



Hawk Talk

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ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, June 29, 2012 * 7:00 P.M. * Hawk Field * 138th & Fort

PROGRAM: Can you think of a better thing to do than fly?

BUSINESS MEETING: Tuesday, July 3, 2012 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

IT'S SUMMERTIME!

Holy cow! Is the year half over already? I was just getting used to it being 2012. We've had lots of good weather for flying and there's lots more to come.

The Fourth of July is just next week. While there is no official Omahawks' event on that day, there is usually quite a few guys who come out to the field anyway. Sometimes there's food, there's always flying and it's sure to be lots of fun for everyone.

We still have a lot of events

on the schedule and lots of good (albeit hot) days of open flying left.

But while you're out at the field, always be sure to fly safe. Follow all safe practices. Don't fly alone if you don't have to. Make sure you have a first aid kit handy and know what you need to do in an emergency. Remember, it's lots of fun to laugh and joke about our crashes. It's no fun to talk about our scars.

You can also get in trouble from the heat. This year promises to be a hot one and the effects of sunburn and heat stroke can put a big damper on the fun. Be sure to wear a hat (especially if the top of your head is as shiny as mine), drink lots of fluids, water is best but any (non-alcoholic) liquid will help.

As we go into the long, hot, dog days of summer, remember to keep safe and have fun. Get your friends out to the field, attend the events and stay cool! The end of summer is coming fast and you don't want to miss a single moment of the fun to be had this year.

- editor

Due to the conflict with the Independence Day holiday, the July business meeting has been moved to Tuesday, July 3rd, 7 pm at Make-a-wish

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Jun 29 - General Meeting
- ★ July 3 - Business Meeting
- ★ July 11 - Old Timer Fun Fly
- ★ July 14 - Float Fly
- ★ July 18 - Elec Sailplane Fun Fly
- ★ July 27 - General Meeting
- ★ July 28 - Heli Fun Fly
- ★ Aug 1 - Business Meeting
- ★ Aug 4 - Old Timer Fun Fly
- ★ Every Thursday 6 pm til dusk - Training Night

JUNE MEETING AT HAWK FIELD

FRIDAY, JUN 29

7:00 p.m.

Hawk Field

138th & Fort St

Program:

Have fun and fly!

Raffle:

Raffle to support the Labor Day Air Show raffle

THE MINUTES

Erik Krystoff, Secretary

Egg Burn Pics

General Meeting.....5/25/2012
(No minutes taken - Hey, we were busy flying, alright?!?)

Business Meeting.....6/6/2012

Board Members Present: Bob Wheeler; EJ Murphy; Bob Zitzlperger, Dennis Bender; Kevin Hyde; Steve Culver; Mikey Furrow (acting as secretary for Casey who is absent); Club Members: Ed Paasch

Treasurers Report: Kevin Hyde - Appears all financials are in order. Accurate and thorough as usual.

Membership count: as of Tuesday June 6th = 134 members

Hawk Field:

Trash Pickup not being done in a timely manner - Mikey to follow up on this.

Runway Painting to be done - Mikey to pick up marking paint

Several members haven't received field permits - longer than 14 days. Board decision was made to have email sent to Kevin Hyde for members who haven't received their permits after 2 weeks, and he will look into this. Ed Paasch suggested that in recognition for all of Roger Brodd's hard work with the Concessions for the Labor Day Airshow, that a plaque be placed on the bench in honor of his son, Billy Brodd and his contributions to Scale building and Scale Fun Fly's.

Old Business:

Impound trays are available for donation to another area club - receiving club will need to move

New Business:

Labor Day Airshow Preparations:

Roger Brodd is stepping down from managing the Concessions portion

Looking for volunteers to step up as Concessions Stand Leader & a small committee to assist this leader. Dennis Bender has volunteered to be on this committee, but not the leader.

Considerations being considered for 2 die hard Safety Chair Persons to ensure safety rules are followed during airshow event. Ed is also considering volunteers for Flight Line Boss and also Crowd Control Boss.

Some discussion was made about limiting airshow to 2.4ghz only, but for this year, frequency control will be on the segment leaders to prevent frequency conflicts.

Segment leaders are needed for the various events for the Labor Day Airshow. Contact Ed Paasch for information and ideas.

Boy Scouts Events on Mondays June 18th and June 25th - Helpers and flight instructors are needed to assist with this.

Memorial Day Egg Burn pans have been greased by Bob W. Another skillet was donated by Harry Perkins.

Raffle Prizes are being managed by Mike Berger and used for the Labor Day airshow raffle prizes.

Upcoming Dates / Events:

Next Board Meeting - Moved to Tues June 3rd at 7pm due to 4th of July Holiday. Notification is made on the Omahawks Website, Facebook page, and at club meeting.



SPORT PATTERN CHAMPIONSHIP SUMMARY

After much hype and notifications, the weekend of June 22-24 were the dates for the 4th Annual Sport Pilot Championship (SPC). This 3 day event started with a Competitive Fun Fly on Friday evening with 3 mini events: Target Touch n Go's, ROOP Touch n Go's, and a 6' Limbo event. The winds were mild with some gusts of about 15mph, and 11 pilots started out the evening. Many impressive attempts were made to touch within the box, but Tom Floyd, Fred Tuckerman, and Greg Nelson were the only ones who were able to land within the 8x8 box.

The ROOP Touch n Go's had some very fast and impressive flights. Fred Tuckerman was fastest at 1 min 25 sec to complete 5 ROOPS, with Rich Walker close behind with 1:32.

Then came the 6' Limbo event. Scott Rathman proved that practicing High Speed Low Passes does pay off as he successfully completed 3 limbo passes at full throttle and very fast times. Fred Tuckerman was the only pilot to complete all 5 Limbo passes successfully, with Mikey Furrow behind him with 4.

We did have some casualties during this event as Greg Nelson put his Escapade into a tree on a ROOP TnG pass. Randy Seggerman broke up his plane attempting a ROOP TnG. He found that a quick dive to the runway wasn't the best approach. Harry Perkins stalled out his plane attempting the ROOPS as well, and ripped out the landing gear on his electric plane. Overall, everyone had

fun and looked forward to Stage 2: The Pylon Race.

Saturday morning, after a slight rain delay, 10 pilots came out to brave the 25-40 mph wind gusts and race some very exciting events. We had some close calls, including 2 wingtip touches on takeoff, but no incidents to report. In his last race of the day, Gary Voughnout had some trouble with his SPAD plane, and had to put it nose first into the ground. All in all, it was a great day full of high speed flying and a lot of fun.

Then Sunday morning, we started the last stage of the SPC: the Combat segment. As Gary Voughnout promised, he was back with his SPAD ready to fly. We started out with 14 pilots ready to cut some streamers. By the end of the first round, Ed Paasch and Randy Seggerman both crashed their planes. Three more pilots were removed from the races in round 2: Patrick Jones' P-51 had a signal hit and nosed in hard in the parkway; Harry Perkins lost orientation and crashed his Ultra Sport, and Gary Voughnout opted to sit the remainder of the day out as well. Then in the middle of Round 3, Mikey Furrow and Graham Craft had a spectacular mid air collision that put both planes into the ground. Mikey was coming from above to get Graham's streamer, but instead went through Graham's wing to bring both planes down.

After the retrieval of both planes, we had one final round for all remaining pilots, which included Casey Voughnout, Tom

Floyd, Fred Tuckerman, Rich Walker, Scott Rathman, Brad Perkins and Graham Craft's second plane. It was definitely a very exciting race with all the planes buzzing around in such a small airspace. Surprisingly enough, though not for a lack of trying, no mid air collisions occurred, but Fred Tuckerman's aileron servo burned out and ended up putting his Sonic Low Wing plane down into the tree's. But after some successful searching, Fred found his plane in one piece.

Overall, this weekend proved to be one of endurance and survival, and everyone in attendance seemed to enjoy the competition and all the good food that was supplied. Thanks are due to the many volunteers that stepped up to help with this event, including Dennis and Pat Bender, Helen Paasch, Carmel Earl, Chris Perkins, and Mandy Furrow for managing and organizing the food; to Jim Clipperton for being the Flight Line boss for all three days; and to all the pilots who made this event one to enjoy.

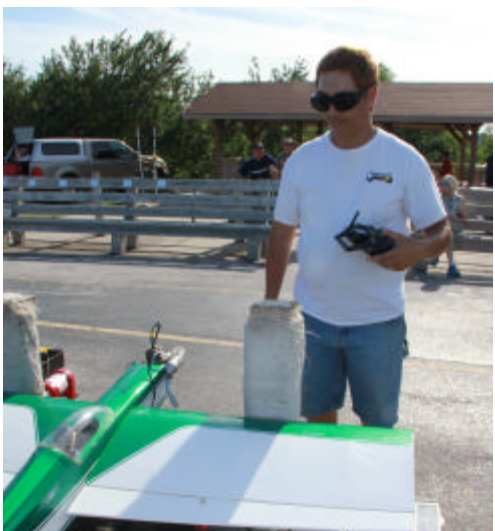
If you want to know who won each of the events and who is the overall winner of the Olsen Cup Trophy and Sport Pilot Champion, come on out to the General Meeting this Friday at 6:00pm at Hawk field and the presentations will be made there. And start thinking about what you would like to fly in next year's SPC championship cause its a lot of fun, and all pilots are welcome to fly.

- Mikey Furrow

Summer Fun at the



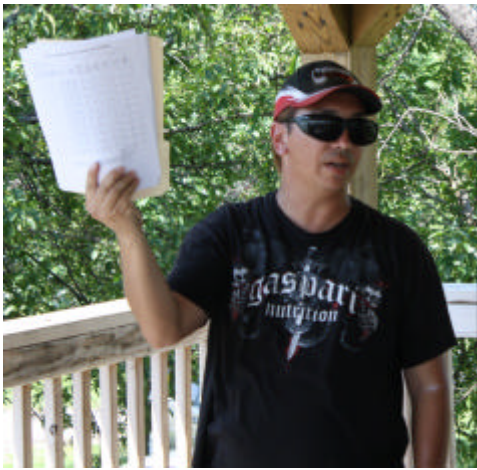
Saturday's Fliers



Sport Pattern Championship



Sunday's Combatants



Ex-airplane



Ex-airplane



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In three consecutive shots, I somehow managed to photograph three planes that did not survive the day. Weird. - editor

WANT TO SPREAD THE OBSESSION?

I received the following request via email a few days ago. Mary is trying to place an exchange student with someone who is as passionate with flying as he is. Please consider giving this young man the opportunity to see how much fun it is to be an Omahawk. You can check out this organization at :

www.afs.org

★ *editor*

My name is Mary Gossett and I work with AFS Intercultural programs, a high school international exchange program. I noticed on the Omahawks website that you are the editor of your newsletter. I am writing to ask if I could put a blurb about hosting an exchange student in your news letter. We are looking for great host families and I am looking to place one student that is passionate about flying and aviation. This is why I would love to recruit within the Omahawks for a host family because this great student, Max, from Germany, would be a great fit for a family that is part of your organization. I hope that you can help me out with this as it is a great opportunity!

Sincerely,

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THANKS, ROGER!

The Omahawks Board of Directors as well as the membership would like to recognize Roger Brodd for the many years of service he has given in managing the Labor Day Air Show Concessions. While others were out front showing their flying skills and impressing the fans, Roger, his family, and helpers were quietly working hard in the background to supply hundreds of on lookers Hot dogs, Pop, Shaved Ice and so on. It's quite a task to plan, purchase, setup, and clean up for this event and Roger did it for 17 years. For your unwavering support of the Labor Day Air Show, we the Omahawk's s want so say Thank you, your hard work did not go unnoticed.

At the same time I want to also say thank you to Carmel Earl for volunteering to lead organizing the team which will be needed to replace the hard work Roger and family did. Carmel will need lots of help so if you get tapped on the shoulder please give her some support and help.

- Bob Wheeler



I couldn't find a good picture of Roger, but here is a really cool picture of his restores Willys Jeep - ed

FLOAT FLY AND OLD TIMER NEWS

May 26 Float Fly. Cancelled due to high winds.

June 13 Old Timer Fun Fly. Postponed two days because of high winds. Then on Friday the 15th, with near calm wind, it drizzled rain most of the morning, cutting down attendance. Still, nine pilots took part. They were: Tom Floyd, Bob Burt, Dennis Bender, Bob Zitzlsperger, Bud Mitchell, Jud Bock, Jim Clapper-ton, Bob Johnson and Dick Behrens. Dennis and Patricia prepared and served lunch, including bratts, sausage, pop and fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, watermelon and oatmeal cookies.

June 20 Float Fly. Winds were south about 15-18 mph most of the morning with higher gust, reducing attendance. However, during a lull, most of the pilots got their planes in the air. Leroy and Brad Hendersen ran the chase boat, retrieving a number of planes. Ten pilots took part. They were: Ron Pacana, Bob Zitzlsperger, Ed Splittgerber, Chuck Buscher, Frank Vanecek, Bob Burt, Frank Wisniski, Dennis Bender, Bud Mitchell, Dean Copeland and Dick Behrens. A pleasant surprise was provided by Chuck and wife Marty as they prepared a lunch of fried walleye, two salads, heated bean/meat casserole and pumpkin bars for dessert.

- Dick Behrens

Event Funding. This year's Float Fly and Old Timer Fun Fly events are being funded by a generous donation from an anonymous club member..... **MANY THANKS TO THE DONOR.**



Brad and Leroy Hendersen with their boat for retrieving downed or stalled planes.



The Benders, brother and sister (ages 6 & 4), helped grandpa Dennis fly his float plane.

OMAHAWK SPONSORED AM EVENTS NEXT SIX WEEKS

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	MORE
Elec Sailplanes	June 27, Wed 830-1130*	Hawkfield	Frank W
Old Timer Fun Fly	July 11, Wed 900- noon*	Hawkfield	Dennis, Bud, Bob Z
Float Fly Pizza	July 14, Sat 9am -1230	Standing Bear Lake	Dick, Bob Z, Bob B
Elec Sailplanes	July 18, Wed 830-1130	Hawkfield	Frank W

*Old Timer events & the June 27 sailplane event include lunch and next day makeup

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Can you say, "carnage?"



On behalf of Hobby Town, Tower Hobbies, Hobby People, Bud's Garage and R/C auctioneers everywhere, I would like to extend a hearty thank you to Mikey Furrow, Ed Paasch and everyone else who worked so hard to put on the Omahawks' SPC event. This group has done so much to stimulate the economy of hobby stores by eliminating so many sport planes from circulation that they are unquestionable true, job-creating patriots!

