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**** AGENDA ****

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, November 20, 2009 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

PROGRAM: Club elections

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, December 2, 2009 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

ELECTION TIME IS HERE!

Come out
and help
guide the
club into
the future

Once again the end of the year is upon us and it's time for us to select that group of club members who will lead us for the next year. This is a very important time for the club. It takes a dedicated and enthusiastic group of people to keep the club and the field working and growing as it needs to be.

And this is where you come in. You can be one of those who drive the club to success. In every club of any kind there are many different kinds of people. There are some who never help out but are always ready to complain.

There are some who enjoy the club field and activities but don't feel the need to help out with making those things happen.

And then there are the few members who want to make the club the best it can be and are willing to pitch in and do whatever it takes to get the job done. From the officers and board members, the field chairman and even the lowly newsletter editor, as well as those who just show up to help out, these are the people who do the work and enjoy the

satisfaction of knowing that it was them that made it all possible. This group is usually pretty small, and we always need new people to help keep things going.

So come on out to the meeting. Throw your hat in the ring! Help us to keep this club the best that it can be. And don't be afraid to join us because you are new to the hobby or the club. We always need new blood and fresh ideas. Remember, the best way to get acquainted is to get involved!

See you at the meeting!

- editor

NOVEMBER MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, NOV 20
7:00 p.m.

118TH & ARBOR ST

Program: 2009 Omaha Hawks Election

Raffle: Five (count 'em!)
five different great
raffle prizes!

See pg 5 for details!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Nov 20 – General Meeting
- ★ Dec 2 – Business Meeting
- ★ Dec 5 - Christmas Party @ Venice Inn
- ★ Jan 1 - First Flight
- ★ Jan 6 - Business Meeting

THE MINUTES

Larry McChesney, Secretary

General Meeting....10/30/2009

President E.J. Murphy opened the meeting. No guests were present to recognize.

Membership Report: The membership report was short. Ralph announced that the current total is one hundred fifty with thirty new members and two "permit only." For 2010 we currently have seventeen registered. One new member was present for the meeting and introduced himself. Because the secretary had to leave early I can only say that his first name was Nick and I did not get a chance to confirm the spelling of his last name.

Newsletter Report: Mike Berger was present. He encouraged members to keep providing with material, articles, photo's, etc., and to "keep up the good work."

General Member Announcements Due to miscommunication at the auction this month Bill Bender did not get some planes and other equipment sold. If you are interested call Bill.

Field Update: Construction has been completed on the shelter. The ceiling still needs to be caulked and painted before winter arrives. The sheeting for the ceiling and gable ends came with primer which is good for only a short time and gutter works remain. Anyone who would like to take on a project contact the president to coordinate. Lets finish off the project so that we don't have winter damage to deal with later.

It was suggested that a downspout for the east side gutter be installed on the south end of the structure to empty onto the parking lot. This should resolve erosion issues in the past on the north end.

Event Reports: The Labor Day Airshow netted a total of \$2,825.18. Considering the economy the results were pretty positive. A date to present the check to Make-A-Wish will be set.

A group of Cub Scouts from the Fort Calhoun/Blair area met on Oct 9th. They all had opportunities to fly with buddy box's. Thanks to Matt Myers for taking the lead in this event and Skip Brown for assisting. From the pictures taken it looked like all girls enjoyed the experience.

The Omahawks Auction this year, held on the 18th at The Digz raised \$2,700 and was a success once again. Thanks to all those who helped from our club as well as from the Cobras Club. Some from Western Flyers were also helping out. Thanks to all who helped make this a success.

In door flying will begin Sunday at The Digz in mid November. The fee is small but the enjoyment "large."

Old Business:

Mike Berger and E.J. Murphy have agreed to take the webmaster job for the web site. Thanks to both of them for volunteering.

Please keep in mind raffle prizes and make suggestions to one of the officers. The board is interested in hearing from the membership.

We were reminded that a lot of Hawk Talk hard copies are still being printed. The more who receive it electronically the less it will cost to send out the newsletter. If you want to participate contact Kevin Hyde at

Khyde@omahawks.org. Send your email address.

New Business:

Remember the annual Christmas program/dinner is Saturday Dec. 5th. Sign up with Ralph Brown so that he has a count for the restaurant. Pay at the door as you arrive.

The board is restricting the use of grills under or near the shelter.

Officer election for 2010 is coming up Nov. 20th. Be sure to be there to vote and/or get your name in line to win an officer position. A first round of nominations were received from the floor at this meeting. They are E.J. Murphy, President, Bob Wheeler, Vice President, Kevin Hyde, Treasurer, Larry McChesney, Secretary and Ed Paasch and Skip Brown Board Members. Still to come Field Chair and other nominations for the above mentioned offices.

Stan Andreassen donated a Park Flyer with transmitter batteries etc. ready to fly to the club. He asked that Ed Paasch identify a young individual who could not afford a plane but was interested in the hobby. This would be a gift to that young person. Stan was not a member of the club but Ed met him one evening and helped him fly.

Also donated for the raffle were two ESC's. Thanks to Harry Perkins. Last Fred Wilke donated the one and only infamous 25 size John Deere green Piper Cub, Control line no less. This is a prize that is making the rounds and gaining credibility each time it changes hands. Be sure to see it.



Ralphie gives a brief membership report...

Business Meeting....11/4/2009

Present: Officers: E.J. Murphy, Bob Wheeler, Kevin Hyde and Larry McChesney; Board member: Ralph Brown;

Members: Ed Paasch and Bob Zitzlsperger
Treasurers report: Kevin Hyde presented the treasurers report dated Nov. 4th, 2009.
Membership report: Ralph Brown reported that there are 21 members registered members of which 2 are new to the club. "Welcome new members." Sign up for 2010 has started

and can be done through the website.

Events: The Christmas party was discussed. Ralph Brown reported 44 are currently on the list. Please contact him so he has a "count to work with" to set up the room for the restaurant. Ed Paasch volunteered to put a "Year in Review" presentation for the party. He may want your help with materials or other suggestions.

Field Report: The shelter gable end siding still needs caulking and painting. We still have a few weeks to get this done and it would be great to have it completed before winter. Due to our Field Chair being away at school contact one of the officers if you can take on this project.

Field mowing was discussed and it was agreed that this can be terminated for the season.

Old Business.

Bob Wheeler has agreed to work with Nathan King to get "Soloed Pilot certificates" and coordinate ceremonial "tie cutting" recognition for those who have completed training. Kevin Hyde will transfer the web site registration soon to the new web site. Once that is accomplished all of the existing information can be moved from the old location to the new site.

New business.

Raffle items were discussed. Bob Z suggested a four cycle engine. Other suggestions from the group were made and a list compiled. A special "bonanza of prizes" will be awarded at the next meeting. Ed Paasch will send out an electronic flyer to the membership. Watch for it!

Remember to attend the next general meeting to participate in the elections of officers and any open board member slots.



I know these meetings can get boring, but I don't think we've ever driven anybody into quilting before...

**Support The
Make-A-Wish
Foundation**

Show and Tell

DEAN COPELAND GETS SCALE AWARD



I just fly 'em. I don't build 'em



Jud Bock's new seaplane



Frank Vanacek's latest project.



Another Dean Copeland beauty



It's an SR-71. It still needs some work



Dean's Northrup N9MB Flying Wing

Every year, in memory of his son who was tragically killed in an auto accident, Roger Brodd gives out an award to the top scale modeler in the club. The winner of the award is usually the pilots' choice from the annual scale contest. Because there was no scale contest this year, he had to select a winner by himself. This year's winner is Dean Copeland, selected for his beautiful rendition of the Northrup N9MB Flying Wing that he flew in the Masters Class of the Top Gun national scale modeling contest.



For those that don't know, the Top Gun contest is an invitation only contest reserved for the very best builders in model aviation. Dean was competing in Masters Class against eleven others. In Masters class, a builder has to design, build and fly an exact copy of a real airplane by himself. He must draw up the plans and he cannot use a mass produced kit.

The Masters Class is reserved for the very best builders in the hobby and the Omahawks are lucky and justifiably proud to have someone with Dean's skills in our ranks. Congratulations Dean and keep up the good work!

- editor

The DAG is back on the building board!

All right, I'm back in action at last! Earlier this year on these pages you saw the beginning of my new project, a DAG Autogyro. I bought the plans on Memorial Day from Joe Cole and started building it shortly thereafter. But circumstances and disaster conspired to force the project off the table and onto the back burner.

First I promised my wife that I would install vinyl flooring in the kitchen and laundry room before we went on vacation. That project proceeded followed by a most excellent vacation to the Black Hills in South Dakota.

But in the meantime, disaster struck! I was next to my work table when our youngest cat took a short cut across the table and knocked the fuselage off onto the floor. That wasn't the disaster. The disaster occurred when I tried to catch it before it hit the ground. My sudden grab did more damage than gravity could have ever done. Nothing too major, but it required some repair. Oh, well.

When we returned from vacation, harvest had started and prevented me from working on the DAG. But I am finally getting some time to myself, so my project is back on the table and coming along nicely.

After repairing the damage I did to the fuse, I installed the firewall and added the mountings for the mast. Once installed, the firewall needed to be sanded into shape (to match the lines of the fuse). I changed the mast mounts from the plans a little bit because I wanted them to be a little stronger. Instead of one piece of hardwood glued between the



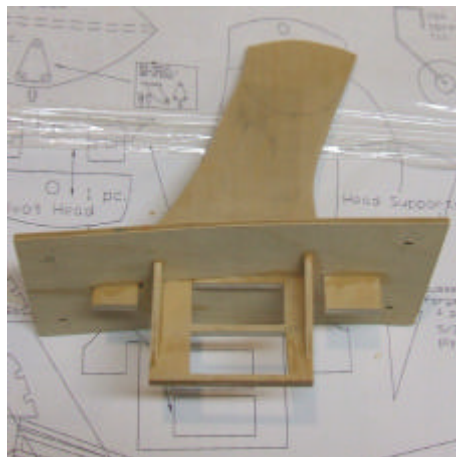
The firewall, sanded to fit

sides of the fuse, I used 1/8 inch plywood to go under the balsa frame with 1/4 balsa above it. I then set to work on the mast.

The mast is a little tricky be-



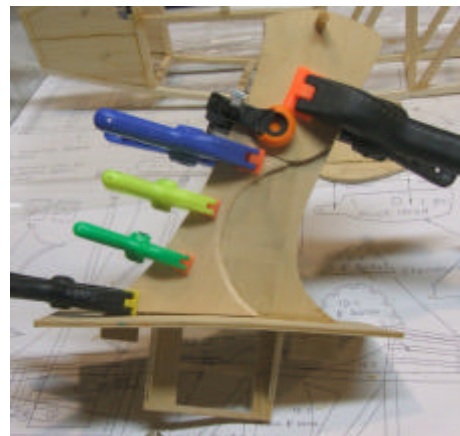
cause there are quite a few pieces that must fit together, and then sit down onto the fuselage. Quite a bit of detail sanding went into fitting the mast assembly in place.



The start of the mast, with the braces glued in place

Once that was done, it was time to build the mast head and add the rest of the pieces to the assembly.

Now that the mast is together,



Can a guy have too many clamps? I don't think so!



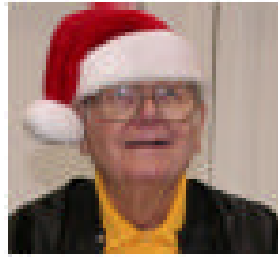
The mast head is together...



... and the mast is in place

I need to work on the tail feathers, the landing gear and the rest of the fuse before I get going on the rotor assembly. It may be going slowly, but I'll keep on it till I see it fly! More to follow...

- Mike Berger, editor



Ralph wants you at the Omahawks November 2009 General Meeting!

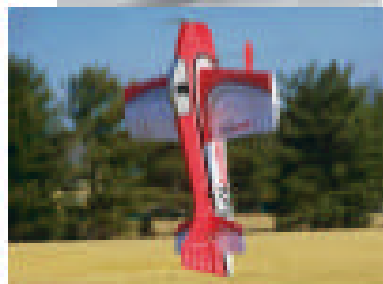
Election Bribery 2009

The Omahawks Board of Directors has decided to entice more club members into showing up for our general meeting on Friday, November 20th through the time honored tradition of bribery.

Our November 2009 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 Tower Hobbies Uproar 40 airplane kit
- B) A Great Planes Electrify Silhouette ARF
- C) A Magnum XL .91 RFS (Ringed Four Stroke) engine
- D) A gallon of glow fuel
- E) Another gallon of glow fuel

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.



We'll see you at the Make-A-Wish conference room at 11926 Arbor Street at 7PM on November 20th. Don't miss this opportunity to come out and win some cool stuff while enjoying our last general meeting for 2009!

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Don't miss the Christmas Party!

Saturday Dec 5th at
The Venice Inn
69th and Pacific St
Cocktails at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner at 7:00

A Challenge for the Experts

So you think you know your airplanes? Well here is a challenge for all of you aviation experts. Of course, you probably know what the game is. This is the mystery plane. And all you have to do is figure out what the plane in the three view drawing is in order to win.

I'm sure this one will be an easy one for everybody. If you think you know what the airplane is, drop me an e-mail at hawktalk@omahawks.org and tell me about it. I will announce the the answer and the person who got it right first in the next issue of the Hawk Talk.

If you like this feature, let me know. I can make it a regular feature if you want.

Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas
Happy and Safe Holidays to everyone.

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2010 so you don't miss out on the fun!

