



# Hawk Talk

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

**GENERAL MEETING:** Friday, October 30, 2009 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.

**PROGRAM:** Video of Restored B-17 Flight

**BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday, November 4, 2008 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

# DECISIONS, DECISIONS!

The end of the year is upon us once again and that means it is time to hold the election of new officers and a board of directors. Now I know, you hate election season and you really don't want to hear about it. But this is different! This is your club election, not a national election. If you run for one of these offices, no one will call you names, tell lies about you or tell everybody how much like Hitler you are. Your past life and personal life will not be part of the discussion, and you won't

ever have to answer questions about your relationships with your female coworkers to anyone (except your wife, of course). Your name won't be dragged in the mud. You won't be called a war criminal if you served in the military, or a draft dodger if you didn't!

What will happen is that you will be given the chance to help lead this great club into the future and to be a part in the decision making process for the club and Hawk Field. You can become an integral part in the club and all you really have to do is attend a meeting once a month. Is that too much to ask in return for all the prestige that comes with being a member of a corporate board of directors?

So come out to the meeting, Friday. Throw your hat in the ring and give your talents to the club so we can keep our place as the best R/C club in the world. We are counting on you to help make that happen!

- editor

## DID YOU LOSE A PLANE?

I was contacted this week by a gentleman who was walking at Standing Bear Lake that he found a lost airplane. It is yellow and has 540 on the side (an Edge, maybe?). If it is yours, please contact me or EJ Murphy and we'll help you get your plane back.

★ Mike Berger  
★ 402-981-0387

## OCTOBER MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, OCT 30  
7:00 p.m.

118TH & ARBOR ST

Program: Video from  
Mike Berger's B-17  
Flight

Raffle: Nice Bind-n-fly  
airplane

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Oct 30 – General Meeting
- ★ Nov 4 – Business Meeting
- ★ Nov 16 - General Meeting with club elections
- ★ Dec 6 - Omahawks Christmas Party

## THE MINUTES

Larry McChesney, Secretary

### General Meeting.....9/25/2009

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.

**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

E.J. announced that Mikey Furrow had soloed and he will be getting a certificate for a ceremony at a later meeting.

#### 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. An amazing amount of work was accomplished in a short time and there are "many many who deserve credit" for their efforts.

E.J. has spoken with Mikey Furrow and another couple regarding the maintenance of the flower beds around the shelter.

**Event Reports** The Labor Day Airshow netted a total of \$2,825.18. Considering the economy the results were pretty positive.

A group of Cub Scouts from the Fort Calhoun/Blair area met on Sept 10th. They all had a couple opportunities to fly with buddy box's. Thanks to all the guys who brought planes for the scouts including Ron Pancana, Fred Wilke and E.J.

On Sept 19th another group of Scouts invited our club to join them for a day of flying and a picnic at the North Omaha airport. Again the club members helped them with some trainer flights. Also former Omahawk member Paul Edmunds had his Tri-Pacer took scouts for flights over Lake Cunningham. It was a great event and enjoyed by all.

Wednesday Sept 30 another group of Cub Scouts will meet at Hawk Field for flying at 6:00

New for the Omahawks Auction this year will be a "Buy it Now" program for planes, engines etc. over \$100. In short this will allow a seller to talk with a buyer and make the deal without going through the auction process. After ten a.m. if a buyer is not found the items can make it into the normal auction process. This may shorten the days activities and streamline the time frame while sellers and buyers should all go away happy.

Larry McChesney is organizing the concessions for the fall Omahawks auction. We are looking for donated baked goods. Cookies or bars of some sort wrapped in cellophane will be appreciated. Hot dogs and sloppy joes and chips will be available. Drinks will be sold by the establishment we are renting the space from.

#### 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. The board is interested in hearing from the membership with suggestions

E.J. Murphy won the raffle prize of a charger Friday night. There were many "cat calls" from the crowd when he announced that his ticket ( he drew it from the box ) was the winning number. He did have a short sleeve shirt on that night for those who may be wondering.

Training night has concluded for the season. Thanks to Nathan King, Bob Wheeler and Jerry Stehno for their participation in this important program. I am sure there are many others not named here who have served to teach others their skills in the air. Thanks to them also.

**New Business** A Girl Scout troop working on an aviation badge has requested an instructional display by the club at Hawk Field Oct 9th. In case of bad weather we will meet at Sandoz Elementary school at 5959 Oak Hills Dr. That being the case some indoor electric flying will be fun.

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.



Larry McChesney, club secretary,  
hard at work

### Business Meeting.....10/7/2009

Present:

Officers E.J. Murphy, Kevin Hyde, Larry McChesney

Board member Ralph Brown  
Treasurers report.

Presented by Kevin Hyde.

Membership report.

Ralph Brown reported, we finished 2009 with 150 members, of which 30 were new, and 2 "Permit Only" members.

Events.

The Q/A program at the conclusion of our September General Meeting seemed to be a big hit. E.J. said, he received quite a few positive responses. There's always a chance we can do it again. If anyone has a topic they

would like to open up for discussion, just contact a board member, and we can take it under advisement.

Matt Myers volunteered to take the lead for the presentation/education meeting with the Girl Scouts, on Oct. 9. E.J. will connect him with the leader of the Girl Scout Troop.

Thanks, for stepping in, Matt.

The 2009 Omahawks Auction is fast approaching. Sunday, October 18, 2009, at Digz, 4428 S.140th St. Larry McChesney will be coordinating the concessions. E.J. has a number of items that have been donated to the Omahawks for the auction. He will prepare them for the auction.

E.J. received an e-mail from Bill Bender, last year's Vice-President. Bill had entered the hospital and was scheduled for back surgery, when he suffered a heart attack. Subsequently, he had to undergo surgery to have a stent placed in the "Widow Maker" artery. Reluctantly, Bill is afraid he may never be able to fly R/C again. So, Kevin Hyde has graciously, volunteered to pick a couple of Bill's large airplanes, and support equipment, to be included in the auction. Get well, soon, Bill.  
Hawk Field Report.

We still need to get the 'siding' material caulked and painted, on the pavilion, in order for it to be properly sealed. Based on preliminary reports, the completion to this point has been very close to the amount allotted for repairs. Caulking, painting, and gutters will require additional funds. However, gutters, and stain for the treated wood, can be put off until, next year. During this discussion, it was suggested we install the downspout at the South end of the pavilion. This will allow the water to drain into the rock of the parking lot, instead of eroding the hillside at the North end of the pavilion.

Old Business.

Officer elections for 2010 is coming up Nov. 20th. Nominations may be made at the October 30th General Meeting.

New business.

Mike and Kevin are communicating about the Omahawks website. Mike brought a proposal for a hosting site that looks promising, and affordable.

E.J. brought up the question of how many members have elected to receive the Hawk-Talk electronically. It was reported that there are still a lot of paper copies being sent out. (We can save the club more money, if more people would be willing to opt-out of the paper copy. \*E.J.\*)

Ralph reminds us, he will be accepting membership applications at the auction, as well as, sign-up for the Christmas Party. He will have a menu available, soon. You do not need to pay at the time of sign-up. Only when you arrive at the party.

Raffle and Program

Kevin will look into the prices for electric motor and ESC combos. Depending on the pricing we may have more than one combo for raffle, at the October 30th meeting. For a program, Mike Berger will bring the DVD taken at his B-17 ride. If you haven't seen this before, it's very interesting.

Remember, we are always open to suggestions, from you, as to what you would like to have for raffle prizes, and programs.



# MONUMENTAL MEETING MOMENTS




Big Ed show off somebody else's work



Where's the rudder servo?

**A FUN DISCOVERY**



Here is a neat discovery I made recently. This is a full scale 1937 Taylor J2 Cub that is hanging from the ceiling at the Harold Warp Pioneer Village Museum in Minden, NE. This and many other early flying machines are on display there, including several autogyros. This museum of Americana is stuffed full of great items like this and is a must see if you ever get out that way.

- editor



EJ and his sweet P51



Ralph explains the membership process for all those who have never been through it



**Happy Halloween!**



# NEW SITE FOR AUCTION



Ralph still knows the value of a dollar

Thanks to all of the helping hands the 2009 Omahawks Auction has come to a successful end. I'm still waiting for some checks to clear and expenses to be tallied but the preliminary numbers look like this. We had 151 customers, 360 items sold with an average price of \$51.09. The concessions brought in about \$300 after expenses and Buy-it-Now added another \$40 to the till. With no sale charges and registration the bottom line looks like about \$2700 (subject to change). The new location for the Auction was a GREAT space. Thanks to Mary at DigZ for seeing to our liquid needs.

As I've said before, this event can only be a success with your help. Auctioneers included Bob Boumstein, Fred Wilke, Steve Peck, Tony Green and new this year, Ed Paasch grabbed the microphone and pitched in. (Bob said he took to it like a duck to water. Who would have figured that Ed could use a microphone.)

Chuck Inserra, Larry Pleiss and EJ Murphy manned the from table to make sure the item sales information got entered into the computer, Great Job again. Items were found and moved to the auction table by Fred Wilke, Dennis Bender, Bob Wheeler, Kim Wollen, Dan Walz, Ron Pacana, Jim Welshons, Gary Vohnout and Mike Berger.

Concessions was manned by Larry McChessney and his wife Carol with help from John Ord, Ed Splitgerber, Gale Sherman.

And at the registration / checkout table the computer entry was handled by Nathan King and Helen Paasch (Ed helped a too untill he got that microphone in his hands. I'm afraid he's gon over to the dark side).

*-Kevin*



**This room is HUGE!!!**



# 2009 IS HUGE SUCCESS





## FLOAT FLIERS ENJOY ANOTHER GREAT YEAR

Once again the Omahawks Float flies proved to be one of the best and most loyally supported events of the year. Our facility at Standing Bear Lake has proven itself as one of the very best places to fly float planes and the fliers enjoy every minute they get to fly off of the lake.

The spot where the events take place has a dock for the chase boat and lots of space for parking and plenty of shady spots for the pits. And this year the parks department helped out by trimming back some of the trees at the water's edge so that more people could fly from the shore instead of on the boat dock. That saves people from accidental swimming trips from the floating dock, which has happened too many times before.

The float flies are one of the best run and most enjoyable events we have. The ringleaders of these events are Dick Behrens and Bob Zitzlsperger, but many others pitch in to help out as well. The float flying season is pretty much over but we can be sure that Dick and Bob have many more planned for next year. So be sure to catch one (or all) of them if you can. You'll be glad you did!

- editor



Harry Perkins



Gary Vohnout

## WHAT GOES UP...

One unfortunate part of flying R/C is that we all get to experience the laws of physics working in ways that are not to our liking. Many of us have seen the results of a bad landing but few of us have managed to crash a plane while still in the air. This unfortunate Contender's pilot, Dale Alva, got just such a thrill when he met up with Ron Pacana on a recent trip to Hawk Field. Ouch!



Dave Olson

# A LETTER TO THE OMAHAWKS

On behalf of the Flying Thunder Air Field (of which I am the only representative for now) I would like to congratulate all and say that the Labor Day Air Show was the best one I have seen since the control line on the Stuka dive bomber back in 1966 broke loose from its line and decided to try and take out all 5 of us kids that were waiting to get a chance to fly! Really, the Show was my first organized one and there is nothing to compare, to the experience, not even on You Tube.

I am very fortunate to have the opportunity to put together an Air Field before I really have learned to fly. I guess being born in Lincoln and moving to Glenwood causes things to get reversed occasionally. I have had one flight lesson with Ed Paasch through the Park Flyer program now have been convinced that I will go full AMA next renewal. I have been impressed at the way all of the pilots I have met seem to have a good relationship with each other and it is no different than what I experience with the American Legion Riders. That is a family feeling and I really appreciate that.

The help I am getting from all the pilots I have talked to has been a grand adventure in trying to put it all together for me. I hopefully will be able after this week ends giant event at the track get some progress made at the Track and get some necessary changes made to facilitate flying here. So far I have planned on 2 demo nights at the Friday Night Drags and also am working on a grand open house Fly in before too long and have had a request for a Night Fly In because there is no closing time when I have the track so there could be an "all nighter" if enough people want one. There has also been a plan started to use the pond for float air craft and maybe some boat racing but I think Subma-

rine races are not going to happen. I can't swim fast enough to keep them in sight!!!

I again want to reassure all that we are not going to start a "Club" but want to make the facility a great flight experience for all. There is as I have noticed a restriction on flying in Omaha and CB due to the population proximity. Even some of the country side fields are somewhat limited in space. That is why I thought that the need for a large and restriction-free place to fly and learn in was needed. There is really no other facility like this one in quite a large area unless Lincoln has made the old air base into one. I had the feeling that there would be a great

need for a large facility to handle some big events and am ambitious enough to think maybe there would be a chance to get a regional or national event here and really promote RC Flight!

Well I would like to again say that the Air Show was very impressive to me not only because of the flying but the way the whole program was orchestrated. I hope that I have learned a little on how to run an Air Show and can appreciate the effort that it took to make it look like a seamless event!

Thank You for having me there.  
Larry Pratt  
Flying Thunder Air Field

## **MID AMERICAN MOTORPLEX FUN FLY**

**October 31 10:00 AM - Till?**

Landing fee \$5.00 - Spectators \$5:00

Food vender on site

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Great place for  
all types of air-  
craft.

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runway!

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birds and jets.

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Pacific Junction, IA 51561

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# It's Almost Party Time!

The above text is, at Ralph's request, bright and festive RED! If you can't see that, it is because you are receiving the print version of the newsletter. If you would get the newsletter online, you would be able to see the wonderful colors!

The end is near! Of the flying season, that is. And it is time to join your fellow Omahawks in a night of fun and frivolity.

Once again the party will be held at the Venice Inn at 6920 Pacific Street. The fun will start with cocktails at 6:00 followed by an excellent dinner. After that will be a short and (hopefully) entertaining program with prizes and surprises for all!

You can sign up for the party at the meeting, or you can contact Ralph Brown to make your reservations and selections from the menu.

Don't miss this last chance of the year to get together with your friends in the club. If you haven't ever been to the party, be sure to come to this one! I guarantee you will have a good time!

- editor

## Le Menu

8 oz Club Steak .....	\$20.00
Catfish (Fried).....	19.35
Catfish (Lemon Pepper).....	19.35
Veal Parmesan.....	19.75
Chicken (4 piece).....	15.60

(Tip, tax and wine included)  
Cash Bar

## Le Kids' Menu

Chicken Fingers .....	\$11.00
Spaghetti.....	10.00