



Hawk Talk

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**** AGENDA ****

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, June 26, 2009 * 7:00 P.M. * Hawk Field * 138th & Fort St.

PROGRAM: Come fly and have fun

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, July 1, 2009 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

THIS FLYING IS FOR THE KIDS

Come join the fun at the Youth Fun Fly on June 27th at Hawk Field with your grandson, granddaughter or your kids. What the sponsors hope will be to start the young kids, under the age of fourteen, to begin to think about a fun hobby.

Lunch will be available for all attending. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided. And there is no landing fee assessment. Fred will purchase a couple "Yellow Bee electrics" to have at

the event. These will be built and hopefully complete enough to fly before the end of the day. They will be raffled for the kids to take home with them. Other rubber band balsa planes will be given to all the participants.

Bottom line for us is that while we got into the hobby for personal reasons we probably also saw it as a chance to connect with our grandkids/kids. And when they come to the field and see others their age or younger flying and having a good time perhaps some of the reluctance to "crash Grandpas nice plane" will disappear. Those of us who have had the youngsters on a buddy box and yet had that nasty disaster occur know that they can become hesitant to fly again.

What is the saying? When you "fall off the horse" you get right back on. So lets meet up, enjoy some building, some hot dogs, some flying and some prizes. Most of all the smiles when the kids accomplish something that seems simple to older people but very rewarding to the kids.

Buddy boxes are encouraged for safety reasons. Perhaps the club trainers will be available for anyone who may be short equipment.

See you the 27th!

- Larry McChesney



She might be a bit too young.

JUNE MEETING AT HAWK FIELD

FRIDAY, JUNE 26

7:00 p.m.

138TH & FORT ST

A Raffle will be held to raise money to support the Labor Day Air Show Raffle - Prize to be announced at the meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ June 26 – General Meeting
- ★ June 27– Youth Fun Fly
- ★ July 1 - Business Meeting
- ★ July 4 - Just come fly!
- ★ July 12 - Sport Pilot Championship Event #3
- ★ July 18 - Saturday Float Fly
- ★ Aug 8 - 9 - Pattern Contest
- ★ Every Thursday Night is training night at Hawk Field

THE MINUTES

Nathan King, Secretary

General Meeting.....5/29/2009

President E.J. Murphy opened the meeting by recognizing new members and guests.

Membership ReportRalph Brown gave the new membership report. He had applications and checks for ten new registrants of which six (6) were new to the club. This brings the total for the year to one hundred forty members.

Newsletter ReportMike Berger was not present so no report was given.

General Member Announcements

E.J. mentioned that we had one soloed pilot but he was not present for the meeting. Then he reviewed the need to give the mowing company the courtesy of landing if you are in the air or relaxing for a period while the grass is cut. If you have equipment in the pit area that will hamper the mowing process please relocate to the paved area until the work is complete. Our mowing company is doing a good job at a fair and reasonable cost. Please allow them when they are on site to complete their contractual services.

Also a reminder to relock the padlock on the chain at the gate after you have unlocked it to enter. That should assure us that the lock won't walk away later in the day when club members are not around.

Field UpdateThe frequency flags are "back" and looking "first class." Thanks to Mike Berger and Dean Copeland for a job well done and at a very reasonable price. Cost:"Nothing."

The city Parks Department has delivered two picnic tables for the helicopter area and the sign has been reinstalled. Skip Brown and the president attended to these efforts to encourage helicopter pilots to utilize our field.

Thanks to Ralph Brown and Skip also for working with Ace Hardware to purchase weed killer at a discount. It was picked up and delivered to the field and later applied. Next time you are out notice the great condition of the grass areas.

Harry Perkons briefly reviewed the process for crack repair for the runway. The process is not complicated and not overly time consuming if we get a fair number of members to come out and participate in the repair effort. A machine will be rented to heat the filler and will be "hot poured in to the cracks." For under one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) the runway will be very serviceable at much less than the cost previously discussed. More to come in the next few months.

Event Reports

Western Flyers auction was well attended and several Omahawk members helped. Thanks to those that helped. They were also first in line for some great buys. Their members will reciprocate for our auction in the fall.

The May 5th Float Fly was attended by 15 flyers with around twenty aircraft. Ralph commented that it was a great fun fly, another successful event organized by Dick Behrens.

Of equal quality was the Electric Glider Fun Fly. Unfortunately we have no specifics about "winners/losers" but great fun was had by all.

Ed Paasch had a good article in the last news-

letter about the Pylon Race segment the first leg of the Olsen first annual trophy run.

The Memorial Day Egg Burn enjoyed great weather , a lot of people, friends and family and a healthy dose of eggs and bacon. Vice President Bob Wheeler had the only mishap when he planted his plane west of the fence. Thanks to those who brought extra utensils and to Roger Brodd for resolving the issue with the coffee maker.

Old Business

There was a discussion about the new helicopter flying area rules. The main topic was that the flying area is posted and rules for safe and reasonable use of the park, in partnership with those with fixed wing planes, is essential to the enjoyment of the field by all members. To promote new helicopter members joining or existing members bringing their helicopters out a motion was made at the last meeting to allocate \$100.00 for further development of this new area. Kevin Hyde made the motion and seconded by Claude Weimer. Motion passed. The bulk of the money was slated for construction of landing pad.

New Business

Ron Williams and Claude Weimer were taking orders for a group fuel buy. Friday night was the last night to order.

Dick Behrens and his wife, long time stewards of our flower beds at the field, have indicated that they can no longer keep them up due to some health issues. If you have a green thumb and enjoy the plant material give E.J. a call to volunteer.

Two gentlemen attended the meeting from the Ambassador's Worship Center at 103rd and Fort. Bob McLemore spoke about an invitation to the club to participate with static displays and/or electric flying from their parking lot. Dates that work well for them are June 22nd and 23rd from around six thirty to eight. They thought that it could involve about eighty to one hundred kids. These are kids from that neighborhood who will be attending a Bible School in grades 1st through 5th. There is a large parking lot (old WalMart store location) that can be roped off for static displays and flying. Please contact E.J. if you can be involved and let him know which night works the best.

Last Ken Young has an online business marketing R/C products. Check his website at Subsonicplanes.com.

Business Meeting.....6/4/2009

Present: Officers E.J. Murphy, Bob Wheeler, Ralph Brown, Nathan Brown and Larry McChesney. Board member Claude Weimer and Nathan King

Treasurers report.Bob Wheeler, in Kevin Hyde's absence gave the report.

Membership report.Ralph Brown reported that there were no new memberships since our last meeting. Current status includes one hundred forty members.

Events.

We are looking forward to the Sport Pilot Championship Saturday June 20th.

The Ambassador's Worship Center R/C Aircraft static display, electric fly presentation will be held June 22nd or 23rd. Please notify E.J. regarding your interest so that he can confirm the exact date with those participating.

Field Report.

Runway repairs were discussed. Larry McChesney made a motion " to clean out and fill all runway cracks with hot patch fill material per Harry Perkons recommendations." "Cost of approximately \$1,000.00 for equipment rental and material costs. " Second by Ralph Brown. Motion passed. Project will be done using our own membership labor. Ralph Brown volunteered to organize a call list to contact members at the appropriate time. We expect to complete this project asap. We will look for a time when we have had one week of dry weather.

Old Business.

The helicopter pad improvements and limits to "introductory flying period" was discussed. The board is agreeable with a short term introductory window to encourage use of the field. The city field rules under which we manage the field for the city does not allow flying unless pilots have a field permit and AMA membership with insurance or a landing fee is paid. The board will expect that all helicopter pilots will hold a current AMA membership during this introductory period.

Larry McChesney presented a complete list of club equipment including where the items are located. If any members presently store club planes, radios or other equipment please keep the club Secretary informed. It will be updated on a regular basis with your help.

New business.

Raffles will not be held during the summer general meetings. The exception would be if a member wishes to donate a plane or other equipment for raffle the proceeds will added to the Make-a- Wish Labor Day Air Show kitty. E.J. introduced discussion for the Labor Day Show which is fast approaching.



The frequency board is done!



TRAINING NIGHT IS GOING STRONG

Every Thursday night is training night at Hawk Field. From 6:00 p.m. until dark the field is closed to open flying so that any member that is a new flier can come out to the field and learn to fly with the help of the club's many qualified flight instructors. This enables them to learn quickly and avoid the confusion and destruction that comes with trying to learn alone.

The instructors are there to help get the student and the plane ready to fly and teach the new pilot the ins and outs of R/c flying.

The Omahawks have one of the best programs for training pilots and training night is a lot of fun for pilots and spectators alike.

People who are interested in checking out R/C flying can also come out and have a flight on one of the club trainers to see if they want to join this exciting hobby.

So, if you are in the area, make sure to drop by the field on Thursday night. Check out the action, join the fun. You'll be glad you did.

- editor



DEAN COPELAND'S LATEST GEM

Dean Copeland recently competed at the national Top Gun scale competition and his entry was a sight to behold.

Dean's was one of eleven entries in the Masters Class. This class is described as, "Masters Class is for the builder who has drawn the plans and has engineered and constructed the entire model himself. It cannot be a community project or one that has been designed and constructed by a team of people! A Masters Class builder may choose to enter his airplane in the Expert Class, but an Expert entry must remain in the Expert division. Mass-produced models, meaning models produced in a factory, will not be allowed in the Masters Class."

Dean's entry was a Northrup N9MB flying wing.



OMAHAWKS WELCOME SUMMER



The weather was warm and sunny and the food was hot and tasty when the Omahawks officially opened the summer on Memorial Day. The officers cooked up a mountain of scrambled eggs and bacon and everybody dug in before firing up and flying into the bright blue sky. It was definitely a great day for friends flying and fun for all!



Skip samples his own cooking...



WITH FOOD, FLYING AND FUN



Matt works in front of an audience



**SUMMER
IS
FINALLY
HERE
Let's Fly!**



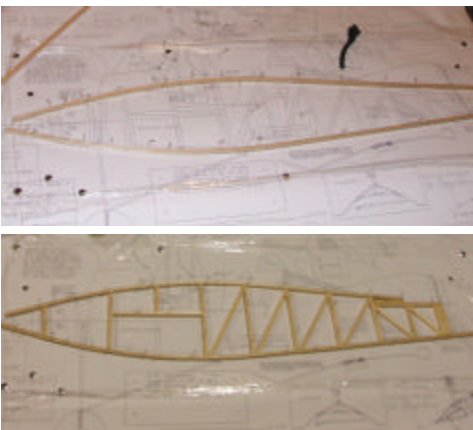
THE BUILD BUG BITES ANOTHER

As many of you know, I recently built a Guillows stick and tissue kit and showed it off at the club meeting. I found that build to be quite enjoyable. Since I spent the majority of my youth building plastic model cars and planes, I already knew what fun it is to build something and I wanted to build something even more substantial.

The feeling stayed just under the surface until I met up with Joe Cole on Memorial Day. He was there flying his autogyros and offered to sell me a set of plans for one that was easy to build. I felt the bite of the build bug and bought the plans.

It turns out that it is a pretty easy build to undertake, although some of the materials take a little hunting to come up with. (The postings on RC Universe are helpful). With my new plans and some balsa wood in hand I started my build on the fuselage.

The first thing I had to do was soak the top and bottom pieces in ammonia and water to make them flexible. That way they are easy to bend into shape and when they dry, they retain the curve. After they were securely pinned down and dried, I filled in the cross pieces for the fuselage side.



Once that was done, I had to build another and then put the cross members in place to complete the box of the fuse. Then it was on to the rotor mast.



The mast is made out of a laminate of thin birch plywood and 1/8 inch thick balsa. This makes a really stiff platform for the rotor. To do that, I took two pieces of 1/16th inch plywood and glued them on each side of a piece of 1/16th inch balsa with two part epoxy. I let them dry



overnight, pressed together with some weights. The result was a piece of laminate that was surprisingly stiff. I then had to bend a piece of plywood using the ammonia/water trick to curve it conform to the top of the fuselage.

At this point I have all of the pieces for the mast, the rudder and the rest of the various fuselage parts cut out and ready to assemble. Hopefully I'll have it done soon. More to come...

- Mike Berger

FLOAT FLY NEWS

For the May 30th Float Fly, the weather was breezy. At 9am the NWS reported the wind at NNW 14 mph. The wind caused some pilots not to fly. There were a couple of spectacular crashes. One occurred as the plane wing broke from the fuselage during flight. Russ Ault provided the chase boat. He rescued at least 10 planes. Coffee was provided by Bob Zitzlsperger. Fred Hawkins brought a dozen donuts. Pizza from Mangia Italiana in Irvington and pop were served.

There were 19 pilots who brought planes, signed in, or helped others fly. These were Jud Bock, Chuck Buscher, Dean Copeland, Frank Wisniski, Ralph Brown, Tim Peters, Dave Olson, Gary Vohnout, Casey Vohnout, Bob Burt, Gale Sherman, Glenn Gill, Skip Brown, Bob Z, Larry Austin, Brad Perkons, Ron Pacona, Gerry Stehno and Dick Behrens. Some pilots brought more than one plane. Additionally, a few others left their planes in their vehicles.

To report on the float fly, the World Herald and KETV sent a reporter or cameraman.

The June float fly is on Tuesday morning, June 23rd. The July float fly will be held on Saturday morning, July 18, from 9am to noon. Pizza and pop will be provided and hopefully milder winds.

- Dick Behrens



SKIP BROWN NAMED "MR. PATTERN 2009!"

June 20, 2009 - Omaha, NE: Today RC pilot Skip "Pig Pen" Brown stunned the radio control flying world by taking 1st place in Sportsman Pattern at the Omahawks 2009 Sport Pilot Championship. Skip Brown, a long time whiner and complainer that pattern flying makes him drowsy, managed to stay awake long

swayed in Skip Brown's favor seem to be simply rumor or conjecture. The local Omaha office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation denied allegations that an investigation into so called "irregularities" in the contest scoring were imminent.

Scoring and food preparation were once again wonderfully handled by a crack team of

"volunteers" ordered to help out by Helen Paasch. Pam Felthauer, Janice Rhine, and Jim Burnette were also unanimous in their denial of bribery allegations. The group declined to com-



enough to fly his Hobbico Avistar to victory.

Skip fended off challengers Ed "I'm here for the hot dogs" Paasch and Matt "my other plane is a turbine" Myers, who took 2nd and 3rd places respectively.

Terrific flights were also put in by the rest of the competitors today, with Colby Johnson, Larry McChesney, Ralph Brown, Dave Olson, Rich Tiller, Bob Wheeler, Gary Vonhout, and Doug Smith also enjoying a day of fiercely contested precision aerobatics combined with the consumption of hot dogs, chips, and soda.

Thus far, speculation that contest judges E.J. Murphy, Casey Vohnout, and Nathan King were

comment further, however, as they all wanted to rush out to the mall before it closed so they could "spend the new gift cards that they suddenly found" earlier that day.

Congratulations to Skip for a great win, and my thanks to all of the pilots who came out to compete and to judge and who made the SPC Sportsman Pattern event another terrifically fun event this season. Thank you again to my wife Helen and our friends Jim, Pam, and Janice for all of the work they did organizing the food and scoring!

- Ed "Big Ed Mustafa" Paasch



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GET READY FOR THE BIG SHOW

Everybody knows that summertime means lots of free time and having fun, especially if it also means lots of flying. But it also means that it is high time to get geared up for the Labor Day Air Show.

As you know, we are fast approaching our 30th year of doing this show. And we are the longest standing annual donor to Make-A-Wish Nebraska. We have raised many thousands of dollars at our shows and helped them to raise many more thousands through our show's publicity.

To achieve this success year after year takes lots of work on the part of lots of people. From planning the show to arranging the concessions and organizing the raffle and other fundraising, the work starts early and takes a lot of time for all involved.

So, what can you do to get involved? First, get your planes ready to put on the show, both for display and for flying. Then get involved in the planning of the show. Segment leaders are needed to organize the show. You can contact Steve Peck for information on that.

But the easiest thing you can do is come to the meeting on Friday and buy raffle tickets! For the past several years, the raffle has been entirely supported by donations from the members to buy the prizes for Labor Day. You can buy tickets in the raffles to be held at the June, July and August meetings at Hawk Field. Or you can simply donate money to the raffle. (Any money donated that is not spent on prizes is added to the total donation money) You can also donate something for the raffle at the meeting. By doing it this way, we have greatly increased the amount of money raised in the raffle and have contributed to several excellent years of success for the Labor Day Air Show.

This year the big prize of a RTF trainer is being provided at greatly reduced price from our friends at Nicholas Cycle in Essex, IA.

So, please get involved. Come to the meeting, buy tickets, donate money and do your part to make this our best year ever for the Labor Day Air Show!

- Mike Berger - editor