



# Hawk Talk

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ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

**GENERAL MEETING:** Friday, July 29, 2011 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Hawk Field \* 138th & Fort Street

**PROGRAM:** Meet AMA VP Mark Smith and fly, fly, fly

**BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday, August 3, 2011 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.

## VIPS COMING TO HAWK FIELD

Mark Smith and Jim Wallen from the AMA will be in town on Friday, July 29 to attend the Omahawks General Membership meeting at Hawk Field. Mark and Jim will also be giving a special award to an AMA member that evening so be sure to stop by and congratulate the award winner (yes, it's a secret what the award is and who won!). Like past meetings at the field, we will have hot dogs, chips, and soda and the Board encourages everyone to bring something out to fly!

In addition, the Omahawks Board of Directors has approved an Open House at Hawk Field for all AMA card holders for Friday, July 29 and Saturday, July 30 until 3:00 p.m. (there is a flying event scheduled at Hawk Field late Saturday afternoon).



All AMA card holders are welcome to attend the meeting Friday night at Hawk Field. So come out early to fly and talk with Mark and Jim!

### ARE YOU READY FOR THE LABOR DAY AIR SHOW?

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ July 29 - July General Meeting
- ★ July 30 - Multiwing Fun Fly
- ★ August 3 - Business Meeting
- ★ August 10 - Old Timer Fun Fly
- ★ August 13-14 - Pattern Contest
- ★ August 16 - Float Fly
- ★ August 20 - EDF Fun Fly
- ★ August 26 - August General Meeting
- ★ August 28 - Olie Olsen Memorial Old Timer Fun Fly
- ★ August 28 - Soo Land Summer Fly In
- ★ August 29 - Boy Scout Field Clean-up
- ★ Sept 5 - Labor Day Air Show

### JULY MEETING AT HAWK FIELD

FRIDAY, JULY 29

7:00 p.m.

138th & Fort

Program:

Meet Mark Smith

Raffle to support Labor

Day Air Show:

Multiple Prizes

## THE MINUTES

Erik Krystoff, Secretary

### General Meeting.....6/24/2011

Waco Raffle – Congratulations to Rick Miller from the Western Flyer's Club on having lucky number 33 and winning the latest runway fund building raffle!

Polo and Hat update – Polo shirts are done, hats are coming along and should be completed soon. Steve will meet up with the supplier to pick up the shirts and contact those that placed orders.

Additional electrical hookups on the field – The board approved a motion to add some additional field electrical hookups at the last business meeting, specifically, the shed, inside and some surrounding areas. Voting placed to general membership, all approved the motion except for one objecting vote.

Additional funding proposed (up to \$300) for three additional safety tables. Larry McChesney motioned, Mikey Furrow seconded. General Membership approved.

Flooded Field Flying – Ed Paasch brought up the discussion topic of the Omahawks allowing surrounding area clubs usage of Hawk Field as there are at least three clubs in the area that are flooded. This has been done in past years, and last time we picked up three to four new members. The proposal is open AMA flying for July, and allowing memberships that roll over to 2012 starting September 1st.

After more discussion, and the need for a consensus, the motion was revised to table any further discussion (thus maintaining current policy of paid permit requirements for the time being). Seconded by Bud Mitchell, general membership approved. Please see 7/6/2011 meeting notes, as this is no longer current.

Ed brought up the next SPC event for 11 AM, 6/25/2011. Rain day is 6/26/2011. This event replaces the SPC Pattern contest held last year.

Bob Wheeler brought up the training program – we always need more people helping out, from instructors to ground crew.

Steve Culver brought up the Benson Business Community Flying Event 6/27/2011.

Mike Berger started up the Labor Day Readiness Raffle to help support the upcoming Labor Day Event.

Bob Wheeler needs help for the August

13/14th Pattern Flying Contest!

Thanks to Darren Will for purchasing and installing a new windsock and applying a much needed coat of paint to our windsock pole.

20 dollars approved for the August 28th Ollie Olson Old Timer Fun Fly.

Meeting adjourned.



"But worse than that, Rick. You have to stop telling people you never win anything in raffles!"

### Business Meeting.....7/6/2011

Concerning a special event at the next general meeting, Steve Culver made a motion that Hawk Field will be open for free AMA member flying by opening up the field as an AMA Open House on Friday, July 29th and Saturday July 30th until the Multi-Wing Fun Fly Event on Saturday at 3PM. (The Fun Fly Event is open to AMA fliers provided landing fees are paid). Mikey Furrow seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report presented by Kevin Hyde.

Hats and Polo shirts are complete and will be shipped tomorrow.

156 members currently on the website. Ralph Brown was unavailable to make the membership report.

No newsletter report this month.

Field Report – Nothing new to report. The light at the field remains out of commission, Mikey will investigate.

Steve Culver will further investigate the parts list for the newly approved safety tables.

Running electrical lines down towards the shed – investigation is in progress.

Sarpy County Fair R/C Show – More information coming, event would be Saturday, August 6th. Time T.B.A.

A forwarded email from a local club asking if any flooded field clubs could use other RC club fields that are open prompted a discussion by the board on the flooded field topic, as the vote last month was to table the discussion at that time.

Bob Zitzlspurger made the motion that we do not open the club for 'free flying' available for flooded field members. They are more than welcome to purchase a field permit. EJ Murphy seconded. 5 majority votes, the motion passes.

Ed Paasch made the motion that the club offers a 2011-only pro-rated field permit available for \$25 for the second half of 2011, starting July 7th. Larry McChesney seconded. The motion was amended to state that 2010 Omahawks members that have not renewed for 2011 are not eligible for the pro-rated field permit per club bylaws. 7 votes for the motion, 2 against. The motion passes. Kevin Hyde will work on a website modification.

Non-permit holders flying at Hawk Field – It continues to be a problem. A valid permit is required to fly at the field.

Ed Paasch added \$1,320.15 to the Runway fund thanks to the successful raffle of the Great Planes Waco ARF and DLE 30cc engine.

Mikey will work on getting a replacement Omahawks field sign that was vandalized many months back.

Meeting adjourned



**Don't forget the  
Labor Day Air Show  
Be Ready!**



## SPC COMPETITIVE FUN FLY WAS FUN AND COMPETITIVE

Saturday, June 24th saw the second leg of the 2011 Sport Pilot Championship series take place at Hawk Field. Early morning rain cleared off and pilots were treated to temperatures in the 70's, partly cloudy skies, and a gentle breeze. Hot dogs, chips, pop, and water were all available for pilots and spectators alike.

Eight of the twenty registered SPC pilots showed up to compete, with event organizer Ed Paasch bowing out from flying that day to run the contest as flight line boss.

The first event was a timed contest for "roop" touch 'n go passes. Each pilot had to take off, then perform a roll followed by a loop (or a roop), and then do a touch n' go, landing after the fifth "roop." It sounded easy enough, but pilots discovered it wasn't so easy to slow down for a touch 'n go immediately after coming out of an outside loop. Pilot Darren Will pulled the main gear out of his World Models Skyraider Mach II, while Mikey Furrow overshot the runway and missed getting a touch'n'go down between two roops.

The second event was the Taxi Slalom course. Eight safety cones were set out and the pilots had to weave their way between them, then turn around and come back, completing two full circuits. No penalties were charged for striking a cone, but a prop strike against one of the cones stopped Mikey Furrow's sporster dead in



its tracks near the end of his second lap. Larry McChesney worked hard to complete the course when one of his main gear retracted when it wasn't supposed to. That knocked him out of the rest of the day's events.

Next was the Limbo pass. Each pilot had to complete five laps while trying to pass under a 5' high "limbo" streamer stretched across the runway. Pilots scored points for each successful pass under the streamer, but their run would end if they touched down or cut the streamer. Pilots Tom Floyd and Fred Tuckerman battled to perfection; both flying under the ribbon on all five passes. Tom Floyd managed to squeak past Fred's total time of 1:46 by less than half a second, completing the challenge in 1:45.55. Mikey Furrow flew a strong third place, getting under the streamer on his second and third passes before cutting it on his fourth attempt.

Last was the Target Touch 'N Go event. A 4 ft by 8 ft target was taped out at the center of the runway. The children at the event were then invited out to color in the target area with sidewalk chalk, providing contrast to the

black asphalt runway. Each pilot was allowed five passes to score three hits. Only Tom Floyd, Fred Tuckerman, and Roland Lyons managed to score a single hit each. Tom completed his circuits about seven seconds faster than Fred Tuckerman to scratch out a win.

The pilots remarked how much fun they had competing in each of the unusual events. The spectators enjoyed the competition as well, with the Limbo Pass being particularly popular with onlookers.

Helen Paasch once again assembled her crack team of SPC volunteers, including grillmaster Jim Burnette and chief scorekeeper Pam Felthauer. Dennis Bender proved himself invaluable as the head time keeper. Many thanks go out to the spectators and members who helped tape together the limbo streamer over and over as well as cheer for the pilots and make sure we got the food eaten!

--Ed Paasch



Omahawks' Art Department

# Chaos reigns at Hawk Field



Hawk Field drew scores of spectators on Saturday, July 23rd as folks turned out to watch the third and final event in the 2011 Sport Pilot Championship. It was a day that turned out to be full of surprises, and also a day that lived up to expectations as pilots battled furiously to compete while thrilling the crowd from start to finish.

The first amazing surprise of the day? The weather actually cooperated; an occurrence almost unheard of in the three-year history of the SPC. The forecast had called for 100F degree temperatures with a heat index from 105F to 110F, but pilots and spectators were treated instead to temperatures in the low 90s and a nice bit of breeze for most of the day. Mostly cloudy skies throughout the event made the planes a bit harder to follow, but made all the difference in keeping the crowd comfortable. Sprinkles even threatened to dampen the fun once or twice, but never amounted to more than a single drop or two of moisture throughout the contest.

The second amazing surprise of the day turned out to be the lack of mid-air collisions. The previous two SPC combat events had each been impacted (pun intended) by multiple mid-air collisions. Despite plenty of very intensive dogfighting, the 2011 SPC combat event went from start to finish without a single collision event either in the air or on the runway. We did have a couple of pilots lose orientation while dogfighting, which ended up with a couple of planes down in the woods. Another pilot had a deadstick landing right after takeoff that resulted in a busted firewall and early retirement from the day's activities. Everyone managed to score cuts and compete fiercely without slapping two planes together, however; a first in SPC combat.

The day was expected to be a shoot-out between the two previous SPC Combat champions, Fred Tuckerman (2009 champ) and Tom Floyd (2010 champ). The two pilots had already proven their combat prowess, but hadn't competed head-to-head in combat previously. Tom Floyd didn't compete in the Sport Pilot Championship the year that Fred won the combat event, and Fred missed the combat segment last year when Tom won it. To add to the matchup, Fred Tuckerman and Tom Floyd came into the SPC Combat event ranked 1 and 2 respectively overall for the first two





# As Air Combat fills the Sky



events. The two pilots didn't disappoint, either, as both flew extremely well and both had a number of kills throughout the five rounds of competition.

The biggest surprise of the day, however, began to take shape during the very first heat of Round 1. SPC Pilot Rich Walker scored a "kill" (cutting an opponent's streamer) during his very first heat. Why was this surprising? This was the first season that Rich has competed in the Sport Pilot Championship, and he'd never competed in combat before. It quickly became apparent that Rich's early success was no fluke. Rich's talent for combat became quite clear as he scored well in round after round of competition, and he quickly broke up any thoughts that it would be a "two horse race" as he crashed the party at the top of the leader board.

The large group of spectators enjoyed an afternoon of very competitive flying. SPC pilots Casey Vohnout, Darren Will, Randy Seggerman, and Kevin Lowens all enjoyed success as they scored kills throughout various rounds. Pilots Gary Vohnout, Larry McChesney, and Mikey Furrow competed valiantly despite being forced from the field of battle early. All five rounds of combat were typified by skillful flying and a surprising lack of crashing and mayhem, and the crowd of onlookers happily cheered on the contestants.

When the final heat was completed and all of the scores were finally totalled, Rich Walker's surprising debut proved to be the shock of the day as he outscored both Fred Tuckerman and Tom Floyd to take 1st Place for the SPC Combat event. Fred managed to outpace Tom Floyd's late run to solidify his 2nd place finish. Tom Floyd finished in a very strong 3rd place to take the final trophy of the day.

The terrific turnout and the great flying made for a truly memorable event. It's easy to gauge the success of a flying contest when the pilots end the day by discussing what they're going to do next year. My sincere thanks go out to each and every one of the competitors who made the SPC Combat event such a great deal of fun!

--Ed Paasch





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## AT THE MEETING...



"Shut up so we can fly!"



EJ tries to hide his disappointment after losing in the big raffle



"I'm only here for the hot dogs."



Get your lucky raffle tickets here!



## Omaha Pattern Championship

Saturday, August 13th and Sunday, August 14th

Hawk Field, 138th & Fort Streets, Omaha, NE



Join us at beautiful Standing Bear Lake Park on Saturday, August 13th and Sunday, August 14th for the 2011 Omaha Pattern Championship:

- Trophies will be presented for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each of five classes: Sportsman, Intermediate, Advanced, Masters, and FAI
- All registered pilots will be welcome to arrive early and practice at Hawk Field all day and evening on Friday, August 12th
- Pilot registration is \$25.00 Please RSVP to Bob Wheeler and let him know your t-shirt size
- This is an AMA sanctioned contest following normal NSRCA rules; pilots are required to be current AMA members

Lunch will be served around 12PM noon on both days, with hotdogs, chips, pop, and water available for pilots and spectators. Come on out and watch the fun!

Contact Bob Wheeler at (402) 426-2068 with any questions or e-mail Bob at [babobkat@yahoo.com](mailto:babobkat@yahoo.com)



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## Omahawks Multiwing Fun Fly - Saturday August 30th

Do you believe that one wing just isn't enough? You'll want to check out Bob Wheeler's Multiwing fun fly. Bob will be hosting the fun fly from 4:30PM until dark at Hawk Field, with dinner to be served fresh off the grill around 6PM. I think Bob is planning on burgers, maybe if enough of us say we heard he was serving filet mignon and lobster tail, we can talk him into it. Who knows? Get your biplanes and triplanes ready for a fun evening of flying .



Float fliers "wow" the crowds



## Multi-Wing Fun Fly Saturday, July 30th



On Saturday, July 30th, 2011 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](mailto: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!

## FLOAT FLY NEWS

July 16 Float Fly. Winds were from the south at 9 to 14 mph. Sixteen flyers took part on this hot and humid day. They were Bob Zitzlsperger, Geore Eheman, Bud Mitchell, Frank Wisniski, Brad Perkons, Ralph Brown, Ron Pacana, Dean Cope-land, Fred Wilke, Skip Brown, Bob Burt, Bob Wheeler, Frank Vanecek, Ed Splittgerber, Gale Sherman, and Dick Behrens. Four kinds of pizza from Mangia Italiana were eaten. There were many spectators.

Pictured is Leroy Henderson with his chase boat. During the first part of the morning his boat motor would not start so Leroy used oars to go after stalled planes. He made about 12 rescues. It is the chase boat that makes float fly events possible. Many thanks to Leroy and Russ.



### Other Area Float Flies

August 13 Wyandotte Co. Lake

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August 27 Jefferson City

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September 23-25 Smithville, MO

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Sept. 17-18 Springfield, MO

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# A Midsummer Night's Mystery Plane

It's another month and another Mystery Plane. I hope you enjoy them as much as I do. And since float flying is such a popular part of our hobby, I have chosen a float plane for this month. It's rather rare and unique, so you should have some fun trying to figure it out.

Last month's plane was strange plane from way back when. Designed in the late 1930s, the Northrup P-56 had no horizontal stabilizer, and a newly designed engine driving counter-rotating pusher props. It was also built out of magnesium, which was a new material for building airplanes. Only two prototypes were built and it was ultimately cancelled as too risky.

But the most amazing thing about last month's plane is that EJ Murphy was actually faster in identifying it than Dean Copeland (by two whole minutes!), so there's hope for you. Get out your airplane books and

find this one first. The glory will be all yours!

- editor

The Northrup P-56

