirk).



Larry Inness and his clipped-wing Cub



Frank making good use of his float plane

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Noble and Kirk Rasmussen beating the deep snow with a hand launch.



Dennis Bender *before* the first crash of the year

## Builder/Repair Workshop

Greg Nelson opened his home for a builder/repair workshop for modelers wanting to get some tips. The first session was well-attended, and surprisingly, a lot was accomplished with no injuries. These workshops will be held every other Tuesday through April 5th. Kudos to Greg for opening his home, and to Mikey for getting this welcome winter activity organized and underway. Attendees included Mikey Furrow, Greg Nelson, Skip and Jacob Brown, Dennis Bender, Gary Vohnout, Jim Asarias, and Bernie Baker. Not pictured is Mitt Grimes, who was there early and got his new foamy flight-ready.



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## Passing.

Sadly, two long time club members passed away earlier this winter – Bob Burt and Tom Shapland. Both were active Omahawk members for many years and they will be missed. Dick Behrens provided this commentary.

### Robert Burt 1936-2015

Bob Burt passed away on November 23, 2015 in Omaha at the age of 79. He had been battling heart problems in recent years and had major surgeries for this. He was born May 8, 1936, in Vallejo, California. His father was in the Navy at that time. Their family later moved to Virginia, where he graduated from Norview HS in 1954. He then attended Lincoln University in Tennessee. He served in the US Air Force 1958-1962. He was stationed in Okinawa and later in Sioux City, where he met his wife. They had been married for over 50 years and had three children.

Bob joined the Omahawks in 1998, after he retired. He was a morning flyer at Hawkfield and flew his models in many area events. He was a regular at float fly, old timer, glider, cross country, and Labor Day Show events; and also a regular at HyVee breakfasts on Tuesday mornings. For five years, he flew at both the north Omaha airport before large crowds preceding the July 4 fireworks; and at SIG's annual fun flies at Montezuma, Iowa. He was also certified as an AMA contest director.

Bob was a helpful, prompt, and knowledgeable person. He was considered an early bird at events and had a hardy laugh. He will be missed.



### Tom Shapland 1934-2015

Tom was a former Omahawk who also flew with the morning flyers. He joined the club after he retired. Tom passed away on Nov 19, 2015 at the age of 81. He had graduated from Omaha's North High school and Iowa State. He learned to fly quickly with a Senioritta that he built. Tom arranged and served pancakes for the morning flyers many times. He also arranged morning events at Hawkfield for young children to learn something about RC planes. His wife, Flo, had a sewing machine that she used to embroider the names of morning flyers on their white tennis shirts, free of charge.

## Omahawks Board Meeting Notes – December 1st, 2015

(Submitted by Larry McChesney, Secretary)

**Board Members in attendance:** President Mikey Furrow, Bernie Baker, Gary Vohnout, Larry McChesney, and guests Milt Olsen and Greg Nelson.

**Meeting called to order:** President Mikey Furrow

**Treasurer's report:** A Treasurer's Report was not available for this meeting.

**Membership Chair report:** Mikey Furrow stated that there were twelve members already signed up for the new year.

### **Hawk Field:**

General: Bob Wheeler reported that he toured the field premises the prior week and all was in order.

Lease: Bernie Baker had sent an email to Dennis Byers at the city regarding status of the lease. He said that he had not heard from him so there is nothing to report at this time. Efforts will be renewed after the start of the new year.

Lock: Greg Nelson proposed a change to the chain locks at the front gate. It involves a simpler idea for making sure that the function of the two lock system securing the gate is accomplished. It only involves modifying the chain so that one lock is clearly for the city police or fire department and the second is for Omahawk use. Consensus was to move forward when Greg had an opportunity.

### **Old Business:**

There was a brief discussion about the Christmas party. It looks like there will be enough attending to make sure that the cost of the room is covered.

### **New Business:**

Elections: Board elections have been completed. The new slate of officers is in place. Thanks to all those who voted. Mikey Furrow will send an email to the membership.

Meeting Day: To work better with board members' schedules, after much discussion, it was decided the board will meet the "third Tuesday of each month, before the general meeting schedules." So set this up on your calendar because these are open meetings for those who are interested in attending.

Possible Purchases: The board talked about purchasing two items for the field. A forty foot long telescoping aluminum pole for retrieving airplane parts from trees. The second item would be a defibrillator unit to keep at the field for medical emergencies. We will be looking at the cost to see what may be affordable.

Larry McChesney moved to close the meeting. Seconded Bernie Baker.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Next Board Meeting - Tuesday January, 19th, 2016- 7pm at Make a Wish. (*Rescheduled to January 29<sup>th</sup> due to weather.*)

Next General Meeting - Friday January 29th, 2016 - Make A Wish office

Sac Museum Indoor Air Show and Indoor Flying - Email will provide date and time.