



# Hawk Talk

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

**GENERAL MEETING:** Friday, July 25, 2008 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Hawk Field 138th & Fort St

**PROGRAM:** Better weather than last month - guaranteed!!!

**BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday, August 6, 2008 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

## OMAHAWKS SUFFER HUGE LOSS

The Omahawks and the whole Omaha area R/C community was dealt a great blow with the passing of our dear friend Olie Olson. Olie passed away on Friday morning, July 18th.

Olie has been a member of the Omahawks since its inception and has been a tireless supporter of the club throughout its long and storied history. He had served the club in almost every capacity imaginable, including all officer positions as well as newsletter editor for many years. His dry wit and fierce loyalty to the club made him one of the most loved and respected members we have ever had.

For many years, Olie ran the Hobby Center in Benson. It was a Mecca for many young hobbyists like myself. The height of my summer was being allowed to walk the two miles from my house to Benson where I could by model cars and planes and dream of soaring in the planes hanging from the ceiling there.

Olie was a driving force in the Omahawks club. Perhaps his crowning achievement was his part in the creation of Hawk Field and the establishment of the relationship between the Omahawks and the City of Omaha that has allowed the club to remain in one place for these many years and likely many more years into the future. Those of us who have become new members since then probably don't understand how much work it was to make our beautiful facility a reality and Olie was an integral part of that.

Olie was a huge part of our club. His spirit and dedication to the club will be sorely missed. He was a good friend and mentor to this new editor who knows how big a pair of shoes he has to fill.

- editor



Oscar "Olie" Olson  
1923 - 2008

### JULY MEETING AT HAWK FIELD

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

7:00 p.m.

138TH & FORT ST

Program: Better  
weather than last  
month!

#### Upcoming Events:

- ★ July 25 - General meeting @ Hawk Field
- ★ July 26 - Bud's Garage Sale (see p. 7)
- ★ August 6 - Business Meeting
- ★ August 9 -10 - Pattern Contest
- ★ Every Thursday 6 pm - Flight Training
- ★ August 12 - Float Fly
- ★ September 1 - Labor Day Air Show

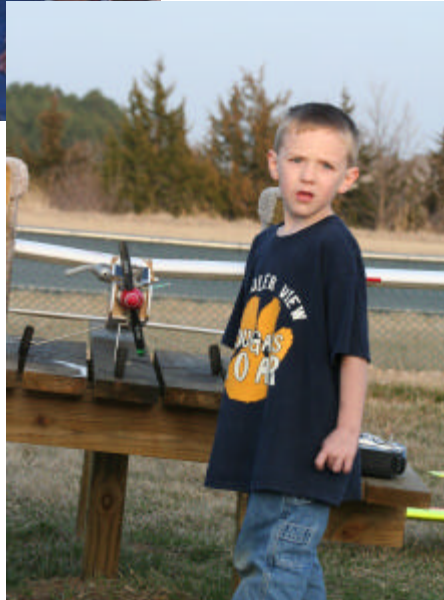
## THE MINUTES

Nathan King, Secretary

### Business Meeting.....1/3/2008

The minutes for the last month's meetings were not available at the time of printing. Of course, since Nathan was the only person at the field when the storm hit before the general meeting, the minutes for that meeting probably go something like, "Aaaaaaahh!!!" !

What?!? No minutes! I guess I'll just have to fill this page with pictures from the field!



## PATTERN CONTEST COMING UP...

The annual Pattern Championship held by the Omahawks on August 9th and 10th and 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. Hawk Field will be closed during the competition. 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 08-1561. 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 anyone 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 R/C

flying. If you have any interest or questions, please contact Ron Williams, Robert Green, Jim Ralston or myself. We would be happy to help. It would be great to see some Sportsman flyers from our club flying in the event.



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.



## A WORD FROM THE EDITOR ON THE PATTERN CONTEST

Although I have only been flying for a few years in comparison to many of the other members of this club, it has been my pleasure to help out with the pattern contest on several occasions since I started flying. And I want to tell you that this is a really unique and enjoyable event that you should get involved in.

First of all, this event gets the Omahawks national attention in the R/C world. All over the country people know who the Omahawks are, largely due to this contest. We have had contestants from all over the country compete and they spread the word about our club and our field. This has been nothing but good for the reputation of our club. The assistance and support of our club members at this event is what does it for us.

But more than that, this event offers you a great opportunity to test your own flying skills. The sportsman class is for fliers who are new to pattern flying and can be flown by pilots of any skill with just about any plane. You can easily complete the pattern with a basic trainer like an Avistar. Some members have even flown bipes and twin engine planes in sportsman class.

So come on out and help out with the contest. This is our chance to shine across the country.

Or better yet, bring your plane and show off your skills with the sticks. I know you'll enjoy it.

- editor

### YOUR EDITOR'S NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS

Due to some problems with my web hosting service, I have a new service and a new e-mail address. Please feel free to send me articles, pictures and praise to me at [mrberger352@kaptnkarl.com](mailto:mrberger352@kaptnkarl.com)

# ELECTRIC FLY (KIND OF ...)



Our good friend and fellow Omaha-hawk Fred Tuckerman decided to put on a fun fly this year for all of his friends that fly electric R/C airplanes. It was to be a great day of food flying and frivolity with nothing but the gentle hum of electric motors accompanying the pilots and their planes.

Alas, Mother Nature had her own plans involving 25 mph winds, so at the last minute, Fred did what any good CD would do: he invited everybody to come out and join the fun regardless of what type of plane they flew.

So the day was saved, the fun fly was fun and a good albeit blustery day was had by all!

- editor



## & MULTI-WING FUN FLY

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This year's event was bigger than last year's with a grand total of 14 flyers with 16 planes. A lot of pilots and lots of Bi-Planes made for a very enjoyable day. Everyone took their shots at take offs and landings enjoying the good flying weather. The day wasn't



complete without a few mishaps. Yours truly, and two other pilots had their share of bumps. Bob's Auction special, a Cermark Pitts S2B didn't make a successful maiden flight. Somewhere out over the valley of doom it lost flight control. So much for the Pitts S2B. Jim Henley with his WACO, and Ken with his SkyBolt also experienced mishaps (we won't use the C word).



All in all the day turned out pretty good. A good lunch of hot dogs and brats' kept the flyers fed and willing to risk it all. Again, thanks to everyone that participated, It made it a great event, which makes me look forward to next year.



Great flying,  
Bob Wheeler  
CD



## EGG BURN PIX

It was kind of damp and gloomy at first, so we just ate a lot, hence these wonderful, but mostly food related pictures from Helen Paasch



## SAFETY CORNER

Accidents don't happen just at the field. Many mishaps occur away from the field and proper attention to safety is required wherever you are working on your R/C stuff.

While building or repairing your planes, always keep a look out for potential problems and always make safety your number one priority. Good safety practices include keeping your hobby knife away from the edge of the work bench/table, Using a holding stand for your covering and trim irons. And, be sure they're cooled down before putting them away. Be sure your flammable items are kept sealed and away from ignition sources. When charging your LiPo batteries, always use the proper charger and charging precautions.

Sometimes, you just need to play the pessimist, and think, "What if..." This will help keep your work area safe and could possibly save a catastrophic accident from damaging your home. Keep your aircraft in good repair, and you'll enjoy the experience much more.

Have a safe flight day,  
E.J. Murphy

## JUNE FLOAT FLY A BIG SUCCESS

The wind was nearly calm for this event and lake was still high. Roger Brodd served as the rescue person with his canoe making this event possible. We thank him for this. With two people in the canoe, the rescues worked well. Doc Greenberg brought coffee. The club furnished donuts.

Thirteen flew or brought planes. They were: Frank Wisniski, Ralph Brown, Bob Burt, Bob Zitz, Skip Brown, Claude Weimer, Ron Pacana, Gale Sherman, Tim Peters, Larry Austin, Fred Tuckerman, Ed Paasch, and Dick Behrens. Larry and Fred flew a couple of electrics one being a small helicopter.

★ *Dick Behrens*

## BOB HAAS 1925 - 2008

Bob Haas, a long time member of the Omahawks, passed away June 6th. Bob was a life long Omahawn. I first met Bob in 1990 when I joined the Omahawks. At that time, Bob, his brother Harley and brother in law Bill Mcadams were part of a morning group that started to learn R/C. For many years, Bob's son John was also an Omahawk. Bob was a veteran serving in the Navy during WWII.

About a year and half ago, Bob was diagnosed with lung cancer. He had not smoked and said this resulted from asbestos that he had worked with as part of his occupation as a plumber. He will be missed.

- *Dick Behrens*

# BUD KILNOSKI'S R/C GARAGE SALE

July 26th - 9:00 a.m. till noon

2301 N. Broadway

Council Bluffs, IA

Due to health reasons, Bud is selling all his R/C stuff!

**Planes:** Sig 4 star 120, Picca Duelist, Sig Hog Bipe, Ultra Stick 120 RV4, Ultimate Bipe .60, Giant Big Stick, Sig 1/4 Cub, Sea Plane, Sig Astrohog, G.P. Fokker D7, Goldberg Husky

**Engines:** OS 46 max, OS 40 LA, OS 120 Gemini Twin, Saito 80, EVO 61,

and K&B engines.

**Electronics:** Couple of transmitters and lots of servos.

**Lots of Miscellaneous:** Metal work bench, Delta scroll saw, B&D Workmate, Batteries, starters, glow starters, flight boxes, files, screwdrivers, and lots of other hand tools!

**CASH ONLY, PLEASE**

Tuesday Morning

FLOAT FLY

August 12

Standing Bear Lake

Fly 8:30 am – noon  
Chase Boat provided

Coffee and Donuts at 830 am

Flyers from all fields welcome  
\$5 fee for pilots without Hawkfield permits  
Sponsored by Omahawks

**Info:**  
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# ARE YOU READY FOR THIS...

OK, this may seem a little bit like I'm belaboring the point, but this is really important to me. And, like previous years, I find myself behind the eight ball with the deadline fast approaching and I don't have much to show for my efforts.

As you are aware, I have been running the Labor Day Air Show raffle for the last several years. And for the last three years, I have gotten the club members to donate the money to buy the prizes so we could give all of the money spent on raffle tickets to Make-A-Wish. Before I took over the raffle, we sold tickets all day, then took the cost of the prizes out of that money and gave the rest to Make-A-Wish. That change has helped make the raffle and the Labor Day Show more successful in the last couple years. When it rained a couple years ago, it saved us from financial disaster!

So once again, I am asking you to dig deep and give as much as you can to support this worthy cause. And I am

getting nervous about my chance of success. I usually use the June, July and August meetings at the field for shaking people down... oops, I mean gathering donations, so the wash-out at the June meeting really set me back a month and the date of the show is fast approaching.

So please, please, please, give as much as you can. Come out to the meeting at the field this Friday. I'll have something to raffle off. And if you can't come, please send me a donation. It's all tax deductible and you can make the check out to Make-A-Wish if you want. It all goes to the same place. Last year's show was one of our most successful ever. Let's all work together to make this year even better.

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