



Hawk Talk

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ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

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| GENERAL MEETING: | Friday, March 27th, 2015 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St. |
| PROGRAM: | To Be Determined |
| BUSINESS MEETING: | Wednesday, April 1st, 2015 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St. |

A lot of Changes in Store for the Omahawks Club to be Presented at General Membership Meeting

To say that this month's General Membership meeting is an important one is an understatement.... There's going to be a lot of important information presented at this upcoming meeting, and this one is not the one to miss.

For starters, with the recent relocation of our current Club President and Board Member Steve and Carmel Earl, the club is in need of volunteers willing to step up to fill our now vacant President and Board Member positions currently available. We will be accepting Nominations at this meeting, and then immediately voting in our new Club

President and Board member positions at this meeting. So, a leadership change is happening and you'll want to be present to help elect our new leaders for 2015.

Another important change that will be discussed in detail at this meeting will be the upcoming Lease Agreement for Hawk Field. Bernie Baker, Kevin Hyde, and Dick Behrens have been diligently working on reviewing and revising the Lease Agreement for the Omaha Parks Department and have submitted a "Final Draft" to be reviewed and discussed at this meeting. Not sure what all the changes are? Well, the proposed draft is available at the Omahawks Website (<http://www.omahawks.net>) under the Members Section. If you can't log in or forgot your password, send an email to Kevin Hyde (khyde@omahawks.net) and he will send you your password.

Please review this very important document and if you have any questions / suggestions, this meetings the time to present them.

Once all discussion has been had about this agreement, the goal is to submit this for initial review by the City after the April Board Meeting.

So don't miss out on these and other important information happening this month.

See you at the meeting.....

Upcoming Events:

Monthly General Membership Meeting

Friday March 27th 2015
7:00 PM @ Make A Wish Building—119th Arbor St

Monthly Board Meeting

Wednesday April 1st 2015
7:00 PM @ Make A Wish Building—119th Arbor St

1st Old Timer Fun Fly Event

Wednesday Morning
April 29th @ Hawk Field
8:30 AM—11:30 AM

March Meeting at the Make a Wish Building

Important Info to be provided

Raffle Prizes—3 New Shirts from New Omahawks Apparel Line being presented

Program: Gary Vohnout has a Video Presentation

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Mikey Furrow, Secretary

General Meeting.....02/27/15 (taken by Steve Earl)

New Members or Guests: N/A

Membership Report: Kevin Hyde – Looks good this time of year.

Membership Changes for 2015

- Under 19 yrs age is now a Junior Membership for \$10/yr with valid AMA Permit effective 04/01/15
-Dennis made motion to approve / Dan Duey 2nd motion – Membership Approved
- Guests can fly THREE (3) times for free WITH valid Permit Holder to check out the field
—any more and Field Permit is needed
—Does NOT include Events, Fun-Flys, or competitive events – Valid AMA is required though
- Beginning April 1st 2015, ALL pilots must have Field Permit / AMA Card visible while flying
- Club to provide clip-on badge type holders to accommodate this change

Newsletter Report: Mikey – (not present)

Hawk Field Update:

- Gate Repair – Bob Wheeler
- Kevin / Bernie – Lease Agreement on Website for review

General Announcements:

- Steve and Carmel Earl are moving to Boone, IA, so stepping down as President and Board Member positions. Nominations for President and Board Member need to be made and voted for.....
- Training Program – Larry McChesney is stepping down this year from the Training Program; Harry Perkins is still willing to work with the Training Program for 2015
- Upcoming Events and Dates for General Membership Approval:
— AMA sanctioned Omaha Pattern Championship – Aug 8th/ 9th
— 2015 Sport Pilot Championship Events – May 16th, June 13th, July 18th
— Mikey's Builder's Challenge – Memorial Day

- Dean Copeland made motion to accept and approve dates and funds/ Dennis Bender 2nd motion
- Membership approved these dates and events

Upcoming Events / Dates:

- **Next Board Meeting** – Wednesday March 4th, 2015 @ 7pm at Make a Wish building
- **Next General Meeting** – Friday, March 27th, 2015 @ 7pm at Make a Wish building

Show & Tell:

(no notes / pics taken at this meeting)

Raffle Prize

Ron Pacana donated a Taurus Plane Short Kit for Raffle Prize

Program:

Dennis Bender provided short Safety Training

Meeting Adjourned

Business Meeting.....03/04/15

Board Members in attendance: Steve Earl, Kevin Hyde, Mikey Furrow, Bob Wheeler, Carmel Earl, Dennis Bender, Gary Vohnout **Visitors:** Ed Paasch

Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Kevin Hyde –

- Magazine Subscriptions to area High Schools for Gold Leadership member status needs approved for 2015
- Bob made motion to approve funds for this / Carmel 2nd motion – Board Approved

Membership Count: – Count as of 65 as of 03/04/15

Hawk Field:

- Shed Replacement – Metal containers still under review, pending Field Contract approval
- The FENCING by the old outhouse needs to be rebuilt as it has fallen down – possible spring cleanup project

Old Business:

Lease Renewal Project: (Bernie and Kevin)

- Kevin reviewed current draft of changes with Board
- Club Membership discussion to be held at March General Meeting for

changes / review

- Motion made by Dennis Bender to put amended draft on website for membership review
- Bob Wheeler seconded Motion, and Board Approved.
- Plan to present to the City after April 1st Board Meeting pending changes / discussion at March General Meeting

New Business:

2015 Training Program

- Harry Perkins is interested in helping with the Training Program
- Since Larry is stepping down, Mikey volunteered to help Harry with the Training Program

Junior Membership Status Change

- Kevin made motion to create a Junior Membership plan for under 19 as follows:
- \$10/year (\$5 for field permit, \$5 for club membership) to be effective RETROACTIVELY to the 2015 membership year. - Dennis 2nd motion – Board Approved
- Based on above change, Junior Member Matt Carlson did pay full \$55 membership fee prior to this change
- Bob Wheeler made motion to issue refund of \$45 to Matt Carlson to reflect new membership change
- Dennis Bender 2nd motion – Board Approved – Kevin to work out getting refund to Matt.

Steve Earl / Carmel Earl stepping down as President and Board Member

- Need to get nominations together for a New President and a New Board Member position
- Mikey to put out late newsletter with this info
- Board agreed that Nominations and voting for these two positions will happen at March General Meeting

Discussion about possibly changing General Meeting Location

- Due to limited facilities / Resources, Board is looking at possible locations / options for new meeting location for General Meeting only.

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(Board Meeting Notes cont.)

Matt Carlson is going to CAMP AMA in June 2015

- Carmel made motion for club to donate \$55 to Matt for use during AMA Week
- Gary Vohnout 2nd motion – Board approved

New Club Apparel line requested for 2015

- Mention made to see about getting new Omahawks Apparel to help with advertising
- Dennis Bender to contact local vendor to bring samples to upcoming March Club meeting for show
- Ideas / options being accepted by Board for what members would like to wear

Labor Day Airshow Prep:

- Ed Paasch as volunteered to head up this year's Labor Day Airshow, and will be looking into getting assistance with food donations and raffle prize donations

Raffle Prizes: (3) of the new Shirts to be offered to the club

Program: Gary Vohnout has Video presentation

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Meeting Adjourned.....

2015 Flight Training Season Is Upon Us

With Spring already here, and the weather is warming up quite nicely, we are just a short week and half away from the start of the 2015 Flight Training Season, which begins on Thursday, April 2nd 2015.

Harry Perkons and Mikey Furrow are looking for anyone interested in helping the next generation of pilots learn the thrill of Model Aviation and are willing to come and help out on Thursday evenings from 6pm-dusk. We are needing flight instructors, ground school and plane prep volunteers to help out this year, and this can be a lot of fun as well as a great time to mingle and introduce our hobby to the public.

We will be meeting at the field at 6pm on Thursday, April 2nd with a short meeting and signup sheet so that we know who is willing to help out this year, as well as what the plan is for the year.

The Training Program doesn't work without you, so please come on out and support this important venue to help bring new pilots into the club while enjoying a nice evening at the field.



Do you have any Club owned Training Equipment sitting around your shop area?

With the recent holiday vandalism of the shed, the Training Program is missing some buddy box radios, cords, and other essentials needed during the Training Season.

If you have any engines, gear, radios, cords, ect that was used in the Training Program in the past and is club owned, Please bring these out to the field on Thursday, April 2nd between 6pm-8pm so that we can inventory what is available, who has what, and then we can see what will be needed to make this year's training program a success.

So please, bring out what you have or if your willing to donate equipment to the Training Program, bring these out at this time as well.

Editor

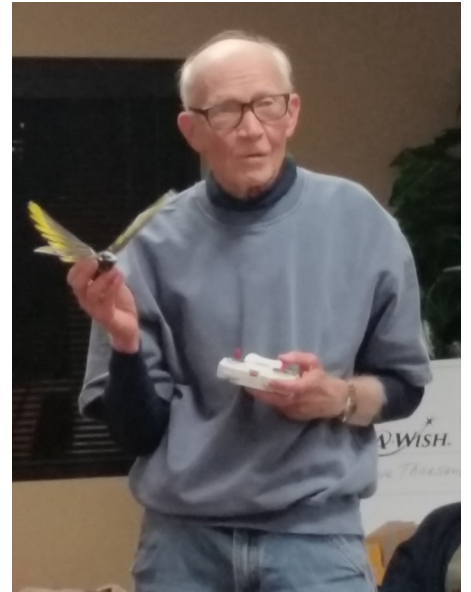


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Multi-Wing fun fly from 2010?

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Dick Behren's with a Pet Bird?



Spring Fun Fly???

Lots of planes.....



Fun Fly Event Challenge

- Do you like to fly 3D and show off your mad flying skills?
- Do you enjoy flying fast EDF Jets and impressing everyone with your skills?
- Remember when the field was full of different types of fun fly events?

This year, if you have a niche where you like to fly, such as 3D, EDF Jets, Heli's, ect.....

Take a look at the club calendar, pick a date, and let the Board know that you want to do a fun fly that day, and then find someone to man the grill (*Dennis*) for lunch..... That's all there is to running a fun fly event..... Not hard, but always fun to have.....

Lets see what kind of events we can have this year.....

Gary Vohnout's new "SPAD" stik.. Will this survive the SPC this year???????



Can it be that Steve brought an "Intact" plane in for his 4 raffle tickets?

2015 Sport Pilot Championship

**24 Pilots + \$5.00 Landing Fee
= 3 Exciting Saturday Events**

2015 is going to be an exciting year with a new series of events to be held to determine who the Sport Pilot Champion is going to be this year. 3 exciting weekend events are scheduled and with 24 pilot slots open, who's going to compete and take home this year's trophy??????

So what's it going to take to win this trophy?

Up to 24 pilots competing in 3 different challenging Saturday events to see who has the skills, nerves, and determination to skillfully outfly the competition to earn the Title of the Sport Pilot Champion and take home the Olsen Cup Trophy.



Airplane and Engine Requirements: Really Simple: One Class Only

All Nitro Powered or Electric planes

Minimum 52 Inch Wingspan

4.0 lbs Minimum Weight RTF—No

.49 cu. In or smaller 2 stroke

.65 cu. In or smaller 4 stroke

Electric Motors: 900 W Max Output

SPC Pylon Racing Event Sat May 16th 11am—3pm

Two Pylons - 400' apart; 4 pilots per heat; 10 laps per heat, and 5 heats of extreme aerial racing. Always a crowd pleaser.....

Pilots are on their honor to use 5%-15% standard sport fuel.

Pilots will accumulate points during each of the five rounds of the event. Prizes will be awarded to the pilots finishing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for this event.

SPC Competitive Fun Fly Sat June 13th 11am—3pm

A fun fly with 4 mini contests, each designed to test the pilots skill and daring, and nerves:

- Roop Touch and Go (5 passes)
- BlackJack (21)
- Random Event (TBD)
- Random Event (TBD)

Pilots will be ranked according to completion times for each event, with points awarded for each rank. Prizes to be awarded to the pilots finishing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for this event.

SPC Combat Event Sat July 18th 11am—3pm

We all know what this means: Pilots competing in 3-5 intense rounds of aerial combat, protecting their own 30' streamer and getting their opponents streamers.

30' crepe paper streamers and 5' Leader strings will be provided.

Points will be awarded for each "cut" as well as remaining streamer length. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers.



Questions? Comments? Wanna get registered?

Contact Mikey Furrow at:
(402) 496—6037 (leave voicemail) or via

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SUMMARY - SOME OMAHAWK/HAWKFIELD REAL ESTATE HISTORY

As understood from sources noted at end. Author joined Omahawks in 1990.

Submitted by Dick Behrens

The Omahawks club was established in 1953. Their early flying fields were located at:

- first- Benson Park,,,,,
- Sunset Speedway @156 St one block south of Dodge (as a 2nd field Oct 1969)
- 132 St one mile north of Hwy 36
- Tranquility Park (120th south of Fort)
- 172 and Ida Street (1979-July 1985)
- various sites around Dam 16 including a smaller part of what is now Hawkfield was also used some by the Western Flyers during 1979-1986, then Omahawks (their 7th field since 1953).

It appeared the City made some land available for a public RC field early on (like city ball parks).

Construction of Dam 16.

After flooding occurred in 1964 and 65, which resulted in the loss of seven lives, the Corps of Engineers was ordered to study flood control in the Papio Creek Basin. A part of their plan included Dam 16.

Before a dam as this could be built it had to have a local sponsorship to show congress that the dam was supported locally and the sponsor would provide future operation and maintenance to achieve the authorized purposes.

The City of Omaha agreed to be the local sponsor via a lease agreement with the Corps, Dept of Army No DACW45-1-76-6131. Congress authorized and appropriated federal funds to build the Dam. The authorized purposes were flood protection,

recreation, fish and wildlife enhancement and water quality.

Construction of the dam began in mid 1972. The embankment closing the stream flow occurred in Oct 1972. Initial fill of the multipurpose pool occurred in Oct 1977, five years later.

1986 Happenings.

In 1986, (having voluntarily left their RC flying field on Ida Street due to a private nuisance lawsuit which started in 1982 about noise issues, resulting in a Nebraska Supreme Court Ruling in favor of the Omahawks) the Omahawk RC club, had a temporary arrangement to use a smaller part of what is now Hawkfield.

In search of a more permanent and improved flying field, the club asked the City if the temporary field could be made larger.

The City and Corps were both open to this and approved the idea but would not provide any funding.

The initial management contract between the City and Omahawks was dated Aug 12, 1986.

Land acquisition Parcel "B" puzzle, etc.

Since the Corps (federal government) does not normally acquire land located above the top of dam elevation, they did not buy all the land (hill) where Hawkfield is now located. The Corps acquired land located approximately north of the middle of the now asphalt runway and east and west of the runway (including Parcel A).

Land between the middle of the runway and south to Fort Street (11 acres-a Parcel B), was purchased by a group of interest-

ed RC people to provide a safer area for flight takeoffs and approach landings while improving the field and facilities in hopes of a permanent home.

This was quickly accomplished before housing could be built where the southern part of Hawkfield is now located.

This group was formed in the summer 1986, had 46 stockholders and was named "Hawk Land Co Inc". Stockholders had reasonable assurance they would get their money back. The "Hawk Land Co Inc" paid the land owner (Patricia & Robert Bowen) \$42,027.74 for this 11 acres of land, then leased it to the Omahawks club. The company also had to borrow from a bank (\$28,500 from DCL&T) to come up with \$42,000.

After some time, in order to pay the stockholders back in a timely manner, the City purchased (\$42,500) this land from the Hawk Land Co..... The Land Co was then taken over and owned by the Omahawks. The once Land Co was then allowed to die by not paying the Nebraska Corporative tax for 1988.....

On Dec 8, 1987, the Omahawks club then contracted with the City to use this land paying an annual "so called" rental fee of \$3600 for a 12 year period (\$3600 x 12 = \$43,200 & near what the Land Co paid for this 11 acreage). This was paid off by the Omahawks club in 2001.

The County Assessor now has "the City" as the owner of this parcel "B".

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Mid Sept to Mid Nov 1986.

During this period, the hill was leveled off by heavy equipment from SAC using their engineers and marine operators and a large grader and caterpillar from an anonymous contractor using their expert operators. SAC's involvement was part of a training exercise and was arranged by a few club members who were also military men stationed at Offutt. The volunteer grading was at little or no cost to the club and paramount. A sheep foot roller was also rented for one day. This enabled a 40 ft wide by 400 ft long asphalt runway to be installed by mid Nov. The cost for asphaltting the runway was \$8900 and paid by the club.

While the field was shut down for construction, club members were invited to fly at club member Bill Durands field on north 84th street.

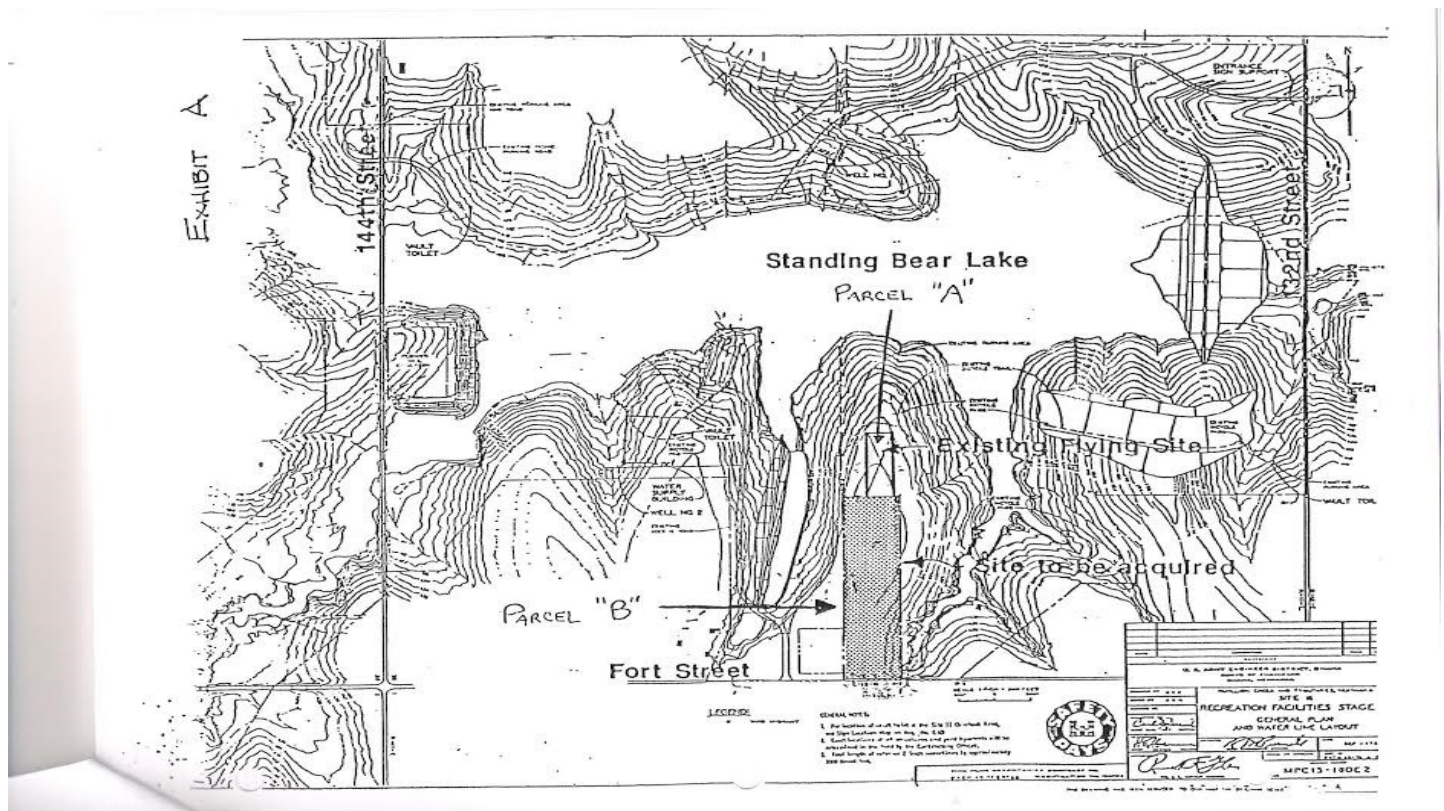
The major players during this time were both members of the Hawk Land Co and Omahawks. Three of these were the club president, Ron Van Oeveren, newsletter editor, Olie Olson, and treasurer, Air Force Major Wayne Dickey.....

A fourth very important player was Omaha City Councilman, Bernie Simon, who was first contacted in 1985 then arranged to get an Ordinance through the City Council (7-0 vote on Feb 18, 1986) that permitted this land to be used for developing a suburban model air plane field. (Sadly, Mr Simon died in Apr 1988 at age 60, while serving as mayor since Feb 1987, following the recall of Mike Boyle.)

Sources:

Some long time Omahawk members, former members and files that Larry Quigley gave me in mid January that included old newsletters (Larry was the secretary of the Hawk Land Co, inc.). Corps real estate map for Dam 16. Corps 2011 Annual Omaha District Reservoir Report.

Feb 28, 2015 Dick Behrens



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Newsletter Articles Needed ASAP!!!!!!

With Spring finally arriving and bringing with it some nice warm weather, the time has come to start flying once again, and this would be an excellent time to submit some articles of how your flying, what your flying, and how your enjoying this great hobby.

I'm not looking for long articles, just little bits and pieces of what your working on, some pics of what your building or flying, or if you've heard some good stories from the other member's that would be "fun" happenings to let the club know about..... (and yes, landing in the tree's definitely qualifies as newsworthy.....)

So send in your snippits / tidbits / ideas / crash photos to mikey (dakoris73@gmail.com) and lets see what gets posted in your newsletter.

Thanks.

Editor

