



Hawk Talk

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ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, March 25, 2011 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

PROGRAM: Aerobic trimming with Casey Vonhout

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

COME OUT FOR THE BIG VOTE!

There is a proposal coming up to open up the main flight line to helicopters every Monday. This proposal is being made for a number of reasons:

Several Omahawks members own helicopters too large to fly over the smaller helipad area to the southwest of the main runway.

Expanding available helicopter flying opportunities will attract more potential members.

Monday field traffic was very slow last season, and open helicopter flying would improve field utilization and reduce the field's exposure to vandals.

Expanded helicopter flying will attract younger potential members and help even out the club's member demographics.

Continued diversification of the Omahawks' flying opportunities for members, like we've added opportunities to fly electric gliders, EDF jets, and other new kinds of aircraft.

If the general membership approves the change, helicopters will be allowed on the main flight line all day every Monday. Helicopters will be given a priority as it will be their one day per week to fly, but fixed wing aircraft will still be welcome to fly and all pilots will be expected to share the runway. The other six days per week, helicopter pilots will still have the current helicopter flying area for flying smaller helicopters and for tuning and hovering their larger helicopters.

Concerns that were discussed at the board meeting regarding this proposed change to the field rules included:

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★ **DON'T MISS** ★
★ **THE BIG** ★
★ **SHOW AT** ★
★ **THE SAC** ★
★ **MUSEUM** ★
★ **Details on pp. 4** ★
★ **Don't miss out!** ★

MARCH
MEETING AT
MAKE-A-WISH
FRIDAY, MAR 25
7:00 p.m.
11926 Arbor St
Program:
Aerobic Trimming
By
Casey Vonhout

Raffle :
J3 Cub plus a secret
surprise prize

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Mar 25 - General Meeting
- ★ Mar 26&27 - RC Aircraft Festival at the Air and Space Museum
- ★ Mar 28 - Flight Instructors' Meeting @ Hobbytown, Irvington
- ★ Apr 2 - Benson Competition Day
- ★ Apr 6 - Business Meeting
- ★ Apr 16 - Hawk Field Clean-up Day
- ★ Apr 30 - EDF Fun Fly
- ★ May 3 - Morning Float Fly

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THE MINUTES

Erik Krystoff, Secretary

General Meeting.....2/25/2011

31 Members Present

31 Tickets left in Big Ed Mustafa's raffle for a Futaba 8FG 2.4Ghz radio at the time of the meeting. As soon as the 100th ticket is sold, the raffle will be drawn! All proceeds go towards our new runway fund. Buy early, buy often.

Welcome to the club, our newest member, Autrey Ayers and welcome Ralph Brown to his first meeting back since his operation, ever ready to give his membership report. 12 members were signed up while Ralph was away, thanks to Skip Brown as acting membership chairman. We also have 13 new students as of the meeting that will need soloing over the next training season.

Field Updates - April 16th, Saturday, 9 AM, is the Hawk Field cleanup date, so be sure to come help out! Steve is looking for ideas in terms of any capital improvements to Hawk Field, let Steve know or come to a board meeting and voice your opinion on improvements that can be made to YOUR flying field.

Bob Wheeler requested \$100 for a multi wing flying event in the August time frame, Club Approved.

Michael Furrow requested \$150 for a scale flying contest at some point after Labor Day, most likely in September. Club Approved. Casey Vohnout proposed an IMAC flying contest tentatively scheduled before our already scheduled pattern contests. More details to follow.

Meeting Programs - Any ideas for programs you'd like to see or present—PLEASE bring it to the attention of the board so we can provide more content to our general meetings that you want to see.

AMA Regulations - In the latest issue of the AMA modeler magazine there exists an article about pending FAA regulations and AMA's involvement. Check out the article and AMA's website at

<http://www.modelaircraft.org/aboutama/gov.aspx> to find out more, and be sure to contact your local congressman and give your input on some of the current potentially hobby-limiting issues being debated. In the future we may be able to have some AMA officers and local congressmen attend our events, such as the SAC event in March, to let our voice be heard in regards to these issues.

Ground School - If you're interested in being a flight instructor or helping out as part of the ground crew - March 28th from 6 to 8 at HobbyTown in Irvington - Bob Wheeler is hosting the training program kick off meeting to discuss this next training season. April 7th is the first training session at the field. Remember that training is not just for those learning to fly. While the priority is set for new students to get in the air and flying, parts of the training sessions will be focused on 'skill-set strengthening' as well, for semi-advanced to advanced maneuvers.

April 2nd - Benson High School Competition Day - A segment of this day directly involves the creation of rubber band powered model airplanes, and Benson high has invited us back to get involved again. Fred asked for

60 dollars for the Benson High Event for prizes. Ed Paasch motioned, Michael Furrow seconded, club approved. Approved events from the last business meeting: The EDF / SPC / Helicopter Fun Fly events presented by Ed Paasch at the last business meeting was brought up for approval - \$1050 requested for food and prizes. General Membership approved.

Boy Scout Event - Presented by Dennis last meeting, \$75 requested for food. General Membership approved.

Youth Fun Fly / Night Flying Demonstration - Presented by Larry McChesney at the last business meeting, \$125 requested for the event. General membership approved.

A note was made that we should all be aware that ALL aircraft must be flown within our designated flight zones. A concerned citizen reported to an Omahawks member that they observed a large plane flying south of Fort Street. Just be aware that we all need to keep an eye on how far out we fly.

Raffle tonight was open choice based on a small communication mishap -

Between the J3 Cub and the Magnum Four Stroke, with Jack Chaney winning the raffle and choosing the engine. Congrats!



Business Meeting.....3/2/2011

12 Members Present

7:05 Meeting Starts

Steve submitted the receipt for reimbursement for the Magnum engine won at the last general meeting's raffle.

Treasurer Report given by Kevin Hyde.

Membership Report given by Ralph Brown - 22 new memberships turned in since last report. Running total of new students is 17.

No newsletter report for this meeting - but please send any materials to Mike Berger for publishing.

Field Report from Michael Furrow - Prep work for the Spring Cleanup is underway, from fertilizer, fencing, and negotiating this year's field mowing contract. Also noted that the playground is rapidly approaching antiquated status, as well as the swings being taken down. Unfortunately we can not install new equipment without city approval. Steve will make a follow up call to determine the feasibility of playground equipment replacement and invite Dennis Bryers of the city parks depart-

ment to the next board meeting. If he is able to make the meeting, the APRIL BOARD MEETING will be held early at 6:30 PM. Ed Paasch proposed rule changes to the field for a 'Helicopter Mondays' night. The newsletter should have the detailed information, and if nothing else the details will be discussed at the next general meeting. Vote was taken by the board to have Ed discuss the proposal at March general meeting, allowing for a vote by the general membership at the April general meeting. The motion was made by Steve Culver, seconded by Kevin Hyde. Motion passed, 8-1 vote. Ed will prepare the discussion points for the next newsletter for general membership digestion at the March general meeting.

The current share of the raffle proceeds have been handed over to Kevin for the club less the cost of the radio. Keep buying those tickets so the winner can be decided!

Monday, March 28th - Flight Instructor Training kickoff meeting. Bob Wheeler noted needs for the training season, namely a case of fuel and some transmitter batteries. Steve Culver will review and update the current training materials and pass on to Bob Wheeler for the training season. Bob will perform an inventory to determine any additional needs and come back with an official list.

Ralph Brown requested and received a \$44 check for 'Forever Stamps' postage for future mailings.

Magnum Bulk Fuel Buy - Will be presented by Steve Culver at the next general meeting.

Casey Vohnout will prepare a program on aerobatic trimming for the March general meeting.

The March general meeting's raffle will be a choice between the J-3 Cub and a SUPER SECRET SPECIAL SURPRISE OF A SUPER SECRET SPECIAL nature.

On a side note, Carmen Clark, the secretary for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, retired this week.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM



HAWK TALK

FROM THE MEETING:



Mikey talks repair techniques

SPRING CLEAN-UP YOUR HELP NEEDED

With the warmer weather right around the corner and the winter blues slowly dissipating from view, the winter ravages have left behind its tell tale signature and its time to do some clean up again at the field. You probably thinking, "the field looks good already" or "so much work was done last year, what more can we do?" Well, if you come out with us on Sat, April 16th 2011 @ 9:00am, bring gloves, garden tools such as rakes, shovels, brush trimmers/ tree loppers, trimmers, or any other outside garden tool, and you'll see what more can be done to make our field that much more wonderful.

Come out, have fun, and help us to beautify our field again this year. There's alot of work to be done, and I can't do it without you. So come out and lets make this the best field we can.

- Mikey Furrow

BIG R/C SHOW TO BE HELD AT THE SAC MUSEUM

On March 26, Saturday and March 27, Sunday the Omahawks will be attending the Strategic Air & Space Museum Indoor Air Show from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Steve Peck is looking for members to be involved in this great club activity. It also will be a great opportunity to share Omahawks information and recruit new club members.

I would like to personally invite all of you to attend this event in support of your club. There will be tables for displaying R/C aircraft and opportunities to fly indoors and outdoors (weather permitting). If you can attend please bring any old flying magazines to give away, pictures of club events or pictures any other R/C event, build, etc.! Specifically we will need members available to help man the Omahawks information table for new members from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If you can attend one or both days, and if flying or demonstrating an aircraft, please let Steve Peck know the days you will be available to attend and what R/C aircraft you will be displaying and/or flying. He can be reached at 402-763-8577. THANK YOU FOR PLANNING TO ATTEND THIS EVENT!

**For more
details
see page 4**



And don't you forget it!

- Helicopters - cont:

- Further restriction to open flying; general members already have to squeeze their flying time in and around Training Night (Thursdays) and special weekend events.
- Aggravation of Omahawks members who dislike helicopters
- Annoyance of members who head out to the field to fly on a random Monday only to discover helicopters flying when they want the runway.

After discussing the proposal at length, the board of directors voted 8 to 1 in approval of moving the proposal forward to the general membership for discussion and a vote.

Whatever the club decides, your participation is important. I've asked for the proposal to be discussed at the general meeting on March 25th, with a final discussion and vote to take place at the general meeting on April 29th.

★ Ed Paasch
Photographer's husband

Strategic Air & Space Museum

Indoor Air Show

March 26 - 27, 2011

11 – 3pm



STRATEGIC
AIR & SPACE
MUSEUM

Aerobatic Demonstrations & Static Displays
by the Orbiting Eagles and Omahawks.

Sail-plane

Para-gliders

Hang-Gliders

RC-Planes

Control line – Planes

Kids Paper Airplane Contest

Vendor Booths

Local College Representatives

HAM Radio Operators

Offutt Aero Club

Millard Hangar 1

Council Bluffs Advanced Air



THERE'S A NEW KID IN TOWN!

I had a day off recently and came up into the big city to help my mother get her yard cleaned up for spring. While I was here I had the chance to stop by the newest edition to the R/C hobby scene in Omaha.

In November 2010 Steve and April Craren opened Craren's R/C Hobbies & More in the Benson shopping district (right down the street from the Omahawks' corporate offices). They are located at 6307 Maple Street Suite 1, about a half block west of the Benson Post Office.

The shop is small now but they have plans to expand soon. Besides sales of R/C Planes, helis and cars, they also offer model rockets, balsa ff kits, plastic kits kites and more. And if they don't have it in stock, they are more than happy to order it for you.

I spoke with April and she was enthusiastic about providing for the Omaha R/C community and pledged support for the Omahawks and our Labor Day Air Show.

This is a really neat shop and Steve and April are working hard to bring back the dream of the mom and pop hobby shop to Omaha. We should all stop in an support this new shop.

- editor



**6307 Maple St
Open Mon - Sat till 5
(Summer hours are
coming)
Stop by and check it out
- you'll be glad you did!**



I NEED YOUR HELP!

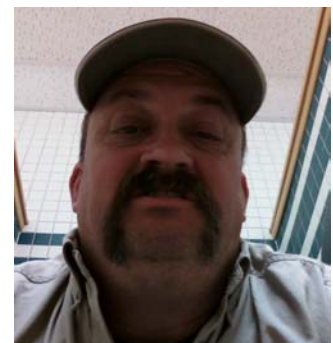
It's Springtime! And that means flying time, picnic time, more flying time, and, yes, even more flying time. This is a great time for all fliers.

However, as your humble editor, I find myself in a bit of a bind. You see, I work in agriculture for a commercial application company. So for me, springtime means WORK! WORK! WORK! By the first of April, I will be working many sixteen-plus hour days in order to help our farming customers get their crops in and sprayed for the new growing season. What that means is that I will be hard pressed to come up with the material for the Hawk Talk newsletter for the next couple of months.

And that's where you come in. I need you to make this your newsletter. Take your camera to the field, get some pictures and email them to me. Write an article for the newsletter. It doesn't have to be long or eloquent. Let us all know what you're up to. Take pictures of someone you know who has never been in the Hawk Talk. Send me your favorite cartoon.

You get the picture. SEND ME STUFF! I need it now more than ever!

- editor



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MYSTERY PLANE CONTEST FOR MARCH

Alas, I only got one answer from last month's plane. Either I did a really good job of picking a hard plane to identify or everybody was too busy to join. Either way, I did get a correct answer from Chuck In-serra with a little tidbit about the plane: The plane is a French Dewoitone HD780 based off their HD520, only two prototypes were built but never flown. Power is a Hispano-Suiza 12Y51 producing 1,100 hp. one 20mm gun through prop hub and a 7.5mm gun in each wing.

This month's is another tough one, I hope. Actually, I'm amazed that anybody could figure these out. I just pick them out of a book. If a plane looks neat, I use it. But you guys actually have to go find the airplane based on one drawing. That's pretty impressive. Good luck!

- editor

 Dewoitone
HD.780
Float Fighter



**Float flying
starts May
3 at Stand-
ing Bear
Lake!
Be there!**

