



# Hawk Talk

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ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

<b>GENERAL MEETING:</b>	Friday, November 21st, 2014 * 7:00 P.M. *	Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	Flying and fun	
<b>BUSINESS MEETING:</b>	Wednesday, December 3rd, 2014 * 7:00 P.M. *	Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

## IT'S ELECTION TIME FOR 2015

Once again, its time to say Adios to a very successful year for the 2014 Board of Directors, and time to usher in the new year with a new Board for the 2015 Flying Season. But in order to make that happen, we need you, the flying and participating members of the Omahawks Club, to attend this Friday's Meeting and to help elect the new leadership that will bring our club into the 2015 season. And if your interested in helping to lead the club or at least influence the board to what will make YOUR field the way you want it, there's still time to throw your hat into the ring and to become an "elected" official of the Omahawks Board. Just come out to the meeting, let your intentions be known, and then allow your fellow pilots to vote you in and your good to go.

Presently, the current nominations stand as follows:

### Special Raffles of Donated Items this month

The Board received a Donation of items from Joe McClure, and these will be auctioned off at the November meeting, with the proceeds going to the Make a Wish Foundation. So bring some extra cash for the following items:

- 1 DX7 Transmitter
- 1 AR7000 Reciever and switch
- 4 DS821 Digital Servo's
- 1 Jeti Advance 40A ESC
- 1 Atlas Black 45A ESC
- 1 Deluxe Heat Gun
- 1 Hobbico Customer Sealing Iron
- 1 Soldering Iron
- Extra training Cord (futaba?)

**Club President: Steve Earl**  
**Vice President: unknown**  
**Secretary: Mikey Furrow**  
**Treasurer: Kevin Hyde**  
**Board member Positions: (4 available)**

- #1— Bob Wheeler
- #2— Bernie Baker
- #3— Dan Duey
- #4— Dennis Bender
- #5— Gary Vohnout
- #6— Roland Lyons

**Field Chairman nominations:**  
 - Bob Wheeler

So come on out this Friday, and cast your vote... Also, as a bribe, we have a lot of prizes to give away this month so you may not go home empty handed.....

### November Raffle

#### Prizes:

- 2 Este's proto X RTF Quad copters
- Precision Aerobatics Butterfly Kit w/ battery, servos and motor
- Airtronics 72 Mhz Transmitter and Reciever
- Small Foamie Glider
- An Evolution 46 engine
- Bag of Misc parts and supplies
- 2 Gemini BF indoor foamies

### Upcoming Events

- **General Meeting**—Fri Nov 21st @ 7pm
- **Board Meeting**—Wed Dec 3rd @ 7pm
- **Christmas Party**—Sat Dec 13th @ 6pm
- **First Flight**—Thu Jan 1st @ 9am
- **Board Meeting**—Wed Jan 7th 2015 @ 7pm
- **SAC Museum Indoor flying**—Sat Jan 17th

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## THE MINUTES

Mikey Furrow, Secretary

### General Meeting.....10/31/14

#### Auction Results

- We had 63 no sale items (\$315)
- concessions made \$497
- We had 154 customers making \$770 in registration fees
- The hall rental cost was \$1000
- The fees for using credit cards came to \$278
- other expenses including flyer mailing and printed material came to \$238
- **Bottom line --- we cleared \$2469.20**

Guests: Mike Brown and Stuart Marker.

Looking to join in the Hobby

Raffle was postponed; Bob forgot to bring the Raffle box. We will raffle the items November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Field activity: Bernie recommended tree trimming this next weekend. Anyone who can attend Saturday please join the club at 9am to do some trimming. Need volunteers with Chain saws and trucks. Bob will let Bill Anderson and Dennis Bryers know we will be doing some trimming.

Roof Repairs will wait until Spring when the weather is a little better.

Auction news and results. Bob Thanks all those who helped out with the Auction. See results listed above.

News Letter was published again thanks to the efforts of Mikey Furrow. Make sure to say thank you the next time you see him. The club is still looking for help with the New Letter if you are interested. If you sponsor events please make sure you write up something for the New Letter. If there is something interesting you want to share with other club members this is great forum as well.

Need to look at a few people who are not getting the news letter. Doug does not have email. Matthew, Dan & Amy do not get it as well.

#### Omahawk Board nominations:

- **President;** Steve Earl nominated by Larry Inness, Seconded by Larry McChesny
- **Vice President Position;** Not sure of the Bob Z status, need to find out next Wednesday
- **Treasurer;** Kevin Hyde (Not Present) nominated by Larry, Seconded by Steve Earl
- **Secretary;** Mikey Furrow (Not Present) nominated by Dennis Bender, seconded by Steve Earl
- **Board Member Positions:**
- Bernie Baker for Board; Nominated by Dean, Seconded by Steve Earl
- Dan Duey for Board; Nominated by Dean, Seconded by Bernie
- Dennis Bender for Board; Nominated by Dick Behrens, Seconded by Fred Wilke
- Bob Wheeler will default to a Board member
- Gary Vohnout ?
- Roland Lyons?

Dennis Noted that the Oldtimer was good event. The served 26 steaks but had 19 sign up to fly.

The Chili Feed looked to be a good event, no one ran out of Chili. Tiffany Vohnout was the winner of the Chili Cook Off.

Christmas Party sign up underway. The Party will be at Jack and Mary's Restaurant on 114<sup>th</sup> just north of Dodge street. See Bob to sign up for the Event. There is a sixty person limit so sign up early. Gathering starts at 6 pm with Dinner order around 7 pm.

#### Events for 2015

January 1<sup>st</sup> first Flight. Flying starts at 9am followed by breakfast at Hy-Vee.

January 17 (Saturday) Strategic Air and Space Museum show. Omahawks will have a booth. Bob will check on Indoor flying.

### Board Meeting ..... 11/05/14

No Treasurers report as Kevin was not present  
2015 Memberships are available.

#### Old Business:

- News Letter Editor Discussion
- Board Nominations / Board Members
- Christmas Party

#### New Business:

- Hawk Field Cleanup—11/08/14  
Bernie Baker suggested for cleanup attempt to happen Sat morning 11/08. Areas to be worked is the treeline area to reduce branches and low brush for easier management next spring. Dennis Bender to grill up some Burgers for all in attendance to work.  
— side note, The Parks Dept is working with Army Corp to see about assisting with cleanup and management of treeline area for upcoming years. More info to follow as we move into next year.
- Board Member nominations  
Roland Lyons said he would run if needed for Board Position  
Gary Vohnout said he would run if needed for Board Position
- Raffle Prizes—  
October prizes due to no raffle at October meeting, + Auction items leftover from Kevin
- Runway discussion:  
has been brought up again due to cracks and leaks getting worse. Bob W suggested having a professional company come and evaluate and give club options for short term, long term and manageable repairs to keep runway in operational status. This is a project for the future Field Chairman position to manage and help facilitate for next year.
- Club Donation / Auction  
Joe McClure did donate several items to be auctioned off at Nov General meeting, with proceeds being donated to Make a Wish. Items for auction include some covering irons, several servo's, escs, and a Spektrum DX7 with receiver.
- Christmas Party:
  - Change of Board Members
  - Year in Review—Pics are needed
  - Gift Cards and Poinsettias to be purchased
  - Roland made motion for \$500 to be allocated for the Christmas Party GC/flowers—Dennis Bender seconded motion.

Meeting Adjourned.....



## Its Party Time.....

Once again, its that time of year again when the snow starts falling, thoughts turn to what new airplanes can be found under the tree, and also the time to get together to say goodbye to the current Board members and welcome in a new Board for 2015. Yes, it's the annual Omahawks Christmas party coming up on Saturday evening, December 13th. And since the Venice Inn is no longer available, Dennis and Pat Bender have arranged to have this wonderful gathering at the Jack and Mary's restaurant, located at 655 North 114th Street (114th and Dodge area) with the social hour starting at 6pm, and dinner to start around 7pm. As always, the Year in Review video will be unveiled at the party, so if you would like to attend this festive event, please RSVP to either Bob Wheeler or Dennis Bender as space is limited.....

## SAC MUSEUM Indoor Flying Event Saturday, January 19th



The Omahawks have been invited back to what is becoming an Annual Indoor Flying event, which is the SAC Museum's Indoor flight Demonstration and fun fly event.

Coming up on Saturday, January 19th, 2015, the SAC Museum will clear out and open up one of the hanger bays for us to show off our Indoor flying skills, as well as to introduce our hobby to the public. Over the years, this event has grown to become a very popular event, with hundreds of visitors attending throughout the day.

### First Flight 2015

Does getting up at the first light on a cold, wintry morning to be the one to get the first flight of the year in sound like fun to you? If so, then First Flight 2015 is the event for you. As tradition holds, those brave pilots willing to endure a winter morning's chill to get their first flight of the year outta the way can meet at Hawk Field on Thursday, January 1st @ 9am, and the first pilot in the air wins.... The remaining pilots enjoy the comraderie and thrill of saying that they survived First Flight. Afterwards, everyone gets together at Hyvee on 108th and Fort for some socializing and Hot Chocolate or Coffee.....

All in all, an awesome way to start the new year right....

Just remember to have your AMA and Field Permit current to participate.....

The Omahawks will have a table setup for us to use to display some literature and info about the club, and we are looking for volunteer's to help man this table, preferably in 2 hour increments. Then the museum is all yours for the enjoying... So if your interested in participating and helping out with this, please let either Ed Paasch ([bigedmustafa@hotmail.com](mailto:bigedmustafa@hotmail.com)) or Bob Wheeler ([rjwheeler01@gmail.com](mailto:rjwheeler01@gmail.com)) so they can put a list together of all the volunteers.





## November flying at Hawk Field

Thank you to Dick Behrens for submitting these photos of member's getting in some last minute flights before all the cold weather hit. These pics were taken on Sunday, Nov 9th, and notice Thaddeus is looking like its still a hot July afternoon.....

<— Larry Iness and his Eindexer

### Hawk Field Updates:

By way of keeping all member's in the loop, the discussion of upcoming Runway repairs has been brought up to the Board as the runway is getting a bit "bumpy" again. At the November Board meeting, the discussion was had to consider having an Asphalt company come in next spring to inspect and evaluate our current runway, and then to provide the club with some short term, long term, and maintenance options for the Board to consider for next Spring's cleanup.

Also, as many of you know, the roof of the pavilion is needing some repair, and Brad Perkons has acquired the materials to fix the issue, but due to the cold weather, the Board as elected to wait until Spring to repair the roof.

The club's Field Chairman would be beneficial in assisting with these projects, and the Board is looking for any volunteer's who would be willing to step up as the 2015 Field Chairman. If interested, please be at the meeting this Friday and let it be known so that you can help manage these and other projects for the 2015 flying season.



Thaddeus and Grandpa looking for their plane.....  
And Thaddeus enjoying the November heat wave

Bernie Baker and his P-51



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## A trimming we will go...



WORK??? We're waiting for the food.....

I want to thank those who volunteered their time on a nice sunny brisk Saturday to help clean up some low hanging limbs from those pesky trees on the East side of Hawk Field. The team showed up around 9 am and began the effort of clearing low hanging limbs. We did this in an effort to help improve how much room the City will have to navigate around the trees while keeping the weeds at bay this next year.

All in all the Omahawks made a big improvement with cleaning up this portion of the Park. Maybe the Parks Department can use our field as a role model. Of course if you get a bunch of Omahawks together that only means one thing! Someone is looking for a free lunch. Thanks to Dennis Bender lunch was served (he was cleaning out his freezer for the long winter).



Again, Thanks for all the help, we have more to do in the spring and have a roof to repair as well. Get some rest this winter; you're going to need it.

*President, Bob Wheeler*



So this is what manual labor looks like at Hawk field.....



Steve's not sure which way to go....——>

## From a Prolog to a Phoenix.....

I had to look up the official meaning for the Greek mythology bird called a **phoenix** or **phenix**. “It is a long-lived bird that is cyclically regenerated or reborn.” That name may be very fitting for my pattern aircraft based on the repairs I’m finishing on the BJ Craft Prolog.



After a severe mishap this last spring, I wasn't sure if I could repair the aircraft. During a test flight with a new Transmitter, I suddenly lost power and then control of the airplane. At the time, I wasn't sure why I lost power, but after a thorough investigation of all the components, I suspect the aluminum prop nut on the HI-Max motor broke causing a loss of power, thereby stalling the plane and causing it to spiral to the ground.

The airplane hit the ground pretty hard causing major structural damage to the entire front of the aircraft, including ripping the landing gear out and destroying the majority of the bulkheads, firewall and also ripped off the rudder. The wings and Horizontals Stabilizer survived any major damage. I can't remember who

exactly was at the flying field that day, but they were kind enough to help me gather all the parts (big and small). I put all the parts in bags and headed home licking my wounds. Once home I decided to leave all the parts in the workshop for the time being. I checked into getting a new fuselage but the old style airframe was no longer available, this meant I would have to either repair what I had or dig deep in the pocket for another aircraft of that caliber.



After a month or so of looking at the busted up fuselage I decided I'd attempt to rebuild the airplane; after all these are not cheap aircraft to buy and I had invested a good sum of money into it. After doing research into repair options, I decided to use Carbon Fiber Cloth and finishing Resin and would line the inside of the aircraft from the nose backwards. I recreated all the bulkheads, landing gear box and firewall, making templates from all those small broken pieces collected at the field. I then laminated those new parts with Carbon fiber cloth to add strength. I first purchased K3 carbon fiber cloth but decided that a K1 cloth (a lighter weave) would be better to work with and for keeping the weight down. During the repair process I kept the weight factor in mind and removed as much excess resin and material as possible to keep the weight to a minimum. I haven't weighed the aircraft officially but the bathroom scale tells me I did a good job at keeping the weigh down. I need a better scale in order to compare the weight to what it was prior (it was weighed at a contest last year) so I have number to work with.



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I am currently finishing up the repairs and should have the aircraft ready to test fly in the next week or so as long as the Nebraska weather cooperates. The airframe looks true and the balance points are what they were prior to the accident. Once the test flights are finished a little sanding and paint will be in order. This experience has been a good learning opportunity for me and has added to my building skills. I look forward to the upcoming year of competition with the Prolog/Phoenix.

*Bob Wheeler*



**Do you have a repair that would be interesting to share with other members? Or have an interesting build you're working on or have any interesting building tips to share with other club members? Then do a simple write-up of your tip / story / build, take some pics of your project, and send it to Mikey and it could be in the next issue of the Hawk Talk for everyone to enjoy.**

## **2014-2015 Builder's Challenge**

Remember that the Winter Builder's Challenge has been issued, and is currently underway. The rules are simple: Decide which plane kit you want to fly for next year, Build it during the upcoming Winter months, keep track of your building process for newsletter articles, bring \$5 to Mikey, and then proudly display and fly your plane at the 2015 Memorial Day Egg Burn where you can have a chance to win the Pilot's Choice award for best plane.

Would love to have a section called the Builder's Corner in this newsletter for whatever your building, repairing, or current project is. So send in your articles for inclusion into the upcoming newsletters....

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## Time for new Leader

It is amazing how fast time goes. I look back and it doesn't seem that long ago that someone coaxed me into running for President. Well it has been three years and it's time to turn the gavel over to another club member to lead the club. It sure has been a pleasure and as I've told Kathy many times; it's a club and meant to be fun. That is why I will remain on as a Board member because this club is something special to me. It is so cool to be able to enjoy this hobby with others who enjoy it as much if not more than I do. I can't say enough about how the club's involvement with Make -A-Wish and mine has meant to me. I've been luckily enough to meet and work with Lauren Piller and her staff as had other club members, what a great organization to help support. The friendships forged and fun we have together are memories I cherish. Thank you to all the club membership for letting me be your Club President for the last several years, it has been fun and rewarding.

*Resigning Club President, Bob Wheeler*

