



# Hawk Talk

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<b>GENERAL MEETING:</b>	Friday, October 29, 2010 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	SAC Museum Presentation on the F-4 Phantom by Brian York, curator
<b>BUSINESS MEETING:</b>	Wednesday, November 3, 2010 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

## ELECTION TIME IS NEAR AGAIN!

No, I don't mean the mid-term national elections. I'm referring to electing a new group to lead the Omahawks during 2011. I say new group, because, there has already been a couple members of our Board of Directors, including myself, that have announced they are not seeking reelection. After serving an unprecedented 3 consecutive terms, I have decided to step aside and allow someone else an opportunity to guide the club. However, I will accept the automatic board member position and will be available to help in any

way I can.

I have enjoyed my time in office, and I was very humbled, honored and proud to have you put so much trust in me over such a long period of time. Hard work and guidance came easily, with so much help from club members, officers, and board members. Thank you for your confidence. And, I will make every effort to assist my successor, as Steve Culver did when I followed him in 2008. Thanks, Steve.

Now is the time to find someone to take the reins and lead us in a continued or different path. Whatever they see fit. If you have an affinity for leadership, or would like to help in another position on the board, speak up at the October General Meeting and be heard. Or, if you know someone else whom you feel has the abilities to serve, nominate them. We would like to hear from candidates interested in running for an office or any open board position(s). The other board members will let their intentions be known at the meeting, also.

So dust off your best nomination

speech, or acceptance speech as the case may be, and join us at the October meeting, and then come and vote in November.

*Respectfully yours,  
E.J. Murphy*



After enduring three years of Steve Peck's show-and-tell, E.J. says, "enough is enough."

### OCTOBER MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, OCT 29

7:00 p.m.

11926 Arbor St

Program: F4 Phantom

Raffle :

Aeronca Electric ARF



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Oct 29 - General Meeting
- ★ Nov 3 - Business Meeting
- ★ Nov 7 2am - End of Day-light savings time - Boo!
- ★ Nov 19 - General Meeting and Club elections
- ★ Dec 1 - Business Meeting
- ★ Dec 4 - Christmas Party

# HAWK TALK

## THE MINUTES

Larry McChesney, Secretary

### General Meeting.....9/24/2010

As of the publishing time, I have not received minutes for the September general meeting. Or, if I have, I can't find them. Check out the pictures after the minutes to see how much fun we had.



Kevin is the only one of us that ever has homework from the meeting

### Business Meeting .....10/6/2010

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 Furrow. Members attending: Ralph Brown, Ed Paasch Eric Krystof and Doc Greenberg

**Treasurers Report:** Kevin Hyde presented the treasurers report. It included the final numbers for the Labor Day Air Show and concessions sales.

**Membership Report:** The membership report was given by Mr. Brown. As of this date there are 143 members which count includes twenty six new members. Ralph is currently working on new memberships for 2011.

**Field Update:** Harry Perkons reported that new small signs for the field are installed on the split rail fence. And the new large sign for the parking lot entrance is being worked on. Other than that the Field Chair reported no new items planned or being worked on at this time.

**Event Reports:** There was a short discussion regarding planning details for the fall auction. Kevin Hyde has met with management at Digz, 4428 South 140th St, and short of identifying someone to take charge of concessions plans are complete for that Sunday event. Doors will open at 6:30 to begin set up. - Mikey Furrow, coordinating the Scout Quest at Mahoney spoke to the event on Saturday. He is looking for members to attend to fly

and/or bring static displays.

#### New Business

Doc Greenberg suggested making club field rules more visible. It was agreed that Bob Wheeler would get them into the newsletter yet this fall and in the spring. In addition they will always be available on the website.

Second it was agreed that printed rosters of club membership for 2011 will again be prepared in early spring. To save money they will not be mailed but will be available for members to pick up at events, meetings, etc.

The annual Christmas dinner was discussed with information provided by "our very own Santa," Ralph Brown. Look for information in the newsletter.

Larry McChesney reminded everyone that the program for this month will be provided by Brian York, Curator of Exhibits and Collections at the Strategic Air and Space Museum.

Skip Brown made a motion, Larry McChesney seconded, to add a small amount of money to the net profit for the Labor Day Air Show from our general account. This will round up the number to an even \$3,500 to be presented in a check to Make-A-Wish. Passed unanimously. The president will try to set this up for presentation yet this year at a general meeting.

Last Ed Paasch informed the board that he had a check from landing fees collected for helicopter fun fly events and asked if the board would consider donating to the fund for Colby Johnson who is still at the Madonna rehab home in Lincoln. Mikey Furrow made a motion and Larry McChesney seconded to commit those funds for his family's use. Approved by vote.

#### Old Business

Website. Kevin Hyde had no new information to share on operation of the site.



EJ Murphy will be stepping down as president of the club. Hopefully we can find someone else that will do as good a job as he did. Thanks EJ!



Ralph Brown and Mike Moritko



Doc Greenberg and Bud Mitchell



New Solo - Kevin Loewens





## A PILOT'S TALE

This came from a gent who runs a 2000 acre corn farm up around Barron, WI, not far from Oshkosh . He used to fly F-4Es and F-16s for the Guard and participated in the first Gulf War. His story:

I went out to plant corn for a bit to finish a field before tomorrow morning and witnessed The Great Battle . A golden eagle - big, with about a six foot wingspan - flew right in front of the tractor. It was being chased by three crows that were continually dive bombing it and pecking at it. The crows do this because the eagles rob their nests when they find them.

At any rate, the eagle banked hard right in one evasive maneuver, then landed in the field about 100 feet from the tractor. This eagle stood about 3 feet tall. The crows all landed too, and took up positions around the eagle at 120 degrees apart, but kept their distance at about 20 feet from the big bird. The eagle would take a couple steps towards one of the crows and they'd hop backwards and forward to keep their distance. Then the reinforcement showed up.

I happened to spot the eagle's mate hurtling down out of the sky at what appeared to be approximately Mach 1.5. Just before impact the eagle on the ground took flight, (obviously a coordinated tactic; probably pre-briefed) and

the three crows which were watching the grounded eagle, also took flight thinking they were going to get in some more pecking on the big bird.

The first crow being targeted by the diving eagle never stood a snowball's chance in hell. There was a mid-air explosion of black feathers and that crow was done. The diving eagle then banked hard left in what had to be a 9G climbing turn, using the energy it had accumulated in the dive, and hit crow #2 less than two seconds later. Another crow dead.

The grounded eagle, which was now airborne and had an altitude advantage on the remaining crow, which was streaking eastward in full burner, made a short dive then banked hard right when the escaping crow tried to evade the hit. It didn't work - crow #3 bit the dust at about 20 feet AGL.

This aerial battle was better than any air show I've been to, including war birds show at Oshkosh. The two eagles ripped the crows apart and ate them on the ground, and as I got closer and closer working my way across the field, I passed within 20 feet of one of them as it ate its catch. It stopped and looked at me as I went by and you could see in the look of that bird that it knew who's Boss Of The Sky. What a beautiful bird!

I loved it. Not only did they kill their enemy, they ate them. One of the best Fighter Pilot stories I've seen in a long time... There are no noble wars-- Only noble warriors

## GREAT PROGRAM FOR MEETING

A few years ago Kevin Hyde made a trip to the Strategic Air and Space Museum at Ashland to do some repairs on their flight simulator. Last summer I also made the trip since it was not working again.

As I was leaving that day I asked the Curator of Exhibits and Collections, Brian York, if he would be willing to attend one of our meeting and serve as the program for the night and he accepted.

He will present a twenty minute program on the F4 Phantom. If you have visited the Strategic Air and Space Museum you will have seen the display of their Reece Phantom RF-4C.

McDonnell Douglas starting building Phantoms in 1972 and over the years built 503. The Phantom 65-0903 now featured in the museum was delivered to the restoration hanger in Ashland Feb 8th, 2007. The Nebraska Air Guard started getting the RF-4C in 1972. I always had the impression that our Guard squadrons got planes that had been used for some years before being delivered to our unit based in Lincoln.

On Nov. 1, 2008 the newly restored Phantom was the centerpiece of a dedication ceremony at the Museum. Colonel Ryan summed up the feelings of everyone who had worked so hard to reclaim a vital piece of the 173rd's ( Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron ) history, saying, "When I take my grandsons down to see that aircraft and put them in the cockpit, it brings a tear to an old pilots' eyes."

*See you at the meeting!*  
*Larry McChesney*



The F-4 Phantom will be the subject of the October meeting program! Don't miss it!



## On the water or in the air...



Bob Anderson and his Beaver



Bob Burt and his Avistar



Bob Z and his LT-25



Bud Mitchell & Eagle II

The Omahawks float flying events are perhaps the most faithfully attended events on the calendar. These fliers don't miss a chance to get out and get their planes wet. Dick Behrens and Bob Zitzlsperger work all year long (with the help of many others) to put on these events and make sure they are fun and safe for all. But they are often relegated to the back of the newsletter with maybe a couple of blurry pictures for their efforts. So, here for your enjoyment (and theirs) is a sort of Hall of Fame for all of these dedicated pilots for whom grass or asphalt runways aren't enough of a challenge. All of these guys deserve their moment in the sun!



Casey Vohnout & his Astrohog



Dave Haggart and Electric ARF



Dave Olson and Sealane



Dennis Bender has a Park Zone Cub



Fred Wilke & SeaMaster



Ralph Brown with his Fledgling



# Float Fliers rule!



Ed Splittgerber has a sweet Cub



Neil Kilchriste and his Avistar



Ron Pacana and his J3 Cub



Frank Vanacek and his Fledgling



Mr Magic, Joe Cole and his Cadet



Don Peterson and his Big Stik



Glenn Gill and his Sig Seniorita



Larry Voorhees caught an Aquacat



Skip Brown and his racing Alpha



Frank Wisniski hiding behind his Rascal



# Helicopters fly at Hawk Field

The rain poured down on Hawk Field when the Omahawks hosted the 2010 Helicopter Fun Fly. A few brave souls came out and flew a little but Saturday, Sept 25th wasn't a particularly pleasant day to be flying. Fortunately, we had a rain date Sunday, which turned out great with bright sunny skies, almost no wind, and temps in the low 70s.

This event was well attended by guest pilots and Omahawks members. Omahawks club members Roger Cowell, Mike O'Daniel, Travis Rein, Ed Paasch, Casey Vohnout, Nathan King, Kevin Loewns, and Eric Krystof came by. A number of other Omahawks members also came by to watch the fun, attracted by the exciting flying and the sandwich platters for lunch. They were joined by guest pilots from the Bellevue flying club and the Midwest Performance Flyers from La Vista, including John Schenck, who performed the helicopter demos this year at the Labor Day Air Show. The pilot roster also included Tom Egbert, Jeff Raker, Dave VanVoltenberg, Jim Kubicki, Craig Hamler, Dan Grossen, and Dave Jarrell.

It was a great afternoon of fun, flying, and fraternity as everyone took turns flying, ate lunch under the clear blue sky, and helped each other out with various helicopter questions and issues. At 3PM precisely, the last of the helicopters came down at the designated ending time for Helicopter Fun Fly and the fixed wing pilots took to the air once again.



Who would have believed it? Helicopters flying over Hawk Field while everyone had a good time and got along splendidly. It was a glorious thing to see! If you have any interest in giving helicopters a try, take heart. Based on the success of the Omahawks' two helicopter fun flies in 2010, there will very likely be more helicopter flying opportunities at Hawk Field soon.

- Ed Paasch, CD





## OMAHAWKS FLY AT SCOUT QUEST

Once again the local Boy Scout council held its ScoutQuest Jamboree at Mahoney State Park near Ashland. And, once again, the Omahawks showed up in force to entertain and educate all the scouts that showed up.

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts galore came to watch as a bunch of old kids played with their toys for the crowd.



### Mystery Plane Contest

Sadly, there is no mystery plane this month. I didn't get around to picking one and I had the Xmas party bit, too. Maybe next month... The plane last month was the Soviet Beriev BE-10. The first with the right answer was Mikey Furrow, followed by Chuck Inserra and Roger Brodd.

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# IT'S ALMOST TIME TO PARTY!

Can it really be autumn already? Then it must be time for old Ralphie Brown to start harping about the upcoming Christmas party! And it is that time because I received a letter in the mail in a yellow envelope. No it wasn't christened by my dog. It was an official Omahawks' envelope with the menu for the holiday party that will take place on the fourth of December at the Venice Inn at 70th and Pacific Street in beautiful mid-town Omaha!

Ralphie will be at the meeting Friday, and at the meeting in November, looking for you to sign up for the party. So don't miss out on your chance to get on the A-list of all A-lists. Sign up at the meetings or drop Ralphie a letter (he doesn't do e-mail - thinks it's a fad) and make sure your name is on the list for the best party to be seen at in all of the Christmas season!

- editor

**(Call Ralph Brown 553-3611 or 397-4465)**

## You're invited to a 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)

### Le 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)