



Hawk Talk

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**** AGENDA ****

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, July 30, 2010 * 7:00 P.M. * Hawk Field * 138th & Fort

PROGRAM: Food, fun and flying

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, August 4, 2010 * 7:00 P.M. * Hawk Field * 138th & Fort

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

LABOR DAY IS COMING...

Uh oh! Mid-summer is upon us. Independence Day is past tense and the TV is talking about back to school sales already. Can you believe school starts in less than a month?

That means that it is almost time for the highlight of the Omahawks' year, the Labor Day Air Show. This our one chance to share our joy of flying with the rest of the world and do some

good at the same time.

You can help by showing up at the meeting and buying raffle tickets to help pay for the prizes on Labor Day. But we also need your help in the show itself.

Segment leaders are needed for the different types of aircraft that will fly in the show. Multi-wing, scale, helicopters and weird planes are just a few of the segments that need leaders to make the show possible. It's not tough either. As a segment leader you just need to round up a bunch of like-minded fliers and get them together to put on a show on the big day. Many guy have been doing this for many years. We need the newer members to pitch in and help out, too. Come to the meeting at the field, Friday or contact Steve Peck, Ed Paasch, EJ Murphy or myself for more info.

The air show is a longstanding and highly successful part of the Omahawks. It gives us public exposure and helps us build good will in the community. It is our crowning achievement of the year and we need your help to make it a success!

- editor

SPC Combat - It's not for sissies!



See the carnage on page 5

JULY MEETING AT HAWK FIELD

FRIDAY, JULY 30

7:00 p.m.

138th & Fort

Program: Fly and have fun... or else!

Raffle to benefit Labor Day Air Show Raffle:

Multiple prizes

Don't miss it!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ July 30 - General Meeting
- ★ August 4 - Business meeting @ Hawk Field
- ★ August 7 - Multi-wing Fun Fly
- ★ August 11 - Old Timer Fun Fly
- ★ August 21 - Electric Ducted Fan Fun Fly
- ★ Sept 6 - Labor Day Air Show
- ★ Sept 8 - Old Timer Fun Fly
- ★ TBA - Fun Scale Event

THE MINUTES

Larry McChesney, Secretary

General Meeting.....6/25/2010

President E.J. Murphy opened the meeting. Brennan and Chris Auger introduced themselves as new members. Welcome Brennan and Chris. Also present was Stewart Wilson. Welcomed Stewart. Attendance at the meeting at the field was thirty one.

Membership Report The membership report was given. On June 22 there were 128 members. Seventeen are new.

Newsletter Report: Mike Berger was present and encourages members to submit news articles.

Solo Pilots: Jim Shaffer was presented his certificate for completing student training and solo flight. Congratulations Jim.



Mikey said he would work on training table repairs. The following week I was told that the table top had been replaced by Bob Wheeler. Thank you Bob.

Gutters for the west side of the shelter were discussed along with possibly the east side.

Last a motion was made by Bob Wheeler to contract for a porta potty for the field. It was seconded by Larry McChesney. Motion carried. Mikey will look into a company to work with. It was agreed to locate it south of the main entrance drive and west of the south parking area.

Event Reports

Dennis Bender has volunteered to be liaison for the club for the ScoutQuest event at Mahoney Saturday October 9th.

SPC July 24th Combat

Helicopter Fun Fly June 5th

Multi-wing Event July - August (TBD)



Wednesday July 17th is a scheduled Old Timers Event (rain out date will be the following Thursday)

Old Business

There was a short discussion regarding the new website. Kevin Hyde continues to make additions and improvements. Thank Kevin when you see him for keeping the site active.

New Business

The board approved a renewal membership application for Neil Archibald after an extended absence.

Mike Berger announced that he and Ron Pancana have offered raffle prizes from their own stock or purchases. The hope is that by the Labor Day Air Show there will be \$500 of raffle prizes allowing 100% of ticket sales that day to go to Make-A-Wish. Please consider bringing something to the general meeting in July or August to help out.

Business Meeting.....7/7/2010

Vice President Bob Wheeler opened the meeting.

Officers present: EJ Murphy, Bob Wheeler, Kevin Hyde, Larry McChesney. Board members present: Skip Brown, Harry Perkins, Brad Perkins, Bob Zitslperger, Mikey Furrow. Members attending: Ralph Brown, Ed Paasch and Dennis Bender

Treasurers Report: Kevin Hyde presented the treasurers report.

Membership Report: The membership report was given. As of July 5th there are 132 members. Four are new this month and one is a renewal. Bill Gann submitted an application to rejoin. Welcome Bill. According to the bylaws a vote is required and was passed. The motion to accept was made by Bob Wheeler and seconded by Kevin Hyde.

Field Update: Mikey Furrow, Field Chair, has attempted to contact OPPD re the field security light with no success. Kevin Hyde volunteered to pursue the matter of getting the repair started. It was also noted that the pole fixture does not technically belong to the power company.

Harry Perkins indicated that the city now has a work order for the property sign at the entrance. The club will install this once it is completed. Mikey is working on vinyl for the small signs to install on the rail fence. Harry Perkins said he can get some aluminum blanks.



Old Timer Event August 11th
Electric Powered Ducted Fan August 21st
Old Timer Event September 8th
Fun Scale Event TBD

Old Business

The last Scout event saw sixty four scouts and several scouters and parents at the field for pot luck and some exciting training. Most or all of the scouts who did not fly the previous Monday night meeting had time in the air. Thanks to Mikey Furrow, Casey Vohnout, Bob English, Ed Paasch and Larry McChesney for getting the boys (and one young lady) up. It was a successful event sponsored by Dennis Bender (also Scout Master).

New Business

Due to the loss of a trainer a motion was made by Kevin Hyde and seconded by Bob Wheeler to purchase a new plane. Motion carried. I believe, due to another super deal put forth by Ed Paasch, that the club will have a new plane "on the cheap."

Upcoming Meeting Dates.

Next General meeting- Friday, July 30th
Next Business meeting - Wednesday, August 4th, 7:00 p.m @ field. Hamburgers go on the grill around six o'clock.

Field Update

There was a brief discussion on the progress regarding the new field management sign and location.

The field chair is working on the problem with the field security light.

A break in the fence toward the storage shed has already been completed with a chain installed that can be temporarily removed when access is desired for planes being moved from parking lot to field apron. Please put it up when finished. A sign will be installed on the rail fence "For pilot access only."

Event Reports:

The Omahawks have been invited again to join the annual Scout Quest Event October 9th at Mahoney. It will consist of static displays and flying demonstrations during the day. Dennis Bender has volunteered to be the clubs liaison for the event. Please contact him if you can attend with displays and or want to fly.

The Youth Fun Fly was canceled due to weather and will be rescheduled.

Ed Paasch spoke about the SPC pattern session. Fred Tuckerman finished first followed by Ed P. and Matt Myer.

Another float fly, disappointedly, was canceled on June 22nd. Next scheduled will be Saturday July 17th, weather permitting.

Boy Scout Fun Fly was held June 21st with 27 scouts and 17 adults. A second night is set up for June 28th. Fourteen attended a Helicopter Fun Fly (seven Omahawks)

MULTI-WING FUN FLY COMING RIGHT UP!

On Saturday August 7th, 2010 from 4PM until dark, Bob Wheeler will be hosting the annual Multi-Wing Fun Fly at Hawk Field located at Standing Bear Lake Park, 138th and Fort Streets.

Any RC pilot with a current AMA membership and an electric, gas, or glow powered multi-wing plane is welcome. There will be a \$5 landing fee required for non-permit holders, which will not only provide for a fun day of flying, it also includes dinner, which will be served around 6PM.

Please e-mail Bob Wheeler at babobkat@yahoo.com to RSVP and help Bob plan for the right amount of hamburgers, chips, pop, and water. If you don't have e-mail, ask your son Skip to tell Bob that you're planning on attending.

Come on out for a day of fun and camaraderie. Multi-wing planes of all types and power sources are welcome. See you there!



OMAHAWKS HELIPAD A GREAT PLACE TO FLY

The new Omahawks helicopter pad installed just southwest of the storage shed is proving to be a versatile and popular area for flying. Originally created so Omahawks pilots could have a dedicated flying area for helicopter hovering, the new flying area is also gaining popularity with park flyer and foamie pilots as well as helicopter enthusiasts.



What is drawing fixed wing pilots to the helicopter area? One reason is that the helicopter area is always available for flying on 2.4Ghz radio systems, even if the main runway is closed for training or special events. During the SPC Sportsman Pattern event, a couple of club members came out to fly when they didn't know there was a contest scheduled. They simply headed down to the helipad area and flew some 3D foamie electrics once the contest began, so they could enjoy some flying time as well as watching the pattern contest.

The helicopter flying area has also proved handy for pilots on the occasional Thursday eve-

ning. Omahawks members not involved in the training program show up to fly, forgetting that the runway is closed Thursday evenings for students and instructors to fly. Helicopter and electric airplane pilots alike have taken advantage of the secondary flying area to enjoy some stick time when the training program prevents access to the main flight-

line.

If you're heading out to Hawk Field to grab some stick time, don't forget to pack your TREX 450 or your Parkzone P-51 Mustang. Even if you forgot that it's training night or it just happens to be the day of the scale contest, you can still get in plenty of good flying time!

--Ed Paasch



This one might be too big for the pad...

War, Famine and Destruction?

The Omahawks 2010 Sport Pilot Championship ended much like how it began earlier this year, with spectacular carnage. Pilot E.J. Murphy flew well during his first heat, only to crash while landing at the end of his heat. Pilot Ed Paasch took off at the beginning of his first heat, but managed to lose orientation and watch his plane fly away into the woods before combat even began. Pilot Larry McChesney's attempt at a dead stick landing fell short of the runway, resulting in the parking of his plane 35 feet up in a tree. SPC pilots Gary Vohnout and Darren Will collided in mid-air during the 4th and final round of combat flying, much to the delight of the spectators. It was a tough day for Omahawks pilots, but a good day for ARF manufacturers.

As if to answer the question, "What else could possibly go wrong?" pilot Mikey Furrow lost aileron control of his airplane shortly after the mid-air collision. Mikey and Casey Vohnout teamed up to get the plane safely under control, but not before it went wildly out of control and flew completely through the middle of a tree, scaring and delighting the crowd. Pilots Tom Floyd and Jay Hines managed to chase each other around without incident for the rest of the heat, surviving the last couple of minutes before flight line boss E.J. Murphy finally called, "end combat" over the bullhorn.

When the results were finally tallied, Tom Floyd finished the day in 1st place as SPC combat champ for 2010. Gary Vohnout enjoyed an excellent day of flying, finishing in 2nd place despite having his last flight cut unexpectedly short. Jay Hines took 3rd place in the combat contest, which really surprised Jay. He had come out around 9:30AM to watch the combat event with his family and decided to join in the fun at the last minute.

Tom Floyd's terrific flying in the SPC Pylon and SPC Sportsman Pattern events combined with his 1st place victory in the SPC Combat event brought Tom all the way up to second place in the overall points competition. Congratulations to Tom, Gary, and Jay for some terrific flying. Thanks to pilots Darren Will, Larry McChesney, E.J. Murphy, Skip Brown, Mikey Furrow, Ed Paasch, and Casey Vohnout for providing the winners with a "target rich" environment. As always, special thanks to Roger Cowell, Sonny Lusch, Bob Johnson, Rennie ter Kuile, Nathan King, Helen Paasch, Jim Burnette, Pam Felthausen, David Olson, and Mike Berger for pitching in and helping out with running the event.

- Ed Paasch

P.S. - Please let me know if you find a Tower Hobbies Kaos .40 all by itself scared and alone out in the woods somewhere!



No! Just the SPC Combat Contest!



A good day for spectators, but a bad day for airplanes...



Jay Hines got a kill by trying to avoid everybody .



Ed's doomed KAOS



It's just what everybody wants - a mid-air!



Ralph thinks he won a prize

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IS IT KAOS OR CHAOS? ONLY ED CAN SAY FOR SURE

Before last evening, I'd never managed to render a plane unflyable prior to maidening it. Busting up my Tower Hobbies Kaos .40 ARF while removing it from my car was a new low.

24 hours after my profanity-filled meltdown out at Hawk Field, I returned to the airstrip with my freshly repaired Kaos 40 ARF ready to fly. The horizontal stabilizer only took a few minutes to fix (not including the setting time required for the epoxy); re-attaching the nose gear push rod to the control arm required complete removal and reinstallation of the engine.

As aggravating as the ARF was to build, I now know why the Kaos is so highly spoken of. As soon as the plane left off the runway, I felt like I'd been flying it for years. The plane was instantly familiar to me and went where I pointed it. I had to wait until almost dusk to maiden the plane due to high winds, but it tracked straight through loops and even knife edged fairly well. I'm looking forward to dialing in the engine a bit better and really wringing it out prior to the combat event on Saturday.

I know Mike Berger won't believe this when I say it, but Fred Tuckerman has never seen this plane. I assembled the ARF, broke the ARF, repaired the ARF, and then maidenized the ARF without any input from Fred. I built and maidenized my Phoenix Models Dolphin 40 ARF last year (may it rest in peace) the same way.

I actually can assemble an

ARF if I put my mind to it. The frequent aggravations experienced while putting this Kaos 40 together hasn't changed my mind about dumping as many projects as I can on Fred Tuckerman, however.

★ *Ed Paasch*

Sadly, the KAOS that Ed refers to here is the same plane that flew away from him during the SPC Combat contest. And I do believe that Ed built the plane himself. The flying pigs over my house were proof positive! - ed

HAS ANYBODY SEEN A TRANSMITTER?

Has anybody found a transmitter? I have an old Futaba Conquest transmitter that I seem to have lost earlier this year. I had it for Winterfest, but could not find it for Memorial Day. It has my name on it and is on channel 53. It's kind of old and grubby, but it still works well for me.

If you have seen it, please drop me a line at omahawks@kaptnkarl.com.

- Mike Berger



EDF Jet Fun Fly

Saturday August 21st

If you love your EDF Jets, give them what they need! Bring them out to Hawk Field and fly them off of our 500' asphalt runway.

Hawk Field has plenty of 110v electrical outlets, too. You can recharge at the field and fly all day, so bring your charger!



The Omahawks RC Club is hosting an EDF Jet fun fly at Hawk Field on Saturday, August 21st. Electric ducted fan and electric pusher jets of all kinds are welcome. Electric jets-only flying will begin at 10:00AM and continue until 3:00PM. Pilots are welcome to stay all day, we just need to open up the flight line to all pilots beginning at 3:00PM.

Lunch will be served beginning at 11:30AM. Pilots will be treated to sandwiches and chips. There will be pop and bottled water provided throughout the event.

The event is free to all Hawk Field permit holders. AMA members without a current flying permit for Hawk Field are always welcome, a \$5 landing fee will be required of pilots without a Hawk Field flying permit.

Contact event coordinator Larry Bailey at (402) 291-3164 or e-mail Larry at Inbailey@cox.net for further information.

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MORNING FLIERS AND FLOAT FLIERS ENJOY SUCCESS AT STANDING BEAR LAKE

For nearly 20 years, some mostly retired Omahawks have gathered periodically to meet in the morning at Hawkfield. Early on, some morning flyers met every morning, weather permitting. For a few years, during winters they even met monthly in the Abrahams library. Shirts with their names and the morning flyer logo were made by the wife of one of the flyers. About ten years ago, some began meeting at Hy-Vee, 108th and Fort on Tuesday mornings. Some have passed on. After a lapse period, last year and this year some meet on Thursday mornings at Hawkfield, weather permitting. To add to these meetings, starting in June this year, they have held Old Timer Fun Flys with brats, etc. once a month on Wednesday mornings. The cost of food for the 16 June and 7 July fly was donated by Bob Zitzlsperger and Bud Mitchell and meal prepared by Dennis Bender. Others are always welcome to join the fly/meetings.

July 7th Old Timer Fun Fly.

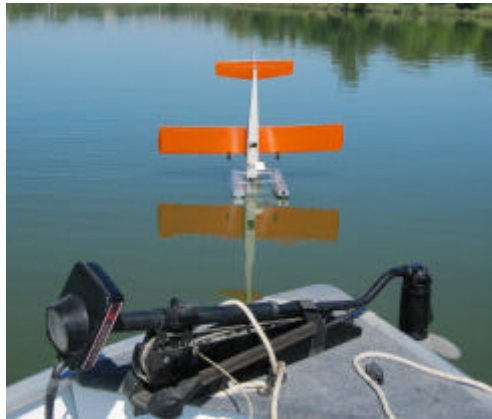
About 15 attended despite a period of rain around 9am

July 17th Float Fly. The weather was hot and humid with light (3-7mph) wind. Leroy Hendersen and his grandson Bradley Hendersen used Leroy's boat for retrieval of about 10-12 planes. Bob Z furnished coffee and Fred Hawkins brought donuts. The City caretaker furnished two picnic tables. Pizza and pop were served at 1115. There were many spectators.

The 22 pilots that flew were: Chuck Buscher, Ralph Brown, Tom Egbert, Frank Wisniski,

Frank Vanecek, Bob Roegge, Ron Pacana, Bob Zitzlsperger, Tim Peters, Jud Bock, Bob Wheeler, Dave Haggart, Bob Burt, Chuck Poore, Bud Mitchell, Skip Brown, Ed Splittgerber, Fred Wilke, Mark Zitzlsperger, Larry Austin, Dean Copeland, and Dick Behrens.

- Dick Behrens



Skip's plane needs rescuing



Bradley Hendersen does rescue work



Dean Copeland and Chuck Buscher

ARE YOU DOING IT RIGHT?

After the recent SPC Combat event (and the carnage therein) I was concerned about the number of planes lost and whether they would be found. I was reminded of an AMA rule that requires you to have your AMA number, your name and contact information posted somewhere in your plane.

This information will help another pilot or a passerby identify the owner of the airplane if it is lost. This one little piece of important information can mean the difference between getting your plane and all of its expensive electronics back or having a beloved plane and a large sum of money lost forever.

It is very easy to comply with this rule, too. It can be something as simple as a little return address label stuck somewhere inside the fuselage. You have to have something to do with all of those silly labels they send you in that junk mail. Or you could print some computer labels off yourself with the information on them.

Not only is this an AMA rule (AMA Safety Code Rule #6), it is also one of the simplest things you can do to protect your investment and hopefully get your treasured airplane back home if it gets lost.

- editor



Love your freedom?
Thank a soldier!

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MYSTERY PLANE FOR JULY

OK, guys. It's time for you to take up the challenge. For the last couple months there has only been one or two people trying to guess the mystery plane. And once again I have to announce Roger Brodd as the winner of last month's contest, (and I'm sure Dean Copeland knew it, too). So it's time for someone else to step up to the plate and guess this one. Actually, I'm impressed with anyone who can figure these out. Picking one is easy, figuring it out has to be a lot harder.

Last month's mystery plane was the Boeing XF8B-1. This was the largest and heaviest single seat fighter plane in the US arsenal. It was developed for the US Navy to be used against the Japanese as a multi-tasking platform, used for fighter, interceptor and bomber roles. However it never went into full scale production and was effectively killed by the advent of the jet age at the end of the Second World War.

- editor



June's plane: the Boeing XF8B-1

