



Hawk Talk

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**** AGENDA ****

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, June 27, 2008 * 7:00 P.M. * Hawk Field * 138TH & Fort St.

PROGRAM: Fun, Fun, Fun

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, July 2, 2008 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

MEET ME AT THE FIELD!

"In the Summertime when the weather is fine, you can schuss right up and touch the sky!" I never really understood those old lyrics until I learned to fly R/C. It really is great to see the start of summer, isn't it? The long hot days of flying are upon us and we can all look forward to lots of great days for practicing our hobby.

Although the spring was more than a little soggy, hope springs eternal and I have no doubt that there will be plenty of good days of flying ahead.

There will be lots of events

going on this summer from float flies to the pattern contest. But there will also be lots of days for open flying. All of your friends can be found at the field, many of them show up every night. So make sure you get to the field as much as you can.

And don't forget, if you are an inexperienced or un-soloed pilot, you can come out to the field on nights other than training night. Many of the instructors, come to the field on most evenings and will be glad to fly with you. And if you are an experienced flier, get out to the field for the comraderie and to help the other fliers at the field. Especially come out to the field on Thursday nights to help out with the training night activities.

Summer is here! Beautiful glorious summertime is upon us. So, get out to the field and fly the wing off. Don't let the season slip away. As we all know too well, it goes fast and winter will be here all too soon!

- editor

COMING IN
AUGUST!
Omahawks
Pattern
Contest
Don't miss it!

August 9-10

JUNE MEETING AT HAWK FIELD

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

7:00 p.m.

138TH & FORT ST

Program: Let's all fly
and have fun!

Upcoming Events:

- ★ June 27 - General meeting @ Hawk Field
- ★ July 2 - Business Meeting
- ★ July 9 - Board Fun Fly
- ★ Every Thursday 6 pm - Flight Training
- ★ July 5 - Electric Fun Fly
- ★ July 19 - Float Fly
- ★ August 9-10 - Pattern Contest

HAWK TALK

THE MINUTES

Nathan King, Secretary

General Meeting.....5/30/2008

General Meeting - May 30, 2008

Called to order - 7:06

Membership Report - Ralph Brown

* This month we signed up eight members, making the total membership for this year 126 members.

* We currently have no "Permit Holders Only."

Newsletter Report - Mike Berger

* Mike needs pictures and/or articles as soon as possible.

Field Updates

* The training program can use help with ground crew work on training nights.

* We received a bid of \$96.64 for a new 4'x4' Labor Day Airshow sign.

General Announcements

* Anybody interested in helping with the upkeep of the Omahawks website can contact Brad Shaink.

* Contact Fred Wilke if you are interested in participating in the UNO Mavs Summer Camp event (TBA - between June 23-26).

* The General Meetings in June, July, and August will be held at Hawk Field.

* The Field Chairman position is now open. Remember, this is a board position. If you are interested please contact a current board member.

* We have received a message from the Parks Department showing concern about a tree being cut down near Hawk Field. Members do not have the authority to cut down trees. If you want a tree cut down or trimmed, a formal request to the Parks Department must be made.

* Members flying when the grass crew arrives are encouraged to stop flying while the crew cuts east of the fence.

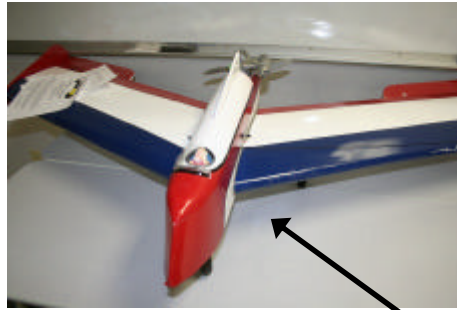
* Spektrum members are required to display a pin on the frequency board. This verifies that you are a current member. Please help us police the field and notify pilots that they must hold a permit to fly at Hawk Field.



Business Meeting.....6/4/2008

Minutes for the business meeting were not available at the time of publication.

Many people contributed pictures to this newsletter including among others: Helen Paasch, Doc Greenberg, Platteville area R/C modelers, and a bunch of dirty old men (you know who you are) - editor



Is that Olie piloting that plane?



R/C DEFINITIONS

Dead Stick: A condition which occurs when the fuel tank mysteriously becomes filled with air.

Glide Distance: Half the distance from the airplane to the runway.



Fred and Larry look skeptical.

DOC GREENBERG'S BREAKFASTS

Doc's second and final Hawk Field Breakfast of the year for the retired and indigent was gracefully served Thursday morning, June 19th. The hungry crowd gorged themselves on golden brown pancakes, smoked sausage and lots of strong coffee.

Doc was assisted by Bob Burt and Bud Mitchell, Our board bought the food, but failed to properly promote the affairs... Probably just as well, 'cause that left more for us old timers.

- Doc



It was a little wet here, too!

OMAHAWK SAVES SPADFEST

The annual Spadfest Fun Fly (SPAD stands for Simple Plastic Airplane Design) was due to be held near Des Moines this year, but due to flooding at the field there, it was looking like it would have to be cancelled.

But the Omahawks own Mike Lollis stepped up and helped arrange for the event to be held at the Twin City Eagles field in Council Bluffs.

A great event took place with many really neat SPAD planes flying. Some of these planes are really well designed and it's hard to tell they are mostly plastic.



GREETING SUMMER WITH



Mother Nature just didn't feel like cooperating on Memorial Day. The day opened cold and soggy with scattered showers threatening to bring the festivities to a premature end. But the Omahawks are resilient, especially when food is involved, and there was a good turnout for the breakfast. A late morning shower doused the field for a while but soon cleared off and a pretty decent day emerged for those who stuck it out.

Many thanks are due to those who did the cooking and the cleaning for the hungry mob who showed up. There was a huge pile of empty egg cartons and bacon packages after the cooking was all done. The eggs weren't burnt too badly and the bacon wasn't done too crispy, so everybody had a good meal to start the day which they followed up with much great flying.

- editor



BURNED EGGS AND GOOD FRIENDS



Though it didn't fly, Matt's new jet was the star of the show!



From high school honor graduate to fry cook...His mother must be proud



Crispy eggs and soggy bacon: Ron's favorite meal!

FLOAT FLIERS SHOW OFF

POSTPONED FLOAT FLY - MAY 31ST.

Weather-wise, the winds were near ideal for this Saturday morning event. Three things made this fly significant: the very high water level, the good turnout and a surprise guest.

The boat dock was covered with over a foot of water, from rainfall about 30 hours previous. This kept all fisherman and others on shore, except for Matt Myers who bravely used his boat to serve as the chase boat. Matt made this event possible and we thank him for this. Helping Matt retrieve planes and dock in high water was E J Murphy. They rescued many planes.



Twenty five flew or brought planes. They were: Ralph Brown, Bob Roegge, Matt Myers, Bud Mitchell, Gale Sherman, Bob Zitz, Tom Floyd, Ron Pacana, Fred Wilke, Chuck Poore, Tim Peters, Tom Egbert, Skip Brown, Gary Vohnout, Casey Vohnout, Ed Paasch, Fred Tuckerman, Galen Lillethorup, Bob Burt, Ed Splittgerber, Jim Smonitch, Jerry Stehno, Tom Virgillito, Olie Olson, and Dick Behrens. There

were two collisions, one in the air and one on the water. However, I don't know who were involved. Coffee was provided by Doc Greenberg and Fred Hawkins brought a dozen donuts. There were probably at least 200 spectators. The World Herald even sent a reporter.

A surprise guest made an appearance, too. Every Tuesday morning, for about 10 years now, a group of about 20 mostly retired R/C people meet at Hy-Vee, 108th and Fort, to have coffee or breakfast and solve all life problems. Taking our orders is a friendly and attractive woman named Sandy. When asked recently, she agreed to attend and pick the best looking plane at one of our float flies. She came to this event and picked out a white piper cub belonging to Ron Pacana. She also picked the best looking pilots. The three she picked all just happen to be over 80 years of age, Doc, Olie and Ralph. Someone said they had never seen these three smile so much, perhaps it was because Sandy was there.



Sandy with some dirty old men...



...and with her favorite plane



Omahawks All Electric Fun-Fly

July 5th, 2008

10am-2pm

Hawk Field, 138th & Fort St.



- All electric aircraft are welcome to attend.
- Limbo, duration, & combat events with **prizes!**
- All pilots and guests can enjoy a free lunch, including brats, chips, and sodas.
- \$5.00 landing fee for non-Omahawks members.
- Charging area on-site with 110V.

Contact [Fred Tuckerman](#)
with any questions.

Hope to see you all out at the field!

Rain date July 6th, same time.

TRAINING NIGHT OFF TO SOGGY START

Well, training night seems to have been a wash, so far this year. Literally!

We've had more Thursdays that have been too wet, or too windy, than good days, this spring.

So, training has been a bit slow for some students. With any luck that's all behind us.

And, we can get some more students soloed this year. If you have the time, come on out and join us. We can always use competent instructors, ground crew personnel, or just have some fun watching the planes.

"I love the smell of glow fuel, on Thursday nights."

Be sure to join us, at the General Meeting, when we present Adam Bender with his R/C Pilot's Certificate.

Oh, yeah, and we get to cut another tie.

- EJ

Saturday Morning

FLOAT FLY

July 19

Standing Bear Lake

Fly 9am – noon
Chase Boat provided

Coffee and Donuts at 830 am
Croissants/biscuits at 1045 am

Flyers from all fields
welcome
\$5 fee for pilots without
Hawkfield permits
Sponsored by Omahawks

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LABOR DAY IS COMING...

Wow, it's here! Summertime has finally and officially arrived. It's once again time for day after day of flying fun. Long hot sunny days make for lots of fun and games for guys like us.

But the start of summer means that the clock is ticking on the big day at the other end of summer. The labor day air show is just a couple months off and even now there is a lot of work to be done to get ready for it.

Of course Ward and Steve will be ready to MC the event, but their job is easy. They are both blessed with the gift of gab and have no problem running their mouths for the four hours of the show. But your job is a lot tougher. You need to get your planes show-ready. And get all of the weird planes together to show off, too. Without all of the neat planes on display, this air show could not happen.

But there is a lot more that can be done before the big day. Last year was one of the biggest years yet in terms of the donation to Make-A-Wish with a total of around \$4500.00. I would love to see that grow this year. You can help by getting the word out about our show as well as pushing people to donate for this worthy cause.

And once again, I will be running the raffle and pushing

you, the members, to once again donate the money to buy the raffle prizes. Your contributions have been a great help in the past couple of years and I firmly believe that they have been a big part of the increased donations we have had lately. Please dig deeply and help support the raffle and the Air Show. It is the one chance we get each year to give some of our bounty and good fortune to someone in need.

Let's all work together this summer to make this year's Labor Day Air Show the best one ever!

- editor

