



Hawk Talk

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, January 27th * 7:00 P.M. * Church of the Cross, 1517 S 114th St.

GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM: TBD

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, February 21st * 7:00 PM * Church of the Cross, 1517 S 114th St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS

First Flight of the Year (Bob Wheeler). On January 1st; Skip, Jacob, and Aden Brown along with Scott Molk and Bob Wheeler welcomed in the 2017 year from Hawk Field. As a tradition with the first flights of 2017, Omaha members joined to get those first flights of the year in. Bob was first to get his Great Planes Cub in the air while Skip's pit crew worked on his Avistar. Finally, Scott (Mr. Control-Line) was able to bring the Avistar's OS engine to life. After a few laps around the field and few pictures, the crew headed off to Hy-Vee for breakfast.

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2017!



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City Lease Approval – Submitted by Bernie Baker

I'm sure most of you heard from Mikey about the approval of our contract with the city to use Hawk field for another 10-15 years. What you may not have heard was that our own Kevin Hyde spoke as a proponent of the measure in front of the city council and did an excellent job. Also, upon the completion of Kevin's statements, we (the Omahawks) received great feedback right before the measure was passed. Both Ben Gray (City Council President) and Aimee Melton (District 7 – Standing Bear representative) were highly complimentary of our club's overall civic activities, especially the Labor Day air show and contributions made to Make-A-Wish.

Thanks to all members who have helped or participated with that event.

The Original Breakfast Club (as of December, 2016, and without Molly Ringwald) – Submitted by Dick Behrens

L to R: Chuck Buscher, Fred Wilke, Dick Behrens, Tom Virgillito, Bud Mitchell, Bob Zitzlsperger, Ron Pacana, Leroy Hendersen and Bob Roegge



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Stephen (Steve) Michael Eveans – April 4, 1953 – October 25, 2016
(Submitted by Larry McChesney)

Steve passed away October 25 from a stroke at age of 63. He is survived by wife Diane, son Daniel, Daughter Cassandra, his mother and two brothers. The family are members of King of Kings Church.

Steve is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and a registered architect and practiced in the Omaha area for his entire career in the profession. He was involved in various projects and varied building types over the years.

He thoroughly enjoyed flying radio control airplanes and being a part of the Omahawks club for several years. During that time he served as president of the club in 1990 and vice president in 1991. Then served on the board in 1992. He was a member until 2007. Due to other commitments he was not as active over the last nine years.

Although he and I were involved in the community of architects our paths crossed only briefly. I have long admired an office building that Steve designed in West Omaha that displayed his creative talent. There are many other examples of his work. And at one point some years ago we talked about working together in the same firm.

About fourteen years ago I joined the Omahawks to find that Steve was one who volunteered as an instructor. So we reconnected for a short time. He was helpful in what skill I have today for flying fixed wing aircraft.

We will miss Steve.

Omahawks General Meeting Minutes:

November 15th, 2016

Mikey Furrow, President, opened the meeting. There were 20 members present and no guests.

Membership Report

Our membership role presently lists 15 members signed up for 2017, with several new first time people as reported by our Membership Chair Kevin Hyde.

Newsletter

Bernie Baker was present. Lets help our editor produce an interesting news letter by providing news articles, information and pictures if available for current building projects or other items of interest that the club would enjoy reading about.

Kevin Hyde reported that he had a stash of 43 years of Omahawks Newsletters which he had scanned and set up on our website. Thanks Kevin for rescuing these interesting documents and transforming these old type written letters to a new “accessible format for those interested in history to access. A part of the clubs long history in the RC world.

If you are not receiving letter via email notify the board.

Field Update.

Bernie Baker reported that there is no news regarding the new field lease. Hopefully it will move to council for final approval in December. A club representative will attend.

General Announcements

Web Site

Mikey Furrow reported that the final website revisions are all but completed. Full site will be set up by January. It will have available new features that will be enjoyed by the members and general public.

In the interim if you pull it up and an “error encoding message” pops up hit enter to gain access.

Training.

At a previous meeting we were told that we would get three donated trainer kits for our club training use. If someone is interested in a winter build project contact Mikey Furrow.

Also in that meeting a new Training format for next year was introduced. It would be organized around a mentor training one on one partnership with each student. Their would determine their own schedule independently. As the student acquires certain skills to meet a section of our training program they would be passed on to another mentor until the next section is fulfilled. Thursday nights would be held for introductory type activities. This will be discussed further with the membership over the winter months.

A list of possible club members interested in the training program is being assembled. The full plan will be presented to the membership at the January meeting for comment and approval.

Bob Wheeler shared that an Avistar and full compliment of accessories was donated by Greg O’Neil. Many thanks to Greg for his contribution to our training program.

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AMA Leadership Award:

The President shared that the Omahawks club is recipient of the AMA's annual "Leadership Award Plaque." Two thousand sixteen being the tenth year in a row. Congratulations to the club and the clubs leadership for meeting the standards for winning this award. Each member will receive a Patch when reregistering.

Builders Challenge.

Mikey Furrow discussed the Challenge involving a scratch build working over the winter for the Challenge on Memorial Day in the spring. Each participant will be tested when they must fly a short course to qualify. Winners will be selected following those who successfully fly their build.

Greg Nelson will initiate get togethers at members houses this winter to collaborate on their building projects or just to do a little problem solving or chat.

Youth News / Civil Air Patrol.

Kirk Rasmussen spoke to the Air Patrol program he and son Noble will be involved in over this coming winter. Their group is approximately 12-15 Cadets ranging in age of 12-18 eager to learn more about aeronautics ground up.

The winter plan includes basic RC construction technics, theory of flight, airfoil basics, flight simulation and more.

In the spring they are looking forward to the possibilities for flying, with the clubs support, at the field. They have lined up 2 or 3 aircraft to use in that training.

Office Election.

Nominations were forwarded and the election of new officers and board members proceeded by hand vote. Kevin Hyde moved to close the nominations and Dennis Bender seconded. The slate of members nominated, as follows, was voted on and passed unanimously."

The new officers are:

President:	Casey Vohnout
Vice President:	Rick Sessions
Secretary	Greg Nelson
Treasurer	Kevin Hyde

Board Members:

Dennis Bender
Steve Farmer
Matt Carlson (Youth Representative)
Larry McChesney

Field Chair:

"Open"

Events and Misc

No December meetings

Business Meeting - Tuesday January 17th - 7:00 pm - Presbyterian Church of the Cross

General Meeting - Friday January 27th - 7:00 pm. Presbyterian Church of the Cross

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Minutes of Board Meeting 17 Jan 2017

Present are Casey Vohnout, Greg Nelson, Rick Sessions, Dennis Bender, Dick Behrens, Larry McChesney, Steve Farner, Ship Brown, Kevin Hyde, Matt Carlson, Jacob Brown (the Mower)

Treasurer's Report read and accepted.

Kevin suggests monthly trash pickup instead of weekly in winter to save money. Discussed and accepted. Kevin will make the change. Suggested same for Portapotty but unsure of State Laws. Kevin will investigate.

There are currently 48 Members in good standing, which is typical for this time of year.

Larry said he met with Dennis Bryers of the City of Omaha who gives his permission for us to buy a shipping container for use as a storage shed and place it at Hawk Field. The City wants to approve the placement. Larry will get sizes and prices for us to consider.

Larry says the City has promised to provide us with round rails and fence posts. Larry will measure out how many we want and let them know. The club will be responsible to put the fence in place.

Jacob presented an alternative mowing schedule to save the Club money. He would mow the Pit area and around the runway weekly and the outer areas out to the tall grass every other week. This would save the club about \$700 over the season. Motion to accept the proposal was passed.

Ryan B posted a notice online that he will host a drone fun fly at Hawk field for his quad friends. They would fly as his guests. Board was unaware of this but supports the idea completely. Greg will meet with Ryan to offer the Club's support and make everyone aware of City requirements for AMA membership. These will be considered Intro Flights.

Dick Behrens proposed an event roster for the year for Float Fly, Sailplane and Old Timer fun flies. Accepted. Total cost \$235 for 9 events. Will present to membership for approval.

We still need a Field Chairman. Will bring to the Membership at next meeting.

Adjourn 9PM

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Nelson, MD, Secretary

Drone Perspective (Submitted by Kevin Hyde). The current discussion about drone vs commercial aviation is not the first time model aviation has been a topic of discussion with relation to the impact on "full scale" aircraft. See the attached front page article from Model Aviation. I will put the full issue on line for review in the near future. (See next page)

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AEROMODELING AND THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY

The time has come when we must speak up on this matter of when and where model airplanes can be flown with safety.

National defense activities have stepped up commercial and military flying in all parts of the country, and at the same time, heightened interest in model aviation. Therefore, the aeromodeling leader and each member of his group must be more cautious than ever and exercise extreme care when flying model aircraft.

Model airplanes must not be flown in settled areas, near or off airports—without express approval of the manager, on or near Federal airways, or in any other spot where common sense says it would be unsafe to do so. We must make every effort to meet the growing interest in contest flying and sport flying, but we all must make certain that model activity does not jeopardize full-scale activity.

We must stop fooling ourselves. Model aviation is important—mighty important, but even more so is aviation. We will get full cooperation for our model activity just as long as we do not interfere with aviation activity. If we live in a large city, we must travel outside that city if we expect to fly our models with safety. If we have been accustomed to flying off airports which have been commandeered for national defense activities, we must get far away from those airports. If new airline routes have been established over sections which have been open for model flying in the past, it is essential that new model sites be found, away from those scheduled airline paths.

This is still a big country and there are still plenty of flying sites for anybody who wants to take the trouble to look for them. The greatest effort in history is now being made to prepare for an adequate national defense. It is a small sacrifice to ask model builders to change the location of their flying, to spots farther away than their present model sites.

This is a time of national emergency. Model builders must realize this. Model leaders are charged with the responsibility of explaining these problems to the model builder. It is your duty as a patriotic American citizen interested in the advancement of aviation in this country to see that every model flyer in your locality does nothing to jeopardize this vital aviation activity.