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**** AGENDA ****

GENERAL MEETING:	Friday, June 29, 2007 * 7:00 P.M. * Hawk Field * Standing Bear Lake - 138th & Fort
PROGRAM:	XX
BUSINESS MEETING:	Wednesday, July 11, 2007 * 7:00 P.M. * Hawk Field * Standing Bear Lake - 138th & Fort

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

HAWKS STRIKE GOLD!

OMAHAWKS
AWARDED
GOLD LEADER
CLUB STATUS
BY AMA

JUNE MEETING
AT
HAWK FIELD
138th & Fort St
Come on out
and let's fly!

There will be a raffle of a kit donated by Claude Weimer. This raffle will raise money to pay for the raffle prizes at the Labor Day Air Show.

At our last general meeting, the Omahawks was awarded Gold Level Leader Club status by the AMA. This is the highest level of recognition a charter club can attain within the AMA. We were especially lucky and grateful to have Jim Cherry, AMA Executive Director, Dave Mathewson, AMA Vice President District 2, and Mark Smith, AMA Vice President District 9 present to speak to our members about the AMA and to personally give us the award. The Omahawks received a framed certificate and a bronze plate to be placed at Hawk Field and each member received a Gold Level Leader Club lapel pin. In addition, the AMA provided the Omahawks with a plaque to give the City of Omaha Parks and Recreation Department thanking them for their continued support of our club and Hawk Field.

Attaining this level of recognition is due to the hard work of many members throughout the years to further the R/C hobby and due to the clubs civic efforts in the Omaha community. **CONGRATULATIONS** to all Omahawks on your outstanding accomplishments and being honored as an AMA Gold Level Leader Club!

- Steve Culver, President



Steve Culver graciously receives the Gold Leader Club Award

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ June 30: Old Timer Fun Fly
- ★ July 11: Business Meeting
- ★ July 12: Pancake Breakfast—9:00 am
- ★ July 21: Float Fly
- ★ July 27: General Meeting

THE MINUTES

Nathan King, Secretary

General Meeting.....5/25/2007

★ Jim Cheery, Mark Smith, and Dave Mathewson presented the Omahawks with the Gold Leader Club status award. All members were given a Gold Status pin. If you did not receive a pin please contact Steve Culver.

★ Dave Mathewson, the District II Vice President, spoke about his upcoming run for office and explained how he was going to handle important upcoming issues to ensure AMA members the best resources and freedom possible.

★ At every general meeting copies of upcoming events will now be available to members without access (or limited access) to the Omahawks website. The events list will cover all sanctioned Omahawks events through the next general meeting.

*NOTE: The July business meeting has been rescheduled due to Independence Day.



Business Meeting.....6/6/2007

Called to order: 7:06 pm
Approximately 9 members present

Membership Report – Ralph Brown
The club has acquired two new and two re-turning members.

Byron Head was voted in out of necessity due to a previous membership lapse.

Newsletter Report – Mike Berger
Send your articles and pictures to Mike Berger for publication.

Hawk Field Report

The board has received funding in the amount of \$695 for the safety light. The safety light will be installed next to the existing electric panel.

The new flagpole is planned to be installed where the round bench and ornamental grass is. The bench is planned to be removed and the grass transplanted in a new location at the field.

Two additional safety benches will be installed on the north and south ends of the flight line.

Funds not to exceed \$100 were approved for two additional "Flying Only" signs and one



helicopter flying sign. The "Flying Only" signs will be placed at the North end of the field and the helicopter flying sign will be installed at the designated helicopter flying area.

General Business

The board conducted a brief discussion on the 2007 Labor Day Airshow. The CD for the airshow must be an AMA approved CD.

The District IX Fun Fly was also briefly discussed.

The board began planning ideas for the Take-off and Grow (TAG) program.

The business meeting scheduled for July 4 has been moved to July 11.



OMAHAWKS WIN BIG AT TULSA PATTERN CONTEST

Earlier this month a couple of Omahawks' finest attended the Broken Arrow Shootout Pattern contest in Tulsa Oklahoma and came out big winners.

Robert Green and Ron Williams took first and second place respectively in the Advanced Class of that contest. Robert has been doing very well this year while flying an electric powered pattern plane.

Congratulations, Ron and Rob, and thanks for representing the Omahawks so well!

- editor



MAY MEETING AT HAWK FIELD



No, Olie's wife didn't get mad at him. That's just the after-effects of skin cancer surgery.



THIS ONE'S FOR STEVE!



Your AMA Officers hard at work!



This picture was joyfully submitted by our president, Steve Culver. Because I have made sure to print any picture I get of his crashed planes, he felt it only fitting that he return the favor. So here, for your pleasure, nice and big for all to see is my latest handiwork!

- Mike Berger, Editor

Burnt Eggs and Sunshine



← Why can't I ever get a picture of this facing forward?



Ralphie demonstrates a perfect three point landing.



Kevin just came back for the free food!



Somebody told Steve to go fly a kite, so he did!



Our good friend and long time Omahawk supporter, Hal Daub stopped by.



Obviously spelling doesn't count around here.



An Omahawks Kind of Day



Midair Victim #1



Midair Victim #2



The midair pilots



Float Flying Fun!



Don't miss the next Float Fly!
Saturday Morning
July 21
9 a.m. to noon

Chase Boat Provided

Coffee & Krispy Kremes at 830 am
Pizza & Pop at 1130 am

\$5 fee for pilots without Hawkfield Permits
Info: Bob Zitzlsperger 493 1610
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Dick Behrens 451 6397

These most excellent pictures were submitted by Mark O'Brien. Thanks, Mark! Keep up the good work!

- editor



A BIG FIRST YEAR

The grass was a rich green, the wind calm, and the incessant high-pitched whine of engines muffled the sounds of passionate laughter. There was a thick aroma of food mixed in with a strange, yet sweet smelling chemical. It has already been one year since the 2006 Memorial Day Egg Burn, which was my first Omahawks event and first time flying a glow powered airplane. Even though I was only expecting to get the aircraft looked at (thanks Mike, Ralph, and Fred) I was taken up with a buddy box and forever hooked. I never imagined being your Secretary already, but I also never imagined the enjoyment awaiting me in this great club. To be honest, I was very nervous at my first meeting. Is there anyone else my age in this thing? Will the older generation put up with my R/C ignorance? The '06 Egg Burn answered all of these questions with a resounding YES. Though we typically show off the club by pointing at Hawk Field, we should be pointing at our fellow members. Sure the field is nice, but is it really what makes being a member so fun? Our club is full of friendly and helpful people with more combined multidisciplinary experience than I can comprehend. The next time egos grind together during a meeting (and they will, soon) remember that we all have the clubs best interests in mind and all have something to be very proud of. See you in the skies.

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SAFETY CORNER WITH ERIC MORGAN

What harm can a spinning piece of plastic be, right? Wrong! The props on airplanes spin at very high rpm, and all it takes is a momentary lapse of judgment to injure yourself pretty severely. A recent example was when we heard a strange sound and looked over. Someone had a momentary lapse of judgment and I had to break out the first-aid kit. On electric powered planes, the props are easily reaching over 10,000 rpm, and those have plastic props; most of the nitro-powered planes feature a composite prop that spins even faster. This can be rather dangerous if you're not careful or aren't paying attention to what's going on. Always treat moving parts with great respect; keep hands, fingers, long hair (you damn hippies), and loose clothing away from moving parts. Along with moving parts, there are many hot components on your plane to be aware of as well.

Things such as exhaust pipes, engine heads, headers, or the cans of electric motors can all be extremely hot and possibly burn you. If you're not quite sure that everything has adequately cooled down to the point where you can touch it, error on the side that they are still hot and wait before touching them. Safety First,
Eric M.



Steve got a nasty cut during Winterfest - Ouch!

Don't Miss the Old Timer Fun Fly

(the planes, not the pilots)

Saturday June 30

At Hawk Field

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Lunch will be served at Noon

**All area Old Timer Fliers
are invited**

(\$5 landing fee for those without Hawk Field permit)

PLANE FOR SALE

Hobbico

Electristar Select

Less than ten minutes total flying
time on new plane!

\$200.00 OBO



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June Meeting

at

Hawk Field

Come on out
and fly, fly,
fly!

Labor Day is Coming!

It's hard to believe it's summer already! I am just getting used to it being 2007 and it's almost July! This year has seen great changes in the club, lots of work has been done to the field and the year is racing by faster than one of Kevin Hyde's turbines. That means we are all having lots of fun in the prime flying season. But it also means that we are racing ahead toward the end of summer and that means Labor Day!

As you know, our Labor Day Air Show raises money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. It also helps promote R/C flying in the community.

This show is not just a one day deal. It takes a lot of planning and preparation. A lot of advance work is needed for the raffle,

concessions, and all the various events. Now is the time to get involved. If you want to lead a segment or just help out, you can contact Steve Peck or any board member.

One really easy way to help out is to come with cash to the next three meetings. We will be having raffles at these meetings to help pay for the raffle prizes on Labor Day. This will allow us to give all of the money raised to Make-A-Wish. We will also be accepting donations if you don't want to participate in the raffle.

Please come to the meetings and give generously so we can make this years Air Show the most successful ever!

- Mike Berger, Editor



Steve Peck has emceed the Labor Day Air Show for many years