



# Hawk Talk

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\*\*\*\* AGENDA \*\*\*\*

**GENERAL MEETING:** Friday, May 29, 2009 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.

**PROGRAM:** XXX

**BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday, June 3, 2009 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

## AN EARLY SUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

The rustle of torn Monokote, the gravelly whirr of broken servos, and the smell of spilled glow fuel... It haunts my nights. A thump I hear. The wind blows through my room, disturbing my nightly slumber. A voice cries out to me from the gloom, "Michael, Michael! I am the ghost of newsletter editors past!"

That voice sounded familiar! "Olie!?!?"

"Yes, Mike. It is I. Reduced to this humble spectral state, I am forced to spend eternity reading

the nonsensical ramblings of newsletter editors present. Haunted day and night by misspellings, forgotten minutes, and fuzzy pictures with no captions, I am bound to sit back and watch as opportunities are lost and deadlines are missed. Unable to contact anyone as I have in the past, I am reduced to haunting the dreams of those who fail to live up to the standards of editors past and fail to get the word out on the all-important activities of the club. I have come to warn you.

"You blew it, Mike. Memorial Day is upon us, and you haven't written about it in the newsletter yet. This great holiday will have come and gone before the next meeting and probably before the newsletter is out! Our members will miss the great opening event of the summer. How are the members going to know of this event without the newsletter to explain it to them? Year after year, it is this article that announces the big day. It is this article that explains to the board their duties at this most important celebration.

"But you blew it, Mike. The

members won't know about the event. The board members won't know what to do! How am I supposed to rest in peace with you dropping the ball like this?"

"But I can change, Olie!" I cried. "I'll get the news out! I'll tell the club, I'll direct the officers! You'll see. I won't fail you!"

I awoke with a start. The room was cool and quiet. The spectral apparition of the former editor was gone. But the time was short, I knew.

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### MAY MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, MAY 29  
7:00 p.m.

11926 ARBOR ST

Raffle:

Three \$50.00 Gift Certificates from Hobby Town

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ May 29- General Meeting
- ★ May 30- Saturday Float Fly
- ★ June 3 - Business Meeting
- ★ June 20 - Sport Pilot Championship Event #2
- ★ June 23 - Float Fly
- ★ June 26 - Youth Fun Fly
- ★ Every Thursday Night is training night at Hawk Field

## THE MINUTES

Larry McChesney, Secretary

### General Meeting.....4/24/2009

**Membership Report:** Current membership stands at a total of 130 which includes five new members. As has been done in the past, a "reminder to renew" has been sent out to those who may not have reregistered.

**Newsletter Report:** Editor was not present.

#### General Members Announcements

No new "soloed pilots."

As reported in previous board meeting minutes, a meeting was held with the City Parks Department representative, Dennis Byers. He was satisfied with the current status of the field and our efforts and investment in maintaining the area. Finally, the Parks Department asked for access to the field via an additional lock. So the last one leaving the field, day or night, should set the padlocks end to end so either lock permits access.

#### Field Report

Training night is going well.

Clean up day was a success with odd jobs completed, some fertilizer/weed killer applied around the area in front of the pit area to the runway and the storage shed cleaned and reorganized.

Helicopter sign will be reinstalled at southwest corner of the field. The city will provide two or three picnic tables. Please review item # 6 in the field rules for "rules of the road" for those using this area.

Nathan Brown presented a report on a bid from a contractor of \$6,500 to mill, install a fabric mat and install a patch material on all cracks (1,000 lineal feet) from end to end of the runway. An alternate proposal was to remove and rebuild in it's entirety for \$12,000 to 14,000. Discussion centered on many ideas to minimize cost including removal and seeding, hybrid of a mesh and grass over the top. Concern is that even patching would deplete the field fund. The club has a commitment with the city to 2016. Discussion was tabled to allow for more research and consultation with contractors. Thanks to Nathan, Bob Wheeler and Ed Paasch for their efforts.

Also thanks to Mike Berger and Dean Copeland for renovating the frequency number flags at the impound.

#### Events

Ed Paasch has information for Sport Pilot Championship event.

Steve Peck is "coordinator" for the Strategic Aerospace Museum event. Note. Date is Aug 8th in lieu of earlier date mentioned. He also brought flier for airshow at the old Fairmont Ne airfield Saturday June 6th. This will include free airplane rides, demonstrations of glider flights and airplane displays.

#### Old Business

Testing for PayPay has been completed and is now fully active for our use and convenience.

Larry McChesney is completing an inventory of all club owned equipment. If you have club planes, radios, equipment and have not submitted your information please do so as soon as possible. Also important to keep this current if any of these items move to different locations please notify a board member. This list will be used to help members plan events,

track equipment, assess need to add items, replace planes, etc.

#### New Business

Western Fliers auction is Sunday 4/26. Our club has volunteered to help this effort and their members will reciprocate in the fall with our auction.

Omahawks received notice from AMA that we have been awarded a \$1,000 grant. It was written by Ed Paasch. We were one of only two clubs in all of District 9 to get this grant. Grand Island Modelers will have an R/C Airplane Exhibition Fun Fly June 19-21. Contact E.J. for info.

E.J. has been contacted by the Omaha Royals regarding display and some flying prior to a game at Rosenblatt. Details to follow.



### Business Meeting.....5/1/2009

Officers and Board Attending- Officers E.J. Murphy, Pres., Bob Wheeler, V.P., Kevin Hyde, Treasurer Board Members Nathan Brown, Doc Greenberg, Ralph Brown, Claude Weimer, Nathan King

#### Treasurer's report-

Kevin Hyde was present to provide Treasurer's report.

#### Membership-

Ralph Brown reported that there are now 130 members who have joined or renewed memberships. Recently, sixteen new members have been registered.

#### Events-

Western Flyers Auction was well attended and helped by many Omahawks members. The May 5th Float Fly was attended by 15 flyers, with around 20 aircraft and 1 boat. Another successful event presented by Dick Behrens, et al. Ralph commented that it was a great fun fly.

#### Hawk Field Report-

The Parks Department delivered 2 picnic tables, to assist the Omahawks in developing our helicopter flying area. Also, Skip Brown assisted E.J. with replacing the helicopter area sign.

Thanks to Ralph and Skip Brown for contacting Ace Hardware, and getting a discount on 'Weed and Feed'. Skip and E.J. picked up the weed and feed, and delivered it to the shed. On Thursday, April 30, E.J. spread the weed and feed, followed by cutting back some of the taller grass areas around the perimeter. If possible we may get the mowers to maintain these new limits.

A note to the General Membership:

The mowing company has the right of way, when they arrive. E.J. contacted Nathan Brown to pass along to the mowing company, they need to inform anyone flying that they have arrived. So as not to start mowing while someone is still in the air. Also, flyers need to clear the pits to allow the mowers access, mainly just the stuff on the grass.

#### Old Business-

Harry Perkons presented another runway repair proposal to the board. This proposal would require a bit more help from members, but would save the club quite a bit of money. There was continued discussion regarding the Helicopter flying area. The main topic that was understood by those present was that the helicopter flying area is posted and the helicopter flyers need to adhere to the rules regarding flying helicopters at Hawk Field.

To further promote helicopter participation and additional club membership, Kevin Hyde made a motion to allocate \$100.00 for further development of the helicopter flying area.

Claude Weimer seconded, the motion passed. The bulk of these funds are ear-marked for constructing a helicopter landing pad(s).

Ron Williams and Claude Weimer are gathering orders for a group fuel buy, again this year. If you would like to order fuel, be sure to bring cash or check to the May General Meeting. The Training Program is also ordering fuel.

#### New Business-

E.J. read an e-mail received from Dick Behrens, regarding the maintenance of the flower beds at Hawk Field. Due to health issues, he and his wife can no longer take on this responsibility. We will be looking for others to pick up this program.

Board discussed program suggestions and raffle item choices for the next meeting.

It was decided to raffle three, \$50 gift cards from Hobbytown.



# SHOW AND TELL

The show-and-tell section of the newsletter is a bit of a let-down this month because a certain someone was asked to take pictures of the meeting (I prefer not to name names. Nathan Brown doesn't need the embarrassment). But he somehow neglected to get any pictures of the Show-and-Tell. So for your viewing pleasure we give you a summary of the exciting and enlightening meeting held by our illustrious president E. J. Murphy.

*- editor*



## HAWKS PITCH IN AT WESTERN FLIERS AUCTION

The Omahawks showed their support for R/C hobbyists all over the area at the April 26th Western Fliers Auction. After being asked to help out at the auction earlier this year, the club members showed up in large numbers to help with the auction. There were Omahawk members at almost every position from check-in and check-out to running as well as set-up and tear down after everything was done.

It was really great to see so many club members show up to help another area club. Many Western Fliers' members are on hand TO help out at the Omahawks' auction. It is good to see our club return the favor.

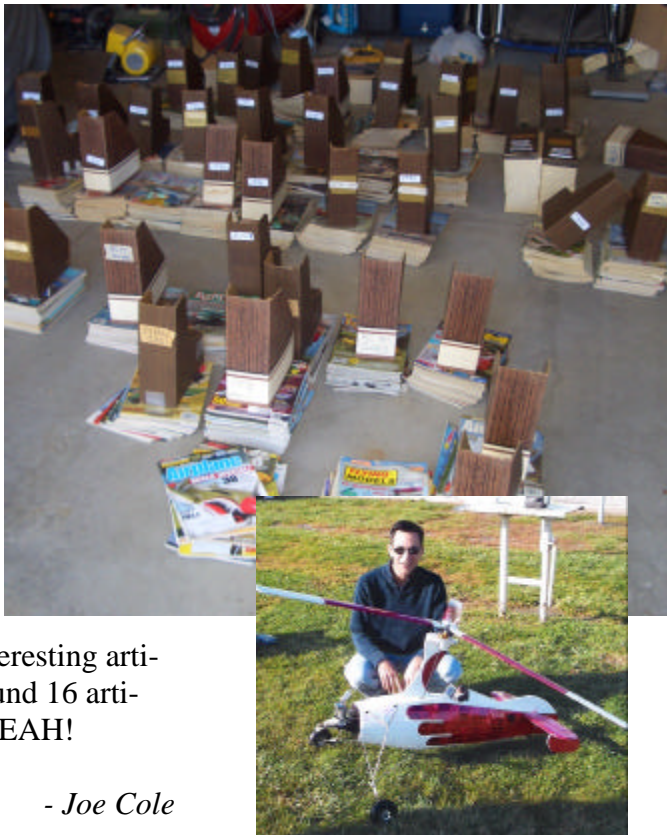
I don't know how much they made at the auction, but there were well over three hundred items sold and it seemed to be a very successful day for the Western Fliers. I know they got a sizeable amount of my money and I got plenty of bargains, too.

So thanks a whole lot to all of the guys from all clubs that came out to help. The day was made successful due to your help.

*- editor*

## Special Thanks to Doc Greenberg

I just wanted Doc to know that his 36 years of RCModeler magazines went to a good home! I'm like a kid in a candy store. I'm still looking thru all the issues in my garage and love these amazing builds. We might have advanced in electronics in the last 36 years, but we have fallen behind in building. These guys knew how to design and build! Lots of interesting articles and so far I've found 16 articles on autogyros! YEAH! Thanks again Doc!



*- Joe Cole*



# Pylon Racing Comes



**Big Ed's brain-child makes for an exciting day at Hawk Field**

On May 17th, the Omahawks hosted the first event of the 2009 Sport Pilot Championship. The event for this stage was pylon racing.

The day was chilly but the friendship was warm as the pilots gathered to show their stuff for the crowds. Many people came together to carry this event off. Everybody involved worked hard to make this event a success. Everybody, that is, except the guy who was supposed to write an article for the newsletter telling who was involved, who won, and all the exciting things that happened at the event. Luckily, his wife took lots of great pictures of the happenings so you don't need to be told how much fun it was, you can see it in the faces of everyone pictured here.

- editor



# To Hawk Field



**lots of people  
came to check out  
the new event!**



# HAWK TALK

## ELECTRIC GLIDER FUN FLY EVENT

Saturday, May 9 started with very light wind from the north west. By the 11:00 starting time eight electric glider and one electric old timer'ish flyer were itching to kill some batteries and have some fun.



We had two flyers compete in the "bragging rights" climb and glide event. Joe Cole flew his Radiant for a time of 7:25 but missed the fifty foot radius landing circular for zero landing points and Larry Bailey flew his Hyper for a time of 7:56 and 31 points out of a maxim of 50 points. Both aircraft are two meter wing span.



Numerous electric glider and several sport electric aircraft continued flying until the lunch break. Following a very nice cold cut sandwich lunch the "all up last down" event started. All the flyers gathered at the south end of the field and with a count down and horn blast from official timer Rocky all the aircraft took to the

air with a buzz of electric motors.

After about fifteen minutes into the event the dictated electric gliders showed their stuff. Larry landed with a time of 47:18 and Joe with a time of 49:31 winning the \$50.00 gift card from Hobby Town.



Names were drawn from the hat for the remaining five \$10.00 gift cards and the cards will be delivered to the winners.

Many thanks from Ed and myself to the flyers, spectators and the Omahawks club for funding of the prizes, food and use of the field. Thank you to Helen for the great photos.

Everyone had a great day, lots of fun and we may have inspired an interest in more Electric Glider flying events. Next year will be bigger and better.

- Larry Bailey



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I called to my wife "What day is it, today?"

"It's Monday, stupid. Get your lazy butt out of bed!"

It wasn't too late! I still had time to get the word out. If I put out the newsletter a little early, it will get out in plenty of time.

And it is vitally important that I do. After all, the Memorial Day Egg Burn is very complicated for all involved. And this annual event has only been going on for about 25 years or so, so people are probably still a little unfamiliar with the process.

It works like this. The members come to the field on the morning of Memorial Day with some form of breakfast food, like a dozen eggs, or some bacon or sausage. And the officers of the club cook them. Then we fly and have lots of fun (assuming that the thought of eating what the officers cook doesn't scare you off.)

So come on out to the field on Monday. Bring some food and some planes and let's have some fun. And Olie's ghost can rest peacefully. At least until the next time I screw up!

- editor



Don't miss training night every  
Thursday at Hawk Field  
6:00 pm to dusk

## FLOAT FLIERS ARE MAKING WAVES

The float fly on Tuesday, May 5, except for a few mishaps, went off well. The wind was about 8-14 mph from the southwest. Russ Ault provided the chase boat. Assisting Russ was Dennis Bender. Russ rescued about 10 planes. Coffee was provided by Bob Zitzlspenger.

There were 15 pilots who brought float planes. First time float flyers at the lake were: Jud Bock, Frank Vaneacek, Chuck Buscher, and Glenn Gill. Other pilots were: Dave Olson, Frank Wisniski, Ralph Brown, Bob Burt, Skip Brown, Bob Z, Tim Peters, Ron Pacana, Ed Splittgerber, Bob Anderson and Dick Behrens....As usual, park walkers/visitors paused to watch the



Chuck Buscher and his new float plane

planes fly.

The next two float flies, are on Saturday, May 30, 9am to noon, with pizza and pop and Tuesday, June 23, 830 to 1130 am. There will be no make ups for Tuesday float flies.

- Dick Behrens

## BOAT FOR SALE

*(He didn't ask me to do this, but I have some space to fill and Steve has a boat to sell, so here goes... - editor)*

Steve Culver is selling his boat. It is a 2004 Caravelle 187 LS that he bought new in the spring of 2005. The boat has always spent winter indoors and is in really great shape with lots of extras.

This is a sweet boat and will sell fast. Don't miss out!

If you're interested, contact him for more information at [steve\\_culver@hotmail.com](mailto:steve_culver@hotmail.com)



**Saturday**  
**FLOAT FLY**  
**Standing Bear Lake**  
**With Chase Boat**  
**May 30**

**900 am to noon**

**Coffee & Donuts @ 830**

**Pizza & Pop @ 1130**

Flyers from all fields welcome

\$5 fee for pilots without Hawkfield permits

No fee for Omahawks

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**Tuesday Morning**  
**FLOAT FLY**  
**Standing Bear Lake**  
**With Chase Boat**  
**June 23**

**830 am to 1130 am**

**Coffee & Donuts**

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# THE NUMBERS ARE BACK! ... MOST OF THEM.

If you've been to the field lately, you have surely seen that the frequency numbers have returned to the impound. Or at least some of them have. There is still one set that needs to be returned. The final batch of flags is done, but the pipes that they are mounted on still need to be replaced. The new numbers sure look good. And they'll look even better when they are all in place.

You will also have noticed that there are a couple changes to the board.



Since there are only a select few people that use the old Ham radio channels and a whole bunch of people who use the new spread spectrum radios (and don't like bending over) the top row has been changed to include two flags for ham radio and the rest of them are for the spectrum users. The rest of the flags are the same as before for all of the 72 mhz radio users.

It's good to have this project nearing completion. Special thanks are due to Gene Copeland who got the number labels for free. The paint was free, the labor was free, and the cost to the club for refinishing the flags came to a grand total of \$0.00! If only we could fix the runway for that price!

