



# Hawk Talk

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\*\*\*\* AGENDA \*\*\*\*

**GENERAL MEETING:** Friday, July 27, 2007 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Hawk Field \* 138th & Fort Street

**PROGRAM:** Bring something to fly!!!

**BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday, August 1, 2007 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

# LET THERE BE LIGHT!

**OK, it's not quite as impressive as the first time that line was used, but it's still pretty neat!**

- editor

We now have light at Hawk Field! On Friday, July 6 Vierregger Electric arrived to dig a deep hole and install a safety light. What I thought was going to be an old wooden light pole (they were giving us the pole for free) ended up being a like new galvanized metal pole. On top is a 400 watt high pressure sodium lamp.

safety light sure does a great job illuminating the entire area. The pit and spectator area are well lit as is over 95% of the parking lot. The installation looked very professional and Vierregger Electric was kind enough to dig a hole for the new flag pole we are going to receive. Thanks to Eric Morgan for his assistance with coordinating the installation and meeting the electricians at the field.

- Steve Culver

See inside for more pictures..



I waited for the sun to go down Friday night to go out to the field to see just how well it lights up the area. I can report the new

## Meeting

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## Hawk Field

July 27—7:00 p.m.

## Don't miss it!

Raffle for Labor Day



**SIG Rascal C Kit  
Donated by Claude Weimer  
All proceeds to support the  
Labor Day Raffle**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ August 8: Board Fun Fly
- ★ August 11-12: Pattern Contest
- ★ August 14: Pancake Breakfast & Float Fly
- ★ August 31: General Meeting
- ★ September 3: Labor Day Air Show

# HAWK TALK

## THE MINUTES

Mike Berger, Secretary

### General Meeting.....6/29/2007

Called to Order: 7:28 pm

Approximately 46 members present

Due to the meeting being held at Hawk Field, not much business was discussed.

General Announcements  
Contact Steve Culver for Gold Leader Club pins

Funding not to exceed \$80 for building two additional safety tables was approved

Funding not to exceed \$150 for Doc's two breakfasts was approved

The next two meetings will be held at Hawk Field in Standing Bear Lake

Steve Culver's Air Force Reserve group will be deployed starting later this year for a duration of one year.

Steve Peck discussed the upcoming '07 Labor Day Airshow and organized section leaders. Other original ideas for the airshow were also discussed.



### Business Meeting.....7/11/2007

Called to order at 7:28 pm

9 board members were present

Treasurers Report – Ed Paasch  
The safety light has been installed and the hole for the flagpole was dug. The club paid Vierregger Electric \$650.

Membership Report – Ralph Brown  
The club has acquired two members: Tony Green, a returning member and Eric Chipman, a new member.

Newsletter Report – Mike Berger Get any articles and/or pictures to Mike Berger ASAP

Hawk Field Announcements

The safety light has been installed next to the main power box.

The hole for the flagpole has been dug

Two more safety tables were built and installed

A table top for electric recharging and general use is to be installed on the stand where the Labor Day Airshow sign is presently located.

General Announcements  
The monthly Board Fun Fly will continue through September

R/C Signs at Tranquility are not yet posted by the city

The District IX Fun Fly at Hawk Field has been tentatively scheduled for September 22nd



## THE PATTERN CONTEST IS ON AGAIN!

The Annual Pattern Championship held by the Omahawks is an event unlike other events held at Hawkfield. It draws contestants from up to many hundreds of miles away, and it has national interest because people from all over the country have interest in the outcome of the different classes. The success of the event is a direct reflection on the quality of our club.

The contest follows AMA and FAI rules and is an AMA sanctioned event. The sanction number is 07-1501. There are 5 classes that increase in difficulty as each class is a step up.

The classes are Sportsman, Intermediate, Advanced, Masters, and FAI. Sportsman class is entry level and can be flown with almost any RC aircraft and I would encourage any one who has not tried to fly pattern to give it a try. I flew in my first contest two weeks after I soloed and I flew my trainer. I enjoyed that event so much that it became my focus over the years of RC flying. If you have any interest or questions, please contact Ron Williams, Robert Green, Jim Ralston or myself. We would be happy to help.

Each Pilot who enters the event and pays the \$25.00 entry fee will receive an Omahawk Pattern Championship T-Shirt that can be worn proudly for many years.

Volunteers are needed to make this event a success. If you are willing, please contact Claude Weimer or Ron Williams.

- Claude Weimer, CD

## HAWKS TAKE IN SPADFEST 2007

On June 2nd, a group of Omahawks visited an R/C field near Des Moines, IA for the purpose of flying their airplanes made out of plastic. The day was warm and sunny and by all appearances, a good time was had by all. The event was a success, and Steve Culver's Flying Ambulance even made the local evening news!

- editor



Mike Lollis takes the "Big Walk" after landing in the corn.



Fred Wilke helps out with a big one.



That's a weird looking muffler!

## AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM STEVE CULVER

I made this announcement at the last general meeting but wanted to include something in Hawk Talk for those that were not there.

As most of you are aware I am in the USAF Reserves. On June 26<sup>th</sup> I was notified by the USAF Air Combat Command that the 55th Security Forces Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) Reserves component (the Reserve component I'm in) is being activated for a one year tour for deployment to the Middle East. I have been informed the IMA's can expect to be activated in November 2007 for one year and will be deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan or Saudi Arabia sometime between November and March dependent on the deployment rotation schedule.

Due to this deployment, I may be required to resign my position as President a month before my tenure officially ends. Since the President is an automatic Board member after serving this will create two positions on the Board that will need to be filled. I ask that motivated members please consider serving on the Board as a Board member and/or Officer. If you are interested in serving on the Board please attend any Board meeting (first Wednesday of the month) and/or contact any current Board member.

Thanks for your consideration!

- Steve Culver  
Club President

Support our  
troops!

# HAPPENINGS AT



Summertime is rolling right along and lots of events are happening at the field, so instead of focusing on just one event, this month we will see a variety of pictures from a number of events.

- editor



The doctor who told me to quit smoking is dead!



Olie is left speechless by Bud's fashion sense



## Old Timer Fun Fly



Ralph's car is an old timer, too!



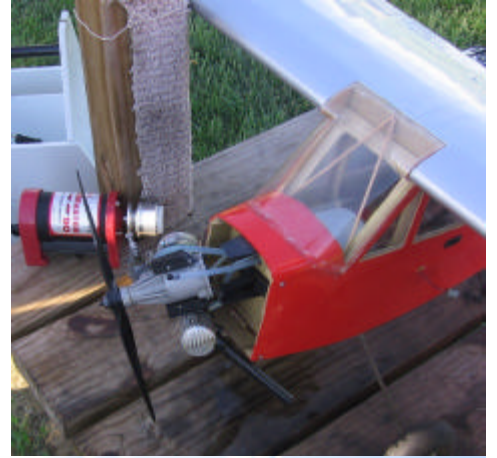
A bunch of Old Timers and their pilots



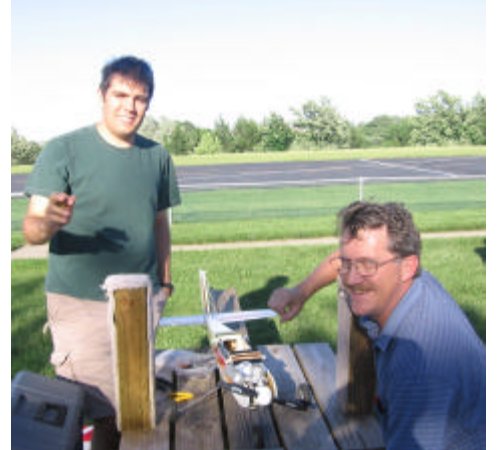
# HAWK FIELD



Multi-engine  
Fun Fly



Training Night



# HAWK TALK

## IF IT FLOATS AND IT FLIES, IT'S HERE!



The float flying season at Standing Bear Lake is rolling right along. Year after year, the float flys are one of the best supported events on the Omahawks calendar and this year is no different. Lots of pilots from all the area clubs attend these events and have a great time flying off of the lake, having coffee and donuts, and socializing.

If you haven't ever been to a float fly, it is well worth your time to drop by and check it out. You won't be disappointed!

- editor



**Don't miss the next Float Fly!**

**Tuesday Morning**

**August 14**

Make-up date August 21

**8:30 - 11:30**

**At**

**Standing Bear Lake**

**Chase Boat Provided**

**Coffee & Krispy Kremes at 830 am**

**\$5 fee for pilots without Hawkfield Permits**

**Info: Bob Zitzlspenger 493 1610**

**Bob Burt 339 7482**

**Ed Splittgerber 896 1787**

**Dick Behrens 451 6397**



Captain Matt Myers



Ralph shows us his good side.



**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
**@ Hawk Field**  
**August 14 - 9.a.m.**

For information call  
Doc Greenberg 493-5492  
Bud Mitchell 492-4697  
Bob Burt 339-7482

(There seems to be a conflict with this event and the float fly. But since Bob and Bud are involved with both, I'm sure they have it all figured out. Contact them for more information. - editor)

## MULTIWING FUN FLY IS A BIG SUCCESS

June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2007 marked the second multi-wing fun-fly I have had the pleasure to CD. The fun fly was a success and helps keep tradition alive of Omaha and the Omahawks being RC Bi-plane capital of the world.

The day turned out pretty good for morning flying. This is two years straight where a layer of clouds blocked the sun from being a mid morning nuisance, and the breeze was mild. Temps stayed cool making for an enjoyable event.

Nine flyers participated this year in the Multi Wing event. Hopefully we can continue the event next year and can coax a few additional flyers out. Highlights of this year's fun-fly include Ken Heimbeck's SkyBolt firewall coming loose during flight. Ken did a great job managing the aircraft to a point he could push daisies with it. Surprising the damage is not that bad and Ken should have it back in the air sometime. Jim Henley's Great Plane's Stearman managed to break the top left wing tip off during a nose over (If you own a Bipe, you've nosed it over, everyone does it now and then.). Not to worry, a little duct tape and away it flew.

The day's events were uneventful and everyone had the chance to get in some good flying. Thank you to all that participated! Hope to see you there next year.

- Bob Wheeler  
CD



## SAFETY CORNER WITH ERIC MORGAN

Hi everyone, it's time for another exciting issue of the Safety Corner. This month I wanted to discuss something which has been an ever increasing problem. I have been spending more time at the field lately and have noticed an alarming trend towards what can only be described as a lack of respect for the Hawk Field Rules.

These rules were put into effect long before I became a member and I don't think that it takes a rocket scientist to figure why they were adopted. The rules are there to ensure that EVERYONE can have a safe and enjoyable time at the field. The rules do not favor any specific type of flyer nor do they discriminate against any specific type of flyer, in fact, the only thing which is strictly forbidden is jet turbine aircraft.

When one member does not follow the rules, which are there to insure their safety as well as everyone else's, it puts us all at risk.

I would urge all of you to take another look at the Hawk Field Safety Rules next time you are at the field and ask yourself if perhaps you may have forgotten one or more of them. And if you see someone else disregarding the rules, don't be afraid to speak up about it. We all have a responsibility to keep the field safe.

This is a fun hobby so let's keep it that way by following the rules and being safe.

*Eric Morgan, Omahawks Safety  
Coordinator*



## SAFETY TABLES COMPLETE

At the last general meeting funds for two more safety tables were approved. A big thank you goes out to Mike Lollis for building and installing the last two safety tables and a thank you to those who helped Mike with the installation. One was installed to the north of the radio impound making three tables and the second was installed to the south making four tables for a total of seven. I believe these safety tables go along way to enhancing the usability of Hawk Field and pro-

moting safer ground operations. Many thanks to all club members who have been involved with this project since last summer!

- Steve Culver



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# On My Soapbox, Again

Shocked as I am that the month of July is coming to an end, I have definitely been enjoying this summer. But one thing sticks in my mind and will not let go. The end is near, and with the end comes the biggest day on our calendar, the Labor Day Air Show. In addition to being a great event that supports the Make-A-Wish organization in Nebraska, this is also our big chance to show the community who we are as well as promote our hobby.

While Steve Peck has worked tirelessly for many years to lead this event, it is not the work of one man, or even a few. This event takes the effort of many people, doing many tasks like selling raffle tickets, serving concessions, and collecting donations as well as flying in the show. It is through the efforts of these many people that we have had such success in this event over the years.

I know I am belaboring the point on this, since last month's Hawk Talk carried a similar article in this same space, but I cannot stress enough the importance of your involvement in making this show a success. **WE NEED YOU!** Whatever you can do to contribute will be a huge help. Everybody can help, from the newest members to the oldest. Whether it's big or small, all day or just for an hour or so, your help can make a difference for your club and for Make-A-Wish. Please don't just sit back and watch. Get active, get involved. You'll be glad you did. Come to the general meeting and/or the board meeting for information and guidance.

*Support the  
Make-A-Wish Foundation*