



Hawk Talk

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**** AGENDA ****

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, March 30, 2007 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

PROGRAM: A good Time Will be Had by All - Or Else!

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, April 4, 2007 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

IT'S SPRING CLEANING TIME

**Sat. April 14
10:00 a.m.
Hawk Field
Be There!**

February Meeting at
Make-A-Wish
Foundation
Friday, February 24
Friday's Program:
To Be Announced!

RAFFLE

This raffle will be the last of a three month long raffle for a new Spektrum Radio! Don't miss it! Be sure to bring all the raffle tickets you purchased the last two months!

Well, spring has finally sprung and that can only mean one thing. It's time to go to work! Our new field chairman for 2007, Bill Bender has set up the date for the spring cleanup at Hawk Field and he needs the help of all Omahawks to make this day a success.

Bill has requested that anyone who is interested should come ready to work with any tools of the trade like rakes, brooms, shovels, trash bags, gloves, trimmers, leaf blowers. We might have some painting and fixing to do, too. So, if you have paint supplies or handyman tools, bring them and they'll probably get put to use.

Above all else, the most important thing you can bring is **you!** If we can get a lot of people out for this, we can get a lot done in a short time.



"This is a big job that can be made small with many willing hands."

ATTENTION HAWK FIELD FLIERS!

Since the Omahawks R/C Club is now and AMA club, all R/C pilots must have a current (2007) membership for both the Omahawks and the AMA. 2006 field permits are not valid. Your AMA membership does not cover you if you do not have a current membership. You can mail your

\$55 Omahawk dues to 2739 N. 61st St Omaha, NE 68104 or see me at the field to renew your membership. I can help you with AMA membership as well.

Ralph Brown
Membership Chairman

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SHOW AND TELL

THE MINUTES

Nathan King, Secretary

General Meeting.....2/23/2007

Called to order 7:06

Approximately 43 members present

Mike Berger - Newsletter Report - Send Mike articles and pictures for the newsletter. Bill Bender was officially recognized as our new Field Chairman. Congratulations! Funding for select capital improvements was voted on. The motion for adding two concrete pilot pads to the south did not carry. Funding for Weed & Feed and a porta-potty was approved.

Spektrum 2.4GHz air modules for JR and Futaba radios are now available. Omahawks Bulk Fuel Buy order forms were handed out. Contact Steve Culver for information.

The Winter Festival was a great success.

Thank you Steve Peck!

Thanks to Eric Morgan, Skip, Matt, and E.J. for making the Destination Imagination presentation a success.

Thanks to Cub Scout Pack 412 for their \$150 donation to Make-A-Wish.

Reminder: The Boy Scout Jubilee is on October 19-21, 2007 at Mahoney State Park

The board approved funding for RC Prohibited Signs. A letter has been sent to Councilman Sigerson asking for approval to purchase the signs and for the city to install them.

The board also approved funding for the following upkeep items: Strip and repaint radio impound, cap steps leading from north parking lot, replace red wood table top by engine test area, paint shelter, repair/treat wood floor in shelter, paint front gate, and re-stripe yellow marker lines in pit area/landing strip.

Members approved all funding requests. They are: seven float flies (\$255), pancake breakfast (\$50), Club meetings/Hot Dogs (\$225), Benson High School Event (\$70).

Upcoming Events - R/C Instructor and Ground School Meeting - March 15

Ground School for new Pilots -

March 22

Morning Float Fly - May 1

Western Front Dawn Patrol - May

19-20 at Cobra Field (9 miles south of CB, IA; \$5 fee)

Presidents Day Egg Burn/

Memorial Day - May 28

Business Meeting.....3/7/2007

The minutes for the business meeting on 3/7 are not available at this time and will be included in the next issue of Hawk Talk

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Mike and his coroplast picture frame...



...and his new pattern plane



Where's my raffle tickets?



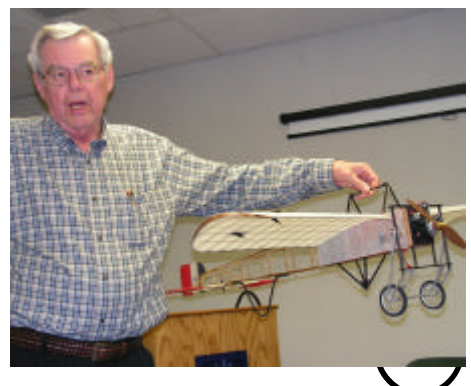
Nathan and his pet Yak



Big Ed speaks in favor of fixed wing aircraft



Mike's new 3D Foamy



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Gimme the money and nobody gets hurt!



... and the other Steve's heli...



Matt's heli...



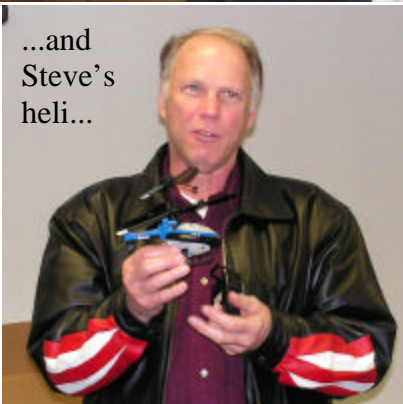
... and Bob's heli...



...and Skip's heli,...



...and Steve's heli...



ENOUGH
WITH THE
HELICOP-
TERS,
ALREADY!!!!



Join The
AMA

Omahawks Do The



This past month, the Omahawks were invited to do a demonstration for Cub Scout Pack 412 at their Blue and Gold Banquet. Several Hawks wowed the crowd with a variety of airplanes and helicopters. The scouts



Blue and Gold



were very much impressed with the show put on by our guys (who were really only playing with their toys). So pleased, in fact that they made a generous donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation!



COMPATABILITY:

A LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP FROM BOB BOUMSTEIN

As a member of the Omahawks and Western Flyers for a good number of years, it has become very clear to me how much these two clubs have in common.

- First a number of members of each club belong to the other.
- Hawk field was once a Western Flyer's field (it went unused).
- Similar interests are evident in the activities of both clubs.

Without boring you I think this list could go on. But here is the main point; there is a benefit to the dual or multi club membership. You get a chance to do more of what you enjoy on a larger scale, since one of the groups may be doing the activity you like. There are those that think you can only belong to one club and that is their opinion. The truth is you can strike a balance in you activities and time with just a little effort.

While the Omahawks have a premier flying field in a city location, the Western Flyers offer unlimited opportunities for large scale flying and anything else you may want to do at Mead. Mead has virtually no restrictions on types of planes and flying directions. Springfield has regulations on flying directions but offers a marvelous example of a mature grass field just outside the city. Therefore inter-club activities should be a natural. Bob Burt is hard at work to put together a cross country event from Mead. Old timer's events could be done at any of the three locations. The

opportunities are endless since the Omahawks have become an AMA club.

Most recently Steve Peck and I were given memberships to the Lincoln Sky-Knights for doing their auction as auctioneers for better than 15 years. This was an unexpected gift and much appreciated by both. I thought about flying at their field as guest before but now I am sure I will go down to Waverly a few times this summer. I also can see how they run some of their events to pass that information on to benefit the other clubs I belong to.

Lastly I think that the Omahawks and Western Flyers should partner up to find an indoor location for flying. Perhaps together an effort to do this could be positive. Right now the main indoor flying site is the Sports Arena off Giles Road. Hopefully another, similar location could be found. I think there is a growing demand and we should try as two united groups to meet it.

- Thank you,
Bob Boumstein



BENSON HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION DAY

Once again it is time for the Benson High School Competition Day. This year's activities will be held on Saturday April 14th, at Benson High School from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. These activities include competitions between Omaha area junior high school students in CO2 car races, toothpick tower building, electric hovercraft building and rubber powered stick and tissue airplane flying. This event has been sponsored for many years by the Omahawks and the Omaha Corvette Club.

The Omahawks are once again sponsoring the flying portion of the competition. We will have a static display of R/C aircraft and give prizes to the top performers in the two different glider classes.

At the conclusion of the day, we will award the prizes and give a demonstration of indoor flying for the spectators. After the competition is over, the Benson Gym will be left open for anyone who wants to fly indoors.

-editor



Past Winners

Western Front Dawn Patrol 2007

May 19-20, 2007



"The R/C Celebration of Early Aviation"

Hosted by Cobras R/C Club
AMA Charter 744

At Cobras Field, 9 miles South
of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Open to any Scale R/C Models
of Pioneer Era, WWI, &
Golden Era Aircraft 1903-33
WWI planes will do "Dawn
Patrol" each morning from
Dawn until 9 AM.

Each era of aircraft will be sched-
uled in rotation to fly with their
respective types. (Don't miss the
"1/3 scale Review"!)

We are flexible, and will adjust
things to fit the airplane types
present so everyone will get
plenty of flying time.

\$5 Landing Fee.

AMA required.

IMAA welcomed.

Free Admission to spectators.

**Contact: Dean Dingman, Event
Director**

PfalzPflyer@netscape.net

**Disclaimer: Enter and participate at
your own risk. Promoters, sponsors,
event personnel, etc. are not responsi-
ble for any personal injury or losses.**

Safety Corner with Eric Morgan

Hi Boys and Girls. It's me again, Uncle Eric. As the end of the building season approaches, many of us are at the point in the build when it's time to apply the covering to our newest pride and joy. This is a very exciting step in the build because it's when the plane finally really starts to look like the streamlined beauty we envisioned when we bought the kit last fall.

There are some very important things to keep in mind during this phase. No matter what covering method you choose, chances are you will be working with chemicals at some point. If you are using a covering method that you have not tried previously, take the time to read and understand the warning labels associated with the chemicals you will be using.

Pilot #1 has done just that and is well on his way. He is in a well ventilated area, he's wearing a respirator and he made sure that there were no ignition sources in his work area.

Pilot #2 is in a well ventilated area. He is out in the front yard. The fire department dragged him there after reports by his

neighbors of yet another explosion in his house. He has once again failed to read the warnings and has learned the hard way that the 6 by 8 furnace room is not the place to fiberglass a plane.

Using common sense is the most important factor in safety no matter what you are doing. Sure, some may say the #2 behavior helps to clean up the gene pool but it's no fun when anyone gets hurt. Keep watching and remember kids, don't be a #2

- Uncle Eric



I do my monokoting and gluing while making repairs rather than building.

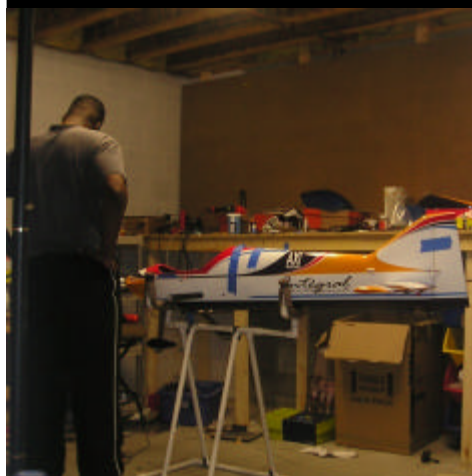
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BUILD SAFE!
FLY SAFE!

Our Newest Photographer

Hawk Talk is happy to welcome a new photographer to our ranks. Jayna Green took this picture of her daddy, Robert Green, as he pondered his latest project in his workshop.

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HAWKS AND SCOUT TEAM UP FOR MAW

On February 18th, a group of Omahawks that included Steve Culver, Skip Brown, E. J. Feldman, Matt Myers, and Eric Morgan put on a presentation for Cub Scout Pack 412 at their Blue and Gold Banquet. The Hawks talked about how R/C works, demonstrated their planes and did a little indoor flying with their helicopters. Steve also did a short talk explaining the other things the Omahawks are involved in, including the Labor Day Air Show.

The scouts and parents present for the demonstration must have been very impressed with Steve and the rest of the gang, because they got together and presented the Omahawks with a donation for the Make-A-Wish Foundation in the amount of \$150.00!

It's really great to know that what we do can have such a positive impact. And, it serves as a reminder that what we do on Labor Day has an impact a lot larger than just one day of playing with our toys!

Many thanks are owed to the members whose support made this happen as well as the scouts and families who showed such generosity. You're the greatest!



- editor