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**** AGENDA ****

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, October 24, 2008 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

PROGRAM: TBA

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, November 5, 2008 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

IT'S TIME TO VOTE

This is your one chance to vote for someone you actually like!

OCTOBER MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, OCT 26
7:00 p.m.
11926 ARBOR ST
Program: TBA



Raffle: SIG Kougars

The general meeting on Friday, October 24th 2008 will include motions for nominating candidates for the 2009 Omahawks board of directors including officers as well as general board members. Just to be perfectly clear, any member can hold any position, and newer members are both welcomed and encouraged to run for office.

The total commitment required to serve as an Omahawks officer or board member is only about one hour per month. The positions of President and Treasurer may take a little extra time, but believe me when I say the little bit of extra time and effort is well worth it.

Every club member has a say in how the Omahawks manage our flying facilities and club assets when they speak up and general meetings, speak up at business meetings, write articles for the newsletter, or vote at general meetings. Participating as an officer or board member, however, allows you even greater input

concerning issues large or small regarding our club.

If you know somebody who would be a valuable contributor to the club, show up on Friday, October 24th and nominate them for an officer or board position. If you don't show up, somebody may just go ahead and nominate you.

★ Ed Paasch

(Soon to be former) Treasurer

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Oct 24 - General Meeting
- ★ Nov 5 - Business Meeting
- ★ Nov 21 - November General Meeting
- ★ Dec 7 - Holiday Party @ Venice Inn

THE MINUTES

Nathan King, Secretary

Business Meeting....10/1/2008

In attendance:

Officers: E.J. Murphy, Ed Paasch

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

General Members: Gary Vohnhout

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

Great to see Doc, up and about, after his hospital stay.

Officer/Chairman Reports

? Treasurers Report – (Ed Paasch): Shows expenses and memberships. A copy may be made available, upon request.

? Membership Report – (Ralph Brown): Current count as of October 1, 2008 is 137. Also, Ralph was asked by a new member about flying at Hawk Field before Jan.1, if they're holding a 2009 permit. As long as they meet all the other criteria, they certainly may. And, the 2009 Member's Application forms are at the printers. Get yours at the Auction. Need I mention? Ralph will be shaking you down for the money, too.

? Hawk Field Report: We opened discussions, again, about the condition of our runway. Skip will contact Double D, to get a professional's perspective. In the mean time, we will look into trying to get some type of preventative measure in place, before the freeze and thaw aggravates these conditions.

Old Business

? Ed Paasch has the club directory ready for distribution.

New Business

? Raffle prizes for the October General meeting will be an airplane kit and engine. (Late note: Ed Paasch has procured a Sig Kougur MkII kit and a Magnum XLS 46A 2-stroke. A quote from Ed, "If that doesn't get you excited for Show-and-Tell, you just might need to get your pulse checked!"

? We had a discussion about indoor flying. And a couple of questions that were raised, "Are we losing members to flying indoors only?" or "Could it help keep new members interested in flying, until the warmer weather breaks, again?" What do you think?

? Ed Paasch would like to express his excitement in the triumphant return of Kevin Hyde. {There, Ed. It's in the minutes.} All kidding aside, and it's still a ways off, but "Welcome back, Kevin." "How was sunny Atlanta?"

? Since we will be profiting, er uh, providing concessions at this year's auction, it was suggested we solicit some desserts/baked goods from the members. EJ will send out an e-mail. ? Reminder, the October General Meeting is the time for nominations for Officers and Board members. It was passed along Bob Wheeler is interested in running for a Board position. So, if you're interested in helping with running your club, let your voice be heard.

? Now, that the regularly scheduled training nights are behind us, we'd like to be able to provide ongoing support to our student pilots. If the instructors are willing to make themselves, available upon request, we need to get

the word out. Also, anyone that has a club trainer, Doc and Skip will be contacting anyone we think may have one. If, you don't hear from either of them. Let someone know you have it. We need to know where there are, and if you're willing to be available to help with continued, after-season training. Basically, if you have a club trainer and will be at the field, please, load up the trainer with you, in the event someone may have an interest. And, the training box is in the shed, if you need a buddy box.

Minutes presented by E.J. Murphy

General Meeting....9/26/2008

New members/guests? Corey Zeimen is a gentleman looking for someone to build a large electric glider, possibly as a business opportunity. May be more opportunity in the future. EJ has his contact info, if you're interested.

Membership Report – Ralph Brown

? As of September 25, we show 137 members. Including 25 new members.

Newsletter Report – Mike Berger. Please, provide articles, pictures, anecdotes, anything to be published in the HawkTalk. We need more submissions from the general membership. Mike shouldn't need to write the entire newsletter himself.

General Members Announcements

? Solo Pilots? Chuck Buscher. But, Chuck wasn't present to have the award ceremony.

Field Update Claude has contacted Chuck Sigerson, concerning flyers at the soccer fields. And, was redirected to a Dean Miller.

Event Report

? Labor Day Air Show report- Steve Peck.

? Labor Day Air Show net contribution, currently, stands at \$ 2,759.06. Skip Brown suggested at the Business meeting that in the name of Double D Excavating, the Omahawks add an additional \$240.96, to make the total contribution to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Nebraska, an even \$3,000.00. Mike Berger made a motion to accept the suggestion, made by Skip. Sonny seconded, and the motion passed.

? E.J. announced to the general membership, the board's decision to move the October meeting to October 24, because the regular schedule would have fallen on Halloween. We didn't want to deprive anyone the opportunity to go "Trick or Treating".

? Mark Smith visited Hawk Field the morning of Sep.18, and visited with a few members who were lucky enough to get to the field.

General Announcements

? Ed Paasch has completed publishing a Club Directory. Ed will distribute directories at all club events, including the Auction. Get yours there. You can contact Ed, if you need special arrangements.

? Ed Paasch made a suggestion to allow club members the opportunity to "Opt-out" of receiving a paper copy of the HawkTalk. Dean Copeland made a motion to enter a single line in the Membership application, to notify all applicants of this move, beginning with the 2009 applications. Mike Berger seconded. The motion passed.

? We will discontinue the 'porta-potty' rental, effective September 30, until we really have a need. The permanent unit that the city was going to have removed is still in place, and

until such time as that unit is removed we don't need to rent one for normal usage. We can always get a unit or two for the short term around Labor Day, as in the past.

? Omahawks Auction - Sunday, October 19.

Ed Paasch has volunteered to act as chairman for the auction. We can use help setting up that morning, as well as, help during the auction. Please, contact Ed and let him know how you would be willing to help. Remember, this is the event that raises funds for our club to operate throughout the year. E.J., also made a plea to all the members for at least a little help from everyone at the auction. Fed Wilke is in the process of preparing Olie Olson's equipment, for the auction, and could any assistance the day of the auction, bringing this equipment into the building. Ed Paasch will provide Fred with some of the cards, ahead of time, to get them filled out.

? Gary Vohnhout began a discussion concerning the condition of the runway. Already, the cracks have widened so much that some aircraft with small wheels have been having difficulty. A suggestion was made to contact the AMA, to investigate the possibility of a grant, or whatever the process is for seeking their assistance in this type of endeavor. Further discussion is planned for the Business Meeting.

? November meeting would fall on the day after Thanksgiving. We have changed it to November 21?

We raffled (4) separate gallons of "Magnum" 15% glow fuel. The lucky winners were, Ralph Brown, Renny Terkuile, and Gary Schmitz won 2 gallons. Special thanks to our electric pilots for contributing to the raffle. And, thanks to everyone for participating. Program

We ran a short DVD of "The Roaring Glory Warbirds - F4U CORSAIR". EJ has the DVD, if anyone would be interested in seeing the entire show.



Many thanks are due to Helen Paasch for all of the great pictures she takes for this publication and the web site.

HAWK TALK

Show and tell

Just a few showed up for the show and tell at the last meeting but they (especially Ralph) had a lot to say!



A PRESIDENTIAL REQUEST

I'd like to take a few minutes and give a great big "Thanks", to all the members that assisted on training nights, this year. Nathan and Bob ran the program together, all the instructors and those who helped with ground crew. And, of course, the moral support provided by the "Peanut gallery". (Just kidding) More than once someone 'just watching' was instrumental in spotting a problem, or helping correct a problem. Even taking that long walk to help search for downed aircraft.

Thanks, everybody!

Now, if I may, I'd like to take this a step further and make a request. If you feel you don't have skills to instruct, but, would like to help out, how about taking ownership of a club trainer. Generally, we're talking about keeping the Tx and Rx batteries charged, seeing to it that the plane is there every week, and if necessary, make minor repairs. This would take some of the pressure off the instructors, and spread out the work load. What work? This is a fun hobby, right?

Thanks, in advance.

- EJ Murphy
President

DOC'S ISSUES A CHALLENGE TO THE OLD TIMERS

In this club, we welcome new members into the fold and appreciate their efforts and energy, but we still need the older members. Not necessarily old in birthdays, but those who have been in the club long enough to remember the past trials and tribulations of the club.

We have had our own members who hurt the club, been sued by one member who flew so badly that he was an accident waiting to happen and had to be asked to leave. We lost a field because a judge sued us. These are challenges the club has been through that the newer members do not remember, but need to know and care about in order to make sure it doesn't happen again. We need the more experienced members to help with that.

So, when election time comes again, get up and volunteer for a spot on the board and keep the knowledge and experience of the past in the club leadership today.

- Doc Greenberg

LABOR DAY MAKE-A-WISH DONATION SENT

The final tallies are in and the Omahawks had another banner year at the Labor Day Air Show. The club was able to donate \$3000.00 to this fine organization.

The Omahawks and Make-A-Wish of Nebraska have had a long and pleasant relationship stretching back nearly thirty years and we look forward to doing this far into

the future.

Special thanks are also in order for Double D Excavating. This year's storm damage left the parking lot (and the rest of the field) in a shambles. Double D donated the men and materials to clean up and regrade the parking lot in time for the Labor Day Air Show. And for that we are all very grateful.

BIDDING UP A STORM AT AUCTION 2008



The final numbers aren't in yet but the 2008 auction looks to have been a huge success. With about 150 bidders and nearly 400 items for sale, the bidding was hot and heavy and the Omahawks stand to make a pretty penny at our only profitable event of the year.

Sales were good and we had the added bonus of being allowed to sell concessions this year for added profits.

Many thanks are due to those club members and their wives who helped out so much and made this event so successful!

- editor



Your concessions staff at work



Ralph represents for the Christmas Party





Ed does double duty



It has no wings, but I bet it flies!



MEMBERSHIP ROSTERS ARE IN

Do you want to e-mail a quick message to E.J. Murphy volunteering to run for treasurer next year but you can't find his e-mail address? Do you need ace test pilot Bud Mitchell to test fly your new scratch-built 33% scale Fokker DR-1 Triplane for you but you can't find his phone number? Do you want to call and complain to Ralph Brown that he mistyped your name on your field permit?

All of these things and more can be accomplished with a copy of the Omahawks 2008 Member Roster. It contains names and addresses for every single permit holder for 2008 out at Hawk field. It also contains phone numbers and e-mail addresses for every member who provided the information.

The 2008 Member Roster is available to everyone who wants a copy. The only rule to qualify for your free Member Roster is that you need to be listed in it to receive one. Contact Ed Paasch to get a copy if you don't already have one. Don't know Ed's phone number? You would if you had a Member Roster

- Ed Paasch.

MODEL PLANE FANS REBUFFED IN FIGHT

"Model airplane enthusiasts attempted a surprise air-raid before the city council Tuesday to capture the Benson municipal golf course as an exclusive model plane field, but Benson golfers, tipped off, laid a dead stymie, then made a counter-proposal to bar planes from the field permanently.

The proposal to abandon golf was made by Charles Payton Martin, 4332 North Forty-first Street, and L. G. Bush, 2452 Newport Avenue.

Dr. C. J. Gunther of the Benson Commercial Club, W. E. Banker, president of the Benson Golf club, and Bennie Benson, golf club member, opposed any change."

Wow, does that sound familiar to anyone? But there are probably few guys around that remember the event first hand. I found this article on the back of an old newspaper clipping. It ran in the Morning (Omaha) World Herald on Wednesday, June 18, 1938! The more things change, the more they stay the same!

- editor

RALPHIE REPRESENTS

Benson's Unity Day parade was held on Saturday September 20. Omahawks' membership chairman, Ralph Brown entered the official Omahawks float which wowed the crowd with its flowing grace. Ralph attached the famous Sig Senior to the roof, a windsock to the antenna and the club banner to the side of his classic Ford station wagon. Many weeks of planning and design, and lots of duct tape went into the creation of this memorable display of club pride. Ralph says that only time will tell if membership swells significantly because of his efforts.

- Skip Brown



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**Don't forget!
The October and
November Meet-
ings are a week
earlier than usual!
Friday Oct. 24
and
Friday Nov. 21
Don't miss out!**

Is it Christmas already?

Is it that time again? It sure is! Time to do some partying, for sure. This year the Omahawks' Christmas Party will be held on Saturday December 6 at the Venice Inn at 70th and Pacific Street. Cocktails will be served at the cash bar at 6:00 p.m. with the usual excellent dinner to be served at 7:00.

As usual, there will be much fun and frivolity, and door prizes for all. And don't forget the highlight of every Christmas party, the end of the year video for 2008.

So don't miss out on this. If you have never been to the Christmas party, you owe it to yourself to join the fun. Contact Ralph Brown at the Omahawks' corporate office for details and to make your reservations. He can fill you in on all the details.

- editor

Christmas Party Menu

(Includes wine and tip)

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

Kids' Menu:

Chicken Fingers	\$11.00
Spaghetti	\$10.00

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