



# Hawk Talk

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

<b>GENERAL MEETING:</b>	Friday, November 19, 2010 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	ELECTION NIGHT - Come out and VOTE!!!
<b>BUSINESS MEETING:</b>	Wednesday, December 1, 2010 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

## THE END OF ANOTHER YEAR!

Holy cow! Is it that time of year already. It's the end of another long year at Hawk Field and the last issue of the Hawk Talk for 2010. 2010?!? The end of the first decade of the twenty-first century. And where are our flying cars? We were supposed to have them ten years ago! Oh. Well. I guess you can't have everything. And let's face it, when I drive around on our highways these days, I'm not sure I would want to see those idiots moving in three dimensions. They're scary enough in just two!

Maybe I'm just getting off on a rant because the end of the flying year is upon us. The days are much shorter and the weather isn't cooperating either. But there are still plenty of opportunities to fly. The indoor flying season is gearing up (see [metrorcflying.com](http://metrorcflying.com) for everybody's schedule) and before you know it the new year will be here and it will be time for First Flight and the long pull into the new flying season. So keep your spirits up and fly whenever you can.

In the meantime, be sure to come to the meetings during the winter months to keep up with the hobby and all of your friends from the field. This month's meeting will be on Friday November 19th and we will be having the club elections. Plus an added bonus this year: There are actually more than one candidate for one of the offices, a rarity in this club.

So come on out to the meeting. Vote for the candidate of your choice, and join the fun now and into the new year!

- editor



### **NOVEMBER MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH**

**FRIDAY, NOV 19**

**7:00 p.m.**

**11926 Arbor St**

**Program: Election**

**Raffle :**

**2 Gals of Fuel and a RTF electric plane**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- ★ Nov 19 - General Meeting and Club elections
- ★ Dec 1 - Business Meeting
- ★ Dec 4 - Christmas Party
- ★ Jan 1 - Don't forget First Flight 2011!

## THE MINUTES

Larry McChesney, Secretary

### General Meeting...10/29/2010

President E.J. Murphy opened the meeting. Two guests introduced themselves and indicated that they were interested in membership. They are Jack Chaney and Bob Briggs ( I apologize that I did not check with them for spelling of their names ). Welcome Jack and Bob

Make-A-Wish presentation.

The president presented a check for \$3,500 from the proceeds from the Labor Day Air Show to the Make-A-Wish organization. Carmen Clark shared with the audience the importance of the long standing relationship between our two organizations and the benefits to the many Make-A-Wish recipients. The Omahawks have provided financial support for close to three decades.

Special Program on Phantom RF-4C at the Sac Air and Space Museum.

Brian York, Curator of Exhibits and Collections, presented a power point documenting the renovation of a Phantom that had been taken out of service and was located in Ohio. It was learned early on that this plane had in fact been in service in the Nebraska Air Guard some years ago. So it had special meaning and its future at the museum was supported by financial contributions from a group of former National Guard pilots.

Membership Report

The membership report was given by Ralph Brown with seventeen signed up for 2011.

Newsletter Report

E.J. thanked Mike Berger for his hard work on the newsletter for the year. Mike continues to look for material from membership to include every month.

Field Update

Mikey Furow reported that graffiti has been a problem on signage and the storage building. A report was filed with the Police Department and he is looking for volunteers to do some painting in the next couple weeks. He also noted that there will be no further mowing.

Event Reports

Kevin Hyde reported that the annual fall auction netted \$2,450. Number of items for sale was down this fall but the average price per item was up over last year. Thanks to all you supported and helped during the event.

Scout Quest at Mahoney State Park. The Omahawk site, among the many stations for the scouts to visit, with the static displays and flying demonstrations, was noted by the Scout office to be the most popular. In particular the B-17 display was heavily engaged.

Campout at Eagle Scout Camp will be on Nov. 7th. Contact Dennis Bender for information. He would like to have displays again and some electric flying activities.

Ralph Brown reminded the audience about the Christmas party at the Venice Inn Dec. 4th. Sign up.

Roger Brodd presented the William R. Brodd Award for Excellence in Scale Modeling to Harry Perkons for his J-3 Cub. He will have the privilege of holding the plaque for the year.

Old Business

No old business to report.

New Business

Bob Wheeler, Safety Officer will present an article for Hawk Talk covering rules for flying at Hawk Field in the spring. As always these field rules are available for reference on the club website.

Kevin Hyde will set up club by-laws on the "members only" section of the website. Printing hard copies of club membership roles was discussed. Steve Peck offered that all that information is already available on the website. It was agreed that because of the resource that the printing of the books would therefore be minimal.

Officer Elections next month.

The following current officers voice their decision to decline nomination for re-election.

President E.J. Murphy

Vice President Bob Wheeler

Secretary Larry McChesney

The following nominations from the floor include;

Nominee Nominated by Seconded by  
President Ed Paasch Mike Berger Kevin Hyde  
Steve Culver Bob Zitzlsperger Skip Brown?  
Vice President Bob Zitzlsperger Bud Mitchell  
Bob Burt

Secretary Eric Krystof Ed Paasch Larry McChesney

Further nominations will be encouraged at the Nov meeting.

By-laws state that outgoing Officers can move to board member status if desired. E.J. and Bob have indicated an interest in serving as board members.

Raffle. Won by Fred Wilke. Much to the disappointment of Brad Perkons' little girl.



EJ presents Make-a-wish with \$3500 from the Labor Day Air Show

### Business Meeting....11/3/2010

President E.J. Murphy opened the meeting.

Board officers present: EJ Murphy, Bob Wheeler, Kevin Hyde and Larry McChesney.

Board members present: Skip Brown, Harry Perkons, Brad Perkons, Bob Zitsperger, Mikey Furow. Members attending: Ralph Brown, Ed Paasch and Eric Krystof

**Treasurers Report** Kevin Hyde presented the treasurers report. It included the final numbers for the Fall Omahawks auction and concessions sales. Kevin also provided a historic tabulation for this fund raising event. Total

items sold this year was 279 vs. last years 360. It is interesting to note that in two thousand the number was 385. Average item sale price then was \$47.48 and has increased this year by approximately thirty percent.

Thanks Kevin for your leadership this year again for another successful event.

**Membership Report** The membership report was given by Ralph Brown. As of this date there are 30 members which includes seven new members. All of those will be involved in flight training in the spring. See Bob Wheeler to sign up for the flight instructor team.

**Field Update** The Field Chair touched on the graffiti problem at the field. Looking for volunteers to do some repainting. The President contacted the city park director to give him an update in this regard.

Skip and Harry are looking into relamping our yard light with the help of Double D contracting.

**Event Reports**

Ed Paasch discussed the Night Fun Fly planned for next Friday.

The Cub Scout event at Camp Eagle for Sunday Nov. 7th was cancelled and will come around in the spring again.

**New Business**

November Elections are around the corner.

Instead of a show of hands written ballots will be used. Mikey Furow will organize the materials needed for the voting process at the next meeting.

The Christmas party date and information was provided by our "resident Santa" Ralph Brown. Skip Brown made a motion, second by Larry McChesney, that the club allocate \$500 for gift certificates for the wives of those attending and flower center pieces for the tables. Passed unanimously. This will be discussed at the next general meeting.

Raffle prizes will be two gallons of fuel ( one per winner ) and the FlyZone Albatros electric RTF. Fred Wilke won the prize at last months meeting.

**Old Business**

E.J. suggested that the discussion from last months meeting be continued regarding printed rosters as outlined in the last meeting minutes. The language there suggests that the number of copies made would be less than the number of members in the club. The secretary will send a thank you letter to Stoyisch for their donation of hot dogs for the Labor Day Air Show fund raising event



## Meeting Time



OK, it's not a plane, but I saw this really sweet old Studebaker Avanti on the way to the meeting and I just had to share it.



Harry Perkons won the William R Brodd Award for Scale Excellence



Bob Wheeler and his winter project



Steve thinks the builder was trying to say something, but he's not sure what...



Galen Lillenthorup & his latest creation



Fred Wilke won the raffle

## AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM YOUR EDITOR...

I received a voice mail message today from a person who was very concerned about the current state of affairs in the club. He was so sincere in his concerns that I feel compelled to help him in his cause. Hence this message.

His consternation was due to the fact that he feels that many members will not attend the meeting this Friday and thus miss their chance to take part in a very important part of the Omahawks club.

You see, Friday is your last chance to sign up for the Omahawks Christmas party that will be held on December 4th at the Venice Inn. If you don't come to the meeting you will not be able to reserve a spot at the gala celebration of the year. You'll miss the veal, the steak, chicken or fish. You'll miss the camaraderie of your fellow Omahawks and you'll miss the exclusive showing of the year-end video (assuming someone makes one). In short you will miss out on the single most important event of the year and you will regret it for the rest of your life!

So come to the meeting, sign up with Ralphie and be a part of the celebration of the year! You'll be glad you did. And Ralphie will quit worrying.



Ralph wants you to come and party!

# AUCTION TIME IS



October means cold weather (it's been warm...), rain (...and dry,...), and all manner of nasty weather (it's actually been pretty nice.) so all we can do is get together to buy and sell our R/C stuff to get ready for another winter in the snowy midwest.

This year's auction was once again held in Digz Sports' huge arena. And once again we had a really successful sale. There were 279 items this year selling for an average price of \$47.48. With the money added from concessions, the club made almost \$2500!

This was a great success in a great venue. Thanks go out to all of the people who helped and to all those who spent their hard-earned money to support the club and the hobby!



# MONEY MAKIN' TIME



# HAWK TALK

## NIGHT TIME IS THE RIGHT TIME FOR FLYING FUN!

The Omahawks hosted a Night Time Fun Fly event on Friday, November 5th from 6PM to 10PM. It was a good way to extend the 2010 flying season a little further, and a good excuse to have another party out at Hawk Field. While the evening was seasonably chilly, the pilots and spectators were treated to a rare evening of completely calm wind conditions. It was a great night for flying, hanging out with friends, and for sampling Chris Perkons' brownies.

Night flying instigator Eric Krystof treated the crowd to arial demonstrations of his GWS Slow Stick and his combat foamy flier. Eric's planes have so many LEDs on them that folks were putting on their sunglasses so they could watch Eric fly them! Gary Vohnout enjoyed flying after dark with his Sig Seniorita outfitted with LEDs. Ed Paasch strung some Christmas lights from Wal-Mart onto his Slow Stick to supplement his glow wire installation, and enjoyed several relaxing flights. Mikey Furrow and Harry Perkons also enjoyed some Slow Stick flying.

Most of the crowd came out to eat and watch the fun rather than fly themselves. Helen Paasch decorated the picnic shelter at Hawk Field with Christmas lights to provide low intensity lighting for the pilots and spectators as they enjoyed a nice assortment of chili, crackers, chips, brownies, popcorn, candy, pop, water, and hot coffee. We had prepared five full quarts of chili, but it was gobbled up quickly by surprisingly large crowd.

The spectators were startled at

a bizzare sight, however, when they sighted a creature stalking along the southeast edge of the runway. Looking like an extra from the movie "Tron," this mysterious creature walked along the edge of the treeline illuminated by a dazzling array of LED lights. This "abominable light man" seemed as startled by the fun fly crowd as they were by it. No spectators were harmed as the creature slinked away into the darkness, apparently needing to recharge its batteries.

Never one to miss an excuse to fly, Casey Vohnout arrived at the field shortly after 8PM with his Thunder Tiger F-91s-powered CAP232 for a little night flying. Seeing a large, fast, highly maneuverable glow plane flying around in almost complete darkness save for a few LEDs is quite a sight! Casey flew his CAP232 a couple of times, and was last to fly. He finished landing his dad Gary's Seniorita right at 10PM when the event ended.

Special thanks go out to Gary Vohnout and Eric Krystof for coming up with the suggestion for a Night Time fun fly. It's definitely a new experience to catch yourself hanging out at the field and thinking, "I hope it gets dark soon so we can fly!" Special thanks also to Eric Krystof, Chris Perkons, and Helen Paasch for helping out with food, drinks and setting up the picnic shelter. Everyone who attended seemed to really enjoy the event, and we may be able to organize another similar event if the really cold weather stays away for a couple of more weeks. If we do, we'll try to have enough chili on hand for Bud Mitchell to get some. Sorry about that, Bud!

--Ed Paasch



## IT'S ALWAYS TIME FOR SAFETY

As mentioned in last month's Omahawk's club meeting I was tasked with presenting an article on safety. Well, I'm sitting here thinking what safety topic I can possibly speak about as it's getting late in the year and for most of us the flying season is coming to a close except for a rare occasion or two when we get a nice day and rush out to the field to get in a couple flights.

Well! That just sparked a couple topics to talk about. First, take your time when working around your RC engine when it is running. Getting in a hurry to adjust the carburetor, pulling the glow igniter off or any other movement around a running engine can and usually is costly. Secondly, if you happen to be one of the brave souls who happens to wonder outside to get a couple flights when it is cold outside, make sure to check for and secure any loose pieces of clothing, scarf's, Neck straps, gloves etc as these items can get you in serious trouble if they come in contact with a moving propeller which again, could lead to a serious injury. Please take your time!

One last topic I'd like to mention to club members both new and old. All club members and especially true for new members; you need to be familiar with the Field Rules. Please take the time to read and get acquainted with those rules. To assist you the rules will be placed on the Omahawks WEB site for your convenience. The rules are written and are supported by all club members for the protection of yourself and those around you. As our flying field is surrounding by

housing communities, people walking around the park, other pilots, as well as spectators, we have an obligation to ensure we are staying within the guidelines of those rules. It only takes one infraction of those rules, or one close call to cause problems that could risk future use of the flying facility. When flying, make sure you know the boundaries of the flying area and stay within those boundaries. In addition keep aircraft to the east the safety fences no matter what. I have seen a couple close calls this year which could have turned real bad. When you joining the AMA and the Omahawks you acknowledged you will be responsible and put safety first when flying RC aircraft, please ensure you do so. Thank you for your time reading this article, I hope you have a fun and safe flying season in 2011.

*Bob Wheeler  
Safety Officer/Lead Flight Instructor*

## AUCTION JEWELS



## *You're invited to the Christmas Party!*

Where: The Venice Inn, 70th & Pacific St  
When: Sat Dec. 4th 6:00 pm cocktails, 7:00 pm dinner  
Why: To hobnob with the hoi polloi (whatever that is)

**See  
Ralph  
Brown for  
details**

### The Menu

8 oz Club Steak	\$22.00
Catfish (deep fried)	19.90
Lemon Pepper Catfish	19.90
Veal Parmesan	19.90
Chicken (4 piece)	16.40

### Le Kids' Menu

Chicken Fingers	\$11.00
Spaghetti	10.00

(Tip, tax, and wine included - Cash bar)

## *"Hawk Talk"*

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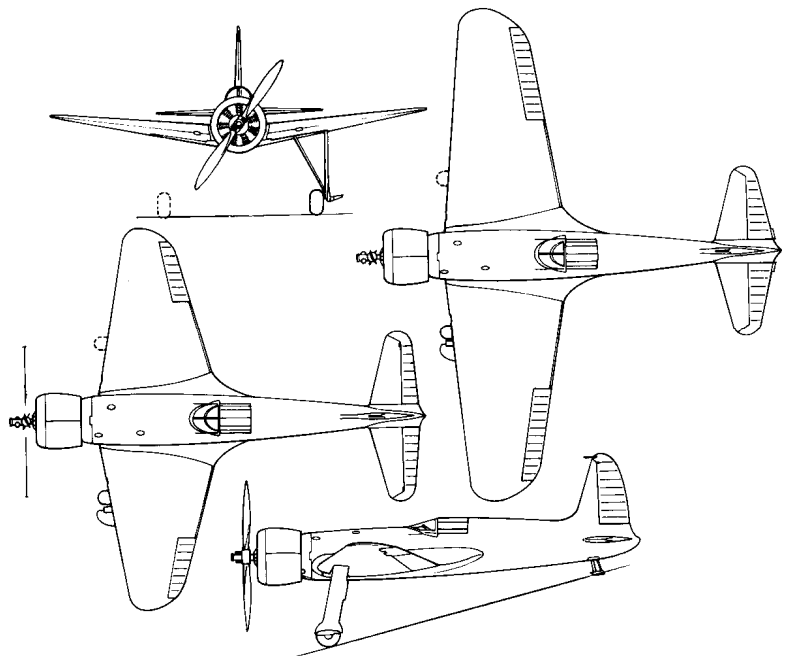
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# NOVEMBER MYSTERY PLANE

OK plane spotters, here is another one. This one should be fairly easy, if you are a regular movie-goer, anyway.

And this time, I want to see some new people guessing at this one. I already know that Dean Copeland, Roger Brodd and Chuck In-serra know what it is. I want to know that you know! So get out there and do a little research. Dig this one up and let me know what it is at [omahawks@kaptnkarl.com](mailto:omahawks@kaptnkarl.com). You have the chance to be the envy of your R/C pals when you show them your extensive knowledge of aviation history! Don't miss it.

As always the prize for correctly identifying this plane is absolutely nothing, but the winner and runner-up will be named on this page in January for the pleasure of all.



- editor