



Hawk Talk

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ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING:	Friday, July 24, 2014 * 6:00 P.M. * Hawk Field * 138th & Fort St
PROGRAM:	Flying and fun
BUSINESS MEETING:	Wednesday, August 6, 2014 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

Flying in Summer as Summer Flies By

It's definitely summertime out there. Hot and humid. A typical Midwestern summer. But there is certainly plenty to do. The days are long and the schedule is full. There isn't much not to like about summertime.

But, as we stroll through the good flying time, remember that while there are a lot of things going on that make the flying season fun, there is also a great need of support from the club members to make these events a success. Events like the Boy Scout Fun Fly need the people to come out and help share the joy

of flying with the next generation of R/C pilots.

We are also coming up to two of the most important events of the year for the club. One, of course, is the Labor Day Air Show. The other is the Omahawks' annual Pattern Contest. Both of these events are important because they are the venues in which we show off the good name and good reputation of the Omahawks Flying club.

The pattern contest needs many volunteers to help out with the food, set-up, and organization, even judging. It's those volunteers that make it a success.

Of course you know about all the work that goes into the Labor Day Air Show. This is a massive undertaking and takes everyone's full effort to make it a success.

So get out and fly. Enjoy the summer while it lasts. But also get out and help out. The club needs your help in making our events a success and letting the world know what a great club we belong to.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ July 25 - General Meeting
- ★ August 6 - Business Meeting
- ★ August 2 & 3 - Regional Scale Contest
- ★ August 6 - Old Timer Fun Fly
- ★ August 9 & 10- Omahawks Pattern Contest
- ★ August 20 - Electric Sailplane Fun Fly and Lunch
- ★ August 23 - Old Timer Fun Fly and Lunch
- ★ August 25 - Boy Scout Fun Fly
- ★ August 29 - General Meeting
- ★ Sept 1 - Labor Day Air Show
- ★ Sept 3 - Business Meeting
- ★ Training night every Thursday 6 pm till dark

JULY MEETING AT HAWK FIELD

FRIDAY, JULY 25

**6:00 p.m.
Hawk Field
138th & Fort St**

**Program:
Fly and have fun**

THE MINUTES

Mikey Furrow, Secretary

General Meeting...6/27/2014

New Members or Guests: new pilot Mason (didn't get last name) – also had 2 other visitors attend meeting but didn't get names

Membership Report: 114 members as of 6/27/14

Newsletter Report: Mike Berger

Hawk Field Update:

- o Pavilion trim painted; Limbs trimmed around parking lot and pavilion area;
- o Need some minor roof repairs on corner of pavilion – possible discussion on doing full roof repair this fall
- o Dennis Bender's Boy Scout group will be doing some field cleanup in prep for Labor Day Airshow.
- o Field looks good for this time of year.

General Announcements:

- o Solo Pilot award presentation to Don Duey – Solo'd after 1 month of flight training
- o Upcoming Scale Contest on August 1st and 2nd at Bud's Field – Contact Bernie Baker or Bob Wheeler for volunteer information
- o June 7th, several pilots attended the Omaha Veterans Rally at North Omaha Airport – Roland Lyons made a short video of the event, to soon be posted on Omahawks website.
- o Dennis Bender's Boy Scout Troops 290 and 393 come out for some flight training on Mondays in June – had a good time They will be back to the field on Monday August 25th to do some field cleanup work for Labor Day and assist again with parking and tasks associated with Labor Day Airshow.
- o New banners for club are in the Shed for club use. Use for upcoming events, shows, or other public events.
- o Omaha World Herald did an article of the Omahawks club and should be printed in Saturdays (June 28th) paper. Should be some good publicity for the club.
- o Club will have a booth at the upcoming Defender's of Freedom Airshow event on July 19th and 20th. See Bob Wheeler or Bernie Baker for information to assist with booth.
- o Upcoming Labor Day Airshow Update:
- o A lot of work is still needing to be done to help prepare for the upcoming Labor Day Airshow. The Board members are looking for any and all assistance with getting this show prepped and ready. Also, raffle money is also needed to help pay for prizes at the airshow, so any and all donations are accepted. Let Bob Wheeler know if you are able to donate for this event.

Upcoming Events / Dates:

- o Annual Saturday Float Fly – Saturday July 12th at Boat Docks – 9am – 2pm
- o Defender's of Freedom Airshow at Offutt Air Force Base – Sat and Sunday July 19th and 20th
- o Electric Glider Sail Plane event – Wednesday morning July 16th @ 8:30am - Noon
- o Next Board Meeting – Wednesday August 6th, 2014 @ 7pm at Make a Wish building
- o Next General Meeting – Friday, August

29th, 2014 @ 7pm at Hawk Field

Raffle Prizes:

- o No raffle done this month due to low member count.
- o Several Prizes have been donated to be raffled off at next month's General Meeting.

Business Meeting.....7/2/2014

Sport Pilot Shootout Event

This year's Sport Pilot Championship has proven to be full of surprises, and a whole lot of fun. Throughout the 3 events (Pylon Racing, Competitive Fun Fly, and Streamer Combat), we've had 12 pilots participate within the event, and everyone has enjoyed the events. Usually, at the upcoming General Meeting, I announce the winners of each of the events, and present to trophy to the overall Sport Pilot Champion. However, this year, we've had an unexpected turn of events for the event. For the first time in SPC history: Matt Meyers, Tom Floyd, and Ed Paasch are all tied for 1st Place and the title of the 2014 Sport Pilot Champion. So how do we decide who will become the overall Sport Pilot Champion? It appears a Final Elimination Event is in order. So next Saturday, July 26th, at High Noon, these 3 pilots will compete against each other in two elimination events which will leave only 1 pilot victorious as the 2014 SPC Champion.

So, come on out next Saturday, July 26th and enjoy a grilled lunch cooked up by Dennis, and then at High Noon, come cheer and watch as these three pilots try to out fly each other to see who will be victorious in this 1st ever SPC Shootout event.

Old Timer and Float Fly News

July 2 Old Timer Fun Fly. The wind was light. A good turnout with 21 signing in. Dennis and Patrica prepared hamburgers, brats and dogs..another tasty meal. A good day with a variety of old designs.

July 12 Float Fly. This was the club's 15th annual July Float Fly. The wind was less than 5 mph from the ESE and skies were cloudy making for excellent flying conditions. Sixteen pilots came with their float planes. A few spouses and close friends also enjoyed the event, along with other park spectators. Russ Ault used his boat for retrievals. The City provided two picnic tables. Four large pizzas were obtained from a nearby Godfathers and consumed. A KETV reporter did a segment at the event, which was later reported. The fliers were: Steve Earl, Frank Wisniski, Bud Mitchell, Tim Peters, Gale Sherman, Tom Egbert, Frank Vanecsek, Harry Perkons, Brad Perkons, Bob Zitzlsperger, Rick Miller, Ron Pacana, Tom Virgillito, Fred Wilke, Larry Inness and Dick Behrens. Tom V had a successful first flight off water.

July 16 Elec Sailplanes. The wind was near calm. Thirteen pilots flew their sailplanes. Dennis and Patricia served a delicious lunch. Flying were Dennis Bender, Bob Turner, Rick Miller, Bud Mitchell, Rick Haneline, Frank Wisniski, Terry Chall, Gary Vanout, Larry Bailey, Ron Pacana, Bob Zitzlsperger, Terry Pollard, and Dick Behrens.

Dear Fellow Aeromodelers,

Hopefully this isn't the first time you've seen the e-mail message below. It's important to remember that YOU are the AMA, and that it is important that your voice be heard. Please take ten or fifteen minutes to contact the FAA and let them know that unnecessary regulation of our hobby is both unnecessary and unwelcome.

The AMA's national organization has done a terrific job monitoring proposed legislation and keeping an eye on Federal agencies that might act counter to our interest. Now they need **your** help. Don't rely on your flying buddies to respond, don't count on somebody else taking the time to send an e-mail to the FAA regarding their new Interpretive Rule for Model Aircraft; **you** need to make some noise on behalf of all of us.

We need the roar of 150,000 AMA members to speak together **right now**. Read through the AMA's concerns, look over the FAA's Interpretive Rule if you can, and send the FAA your feedback supporting the AMA's position. Prevent the FAA from trampling your rights and stunting the growth of aeromodeling.

If **you** don't personally respond to the FAA's period for public comment concerning docket number FAA-2014-0396, we will all lose. Thank you for your vocal support of the AMA and of the entire aeromodeling community.

Ed Paasch

District IX Associate VP for Nebraska

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AMA's Areas of Concern Regarding the FAA Interpretive Rule for Model Aircraft

On Tuesday, June 24th AMA issued a member alert expressing concern over some provisions in the FAA's interpretation of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft established by Congress in the FAA modernization and Reform Act of 2012. In that alert, we let members know that we would be following up with today's alert that explains AMA's concerns in greater detail.

We need you to take action now and respond by July 25, 2014 to the FAA Interpretation of the Special Rule for Model Aircraft that was released June 23, 2014. The Academy has reviewed the rule and is extremely disappointed and troubled by the approach the FAA has chosen to take in regards to this issue. [FAA's Interpretive Rule](#)

To help you respond to the FAA, we have outlined AMA's major concerns in the bullets below. A more in-depth explanation of our concerns can be found at [AMA's Concerns](#)

- Throughout the rule the FAA takes great latitude in determining Congress' intentions and in placing tightly worded restrictions through its "plain-language" interpretation of the text.
- The FAA uses the plain language doctrine to create a regulatory prohibition of the use of a specific type of technology.
- FAA's overreaching interpretation of the language in the Public Law is evident in the rule's interpretation of the requirement that model aircraft be "flown strictly for hobby or recreational use."
- Although the FAA acknowledges that manned aviation flights that are incidental to a business are not considered commercial under the regulations, the rule states that model aircraft flights flown incidental to a business are not hobby or recreation related.
- The rule overlooks the law's clear intention to encompass the supporting aeromodeling industry under the provision of the Special Rule, "aircraft being developed as a model aircraft." The rule's strict interpretation of hobby versus business puts in question the activities of the principals and employees of the billion dollar industry that supplies and supports the hobby.
- The Public Law states that when model aircraft are, "flown within 5 miles of an airport, the operator of the aircraft (must) provide(s) the airport operator and the airport air traffic control tower (when an air traffic facility is located at the airport) with prior notice of the operation. However the rule indicates that approval of the airport operator is required. Although it is understood that making notification to the airport and/or ATC will open a dialog as to whether the planned activity is safe to proceed, there is no intent in the law that this be a request for permission on the part of the model aircraft pilot.
- The Interpretive Rule establishes new restrictions and prohibitions to which model aircraft have never been subject. This is counter to the Public Law which reads, "The Federal Aviation Administration may not promulgate any rule or regulation regarding a model aircraft or an aircraft being developed as a model aircraft,..." if established criteria are met.
- The Interpretive Rule attempts to negate the entire Public Law by stating, "Other rules in part 91, or other parts of the regulations, may apply to model aircraft operations, depending on the particular circumstances of the operation. This in and of itself makes model aircraft enthusiasts accountable to the entire litany of regulations found in Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, something that was never intended by Congress and until now never required by the FAA.

How to Respond to the FAA.

All AMA members, family and friends need to take action now to let the FAA know that this rule significantly impacts the entire aeromodeling community and that this community is resolute and committed to protecting the hobby.

There are four methods to submit a comment. Emailing your comment is the fastest and most convenient method. All comments must include the docket number FAA-2014-0396. [Tips for submitting your comments.](#)

Email: Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for sending your comments electronically.

Mail: Send Comments to Docket Operations, M-30; US Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

Hand Delivery: Take comments to Docket Operations in Room W12-140 of the West Building Ground Floor at 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Fax: (202) 493-2251.

DEADLINE TO COMMENT: On or before July 25, 2014

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L to R back row; Larry B, Patricia, Ron P, Bud M, Dennis B, Rod Elg, Bob Z, Bob T, Rick H, Terry P, Terry ?C, Rick M, Frank W, Kneeling L to R; Dick B and Gary V



Tom Virgilito



Frank W with two size Radians



Harry standing guard in the pits



Three generations of Perkons; Brad, Tristan, Harry

OLD TIMER PEOPLE or OLD TIMER PLANES

Those new to RC airplanes, and some others, occasionally ask, "what is an Old Timer event?" First, these old timer events have nothing to do with the age of the pilots. All ages can take part in these.

As part of our hobby there are many special interest groups, such as: free flight, thermal soaring, helicopters, scale, jets, aerobatics, giants, micro flyers, electrics, etc. Old timer is also one of these.

Old timer model air planes were originally designed to fly without a radio to control the plane (elevator, rudder, and engine) once launched. They call this free flight and some still fly planes this way. They just toss or launch them in the air with the motor running and hope they will stay up for considerable time and land safely. These model planes were designed mostly between 1932 and 1943, the so called golden age of free flight development. Eventually, by adding radio control searching for thermals was easier and it was safer to find these planes and undamaged.

During the 2003 annual national contest in Oklahoma, a free flight pilot died in 100 degree temperatures looking for his lost plane. They found his body in tall grass. Large suitable flying fields for free flight also became hard to find.... These planes were also designed and built light in weight so, after the engine is off, they will slowly soar as long as possible.

In the mid 1960s, a group was formed to unify these old designed model planes. The group is now called Society of Antique Modelers (SAM). This group prepared a set of rules for various contest events. They are occa-

sionally revised. The size of the engines separates different class events. All of these RC contest events use a limited engine run (LER) to climb and glide. For example, most older design engines will get a 23 second engine run while most newer design engines get a 18 second engine run. In a few other events, the engine run is limited by the amount of fuel allowed.

Time starts when the plane is released and stops when it lands on the ground. The one with the longest time wins. However, less than 15% of pilots

who own these planes, both nationally and locally, care to fly in contests. They just fly them for fun at a leisurely pace, try to find thermals, compete against themselves, admire the different designs, then enjoy food and drink.

- Dick Behrens
July 2014



KETV's David Earl and Bud



Rick Miller and his big Cub
(now for sale)

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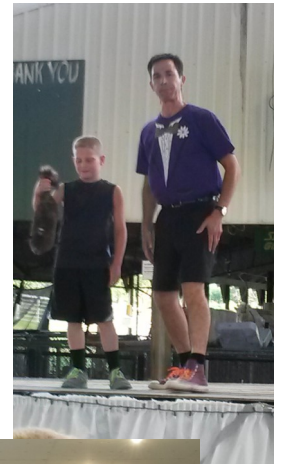
A Country Surprise

We recently got a pleasant surprise out here in the country. The Mills County Fair which is held in Malvern IA, just a country mile north of us in Randolph, announced that they would be having a magician perform at a barbecue dinner and on stage during the opening night of the fair. Imagine our surprise when the magician turned out to be none other than our good friend and prestidigitator, Joe Cole.

Joe worked his magic on the crowd at the BBQ dinner and put on a stage show in the fair's arena (probably not the fanciest venue he's ever worked).

Joe's stage show, though mostly aimed at the children, kept us laughing all the way through. It was really a pleasure to see it all.

Joe performs at some Omaha restaurants when he's not on the road and his tricks and delivery are a joy to behold. You can learn more on his website: joecolemagic.com Thanks, Joe!



- Mike Berger