



Hawk Talk

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**** AGENDA ****

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, June 25, 2010 * 7:00 P.M. * Hawk Field * 138th and Fort St

PROGRAM: Come out and Fly!

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, July 7, 2010 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

IS IT JULY ALREADY?

Holy cow! It's almost July! It seems like the snow just melted and we're looking at the second half of the year. It's really roaring by. Before you know it, we'll be staring autumn in the face and be getting ready for the auction and the indoor flying season. Scary.

But in the meantime, we are heading right into the best flying time of the year. The sun is hot

sand bright, the wind isn't too strong, and it's staying light out till late. It's the height of the season and it's time to have fun.

But of course, right around the corner is Labor Day and all the festivities that entails. Much work needs to be done before then to make the day a success.

Your first opportunity to help in that task comes on Friday at the meeting at the field. A raffle will be held to raise money to buy the prizes for the raffle to be held on Labor Day. In recent years this method of getting the money for the prizes has really helped us raise the income for the raffle. All you have to do to help is come out to the field on Friday and buy raffle tickets for the great prize(s) we have. (donations are also accepted). This little part you play can make a great difference in our success on Labor Day.

And please make sure not to crash your really cool planes before the Air Show. We need them there, too.

Happy Summer!

- editor



We're ready for the Fourth!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ June 25 - General Meeting
- ★ June 28 - Boy Scouts @ Hawk Field
- ★ July 4 - Independence Day - Come out and fly!
- ★ July 7 - Business Meeting
- ★ July 17 - Float Fly
- ★ July 24 - SPC Combat Event

JUNE MEETING AT HAWK FIELD

FRIDAY, JUNE 25
7:00 p.m.
138th & Fort

Program: Fly and have fun... or else!

Raffle to benefit Labor Day Air Show Raffle:

Sport Flyers

Quick One

Electric Jet Park Flier

HAWK TALK

THE MINUTES

Larry McChesney, Secretary

General Meeting.....5/28/2010

Bob Wheeler, Vice President, opened the meeting. E.J. arrived later.

There were twenty seven members in attendance. There were no new members or guests.

Membership report was made by Ralph Brown. As of May 28th there are 120 members and 12 are new. Ralph also noted that there have been non-members flying at the field that do not have Omahawk memberships. It was suggested that anyone noting fliers without membership relay names, if known, to Ralph so that he can make contact at a later date.



Ralph gave a brief report, for once.

Newsletter Report – Mike Berger. Keep providing articles and announcements for events or other matters.

General Members Announcements

* Last Thursday night Travis Rein soloed and was dully initiated at the meeting. Photo was taken and certificate provided.

Field Update Field Chair discussed the status of the new sign. He and some other members will meet Monday to look at potential locations. Ed Paasch talked with the gentleman with the mowing contract and will provide information for submitting invoices to the club treasurer.

Event Reports

* Float Fly report was provided.

* SPC Pylon race results were shared with membership by Ed Paasch. Winner was



It doesn't look like Travis entirely trusts Bob...

Colby Johnson. Second winner was the hobby shops due to over a fifty percent plane fatality rate with some spectacular crash's.

* Boy Scout Fun Nights are June 21 and 28. (Dennis Bender has details). Mark it on your calendar and help out if possible or come out to enjoy some dutch oven desert entries for prizes.

* Reminder, once again, to events coordinators; be sure to have an advertisement of your event(s) published in the HawkTalk, and on the events calendar of the website.



Old Business

* Website progress report states that the site is fully functional now. Thanks to Kevin Hyde for his services. Club by-laws will be published in the "Members Only" area of the website.

New Business

* Ed Splittgerber has rejoined Omahawks. Welcome Ed. Look forward to seeing you in the "air at the field"

Business Meeting.....6/2/2010

Meeting was opened by Bob Wheeler, Vice President

Board Officers present: EJ Murphy, Bob Wheeler, Kevin Hyde and Larry McChesney
Board Members: Mikey Furrow, Bob Zitzlsperger, and Skip Brown

Members: Ed Paasch, Ralph Brown and Harry Perkons

Treasurers Report – Kevin Hyde provided a report dated June 2nd, 2010

Membership Chairman Report – Ralph Brown reported that as of this date we have a total 126 members. Twelve are new members.

* Two re-applications for membership were discussed. Kevin Hyde made a motion to approve Neil Archibald application and it was seconded by Bob Z. Motion carried. The second application for membership was denied following a motion to approve and voted on.

Events –

* A new event is being planned for Scout Quest on Oct. 9th. This has been supported in the past by Omahawk static displays and flying. If you would like to serve as a liaison with the scout district contact E.J. Murphy

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Hawk Field -

* Field Management sign. This will be a 4'x4' new sign and located near the main entrance



gate to the parking lot. Old sign on north side of shelter will be removed. Field chair will bring a layout for the sign, including names, etc., to the next meeting. Harry Perkons suggested that the city shop may be able to help and he will look into their availability.

* Mowing contractor will be notified that the aprons to the runway can be cut shorter.

* A proposal was made for removing some split rail fence and installing a removable chain to allow passage thru the fence for those wishing to use the warm up area near the north end of the field. Also a sign will be posted stating "For pilot access only." A motion was made by Mikey Furrow and seconded by Skip Brown. Motion carried on vote.

* Mikey will follow up problem with security light not functioning. He will call the city.

* A proposal was offered for repair of the table along the flight line used on training nights.

Dale Alva has offered to complete the repairs if the club would provide the materials. Kevin Hyde made the motion to approve up to \$100 for materials. Mikey seconded and the motion carried.

Old Business -

* A brief Website report was made. Kevin will install the bylaws on the "members only" section.

New Business

* Mike Berger began the discussion about the need for raffle prizes for the Labor Day Air show. If you have any items you could donate please contact Mike.



HAWKS CHOW DOWN ON MEMORIAL DAY



A bright sunny day greeted the Omahawks when we all got together for the President's Memorial Day Egg Burn. Many eggs were consumed and many hours were spent flying for fun.

Steve Culver, former Hawks president and current AMA representative stopped by to give the club an award from the AMA to help defray the cost of rebuilding the shelter which burnt down last year. All in all a good start to summer 2010. -editor



Steve gained popularity by giving us money.



Mmm, runny eggs!



The wives always love it when the men do the cooking!



Ed's SPC Contest proves that



GRACE AND PRECISION SCARCE AT SPC SPORTSMAN PATTERN EVENT

Hawk Field was once again the site of a Sport Pilot Championship event on Saturday June 19th, 2010. From a starting field of 23 registered pilots, nine brave souls came out to compete with one another. This time it was precision aerobatics as the main objective.

Some SPC pilots traveled to Grand Island for a fun fly, others were rebuilding crashed planes after the SPC Pylon event, and some were tending to family obligations or nursing cut fingers. Defending SPC Sportsman Pattern champion Skip Brown simply couldn't be awakened from his nap once the topic of pattern flying was mentioned.

For nine brave competitors, however, the allure of grilled hot dogs and Chili & Cheese Fritos was too much to bear. Tom Floyd, Colby Johnson, Roland Lyons, Larry McChesney, Matt Myers, Ed Paasch, Brad Perkons, Fred Tuckerman, and Gary Vohnout all flew the NSRCA 401 Sportsman schedule in front of judges Nathan King and Casey Vohnout.

Cloudy skies threatened to dampen the fun, but showers stayed away from Hawk Field as the event unfolded. The pilots were treated to comfortable temperatures and variable winds throughout the contest. Hazy cloud cover did add a bit to the puzzle of trying to figure out if one's plane was right side up or not, but each pilot seemed up to the challenge.

The pilots flew three rounds each. The worst score for each pilot was tossed out, and the top two rounds combined to determine each pilot's ranking. Spectators were treated to some very good flying as Fred Tuckerman finished in top place, narrowly edging out Ed Paasch (2nd place), Matt Myers (3rd place), and Colby Johnson (4th place). Many pilots were amazed that Ed Paasch hand-picked the judges, the official scorer, the scoring software, and even the computer for calculating the scores, and still couldn't manage to cheat his way into first place.

Always willing to lend a hand, many thanks go out to Helen Paasch, Pam Felthouser, Jim Burnette, Dennis Bender, Sonny Lusch, Harry Perkons, Mikey Furrow, and Eric Krystof for helping everything go smoothly. Hot dogs and chips were eaten, sodas and water bottles were emptied, and stories and jokes were told. The SPC pilots, spectators, and supporters were treated once again to a terrific mix of flying, fun, and festiveness as the day unfolded.

- Ed Paasch

P.S. Somebody tell Skip that he missed all the fun whenever he wakes up from his nap!

Pattern flying can be fun!



OMAHAWKS HOST HELICOPTER FUN FLY, WORLD DOESN'T END

On June 5th, Hawk Field was the site of a helicopter fun fly, and aircraft without wings were seen flying over the runway. Despite dire predictions, the world didn't come to an end. In fact, a good time was had all in attendance. The morning started with strong, gusty wind and rain showers, but cleared up as the event began. By good fortune, the helicopter fun fly took place during the nicest stretch of weather that day.

Omahawks members Joe Cole, Ed Paasch, John Thompson, Roland Lyons, Travis Rein, Nick Kmezich, and Nathan King were joined by a number of guests from other flying clubs. Visiting pilots John Schenck, Colby Johnson, Jeff Raker, Mike O'Daniel, Trey O'Daniel, and Snick Wheatley were kind enough to elevate the overall talent level of helicopter flying by joining in the fun. 14 pilots in all took their helicopters into the air. Spectators were treated to some really terrific flying along with a couple of unscheduled landings over the course of the event. While Joe Cole did a nice job of flying early on, he had to leave early for another engagement. This left most of the other Omahawks helicopter pilots watching the guest pilots and mumbling things like, "Wow! How do you do that?"

While the event organizer was admittedly short on flying talent, effort was made to compensate for it

with exceptional hospitality. Visiting pilots who paid their required \$5 landing fee were treated to their choice of t-shirts, hats, or can koozies as door prizes. Pilots and spectators alike enjoyed sandwich platters from Mr. Goodcents along with chips and an assortment of ice cold sodas and bottled water.

Club members Mikey Furrow, Dennis Bender, Chris Stuckey, Gerry Stehno, Roger Cowell, Chris Kindt, and Ryan Kindt may not have brought helicopters with them, but they were very helpful at making sure sandwiches got eaten and the beverage cooler wasn't left overly stuffed. Most importantly, however, they were instrumental in cheering on the pilots and adding to the fun!

Thanks to everyone who came out to fly with us, and to the folks who watched and helped out with setup, photos, and clean-up. It was great to meet Snick Wheatley, a member of the Lincoln Sky Knights, who drove all the way to Standing Bear Lake to show off his smooth flying, YS-powered Velocity .50 helicopter. It was also nice to see Nathan King come out and fly! We'll be doing all again soon enough, as the Omahawks have another helicopter fun fly scheduled for Saturday September 25th, 2010. We all hope to see you out there to join in the fun!

- Ed Paasch

OMAHAWKS HELIPAD A GREAT PLACE TO FLY

The new Omahawks helicopter pad installed just southwest of the storage shed is proving to be a versatile and popular area for flying. Originally created so Omahawks pilots could have a dedicated flying area for helicopter hovering, the new flying area is also gaining popularity with park flyer and foamie pilots.

What is drawing them to the helicopter area? One reason is that the helicopter area is always available for flying on 2.4Ghz radio systems, even if the main runway is closed for training or special events. During the SPC Sportsman Pattern event, a couple of club members came out to fly when they didn't know there was a contest scheduled. They simply headed down to the helipad area and flew some 3D foamie electrics, so they could enjoy some flying time as well as watching the pattern contest.

The helicopter flying area has also proved handy for pilots on Thursday evenings. Omahawks members have shown up to fly, forgetting that the runway is closed Thursday evenings for students and instructors to fly. Helicopter and electric airplane pilots alike have taken advantage of that flying area to enjoy some stick time when the training program prevents access to the main flightline.

If you're heading out to Hawk Field to grab some stick time, don't forget to pack your TREX 450 or your Parkzone P-51 Mustang. Even if you forgot that it's training night or it just happens to be the day of the scale contest, you can still get in plenty of good flying time!

- Ed Paasch



ENOLA GAY STORY WAS A HOAX!

Last month in this space, I reported verbatim a story that the B29 Enola Gay, famous for having dropped the atomic bomb in WWII, would be flying again this summer.

Unfortunately, the story was a hoax. And I fell for it. I pride myself in being a horrible cynic, and I fell for it! I didn't even bother verifying it or anything. I got suckered, caught hook, line and sinker.

Oh, well. Live and learn, I guess. Below are some comments from my loyal supporters on the subject.

- editor



Sucker! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha!



I can't believe he fell for something so obvious...



I wish it'd been me who fooled him!



How could he be so gullible??!



My trophy:
The world's biggest sucker!

FLOAT FLYS GOING STRONG

Float fly of May 29th. Fifteen flew off the water on a breezy morning. From 9am to noon the winds were reported as 14 to 16 mph with greater gusts. Russ Ault made about 10 rescues with his boat. There were no serious mishaps. Bob Z furnished the coffee and Fred Hawkins brought donuts. Pizza from Irvington and pop were enjoyed around 1130. The city furnished two picnic tables. Many spectators were present. We had a first when one asked if there was a charge for the show.

The pilots were: Joe Cole, Jud Bock, Frank Wisniski, Ralph Brown, Bob Burt, Ron Pacana, Bud Mitchell, Skip Brown, Bob Wheeler, Ed Splittgerber, Frank Vanecek, Brad Perkons, Harry Perkons, Fred Wilke, and Dick Behrens.

- Dick Behrens



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MYSTERY PLANE CHALLENGE

This month's mystery plane is a little more modern and capable than last months. You shouldn't have too much trouble figuring this one out. If you have a guess as to what it is, drop me a line at omahawks@kaptnkarl.com or mrberger352@kaptnkarl.com

Last month's plane was an easy one. It was the venerable Brewster Buffalo. It was the first single wing fighter aircraft adopted by the United States Navy. It saw action in the South Pacific and at Midway Island, but it was out-classed by the much faster and more maneuverable Japanese aircraft. It was used as an advanced trainer after Midway but saw no more significant front-line action.

Last month's first answerers was Roger Brodd who answered 49 minutes earlier than Larry Quigly. Roger and Larry get to share the

grand prize from last month - absolutely nothing! (Hey, I have a budget of zero dollars to work with here.) Good luck to everyone on this month's challenge!

- editor



Last month's plane—the Brewster Buffalo

