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**** AGENDA ****

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, March 26, 2010 * 7:00 P.M. * Hobbytown * Irvington

PROGRAM: P-51 Mustang, A Pilot's Perspective Video

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, April 7, 2010 * 7:00 P.M. * TBA

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

SPRING CLEAN-UP TIME

2010 FIELD MOWING CONTRACTS NEEDED

**Saturday, April 17th
@ 9:00 AM**

The time has come to Welcome the wonderful warm spring weather, which also means that our wonderful flight field is in need of some good ol' TLC. All Omahawks are invited to come out to the field, partake of some fun camaraderie and demonstrate your pride in our outstanding facility. The return on this small

investment of time will be our wonderful flying facility at Standing Bear Lake.

Please bring any tools or equipment such as brooms, trash bags, trimmers, blowers, etc., and most importantly, YOU, to help beautify our wonderful flying facilities. If you have a shovel and some gardening tools that would be very helpful also. We are also planning on putting some stain / paint on our pavillion, so if you have any brushes or rollers, that would be very helpful as well.

We have quite a bit of work planned for this day, and the more hands available, the faster and easier it will be to accomplish the tasks ahead of us. Please come out and join us in making our wonderful field a great place to fly and enjoy good friendships.

On Sat, April 13th, if anyone is knowledgeable and available to assist in prepping the pavillion for painting, please contact our Field Chairman, Mikey via email: dakoris73@gmail.com for this or any other questions/suggestions concerning our Spring Cleanup.

- Mikey Furrow

For those who are involved or associated with any Mowing Companies, we are currently accepting any bids or contract proposals for our field. Forward any contract proposals to our Field Chairman: Mikey Furrow or any other board member for consideration.

MARCH MEETING AT HOBBYTOWN IRVINGTON

FRIDAY, MAR 26

7:00 p.m.

Program: The P-51D Mustang - A Pilot's Perspective (video)
Raffle: Park Zone RTF Piper Cub



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Mar 22 - Ground School & Flight Instructors meeting - Hobbytown Irvington
- ★ Mar 26 - General Meeting
- ★ Apr 3 - Benson High School Competition Day
- ★ Apr 7 - Business Meeting
- ★ Apr 25 - Western Flyers Auction
- ★ Apr 1 - Training night starts every Thursday till Fall

HAWK TALK

THE MINUTES

Larry McChesney, Secretary

General Meeting.....2/26/2010

President E.J. Murphy opened the meeting. Guests who were present tonight included Travis Ryan, David and Preston Streebin. Welcome.

Membership Report: The membership report was given by Ralph Brown. He stated that current memberships for 2010 stands at between 80 and 90. He also reminded the club that Fred Hawkins membership, on the "honorary role," has been renewed for the year.

Newsletter Report: Mike Berger was present. He encouraged members to keep providing new material, articles, photo's, etc., and he would like to see articles regarding what brought you to the hobby. Also send him information about current building projects.

General Member Announcements: We currently have no soloed pilots to recognize.

Field Update: A short discussion was led by E.J. regarding the suggestion to move the large "Hawk Field" sign from its present location on the north end of the bleachers to near the main gate. No objections were raised. He also gave a new AMA poster with the AMA field rules to Mikey Furrow to post.

Event Reports: Steve Peck reported on the annual Winterfest Saturday Feb. 13th. It was followed by dinner at Venice Inn. A good time was had by all and even some planes were launched for some flying time. The queen also had a good time at least according to Mr. Peck. He also thanked Ed Paasch, Kevin Hyde and Mike Berger for working on this successful event.

Bob Wheeler reported on the upcoming ground school meeting. They will meet March 22nd with at Hobby Town Irvington from six until eight. New flyers can bring their planes so the instructors can check them out early. All instructors who can please attend as well. Contact Bob. Wheeler with questions. First training night is April 1st.

E.J. clarified an important definition regarding landing fees for those flying without a field permit. Those folks should not be referred to as "non-club members."

The Field Safety Chair vacancy was brought up. Kevin Hyde made a motion to assign that to the Club Vice President this year. Mike Berger seconded. Motion was voted on and it carried.

Old Business: There was a short discussion regarding the new website. Kevin Hyde shared that the transfer is in place and the new site is complete (except for photo capability). New address is Omahawks.net.

E.J. is working on paper work for submittal for "Gold Leader Club status" Also Kevin Hyde is taking care of the AMA registration documents for the club including all the officer information.

New Business:

Fred Wilke announced the upcoming April 3rd "Competition Day" at Benson Highschool. Static displays should be in place at eight o'clock and will end around noon when the awards will be given out. He asked the club to authorize expenditure of \$80 to purchase two planes to donate to the kids. Judd Bock made

the motion that was seconded by Dave Ross. Vote to approve was unanimous. Members are encouraged to attend with planes for display and to help Fred during the morning.

He also mentioned that June 12th or 19th the second annual "Youth Fun Fly" will be held pending approval by the board and finalizing a date. This is a special event for eight to fourteen year old kids and fathers, mothers or Grandfathers. Lunch will be provided along with a lot of hands on "buddy box flying."

The raffle prizes were three Magnum XLS .40 2-cycle engines. Winners were Sonny Lusch, Dave Ross and Gary Schnitz (and not E.J, - yes !) .



Business Meeting.....3/3/2010

Present:

Officers E.J. Murphy, Bob Wheeler
Board members Harry Perkons, Brad Perkons, Bob Zitsperger, Mikey Furrow
Also present, Ed Paasch, Larry Bailey, Mike Berger

Treasurers report. Kevin Hyde could not be present, so E.J. presented the Treasurer's Report.

Membership report. Ed Paasch acted as courier with a group of membership applications, from Ralph. E.J. will pass them along to Kevin for processing. E.J. then announced, according to our website, as of March 3 our 2010 membership stands at 72 with 7 new members.

Events.

E.J. reminded those present for event proposals that the landing fees stipulation for events are directed at those flying without field permits, and should not be referred to as non-club members.

E.J. read the proposal from Fred Wilke. Ed Paasch and Larry Bailey also presented proposals for events for 2010. These along with others will be brought to the general membership for approval at the March meeting. Bob Wheeler has confirmed the Ground School and Instructors' meetings will be held

at HobbyTown-Irvington on March 22, 6-8pm. The annual Benson High Competition Day will be held on April 3rd, 8am-Noon. If you would like to bring something to display, and help bring attention to the club, you should arrive 30 minutes early to get set up. Following the awards ceremony, we will be allowed to fly in the gymnasium, any small electrics are welcome. Who knows we might get to see Ed fly helicopter, in person.

Field Report.

Mikey Furrow is really taking the bull by the horns, so to speak, and trying to get everyone's requests, suggestions and complaints brought up, to get its due attention. He has received lots of suggestions, as well as the mandates from the President.

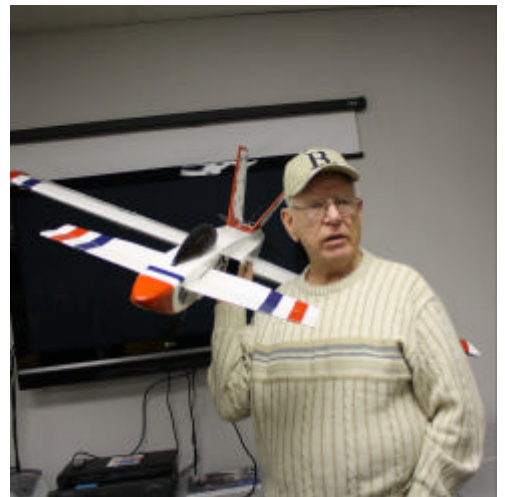
The Omahawks will be accepting bids from anyone interested in the mowing contract for Hawk Field for 2010. If you know anyone that would be interested, pass the word along. I know we had a few individuals show some interest last year, and we'd like to allow everyone an opportunity be heard.

Old Business.

The bulk of the work on the website change-over is behind us, and Kevin and Mike are taking care of some other small matters. If you need access to the "Members Only" section, or you find something is amiss, contact Kevin at KHyde@Omahawks.org .

New business.

E.J. will contact the Parks Dept. to set a time for the "State of the Field" meeting.



Judd Bock and his winter project



The start of an SR-71

Some Show Offs



Steve shocked the crowd by showing something that might actually fly!



Matt's latest electric



My foamy is tougher than your foamy!



A long-term project completed.



Dan's been playing with his dolls. We're just a little concerned.

WESTERN FLYERS AUCTION HELP WANTED

Fellow Omahawks, the Western flyers auction is coming up in April and they need our help. As most of you know I have been a member of both clubs for many years. Last year the cooperation between clubs at the auctions was outstanding! So I am appealing to everyone that can help to do so. If you can assist in check-in, security, or computer operations, your help is appreciated. This years auction features; No Impound - the items become the responsibility of the buyer after we say sold, we predict the auction will be over at a reasonable tome (perhaps around 3pm). If you can help all-day, great or just for a few hours, every effort is appreciated.

Let us work together to make both the Western Flyers and Omahawks auctions a success!
Regards, Bob Boumstein Secretary Western Flyers and Omahawks member.

Western Flyers Annual Auction Sunday April 25

Firefighter's Union Hall - 60th & Grover
 Doors open at 7:30 - Auction 10:00 to 4:00

Food Friends And Fun

Food and drink available
 Beer sells at noon

- ★ \$5.00 admission - Buyer and seller number and one free raffle ticket for each admission.
- ★ Children under 12 free.
- ★ Bidding starts at \$20.00 - Sellers group your small items!
- ★ Buy it now option!
- ★ I-80 exit 450 (60th St) then North two blocks

Door Prize Raffle

Fast Computer Check-out!

For more info contact: Rick Miller rick.miller@kellogg.com 402-624-2530 or
 Bob Baumstein bbhwc@cox.net 402-334-0122

AT HAWK FIELD IN MARCH



Snow + Plane = Bad



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I HATE WINTER!



I think the runway was over here somewhere...



Abominable snowman? Nope, just Kevin trying to find his way...

NOTHING HAPPENED!!!

OK, lets face it. This has been a crappy winter by any and all accounts! It snowed early and often and we never got any relief from the snow or the cold. That made for a really bad winter for flying. About the only die-hard flier that made it out with any regularity was Frank Vanacek. And he has skis and one of those neat transmitter gloves that helps him keep his hands warm while he flies. Those of us without one of those had to either stay inside or learn to fly with frozen fingers! (Guess which option I chose.)

So, it was not a pretty winter. But it's pretty much over now and spring is definitely on its way. We've already had a couple decent days so far, and there are many more to come. So, cheer up, Bunky! A new year is upon us! And here are a few vintage pictures from warmer days to get you in the mood for flying!

- editor



First Float Fly - May 5th, 8:30 am



Can you believe that little kid is now in college?



Skip and Fred at North Omaha Airport



Flight training starts on April 1



Memorial Day is coming, too!

Fiber Optic Indicator Lights

So, you can't see the lights? By that, I mean the leds on the Spektrum receivers. I don't know about you, but I can't possibly mount my main and satellite receivers so I can see them from outside the aircraft, especially on an aircraft without a clear canopy.

I was trying to come up with a way to see the leds when I turn the plane on and when I retrieve it, to verify there were no "brown-outs." I thought using Fiber Optic Cable like some guys are using for flying lights. Here is an explanation what I did.

For my example I'm using a Spektrum AR7000, which by no means is the only possible setup.

I used a small finger tip drill, to be as accurate as possible. And, to keep from running into the led, on



The yellow circle on the main receiver and the satellite receiver shows the location of the led.

the circuit board below. As you might expect, this operation is done at your own risk and would probably void any warranty, so don't attempt it, unless you're prepared to pay the price.

I used a drill size that would allow a relatively snug fit for the fiber cable. I used 1mm cable, that I picked up off Ebay, cheap.



Also, I put a dab of canopy glue at the point where the cable entered the receiver's plastic shell. Depending on the location of each receiver, use enough cable to

keep bend radii to a wide sweep and avoid kinks.

With my main rx mounted on one side of the fuse...



and the satellite rx on the other...



the cable has an opportunity to make wide turns before exiting the side of the fuse.

The cable ends are flush with the fuse, and, again, I used a couple drops of canopy glue to keep the cables in place.

Even in the brightly lit meeting room, the club members in the back of the room could still see the lighted cable end. Up close, outside, there's no problem seeing the light. Now, after checking for any abnormal lights, I can safely turn off the switch, knowing all was well on that flight.

- EJ Murphy



A TALE OF TWO AIRPLANES

How lucky can one guy get? Sometimes fate just deals you a good hand. In 2008, at the start of the season, I had the extreme misfortune to crash, on consecutive flights, my two favorite airplanes. One was my beloved Avistar, the other was my Aero-Sport .60.

While I knew that I would have a long search for the discontinued Aero-Sport, I figured a few well placed hints around birthday and Christmas time would result in my wife "surprising" me with a new Avistar. But for the better part of two years, I hinted and hinted, but no Avistar. So, at the Winter festival this year, I gave up and asked Ed Paasch to order me one with his next big order from Tower.

Imagine my surprise when I came home on my birthday a week later to find a big box from my wife. You guessed it, a new Avistar! So I opened my e-mail to let Ed know that I didn't need the other one, but he had sent me a message saying he had ordered it and it would be here Friday! Oops!

So now I am the owner of not one, but two new Avistar ARFs. What fun! One is about ready to fly, now. I don't know if I will keep the other on the shelf as a spare or find some other use for it, but I definitely know now that when it rains, it pours!

- Mike Berger, editor



My new Avistar, ready to go!

Omahawks **Radio Control Aircraft Club**

Spring 2010 **Ground School,** **Aircraft Inspection &** **Instructors Meeting**

Who should attend?

- ★ New Students, New or old Club members wanted refresher course
- ★ RC Flyers w/new, used or rebuilt aircraft they would like inspected
- ★ Instructors and anyone wanting to assist with the Omahawk's Flight Training program (Flight Instruction, or Ground Crew)

When: Monday March 22, 2010

Time: 06:00 to 08:00 PM

Where: HobbyTown USA (Irvington exit)

If you have questions contact Bob Wheeler at babobkat@yahoo.com

STAN HALSKI 1917-2010

Stan passed away on February 18 at the age of 92 in Florissant MO. Born in Omaha, he was a long time Omahawk member until 3 and half years ago when his health caused him and his wife to move near St Louis, to be near their son. For many years, Stan flew his planes with the Hawkfield morning group. Some planes he flew were a Fletter Mouse, Commodore old timer and Seniorita. He always carried a small container of fuel to put a few drops in the carburetor when his engines didn't want to start. Stan also took part in the initial major cleanup of Hawkfield in 1991.

Stan was a WWII army combat veteran serving in the Pacific theatre, including the battle for Okinawa. He and his wife had been married for 68 years, having married in 1942. They had just the one son. Stan was a modest, easy going and faithful man, never speaking ill of anyone.

2010 FLOAT FLYS

Standing Bear Lake
138th & Fort St

Chase Boat, coffee & donuts

AMA pilots from all fields welcome
\$5 fee for pilots w/o Hawkfield permits
(No fee for Omahawks)
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2010 Omahawks Float Fly Schedule

May 5 Tuesday 830-1130 am
May 29 Saturday 900-1230 pm
Pizza & pop for lunch
June 22 Tuesday 830-1130 am
July 17 Saturday 900-1230 pm
Pizza & pop for lunch
Aug 17 Tuesday 830-1130 am
Sept 14 Tuesday 830-1130 am
Oct 5 Tuesday 830-1130 am

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Don't Forget!

**Benson High School
Competition Day**

**Saturday April 3rd
8:00 am to 12:00 pm**

**Benson High School
52nd and NW Radial Hwy**

**Aircraft display 8 to 12
Indoor flying in the gym
All afternoon!**

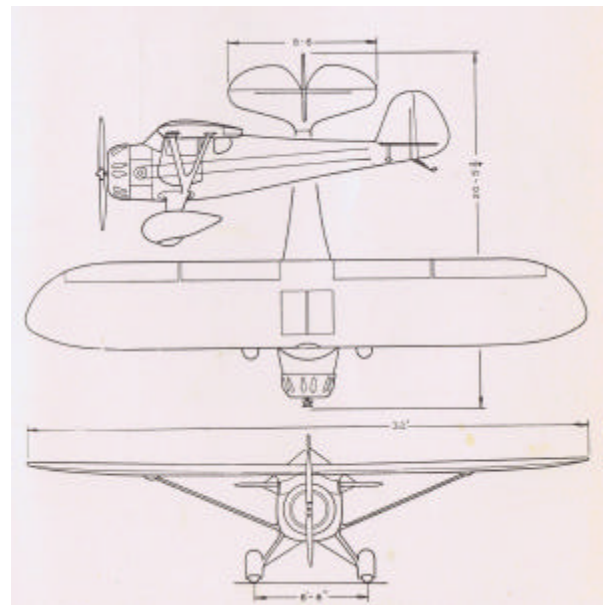
Contact Fred Wilke for details!

February Mystery Plane Shocker!

OK, you guys are in trouble now. Last month's mystery plane contest was won by... (gulp!) ... a girl. Krista Freimuth, my little sister's best friend, who watches us via Facebook, was the first person to respond with the correct answer. So, you better try a little harder this month. The first two Omahawk members who got it right were Roger Brodd, and Skip Brown. (Griffith Evans was a real close third.)

Of course you all know that the mystery plane for February was the Lockheed XP-58. This was a variant of the venerable P-38 developed for England as an improvement to the Lightning. It was originally started in 1940, but multiple changes in powerplants, armaments and mission requirements caused long delays and the only prototype was flown on June 6, 1944. It only flew 25 times before the project was cancelled in May 1945.

This month we delve into the world of civilian aircraft for our mystery plane. If you have a guess at it, drop me a line at hawktalk@omahawks.org or omahawks@kaptnkarl.com.



- editor