



# Hawk Talk

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ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

**GENERAL MEETING:** Friday, June 24, 2011 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Hawk Field \* 138th & Fort Street

**PROGRAM:** Flying and fun! Raffle for Labor Day Air Show Raffle Prizes

**BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday, July 6, 2011 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.

## Are you ready for the show?

Summer is finally and officially here. It's time to fly and have fun. Long days, warm weather and lots and lots of sunshine make for the best time of the year.

But at the same time, it means that Labor Day is right around the corner and with it, the flagship event for the Omahawks, the Labor Day Air Show for the benefit of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Nebraska.

This one event is the most important day on our calendar. Not only do we do this to raise money for this most worthy cause, but this is also our chance to show off

our club and hobby to a very wide audience. It's our one chance to show the world who we are.

This event doesn't happen by chance. Much preparation and forethought goes into it and the efforts of many people are required to pull it off each year. In previous years, the task of organizing the show was done by Steve Peck. But Steve has passed the mantle to Ed Paasch. Since this is Ed's first year at it, he will need lots of help to make it a success.

From buying raffle tickets at the next few meetings to buy prizes for the Labor Day raffle, to signing up to lead a section, or just being ready to fly for the crowds, your help and support is needed. It's a group effort and we need lots of help throughout the process.

So, this is your call. Come out to the meeting, buy raffle tickets. Sign up to take part. And most importantly, get your planes ready and take part in this, our most important event of the year. With your help we can make this our most successful year ever!

- editor

## DON'T FORGET THE 4TH!

Oh, my Lord! We're halfway through 2011 and the Fourth of July is just around the corner.

And while there usually isn't an official event on the 4th, most years there is a group of people who come to the field, have a picnic and fly for fun. So, if you're not doing anything on the 4th, come out to the field, bring some chips, pop and hot dogs and make this 4th of July a real R/C celebration!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ June 24 - June General Meeting
- ★ June 25 - SPC Pattern Event
- ★ June 27 - Boy Scout Fun Fly
- ★ June 29 - Electric Sailplane Fun Fly
- ★ July 6 - Business Meeting
- ★ July 6 - Old Timer Fun Fly
- ★ July 13 - Electric Sailplane Fun Fly
- ★ July 16 - Float Fly
- ★ July 23 - SPC Combat Event

### JUNE MEETING AT HAWK FIELD

**FRIDAY, JUNE 24**

**7:00 p.m.**

**138th & Fort**

**Program:**

**Fun and Flying  
Raffle to support Labor  
Day Air Show:  
Multiple Prizes**

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## THE MINUTES

Erik Krystoff, Secretary

### General Meeting.....5/27/2011

30+ members present.

**Hats and Shirts** – Steve is still investigating on the current order status. 50 hats are on order to be sold to the members for \$15 a piece. Shirts will be ordered based on member orders next week.

Reminder that board meetings are still held at Make a wish during the summer.

Time to start thinking about the labor day air show – think about some of the things you want to fly and segments you want to lead!

**Memorial Day Egg Burn** – In three days we'll be at the field at 9 am with bacon eggs, and other breakfast goodies. (Note... I've not eaten an egg and bacon plate since that day, and seeing leftover scrambled eggs stored in an apple juice container instantly makes one question what is and what is not right in the world. - Erik)

Ed Paasch brought up the La Vista days event, Larry McChesney brought up the youth fun fly/night fly event, hopefully all that attended had a blast!

**If you're the first person to open the gate, please lock the gate chain to the pole and spin the combination wheel. We've had issues with the lock falling to the ground, or people attempting to steal the lock.**

Congratulations to Graham Craft on completing the training program and soloing!

### Business Meeting.....6/1/2011

Kevin Hyde presented the treasurer's report via proxy thanks to Steve Culver.

Ralph Brown presented the membership report. 11 additional applications reported, 5 of which are new students. These additional applications bring us up to 161 members so far for this year.

Field Report via proxy – Vandalism is again the norm. All of the metal signs along the wooden railing have been stolen (Handicapped signs, RC Pilots Only signs, etc.). Investigation of temporary signs for events only to be investigated, along with possible painting of a handicapped area. Steve will talk to Mikey. (Additional note as of this date – some signage has been replaced, unfortunately... we've lost the street light at the field to vandalism.)

**Hats** – Steve is still trying to get an update on the order. The order for the polo shirts will be placed within the first week of June.

**Labor Day Air Show** – Ed Paasch will be heading up the event this year. Segment finalization and leaders to be determined after initial paperwork and concession logistics are handled. We will also look at having all pilots parking in the grass field directly east of the north parking lot (north east of the horribly nasty old outhouse).

Electricity to the shed – EJ Murphy brought up the idea, as this would allow us to charge our training batteries at the shed, put a light in the shed, or even power some future potential technical enhancements.

Kevin Hyde made the motion to allocate up to 500 dollars towards investigation, purchase, and installation. Steve Culver seconded, all approved. This will be brought up to the general membership for approval next month.

Dennis Bender requested 20 dollars for the sanctioned Ollie Olson Memorial Event (Old Timer Event) for Sunday August, 21. Board approved, Steve will bring up the event at the next general meeting.

**New Trainers** – Ed made the motion to allocate funds for a Hobbico HobbyStar .60 RTF Trainer to replenish our trainer collection. Larry McChesney seconded. Up to 300 dollars allocated. Board approved. Ed Paasch will place the order. This trainer will be placed under Harry Perkons and Larry McChesney's care. (Update since the meeting – trainer purchased and in the current trainer mix!)

**Raffle Update** – Approximately 73 tickets left as of this meeting.

Looking forward for the drawing at June.

The discussion of helicopters on the runway during non Monday flights was brought up. Even with a non Monday with few flyers at the field, or general permission granted by members at the field, the general consensus here is that as this is against the field rules, it is discouraged. Those looking to fly helicopters on the runway outside of 'Helicopter Monday' are encouraged to come to any board meeting and make their voice known.



**The weather was better for flying kites rather than air-planes**



Dennis Bender - Bacon Chef



## THE RUNNY EGGS ARE READY!

Summer started with a big blow out at Hawk Field on Memorial Day 2011. And by blowout, I mean 25 mph+ blow out.

The eggs were good, the bacon tasty, but Mother Nature didn't feel like cooperating and provided us all with 25 to 30 mile per hour winds blowing from every which way imaginable.

A few brave souls wouldn't take no for an answer and flew their planes. But most, like your humble editor, felt that discretion was the better part of valor and kept their planes on the ground.

Nevertheless, a good time was had by all and the Summer was kicked off right with food and fun at Hawk Field.



Steve talked about what Memorial Day is all about



The wind was not on our side



## Helicopters enjoy their special day in the sun



The helicopter pilots got to fly high at their very own fun fly at Hawk Field. It was a really great day for everyone involved. Unfortunately, I can't tell you much about it because Ed Paasch was supposed to write up a story about it. But the normally verbose Big Ed Mustaffa found himself a big dose of writer's cramp before publishing time, so you'll just have to settle for these most excellent pictures taken by Ed's capable and much more reliable wife, Helen.

- editor



## Kids of All Ages Soar at Youth Fun Fly

The annual Youth Fun Fly started with the prospects of rain moving in, but no rain or winds developed.



There were eleven kids including a young lady, Nina Ferrazzo who is the daughter of a new member and flew for the first time. There were fourteen adults and four Instructors with a few other club members who helped get the kids in air. The kids enjoyed a couple of flights apiece. At one point a small girl, four or five, was flying with Harry Perkins and Bob Wheeler. She may hold the record for the youngest participant yet.

Dinner was hot dogs, chips and soda with watermelon and a special desert made by Carmel Earl called "Dirt Pudding with Gummy Worms."



Casey Vohnout flew his big gas plane and Lee Ahmad flew his Thunder Tiger Raptor 90. The kids where "wowed."

There were games including building airplanes with construction paper. They were flown off of the hill to see who could get the longest flight. Some flew well enough that they ended up in a tree. Another game included spinning with your head on a baseball bat followed by a twenty yard sprint. The winners received extra raffle tickets. Plus all participants got two tickets for the raffle. The Yellow Bee electric planes were won by Matthew Wanetka and Quinn Shaw. It was Quinn's first time flying a trainer and likely his



first electric airplane. After the grand prizes were awarded each person, as their number came up, selected a nice prize from a number of interesting gifts.

The night was capped off with a night flying exhibition from Ed Paasch, Dave Olson, Eric Krystof and Casey Vohnout. Added to this excitement was a fireworks display south at Werner Park. Those went straight up. We, in one case, had a roman candle like display going "straight down." While these occasions are always sad the plane had a spectacular



meeting with terra firma.

A special feature was the "mystery man in lights head to toe" who out of the dark rose up over the hill along the east side of the runway. Quite a tall figure who briefly paced back and forth and flailed with his arms at the sky at the planes in lights overhead "King Kong like" and then disappeared. His only noted appearance since the night fly last fall.

Thanks are due to many for making this a special event. Fred Wilke collected the raffle prizes. Instructors E.J. Murphy, Harry Perkins, Ed Paasch, Bob Wheeler and couple others who volunteered, and to those who helped with the food.

- Larry McChesney



## Joe Cole's Latest Beauty

I just finished and maiden my first old timer Val-kyrie, which was Carl Goldberg's first gas airplane design in 1936. I decided to go a little easier route and buy a short kit to this beast.

### The details:

Wingspan: 10 feet, double elliptical taper, 20" root cord, Goldberg" airfoil (under-camber). 58 ribs and 17 spars.

Fuselage Length: 6 feet, circular cross section. 8.125" max diameter

Stab: 4 feet, same design as the wing  
Wing area just about 1870 sq.in.

Flying weight: 7 lbs  
Original flew with a brown jr, but this one has a .70 four stroke!



- Joe Cole



## MORE PIX...



Joe Cole and Casey Vonhout were brave enough to fly on Memorial Day.



## FLOAT FLY AND OLD-TIMER NEWS

Past event:

May 28th Float Fly. The weather was not good as light rain occurred on and off with SW winds of .7 to 15 mph. Despite this, the following showed up to fly: Bob Zitz, Joe Cole, Tim Peters, Frank Wisnski, Frand Vanecek, Dennis Bender, Bob Burt, George Eheman, Bob Wheeler, Dean Cope land, Harry Perkons, Brad Perkons, Rich Hall and Dick Behrens. Russ Ault provided his boat for retrivals, making about six trips. After more rain & wind forced a halt to flying, three kinds of pizza from Mangia Italiatia were enjoyed under the Hawkfield shelter.(no photos taken)

### Coming events

- June 29, Wed, 830 Electric Sailplanes
- July 6, Wed, 830 Old Timers w Lunch
- July 13, Wed, 830 Electric Sailplanes
- July 16, Sat, 900 Float Fly w pizza

(On Sunday, August 28, an "Ollie Olson Memorial" Old Timer Fun Fly will be held at Hawkfield. The event has been AMA sanctioned.)

Thanks.  
Dick Behrens



## Just planes:



## FREE TO A GOOD HOME:

Doc Greenberg is moving to a smaller apartment and he needs to find someone willing to take his antique radio display .

If you are interested in offering a good home for his interesting historical display, please contact Doc at 402-493-5492

## RANDY'S NEW FOAMY



Here is a picture of my Great Planes Silhouette electric plane. This is my first real attempt at anything electric. I have thought about going into this area of RC, as I have an electrical background. Winning this plane at the 2010 Labor Day event at the Omahawk field was finally enough to get me started. (My Thanks to the club!) Luckily I took a picture of it before I flew it. The first flight went well. I thought the second flight went good as well; however, I found out that the foam is not as forgiving on "less than perfect" landings. I had the landing gear off, as I was flying on grass. I will try to add some structure to the front of the fuselage and behind the motor mount, hopefully without adding significant weight. If other foamie "experts" have more ideas please let me know.

*Randy Seggerman*

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# Another mystery plane for you

Once again it's time for the mystery plane. I sure hope you're still enjoying them. I like hearing from people about them, especially the first-timers. And here is one for them. If you like the unusual aircraft, this one should be easy. Drop me a line with its identity.

Last months plane was the Lockheed P-80 Shooting Star. This plane was the very first plane of the jet age for the USAAF and saw extensive action in the Korean War. It



Lockheed P-80 Shooting Star

served in the USAF and many other air forces around the world as both a fighter and a trainer. Dean Copeland was the first and only person to identify it.

- editor

