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ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, July 28, 2017 * 7:00 P.M. * Hawk Field * 138th & Fort St

PROGRAM: Flying and fun

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, August 15, 2017 * 7:00 P.M. * Presbyterian Church * 1517 So 114th St

Changes and Improvements at Hawk Field

As many of you know, there has been a lot of work being done at Hawk Field to help make it a more enjoyable field to fly at. This grand effort was started back on March 18th where approx 35 volunteers came out to cut down and remove 25 tree's that the Parks Dept approved to be removed. This has been a huge undertaking by the club and a handful members and a lot of help is still needed to clear out the remaining tree's and brush from the area. Throughout the last several months, several work dates have been setup by the board and various members have come out at different times to help clear out this debris.



The following men are recognized for being available to come together, and using their own chain saws on March 18 and/or May 6, to help clear the area east of the runway. In alphabetical order; Bernie Baker(rented two saws), Dennis Bender, Roger Brodd, Jason Brown, Jason Brown's crew, Skip Brown, Robert Greene, Leroy Hendersen, Larry Machesney, Gary Nelson, Kirk Rasmussen, Casey Vohnout, Dan Waltz, Fred Wilke, and at least two more guys, that we didn't get their names. The starting tone was set by Leroy.

Also, a near equal number of able men and youngsters, not listed,



are to be recognized for dragging and piling limbs for eventual pickup by the City or others.

All told, about 35 volunteers took part laboring on the March 18 crew and 11 took part on the May 6 crew working from 8am to about 1pm. Also recognized is the certified arborist, Mike Donham, for his on site/work guidance and to the local City Parks employees for their consultation.

Dick Behrens, Rick Sessions, Casey Vohnout

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ July 28th—General Club Meeting
- ◆ August 9th—Old Timer Fun Fly
- ◆ August 12—13th—Omaha Hawks Pattern Championship
- ◆ August 15th—Board Meeting
- ◆ August 16th—Float Fly @ Standing Bear Lake
- ◆ August 19th—Sport Pilot Championship
- ◆ August 23rd—Electric Sailplanes Fun Fly
- ◆ August 25th—General Club Meeting

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Board Meeting Minutes

June 20th 2017

All Board members present.

Dennis Bryers of City Parks is present.

Treasurer's report. Read and accepted. \$12,965 on hand.

Membership count: 102 members is slightly low for this time of year.

Dennis Bryers;

- Aerial maps/photos 2016 vs 1993
- Parking lot is now covered in white rock.
- Round rails will be delivered next week and stored in Dennis Benders trailer.
- Tree removal will be delayed by the efforts to control ash borers.
- Club may want to have another work day for cleaning up tree pieces.
- Club provided Dennis B a treasurer's report per Lease Agreement.
- Dennis B will look for a Portolet Shelter he knows of.
- Dennis will look into Webcam for the field
- Made Dennis aware of old truck in the creek.
- Club will send Dennis a picture of our "RC PILOTS ONLY" sign for city to replicate.
- Club will create verbiage for the signs.
- Marquette is the new city employee who can link omahawks.org to the city's web page.
- Club may add her email to the newsletter mailing list.

Labor Day Airshow:

- Ed Paasch says Labor Day needs a concession manager. Rick and Hague will ramrod concessions and coordinate those efforts. Will ask general membership to help Rick and Hague.

- Larry updates on corporate sponsorship. He met with Lauren Piller. They are coordinating.

- Larry has a list of companies and wants to make a trifold.

Field Cleanup Projects:

- Saturday July 15th work day clean up trees.
- Asked board members to be considering whether or not it is wise to add work hours to the club membership fees.

General Membership

Meeting Minutes

June 30th 2017

- Dennis and Pat Bender provided a BBQ dinner for all in attendance.
- Was a quick meeting as there was a storm coming in.
- Reviewed notes given from Board Meeting concerning Aerial Maps and possible plans moving forward with tree cleanup and removal
- Quick mention about previous events (float fly, Old Timer events)
- Request made for all able bodied members to come out on July 15th to help with field cleanup from the tree felling earlier this year.
- Mentioned upcoming Float Fly on July 8th, the Field Cleanup on July 15th and Wednesday morning events.

Board Meeting Minutes

July 18th 2017

Present; Casey V, Gary V, Dennis B, Dick, B, Larry M, Rick S, Hague, Steve F

Treasurer's report reviewed (Kevin absent).

Membership count: 109 (Normal 118 -139)

Labor Day Airshow updates:

- The Bergers are unavailable to run the raffle tent again this year at LDAS. Doc Nelson will volunteer to run it but asks for help procuring items to raffle away.
- Corporate sponsorship ideas presented; 2 levels, Gold and Bronze (\$500 and \$200)
- Larry M is coordinating with NeMAW to finalize the list of businesses to approach so as not to ask again businesses which already help. Mailers and fliers reviewed and improved.
- Dick B will make Omaha events people aware so they can add LDAS to their annual list of events.

Field Updates and Projects:

- Larry M will ask Bill Anderson for fence poles and rails.
- Casey proposes tree maintenance work days every Saturday morning 7:30-11ish if no events are scheduled. 7/22, 7/29, 8/5, 8/19. Motion made and passed
- Dick B knows a man who he says will be willing to chip up to 4 piles of trees for about \$200. Motion to ask Dick to pursue this made and passed.
- Board wishes to ask the membership to increase club dues to \$75 with a \$25 rebate for those who do 2 work equivalents. Motion made and passed.

Meeting Adjourned.

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Previous Events

Float Fly June 3

Weather was 5-10 mph from SW . Fifteen pilots signed in. Mikey did the retrievals. Ron Pacana got the doughnuts..... A recent flyer, Matt Kraiewski now has the planes that Jim Minear had, including a float plane. Joshua Sorensen also came out with his hovercraft and "flew" this across the lake as a demonstration. All pilots in attendance had a great time.

Dick Behrens

Old Timer event June 7 –

Wind was 5-10 mph from the south. Dennis served his nice lunch to about 15 people.

Dick Behrens



Tom Floyd's New Quaker Old Timer



Keith Kroeken and his twin electric Widgeon



Bryan Weeks with his first float plan

Float Fly July 8th

Wow... you couldn't have ordered a more perfect day to go float flying. There was little to no wind, the lake was smooth like glass, and 19 pilots came out to enjoy this wonderful morning. Event was also mentioned on the radio stations as well with quite a public turnout. Lots of guests and visitors stopped by to see the fun and pilots were able to answer questions about their planes, flying, and other RC topics. Great way to spend a Saturday morning.....

SIG Fun Fly June 14 –

At 830 there was still lite rain at the field. About 10 showed up despite the overnight rain, however , only a few (Tim P, Bob R, Bud M, Dick B) flew. The rest just shot the breeze. About 15 prekin-dergarten students stopped by to watch the flying. Dennis served his usual nice lunch. (no photos taken)

Dick Behrens



Gary Vohnouts 20cc Cub on floats



Events / Happenings

Sport Pilot Championship (SPC)

Despite the lack of numbers of pilots attendance, the 1st of the SPC events, the Pylon Race, was set for Saturday, June 17th. 6 pilots came out (Rich Walker, Jack Farner, Casey Vohnout, Tom Floyd, Jacob Brown, and Mikey Furrow. The morning was calm with little to no winds, and we had a good first round. However this was used as a reminder round as to how everything works, and then the race began. Early in round 1, Casey and Mikey collided by Pylon #1, and Mikey's uproar went down hard and fast. Casey was able to continue flying and ended up in 1st place that round.

With only 5 pilots left to fly, all the pilots were put in each round and in round 3, Casey decided to hit the pylon and take out a bit of his wing. He managed to "equalize" his wing by cutting off the other side to match and continued to fly without any issues. Also to note, this was Jack's first time flying this event, and he was very competitive and gave Rich a run for his money. Then at the beginning of Round 5, Rich's plane unexpectedly went down in the first turn which allowed Jack to win his first round all day. Everyone had a good day of flying and Dennis provided lunch for those in attendance.

After the Pylon race, the standings are: Jack 1st, Rich 2nd, Casey 3rd, Tom 4th, Jacob 5th, and Mikey last (if he can get a plane together for the next events.)

Competitive Fun Fly (July 22nd)

Well, only 3 pilots were in attendance for this event despite the high heat and humidity, and after some discussion, it was agreed that we would postpone the Competitive Fun Fly until August 19th.

The Competitive Fun Fly will consist of 4-5 mini events where pilots skill will be put to the test. Spot landings, loops, and rolls will be part of the events and all pilots are welcome to participate to see if you have the skills to enjoy a fun challenge. This is a great event and any 46 size plane will be competitive in this event. Let Mikey know if your interested and see you at the field.

Omahawks Pattern Championship

The Annual Pattern Championship is coming up on August 12th and 13th at Hawk Field. This Annual event bring pilots from around the Midwest area to Hawk Field to compete in friendly competition and showing they have the skills to fly smoothly and gracefully for the judges. If you can fly a straight line, do some loops and rolls, then come try your skills to see if you can fly a sequence of events as smoothly and gracefully as possible. This is a sanctioned event and prizes are awarded for several classes, Sportsman (Beginning Class), Intermediate, Advanced, Masters, FAI.

This Pattern Championship is an all day event where pilots will fly 6 rounds throughout both days (4 rounds on Saturday and 2 Rounds on Sunday) and the best 4 rounds are scored. This is a great event to learn and improve your flying skills as a pilot so if your interested in this, contact Bob Wheeler (rjwheeler01@gmail.com), Mikey Furrow (rcpylit@gmail.com), or Robert Green (rgreen24@hotmail.com) for further info.

Labor Day Airshow Planning

With Labor Day just around the corner and this airshow being the highlight of the flying season, all members are encouraged to start thinking of how they can help contribute to this event. The Board will be looking for volunteers to help with the Concessions, Flight Line, setup and cleanup, and also with the Raffle Tent. If you have any ideas on ways to help with this event to make it easier, exciting, or just want to help out., get in touch with Ed Paasch (bigedmustafa@hotmail.com) or any board member and let them know your interested and they will see what they can do. This is a great fundraising event that the club has done now for over 30 years, and your help will be appreciated and welcomed.

So do you have any ideas or planes you'd like to fly in some sort of fun fly event such as an EDF fun fly? Or how about a heli fun fly? Or even just a "fly what ya brought" fun fly??? Then go ahead and pick a date, let the board know, and lets make it happen. Putting on a Fun Fly event isn't difficult, and does bring out friends and pilots you may not see too often.

Nelson Carpenter and Olie's Ol' Bomber at Old Timer Event



Other News

Lost Plane !!!!!

If you happen to be out on the northeast hill area looking for planes or working, if you happen to see a little yellow plane, that will most likely be Skip Brown's plane he lost not too long ago. He says it might be down in the thick stuff or down by the path, but if you happen to see it, he'd sure appreciate you letting him know.

Do you like bi-planes? Would you like to see two Sopwith Pups flying in formation? Well, your in luck. Thank you to Nelson Carpenter for sending this in:

On Sunday, July 9th, Larry Inness and I (*Nelson Carpenter*) flew our two Sopwith Pups together down at Mead. There is an 8 min video using my hatcam and a GoPro on a tripod and can be viewed at the youtube link below: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0j8qGwPy17Q&t=25s>

Each Balsa USA Pup weighs approximately 15 Pounds and are powered by Zenoah G-26s swinging 16x8 props.

Larry's Pup has a smoke system, mine does not. So I get to shoot him down all the time.

If you get a chance to view this video, it's a nice site to see.....

Nelson Carpenter

Strong arms and able members needed ASAP for the upcoming Saturday Morning Field Cleanups

The Board is asking for all able members to come and assist with removing the remainder of the tree debris on the East side of the Runway. Over the next few Saturday morning throughout July and August, from 7am—9:30ish am, members are encouraged to come out and help clear up this debris. It's a great way to get some exercise, help yourself so that you don't have to walk through all that to find a missing plane, and also to help beautify the field that we love to fly at. Labor Day is just around the corner, and we all want the field to be in the best shape possible, so come on out, do your share, and help make Hawk Field the best RC Flying field in the Midwest.

Pattern Flying News

For the weekend of June 10th and 11th, Bob Wheeler and Mikey Furrow headed down to Hillsdale, Kansas to participate in the Barnstormers RC Club's Pattern Contest. This field is located on the other-side of the Hillsdale Lake Reservoir which provided a lot of open sky for the event. On Saturday, the pilots were met with 15-20 mph winds and gusts up to 30 mph, but that didn't stop the event. I learned real quick how to fly in the wind, and although the winds did make the flying a bit challenging, it was a great experience to conquer the fear of flying in high winds, and also getting feedback from the other pilots on how to handle the wind. The landings were a bit tricky, but all the pilots were able to land safely without incident.

Getting used to flying on windy days can be a challenge but knowing you can do it can be quite rewarding.



As Ralph Brown used to say at training nights: "The plane don't know its windy... so get out and fly...."

Pattern Planes at Kansas City Contest

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From the Editor.....

This newsletter is YOUR newsletter, and without input from you, the pilots, this newsletter doesn't happen. I need your help in making this the newsletter that you all want to receive. We've all been out to the field and been flying, and I'm sure everyone's got a pic or two or even a funny story that happened at the field. Send these to me so that I can add them to this newsletter. This publication is for the benefit of all members, so share your stories, experiences (yes even the bad one's) so that we can all enjoy and learn from our fellow pilots. If you happened to travel to another club's events, let us know your experiences and maybe that will encourage other members to visit as well.....

I can't make this newsletter without YOUR input, so send your pics, stories, advice, or even RC related jokes to: rcpylit@gmail.com and I will include them in this newsletter. Are you building a new plane? Repairing a mishap? Share your progress with the club through the newsletter. Have a question for the club? Send it to: rcpylit@gmail.com and it'll get posted in the next month's newsletter.

Mikey Furrow