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**** AGENDA ****

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, May 28, 2010 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

PROGRAM: Something having to do with flying, I hope...

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, June 2, 2010 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

BE READY FOR SUMMER

Spring is here! Did you Inspected your equipment lately? Spring time in the midlands usually awakens hibernating RC modelers. As soon as nice enough days present themselves, fair weather hobbyist, grabs their flying machines, field boxes and head to the field. This is where the word Safety should come into play not only for the those anticipating the first flight of the year

but also for those brave souls willing to fly no matter what the conditions are in attempts to get their aircraft airborne. Safety starts at home each and every time by performing a pre inspection of your aircraft, and support equipment. Check your aircraft for cracks, loose engines, engine parts, or loose parts in general. Look at control linkages to make sure they are secure and not binding. Remember to check your batteries as they may need to be replaced. When was the last time they were charged and have they been cycled to determine their capacity? Depending on how old your batteries are you may want to consider replacing your receive packs as those get the most abuse. When you purchase new batteries write the purchase date on them to track their age and replace them before they are the reason the aircraft didn't return. Taking the time to ensure your equipment is in proper working condition before you head out to the field allows you time to fix the problems with the proper

tools and parts. This could make a big difference in how yours or someone else's day will end up. Remember to inspect before each trip to the field and to also re-check when cleaning up at the end of the day. Enjoy and have a safe and fun flying experience .

- Bob Wheeler

MAY MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, APR 30
7:00 p.m.
11926 Arbor St

Program: TBA
Raffle: A really cool surprise!

Make a difference!
Support the
Make-A-Wish
Foundation

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ May 28 - General Meeting
- ★ May 29 - Saturday Float Fly
- ★ May 31 - President's Memorial Day Egg Burn
- ★ June 5 - Helicopter Fun Fly
- ★ June 12 - Youth Fun Fly
- ★ June 22 - Float Fly
- ★ June 21 & 22 - Boy Scout Fun Fly 6 - 8:30 pm

HAWK TALK

THE MINUTES

Larry McChesney, Secretary

General Meeting.....4/30/2010

President E.J. Murphy opened the meeting. Randy Seggerman, a new member, introduced himself. Welcome Randy. Attendance at the meeting at the field was twenty nine.

Membership Report: The membership report was given. As of the end of the month there are 97 members. Eight are new.

Newsletter Report: Mike Berger was present and encourages members to submit news articles. He also shared that Frank V. guessed the name of the months "mystery plane." It was the Stinson (sp?) Model A.

Field Update: Mikey Furrow, Field Chair, announced that the mowing contract had been awarded to "All Outdoors" Chris Stuckey, member of Omahawks and owner. Thanks to Skip Brown and Double D for the dumpster used at work day for haul away services. Mikey shared that twenty five people participated for a successful cleanup and he almost ran out of projects.

Also discussed was the progress with discussions regarding the new field management sign and location.

Event Reports: A slate of events has been committed to the calendar. See the last meeting minutes for the schedule. Reminder. Event coordinators be sure to submit an article to the newsletter prior to the event to promote attendance.

Old Business

There was a short discussion regarding the new website. Kevin Hyde is working on the photo section and has completed the officer and membership role portion. Contact information is available for all members with email. If you need access to the "Members Only" section or find something amiss contact Kevin @Khyde@Omahawks.org.

New Business

The Make A Wish office remodel is complete. The board meetings will be held there. The May "General meeting" will be held there also but the June, July and August General Meetings will be at the field.

The President and board will meet with the representative from Omaha City Parks before the board meeting on the 5th.



Business Meeting.....5/5/2010

Meeting was opened by EJ Murphy, President

Board Officers present: EJ Murphy, Bob Wheeler, Kevin Hyde and Larry McChesney
Board Members: Mikey Furrow, Bob Zitzlsperger, and Skip Brown
Members: Ed Paasch, Ralph Brown and Dennis Bender

Treasurers Report – Kevin Hyde provided a report dated May 4th, 2010

Membership Chairman Report – Ralph Brown reported that as of May 4th we have a total 109 members. Ten are new members with discussion and vote, per the club bylaws, on one of the new applications. There was also a brief discussion concerning access to membership information thru the AMA.

* As of May 4, we show 99 members for 2010. 9 of which are new members.

Events –

* May General meeting will be held at Make-A-Wish. June, July, and August General meetings will be held at Hawk Field. Hot dogs and drinks will be available for the June meeting. There is some pop in the shed. We may need more, along with water, condiments, paper plates, napkins, and utensils. And, possibly propane. Let's check all this before hand.

* Reminder, once again, to events coordinators; be sure to have an advertisement of your event(s) published in the HawkTalk, and on the events calendar of the website.

Hawk Field Report - Field Management sign. A location was determined so that we can proceed to get this done.

* Mowing contract is now in place.

Old Business -

* A brief Website report was made.

* Research of previous historic documents was not available so discussion of this topic was delayed until next board meeting.

* Club By-laws publication will be located in "members only" section of website and not posted at field.

New Business -

* Raffle and Program suggestions were discussed. E.J. had a suggestion for the next program for the general meeting. Ralph Brown received a \$100 dollar gift certificate to the AMA store for his exceptional performance

with membership sign up and he donated that to the club. That will be used to purchase several caps, shirts, etc for the next club raffle. Thank you Ralph and Ed Paasch for volunteering to make the purchases.

Dennis Bender submitted a proposal to hold a Boy Scout Fun night June 21st and 22nd at the field. This would include a mix of flying on buddy box's, dutch oven cooking, stunt flying demo, etc. The club would provide two or three instructors and trainers and gas grille. Hot dogs, drinks, prize winning deserts will be provided by the troop. Exciting.

The annual meeting with the city representative of the parks department was held before the board meeting. A review of the year was presented and feed back from the Parks Department was positive.



Don't forget! Training night is every Thursday, 6 pm to dusk at Hawk Field

UPCOMING FLOAT FLYS

Standing Bear Lake, Omaha

Chase boat, coffee, donuts

Saturday, May 29, 9 am to 1230 pm + pizza & pop at 1115 am

Tuesday, June 22, 830 to 1130 am

AMA pilots from all fields welcome

\$5 fee for pilots w/o Hawkfield permits

(No fee for Omahawks)

Sponsored by Omahawks

More info: Dick Behrens 451-6397

Bob Zitzlsperger 493-1610

Bob Burt 339-7482

Meeting was opened by EJ Murphy, President

MEETING AT HAWK FIELD

HAWKS HELP MAKE WESTERN FLIERS AUCTION A SUCCESS

On April 25th, the Western Fliers held their annual auction at the Fireman's Hall and it was a big success. Many Omahawk members showed up to help out. Kevin Hyde provided the Hawkion software that makes it all so easy. Helen and Ed Paasch worked diligently at the front table and many others worked as auctioneers and support crew. It was great to see all the people show up to help and keep up the tradition of cooperation between the clubs that makes this hobby so much fun.



I must hurry and catch up to the others for I am their leader and they'd be lost without me!



SPC Event No. 1: Pylon Racing

In spite of the really windy conditions out at Hawk Field, we decided to go ahead and run the Pylon segment of the Sport Pilot Championship.

During one of the heats, pilots Doug Smith and Skip Brown managed to run into each other on two separate occasions.

Doug and Skip smacked wings shortly after takeoff, but both managed to recover and continue flying. A few laps into the race, they passed head-on and Doug sheered off Skip's vertical stabilizer with his wing tip.

Doug managed to land with one wheel missing and a broken prop while Skip spun helplessly down toward the north end of the fence line. Skip wasn't too broken up about his Avistar getting totaled; he took off to Hobbytown USA right after the event wrapped up so he could buy a Hangar 9 Alpha 40 DSM RTF on which he could put his floats.

Congratulations to:

- 1) Colby Johnson
- 2) Bob English (nice pink plane, Bob)
- 3) Matt Myers

...our top finishers at today's event. Tom Egbert deserves an honorable mention as well. Tom was in contention for top honors today right up until a mid-air collision with Casey Vohnout in the 5th round wiped out his very fast Phoenix Strega. Despite finishing with a 0/DNF for the final round, Tom took 4th place overall.

If you fly Club 40 pylon races in 25 to 35 mph winds, you should expect a little bit of mayhem. And there was enough mayhem for anyone, today. All in all it was a successful day for most of the people who attended.

- Ed Paasch, CD



My thanks to all of the pilots, spectators, and helpers who made today a huge amount of fun in spite of the wind:

- Mikey Furrow - Line Chief
- Dennis Bender - pylon judge
- Harry Perkins - pylon judge
- Rich Walker - pylon judge
- Darren Will - pylon judge, concessions sales manager
- Jim Burnette - executive chef
- Janice Rhine - scoring assistant
- Pam Felthausen - scorekeeper
- Rennie Terkuile - setup assistance
- Sonny Lusch - pylon judge signaling assistant
- Helen Paasch - saintly wife, photographer, chief taskmaster

- Ed Paasch, CD

Let the Carnage Begin!



GLIDER FUN FLY IS BIG SUCCESS

The Electric Glider Fun Fly, a relatively new event for the Omahawks, took place on May 15. Event director, Larry Bailey put on a good event with lots of good times for all.



OMAHAWKS TRAINING NIGHTS

Training season is well underway and up to this point Mother Nature has been very cooperative toward providing some good training days with the training staff flying three of four weeks so far. There are plenty of training staff waiting and willing to assist those in need. The number of students training has been pretty light so those the student pilots training are getting lots of stick time.

If you are a new members and need to learn how to fly, or you need assistance with sharpening your flying skills, or you soloed recently and would like some additional instruction feel free to come out to the field on Thursday night as the trainers are always willing to help out.

A reminder, training starts at 06:00 PM and continues until dusk. For those experienced Omahawk's pilots Thursday nights is set aside for training so the field is closed to open flying after 6 PM. If you would like to assist with training students or help with ground duties come out and talk with Bob Wheeler as we can always use your assistance.



ENOLA GAY WILL FLY TO OMAHA

The National Air and Space Museum made a surprising announcement Thursday. In honor of the 65th anniversary of the end of WWII, the NASM staff has been secretly preparing the B-29 Enola Gay to make her airworthy for a commemorative flight across the United States. The tour will begin in June and run through August. After the tour, the plane will be disassembled into large pieces that will be shipped by a special train from the final tour stop back to the Udvar-Hazy Center, which is at Dulles Airport in Washington, DC. The announcement is being made to enable the warbird community as a whole to modify the airshow schedule so that other WWII aircraft will be able to participate in the historic event. This will be a one-way trip that will be long-remembered by the war bird and historical community.

The itinerary will take the famous B-29 to some thirteen airports from one coast to the other. Since the B-29 will not be carrying bombs (or an A-bomb like she did in August, 1945), she will be able to make trips of several hundred miles at a time as she works her way across the Nation. Some of the stops are at unlikely places, but because the time of the flight will correspond with part of the summer air show season, towns that are not on the airshow circuit become logical choices for stops on the tour. The Enola Gay will spend between two and four days at each stop, depending upon the size of the crowds expected, and to give the crew time to rest and

maybe do a little fine-tuning and/or tinkering with the B-29.

The stop at Omaha, NE will be special, because the Enola Gay, while designed by Boeing, was one of the 531 B-29 Superfortresses manufactured by the Glenn Martin Aircraft Company in Omaha. Col. Paul Tibbets, her chief pilot, picked her off the assembly line himself, and named her "Enola Gay," in honor of his mother.

The anniversary tour was conceived when the Enola Gay was undergoing a complete restoration that began in the 1980s. Under the orders of the NASM administrators, everything on the Enola Gay was restored to airworthy condition. Wright R-3350 radial engines were test-run in the Garber facility one at a time in 2001, and NASM personnel explained to curious neighbors that the racket the whole neighborhood had heard a few nights in a row was caused by blown mufflers on a rented auxiliary generator that they had to use during a "wiring problem". In all, the restoration crew kept the actual condition of the Enola Gay secret for over ten years.

Itinerary:

- * Andrews Air Force Base in DC
- * Philadelphia, PA
- * Richmond, VA
- * Indianapolis, IN
- * Lawrence, KS.
- * Ft. Leavenworth, KS
- * Omaha, NE
- * Odessa, TX
- * Longmont, CO
- * Salt Lake City, UT
- * Davis/Woodland/ Winters, CA
- ★ Astoria, OR

(This article was submitted to Hawk Talk by Dan Walz. Original source is unknown)

FLOAT FLY NEWS

Because of cold and windy weather, the May 4th fly was re-scheduled for May 11th, which was then cancelled for the same reason. However, the planned fish fry was held on the 11th. Chuck and Marty Brucher with the help of Leroy Henderson prepared a complimentary awesome meal of deep fried walleye fillets, hot two bean salad, bread, chips, drink and frosted pumpkin bars for dessert. Bob Burt contributed potato salad and Bob Z coffee. What a different real treat for about 20-25 float fly enthusiasts. Chuck caught the fish in Oahe Reservoir, SD.

- Dick Behrens



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MAY MYSTERY PLANE CONTEST

OK, everybody. It's time for another mystery plane. And this one should be an easy one. It's an old favorite of airplane buffs, so you shouldn't have any trouble with it at all. Now it's just a race to see who can answer first.

Last month's mystery plane was the Stinson Model A. This trimotor monoplane was designed as an eight seat feeder plane for American Airlines. It had retractable landing gear which left the wheels half-exposed under the engine nacelles because pilots had a tendency to forget to lower the gear on landings. Also used for private executive service, this airplane was equipped with the ultimate luxury at the time, an on-board lavatory.



The winners for last month were Roger Brodd, followed very closely by EJ Murphy.

- editor

