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**** AGENDA ****

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| GENERAL MEETING: | Friday, November 21, 2008 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St. |
| PROGRAM: | 2008 Officer and Board Elections |
| BUSINESS MEETING: | Wednesday, December 3, 2008 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St. |

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

COME OUT AND VOTE!!!

Omahawks' board makes shameless ploy to encourage voter participation!

Because voting for club officers and board members isn't always the most exciting club activity, the Omahawks Board of Directors has decided to entice more club members into showing up for our general meeting on November 21st through the time honored tradition of bribery.

Our November 2008 general meeting will feature not one, not two, not three, but five very nice raffle prizes.

We'll be offering (in no particular order):

- A) A free 2009 membership to the Omahawks RC club (hint: don't pick this if you've already paid, you'll never get your money back from Ralphie).
- B) A Super Tiger G-40 dual ball bearing two-stroke glow engine.
- C) A Venom Pro Charger for balanced LiPo/A123 charging as well as 12v/NiCd/NiMH.
- D) A Sig Four Star .40 airplane kit.
- E) A "Mystery Prize" that will surely excite any Omahawks RC pilot.

The first ticket drawn will get first pick of the prizes, the second

ticket drawn gets the next pick, and so on. Tickets will be available as usual, with four tickets given out for a show-and-tell presentation and additional tickets available for \$1.00 each or six (6) for \$5.00.

To thank everyone for their hard work at all of the club events this year and to celebrate another terrific year of club flying, we will also be providing one (1) free raffle ticket to every club member who comes to the meeting.

We'll see you at the Make-A-Wish conference room at 11926 Arbor Street at 7PM on November 21st. Don't miss this opportunity to come out and win some free stuff while enjoying our last general meeting for 2008!

- Ed Paasch

NOVEMBER MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, NOV 21
7:00 p.m.

11926 ARBOR ST
Program: 2008 Officers and Board Election Raffle:



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Nov 21 - November General Meeting
- ★ Dec 3 - Business Meeting
- ★ Dec 7 - Holiday Party @ Venice Inn

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THE MINUTES

Nathan King, Secretary

General Meeting10/24/2008

No new members or guests.

★ Ralph Brown gave a membership report. As of October 23, we show 137 members. And, New Membership applications are available.

★ Mike Berger gave the Newsletter report. As always, please send submissions for the HawkTalk. Mike has a new email for Hawk-Talk submissions,

mrberger352@kaptnkarl.com.

★ Chuck Buscher and Sonny Lusch had soloed recently. We need to have a ceremony, soon.

★ The board had discussed runway repairs. Skip will spoke with Double D. And, Ed Paasch explained what we have been doing wrong, as far as trying to keep our runway in good repair. Now, we can take actions to do the job properly.

★ Ed Paasch gave a report on the success of the auction. Results can be viewed in the Treasurers report. Also, on the subject of the auction, the American Legion building is being sold. We will need to find a new location for the 2009 Auction. Everyone keep your eyes open for possible new locations.

★ Reminder: Ed Paasch has the Club Directory.

★ We continued the discussion of Indoor flying. There are a number of daytime venues. Some suggested looking into evening opportunities. Anyone with ideas or facilities, please, bring the info to the next meeting.

★ Doc and Skip contacted members that may be in possession of club trainers. If you didn't hear from them and you have one, please let them know. Also, Doc has offered his garage as storage for the club trainers. This would provide a safe and secure location. As well as, charging facilities for the planes. (Thanks, Doc.)

★ We would like to make the club trainers available, if the weather is nice and someone shows at the field and looks interested in an introductory flight. EJ requested if you have a club trainer, and are going to the field, to take it with you. Just in case.

★ Nominations for 2009 Officers and Board. Most of the current officers and board would like to serve, again next year. However, we will, definitely, need nominations for a Secretary, and anyone else interested in serving may certainly throw their hat in the ring. Join us at the November general meeting, and make your voice heard for who you want to run your club in 2009.

★ We Ruffled a Sig Kougur MkII kit and Magnum XLS 46A 2-stroke engine. EJ won? Did I hear someone say "fix?"

Minutes submitted by E.J. Murphy.

Business Meeting.....11/5/2008

In attendance:

Officers: E.J. Murphy, Ed Paasch

Board Members: Ralph Brown, Skip Brown, and Doc Greenberg.

General Member: Joe McClure

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports

★ Ed Paasch gave the Treasurers report. Shows expenses and memberships. A copy may be made available, upon request.

★ Ralph Brown gave a membership report. We have 2 more "New" members signed up for 2009. (Let's keep the trend going)

★ In Mike Berger's absence, EJ requested articles or pictures, for the HawkTalk.

★ Event Report – Following this year's Auction, we found that the American Legion hall is for sale. There may be a possibility that we may secure the facility with the new owners. However, it would be in our best interest to try to secure a location for the 2009 Auction, as soon as possible. Keep your eyes and ears open for any possible facility. And, let the board know about it.

★ Hawk Field – We continued discussion on the subject of runway repairs. Although, weather conditions have probably forced us to put off the actual repair work until the spring, we could use someone to survey the situation and help develop a plan for what type of repair needs to be done to specific areas. And, create an estimate of the cost for the project.

★ The board discussed some of the awards we would like to present at the Christmas Party Shhhhhhh. They're a secret.

★ The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Nebraska is planning a presentation, after the first of the year, for any/all of their large contributors. They have expressed their desire to include the Omahawks. After discussion, the board thought it would be best to keep the number of representatives to a minimum. The suggestion was made to have E.J. and Steve Peck, attend. I will have more info about the presentation, later on.

★ EJ investigated the AMA 2009 Flying Site Grant Application process. And, based on the limitations and requirements, it was decided to table any such application until the time comes to do a major overhaul of the runway.

★ Ed Paasch has suggested the club roll-over some of the Club Account funds to the CD. He will make the proposal at the next general meeting.

★ Club member Joe McClure suggested we award free raffle tickets to club members who bring a guest to the meetings.

★ We will have a number of prizes for this month's raffle, as it's the last meeting of the year. Another airplane kit. Model to be determined. A .46 2-stroke. Model to be determined. Battery Charger. Model to be determined. 2009 Omahawks Membership and a surprise gift. Five separate drawings, and each winner have their choice of a remaining prize.

Minutes presented by E.J. Murphy

SHOW AND TELL



Bob's building projects are always impressive!



Can Skip hold the plane up as long as Ralph can talk? Don't bet on it!



Kieth's planes are getting so light that he stores them by letting them float up to the ceiling.

**Submit your own article
to the Hawk Talk.
Via e-mail:
omahawks@kaptnkarl.com**

GENERAL MEETING MOMENTS



Ralph shakes down..., um ... signs up members for 2009.



Mike and Claude discuss important matters.



Big Ed shows off his stripes.



Steve likes to push the limits on what is worth four tickets



Ralph's new twin is cool!



Sweet!

CHANGES COMING TO HAWK TALK

In the coming year a significant change will be made to the way the Hawk Talk newsletter is distributed. Starting with the 2009 membership application, members are being encouraged to get their Hawk Talk newsletter sent to them electronically via e-mail instead of getting the printed version sent to them through the regular mail.

Because of the skyrocketing price of, well, everything, we are looking to cut costs wherever we can while still providing the club with the excellent services they have come to know and love.

The biggest single expense we have is the cost of producing and mailing the newsletter. It costs over \$200.00 each month. That means we spend over \$2000.00 per year on just the newsletter. (That doesn't leave anything left to pay the editor!) If we can reduce or eliminate that expense we can help avoid any unpleasant increases in membership fees and keep the field and the club on solid financial ground.

In the coming years, we are planning on grinding and resurfacing the runway (a huge expense) as well as other improvements. By keeping other expenses down we can accomplish our goals and keep the cost of flying low.

So when you fill out your application for 2009, be sure to check the box to receive your Hawk Talk via e-mail and include your e-mail address. You will receive your newsletter in full color, as soon as it is done. And the club will be able to afford to put its money into the field where it really matters!

- editor

Be sure to view the Hawk Talk newsletter in full color online at:

www.omahawks.org

or

www.kaptnkarl.com/omahawks

2008 YEAR IN REVIEW



Our 2008 queen.



Skip's ready to go...



Yeah, it was a cold winter!



This is not how you want your plane to look!



Can you believe this punk graduated high school?



Show-and-tell rocks!



The float flies were as popular as ever!



A new flag flies at Hawk Field



Two beauties in one picture

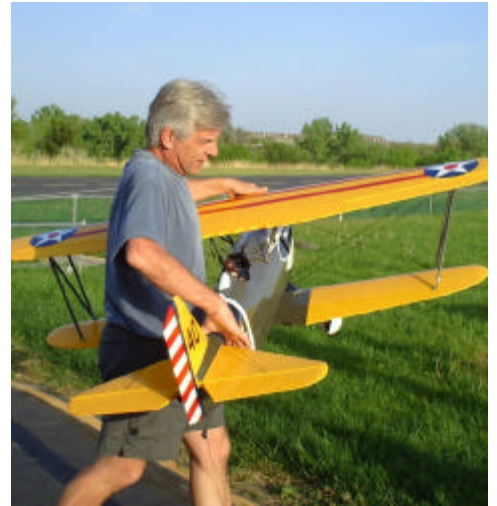
R/C FLYING AT ITS BEST!



Ralph and Matt get ready to fly.



Lots of new pilots soloed this year!



Biplanes are getting more popular.



Mother Nature laid a lick on Hawk Field



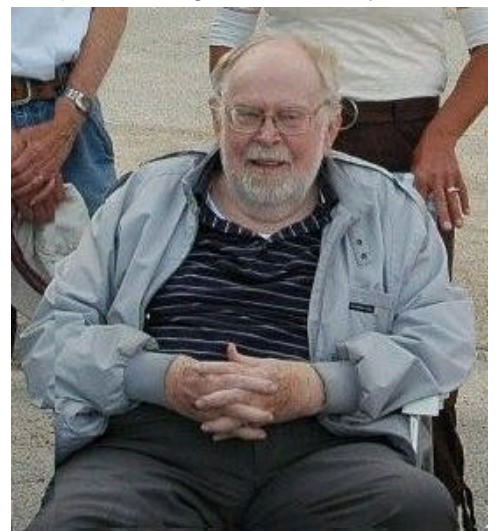
Skip's cooking didn't kill anyone.



Joe Cole likes to fly unique planes



What can I say but, "Ouch!"



The club lost a great member with the passing of Olie Olsen.

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**Don't forget!
The November
Meetings is a week
earlier than usual!**

Friday Nov. 21

Don't miss out!

Get Ready to Frolic!

Saturday, December 6, 2008 is the last event for our club this year.

The Omahawks' Christmas party at Venice Inn has been an annual event for over thirty years. It is the last hurrah for the club at the end of the year. We will all get together to celebrate the holiday season and the mourn the end of the flying season. It's your last chance this year to enjoy the company of your friends in R/C.

Please call me, Ralph Brown, for your reservations as soon as possible. Or you can sign up at the November meeting on the 21st. If you and your wife (or other guest) cannot make it to the Christmas party, we will miss you. So to all, we wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

★ *Ralph Brown*
553-3611

Christmas Party Menu

(Includes wine and tip)

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| 8 oz Club Steak | \$20.00 |
| Four Piece Fried Chicken | \$15.60 |
| Veal Parmesan | \$19.35 |
| Lemon Pepper Catfish | \$17.25 |

Kids' Menu:

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|-----------------|---------|
| Chicken Fingers | \$11.00 |
| Spaghetti | \$10.00 |

**Merry Christmas to all,
and to all a good flight!**