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**** AGENDA ****

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, May 30, 2008 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

PROGRAM: Video Presentation on the P51 Mustang

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, June 4, 2008 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

BURNED EGGS ANYONE?

COME AND SEE IF
THE BOARD CAN
COOK UP MORE
THAN JUST HAIR-
BRAINED IDEAS!

MAY MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, MAY 30

7:00 p.m.

11926 ARBOR ST

Program: P51 Mustang

Video



Raffle:

Spektrum Dx6i Radio

Is it summer already? I just noticed the spring! That must mean that it's time for us to get together and do what we do best. Eat and fly!

This Monday, the Omahawks will kick off summer with the annual President's Memorial Day Egg Burn. Food and fun will be plentiful for all as we kick off the summer flying fun.

Former Hawk Talk editor Olie Olson contacted me and was very concerned that those people involved with preparing the food, namely the president and the rest of the board, might not fully understand their duties in this event so he felt an explanation was in order. You see, the members each bring some eggs and or some bacon (or any other breakfast food they might want) and the President and the officers cook them for everyone.

While I am willing to provide that explanation, I think (remembering Steve Culver's first presidency) that it is way funnier to wait until the last minute to explain the details, but that's just me. Perhaps EJ and the rest of the

board will appreciate the heads up.

Now all you need to do is bring yourself, your airplanes, some eggs and your appetite to the field this coming Monday morning and be ready to have some great flying fun! The board will do the rest.

- editor

P.S. Another tip for the board from past experience: Don't forget the utensils! (Its kind of hard to flip scrambled eggs with your fingers.)

Upcoming Events:

- ★ May 26 - Memorial Day Egg Burn
- ★ May 30 - General Meeting
- ★ June 4 - Business Meeting
- ★ June 11 - Board Fun Fly
- ★ Every Thursday 6 pm - Flight Training
- ★ June 10 - Float Fly
- ★ June 19 - Pancake Breakfast
- ★ June 21 Multi-wing fun fly

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THE MINUTES

Nathan King, Secretary

General Meeting.....4/25/2008

Membership Report - Ralph Brown - As of April 22nd the Omahawks have 114 members, including 12 new members. Currently, we have no permit holding non-members.

The flight training program began Thursday, April 3. We need some people that can do ground crew work on training nights.

Bill Bender has received one bid of \$150 to replace the faded and peeling Labor Day Airshow sign.

Anybody interested in helping with the upkeep of the Omahawks website is encouraged to contact Brad Shaink. He is currently working to relocate the website out of his home server.

The '08 club charter paperwork has been received.

The general meetings in June, July, and August will be held at Hawk Field. Bring an airplane!

Notice: EJ has lost a set of keys that belong to the club. Anybody who finds keys at the field should call a board member.



Business Meeting.....5/7/2008

The business meeting was held in two parts. The Omahawks board met with the City of Omaha from 6:30-7:18. We then had our normal Business Meeting from 7:20-8:37.

City of Omaha Meeting

Members Present: Mike Berger, EJ Murphy, Nathan King, Ed Paasch, Ralph Brown, Doc Greenberg, and Claude Weimer.

Major projects and accomplishments in 2007 were presented to the city. Some projects included: safety tables, painted impound, repaired staircase, contract for porta-potty, etc.

The city was also presented with projects

scheduled for 2008, many of which have already been completed (safety poles near shed, etc).

The Omahawks board showed the city how much we utilize the field by presenting a list of scheduled events for 2008. We currently have a total of 21 events scheduled so far this year.

The Omahawks voiced concern about the road going to the Entrance 1 parking area. There are large depressions/pot holes in the road and an area where water collects near our field entrance. The board asked the city to provide any assistance possible in cleaning up the entrance. The city was not sure what they could do, but are checking road projects slated for this year.

The board also requested the city repair the damaged perimeter fence on the west side of the field, just north of the pit area. The city took note of this and will likely repair the fence in the near future.

The Omahawks were not able to extend the contract with the Parks Department because the current contract does not expire for many years. The city mentioned they would be happy to discuss an extension at a later date.

Omahawks Business Meeting

Membership Report - Ralph Brown

*The club has six new members for a total of 118 current members. The membership numbers are on par with previous years.

Newsletter Report

*Mike needs pictures and articles for the newsletter like normal.

The Field Chairman position is open. Anybody interested is encouraged to notify a board member.



It's every editor's dream photo - the top of somebody's head!

FIRST PANCAKE BREAKFAST OF 2008

Thursday morning the sun was out, the wind wasn't and it was a day just begging for a breakfast. So with Bob Burt rolling the sausages, Bud Mitchell stirring the batter (along with the conversation) and Doc flipping the pancakes, all was well at Hawk Field. Even Chuck Sigerson came by for a plate.

Afterward, all who wanted to fly did while Bud, Bob and Doc cleaned up. My guess about 20 to 25 people were served. Now to the dishwasher.

- Doc.

Don't miss the next pancake breakfast!

Thursday June 19
9:00 a.m.

Contact Doc Greenberg, Bud Mitchell or Bob Burt for details



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FLOAT FLY NEWS

The May 6th float fly went well. Their were 15 pilots who signed in. The wind was very light at 8:30am then gradually increasing to about 15mph by 10:30.

The pilots were; Frank Wisniski, Gale Sherman, Ralph Brown, Bob Roegge, Bob Burt, Skip Brown, Ron Pacana, Bob Zitz, Claude Weimer, Jerry Stehno, Olie Olson, Tom Egbert, Ed Splitgerber, Bud Mitchell, and Dick Behrens. Ron's first flight on his new Cub went well. Skip had mounted his plane on floats with the wheels still left on.....Russ Ault was the chase boat captain and made many rescues. Doc Greenberg brought the coffee. Many others came to watch and inspect.

- Dick Behrens



Float Fly pictures courtesy of Olie Olson

RON'S HANGAR FOR SALE

Royal P51 .60

Cockpit interior, retracts, 3 position flaps, O.S. .91 pump, (new) Airtronics radio, 7 servoes (not new), never flown \$800.00

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The following new members have joined the club in the last month.

Ben Behrens
Robert Briggs
Roland Lyons
Zach Miller
Larry Voorhees

Welcome, guys, and here's to many years of happy flying!

NEED HELP LEARNING TO FLY R/C ?

Long time Omahawk instructor, Ron Pacana, has retired and will help anyone interested to learn fly RC...on Thursday mornings at Hawkfield. A few others will also be available assist.



Competition Day

Year after year, the Omahawks show their support for the educational community by sponsoring a flying event at Benson High School's Competition Day event.

This is a day where junior high school kids from around the city get together to test their creations against each other. In their classes at school they build a machine such as stick and tissue airplanes, styro-foam hovercraft, rubber band and CO2 powered race cars, or catapults and bring them in to compete with the other students. It's great fun to watch the games and it's a great chance for the kids to learn about the practical application of the knowledge they gain in class.

The Hawks put on a static display for the kids and spectators and wowed the crowd with their indoor flying skills in addition to providing the prizes for the stick and tissue airplane competition.

Many Omahawks attended the meet and displayed their craft and talents. Dan Walz brought his work-in-progress B17 Flying Fortress. EJ Murphy brought his Raptor and Rob Skiba showed off his T-rex 600 heli. Skip and Ralph Brown provided planes for the static display and Kieth Paskewitz and Ken Himbuck also displayed and flew for the crowd.

A great time was had by everyone involved and another year of fun and games was kicked off in the Benson High School gym!



At Benson High School



Pictures courtesy of Kieth Paskewitz - see them and many more at www.metrorcflying.com

Come Fly With Us At The 34th Annual



R/C Fly-In & Picnic

**June 7 & 8, 2008
SIG Field
Montezuma, Iowa**

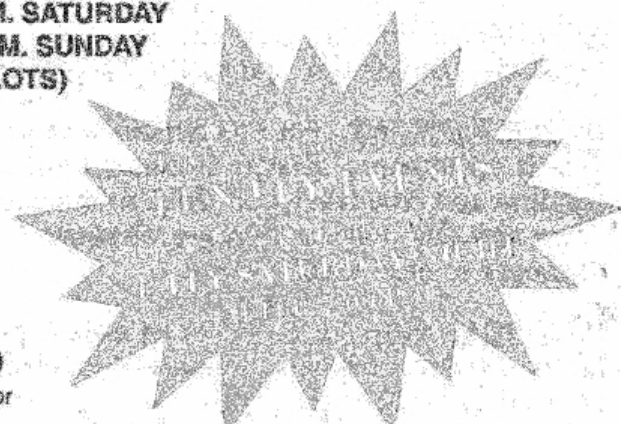
A R/C Fly-In open to all types of R/C model airplanes - glow, gas, and electric powered.
Fun Fly events and special prize drawings for pilots flying SIG, HERR, and KAVAN airplanes.

**PRE-REGISTRATION BY MAIL IS RECOMMENDED
ON-SITE REGISTRATION AND TX CHECK-IN AT 8:00 A.M. SATURDAY
PILOT'S MEETING AT 9:00 A.M. SATURDAY AND 8:00 A.M. SUNDAY
PICNIC SATURDAY NIGHT (FREE FOR REGISTERED PILOTS)**

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 PER PILOT

For more information and an Entry Form, contact:
SIG Manufacturing Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 520
Montezuma, IA 50171-0520
Phone: 841-623-5154
Email: mail@sigmfg.com

AMA SANCTIONED
Bob Nelson, Contest Director



A NEW SEASON OF FLOAT FLYING BEGINS

On Tuesday, May 6th, the Omahawks kicked off a new season of float flying at Standing Bear Lake. Members of all Omaha radio control flying clubs are invited to participate. There are 7 events scheduled over the next several months.

These events, sponsored by the Omahawks R/C Club Inc. are free for all Hawk Field flying permit holders. A small charge of \$5.00 will be asked of those flyers from other R/C clubs without a permit. All fliers must be AMA members. FREE coffee, doughnuts, a personal retrieval boat and driver will be available to all participants.

Everyone should give flying off water a shot, once they're comfortable operating from terra firma. It's a whole new world – a new scene – and very pleasant. If you agree that it should be a fun trip, contact Dick Behrens at 451-6397. He can answer all of your questions.

- Olie



Ralphie
Says
"Oops!"



Retrieval: Capt. Russ Ault
Director; Dick Behrens

HAWK FIELD FLOAT FLYS - 2008

May 6	Tuesday	8:30 a.m.
May 24	Saturday	9:00 a.m.
June 10	Tuesday	8:30 a.m.
July 19	Saturday	9:00 a.m.
Aug. 12	Tuesday	8:30 a.m.
Sep. 16	Tuesday	8:30 a.m.
Oct. 7	Tuesday	8:30 a.m.

Any make-up
dates will be de-
termined on the
day of the event.

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RED, WHITE AND BLUE FLIES HIGH AT HAWK FIELD

As any Omahawk member knows, over the last couple of years, one thing the board of directors has tried to do was to secure a new flag pole for Hawk Field to replace the old one that has been obscured by trees and takes three men and a boy to put up and take down the flag. Steve Culver spent many, many hours in a futile pursuit to get a new pole from an organization that promised a lot but never delivered.

The plan for a new flag pole has finally come to fruition in the form of a pole erected in the middle of the planter in front of the shelter. This one is a retractable pole that is easy for one man to use and can be locked for security. There are no ropes to tangle or break and it is very well constructed to provide many years of use.

How was this amazing feat accomplished? Easy! We stopped waiting for someone to fulfill false promises and did it ourselves. Funds for the new flag pole were approved by the club at the last meeting and the new pole was erected very soon after that.

It's great to see the stars and stripes flying high out in front where everyone can see, instead of being hidden in the trees behind everyone. It will make us all proud to see it out in the open, front and center, especially on Memorial Day and Labor Day!

- editor

