



Hawk Talk

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ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, October 28, 2011 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

PROGRAM: Advanced Flight Training with Casey Vonhout

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, November 2, 2011 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

All members are encouraged to submit articles to the Hawk Talk. If you are building a new plane, repairing and old one, attending an event somewhere or just want to tell a story, please feel free to send it in. We all love to read all about it.

WHAT FREQUENCY CONFLICT?

If you fly on 72 MHz, or even 27 MHz, there can be a conflict in frequency usage. However, with the development and growing use of 2.4 GHz technology, those flying with Spektrum, Airtronics, FASST 2.4 GHz radio systems, there is no frequency conflict. So, in light of this improved technology, your Omahawks Board has passed a rule change for Hawk Field. The City of Omaha, Hawk Field field rule #3 has been updated as follows:

3. When a transmitter is in use, a Hawk Field field permit or valid AMA membership card must be on the appropriate frequency flag. All transmitters, except those operating at 2.4 GHz, must be impounded when not in use.

So, remember, everyone needs to display their field permit, or AMA card, when operating a transmitter at Hawk Field. And, always check to be sure no one is currently flying on the same 72 MHz frequency, as you, before turning on your transmitter. Otherwise, your 72 MHz transmitter must be in the impound, and your permit is not occupying a fre-

quency flag, allowing someone else to use that frequency.

Please, be vigilant and courteous when operating on 72 MHz, and 27 MHz, so everyone can have an enjoyable flying experience.

Have a safe flight day,
E.J. Murphy



OCTOBER MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, OCT 28

7:00 p.m.

Make-A-Wish

11926 Arbor St

Program:

Advanced Flight Training with Casey Vonhout

Raffle:

Horrizon Hobby Night Flying Slo-V



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Oct 28 - October General Meeting
- ★ Nov 2 - Business Meeting
- ★ Dec 3 - Christmas Party
- ★ Nov 18 - November General Meeting
- ★ Dec 7 - December Business Meeting

THE MINUTES

Erik Krystoff, Secretary

General Meeting.....9/30/2011

I was out for the GM, no general meeting notes this month were taken.

Business Meeting.....10/5/2011

Ralph reported a few new members have joined, primarily from the Labor Day air show.

Kevin Hyde presented the Treasurer's Report.

Hawk Field – Mowing may occur as needed one more time before the end of the year.

Thanks to Mikey for all of his hard work and dedication as Field Manager!

Number of Club Events for 2012 – Discussion on number of club events during the summer, minor concerns by some that too much time is reserved for events.

Elmer Herbranson's Donated Airplane Kit – The kit was not purchased by any members, it will be placed in the auction.

19 Hats are left, they will be brought to future meetings for possible sales, auction included. Fifteen dollars each.

October 23rd is the Omahawks Auction. Buy, Buy, Buy! Sell, Sell, Sell! Work, Work, Work! Thanks ahead of time for all of the volunteers working the auction.

Officer / Board elections. Steve Culver is not seeking re-election, but will retain a board position. Larry McChesney and Ed Paasch are not seeking to return as board members. The rest of the position holders will run again for office and board membership, but all positions are open for nominations. Bob Wheeler has expressed interest in running for President. This is not the final list, as the nominations are solidified at the October general meeting.

Omahawks Christmas Party – 6PM Saturday, December 3rd. Reservations have been taken care of.

Runway Fund – 108 tickets sold at time of meeting for the Mustang raffle.

Land adjacent to SAC Museum for field development – Northwest of the SAC Museum, a possible area of land to develop as an alternate field. Steve will discuss the possibility with SAC Museum management.

dB meter purchased in regards to the recent complaints by a single citizen to the City of Omaha. Should the need arise, the meter will be available for measuring sound levels at the field.

Cub Scout Presentation – A local cub scout leader was curious about club members giving a small presentation to the local cub pack in regards to 30-45 minute presentation on the RC hobby, possibly on the January 17th or April 17th dates. Steve will pursue the April date, but volunteers to help present and coordinate are needed, please contact Steve Culver if you're interested.



Casey Vohnout has volunteered to present secondary flight training for future meetings, for those that are soloed and looking to further their flight skills.

Raffle Prizes – October's general meeting is a Horizon Hobby Night Flying Slo-V

Impound Lot – EJ Murphy proposed an amendment to the field rules in regards to field rule #3, removing the need to impound 2.4 GHz radios.

Motion made to change #3 be so that it would now state:

When a transmitter is in use, a Hawk Field field permit or valid AMA membership card must be on the appropriate frequency flag. All transmitters, except those operating at 2.4 GHz, must be impounded when not in use.

Motion seconded by Harry Perkons, passes with a vote of 6 out of 9.

FLIGHT TRAINING INSTRUCTORS WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

The Omahawks training program finished up the last week of September. As always the Instructors want to provide the best training program possible. So with sights on the 2012 training season the Instructors want to hear from you.

Whether you are a student, Instructor, Grounds Crew or just a club member how frequents the field on Thursday evenings please feel free to provide feedback. The Instructors are always looking to improve the training program for everyone's benefit. If you have ideas for improving the program, things you may not have liked, or just want to give your two cents worth, we want to hear from you.

All you have to do is email Bob Wheeler at the email listed on the Club web site. Bob will keep remarks confidential if you like.

- Bob Wheeler



HAWK TALK

Bidding big at the 2011 Omahawks' Auction



It was a beautiful day. One where I would rather be at the field than just about anywhere else. Luckily, the one place I would rather be is the annual Omahawks' Auction!

This year's auction brought in a lot of people from all over who were looking for the latest in R/C bargains. And there were some really sweet deals, too. Lots of good looking airplanes and radio gear and all manner of R/C accessories and tools. There was even a set of golf clubs, an R/C sailboat and Bob Baumstein's R/C tank if you weren't into flying.

Lots of volunteers helped out with the sale. Data entry, auctioneering, set-up, teardown and concessions were just a few of the tasks for the workers. Many thanks are due to all who helped. It was a long day for them and we couldn't have done it without them.

- editor



SCALE FUN FLY 2011

Can you say, repeat of last year? Gotta love the September weather..... So we come to the Saturday of the event, and wouldn't you know it, we get a cool and rainy day. So of course, the makeup day for this event is Sunday, which looked like it too was going to be a washout, but surprisingly enough, about 30 min before the start of the event, the sun comes out, wind dies down, and we were treated with a beautiful evening for a scale fun fly. 10 pilots came out with family and friends and enjoyed a wonderful evening full of flying, fun, good food, and good times.



We had a lot of impressive planes out there, and all pilots enjoyed a beautiful evening of flying. Harry Perkins brought out a beautiful Sbach and Cessna Skylane 182; Roger Cowell brought out his 42 yr old Goldberg Skylane 182, Dean Copeland had a beautiful electric DH Beaver plane which looked great up

in the air. Dennis Bender arrived later with a 91 size cub; Graham Craft had his Extra 300; Mikey with his PT-17 Stearman, and of course Casey Voughnout with his big 33% Extra 300 big plane. Ed Paasch managed to get his Super Decathlon in the air after some minor glow plug issues, and Jeff Jacobs had a beautiful P47 Thunderbolt that was very impressive in the air.

We did have the Pilots Choice Ballot Award that Roger Brodd sponsors in remembrance of his son. He provides the 1st place award, a \$100 Universal Gift certificate, and also has the winning

pilot's name added to the traveling Scale Model plaque. This year's winning Scale Plane belongs to Harry Perkins with his civilian scale Cessna 182 Skylane. Jeff Jacobs came in second with a beautiful P-47 and Ed Paach's Super Decathlon was selected to take 3rd place. Roger Brodd will award Harry at the upcoming October club meeting where

Harry will have his plane available for viewing.

There were also quite a few spectators that came out to enjoy the fun and food as well, and everyone in attendance appeared to have a great time. Hopefully next year's event will be just as fun, and more planes in attendance.

- Mike Furrow



FLOAT FLY NEWS

October 4th Float Fly - last of year. The wind was southeast at 8 to 14 mph. Jim Minear used his pontoon boat to retrieve about 10 planes. Coffee and donuts were provided by Bob Z...Sixteen flyers signed in and flew. They were Frank Vanecek, Bob Roegge, Dennis Bender, George Eheman, Bud Mitchell, Bob Z, Ron Pacana, Ed Splittgerber, Bob Anderson, Gale Sherman, Larry Voorhees, Dean Copeland, Fred Wilke, Jud Bock, Dave Haggart, & Dick Behrens.....Two no name guys had a mid air collision about 15 feet above the water just north of the boat dock. There hadn't been a mid air at the float flys for about 10 years. Both planes are repairable.

The flyers would like to again thank the volunteer boat guys for making these float flys possible. This year, they were: Russ Ault, Leroy and Brad Henderson, and Jim Minear. There were 27 pilots who flew at least once at this year's club float flys, down a little from last year.

- Dick Behrens



Jud Bock and his new electric Coast Guard float plane. It flew well.



Bob Roegge retrieving his 15 plus year old plane.

OCTOBER 12 OLD TIMER FUN FLY – LAST OF YEAR.

The wind was less than 6mph and sky was cloudy, providing lot of climb and glide type flying. Dennis and Patricia Bender served his and hers hot chili, hot dogs, brats, etc, desert, coffee and pop to over 25 people. It was a real good day.

- Dick Behrens



Our hosts: Patricia and Dennis Bender

Don't miss the
Omahawks
Christmas
Party
 Saturday Dec. 3
 at
 The Venice Inn
 See Ralph Brown
 for details



Photos (L to R): Fred Wilke, Dean and Janice Copeland, Gerry Stenho, Ron Pacana, Tom Floyd, Ed Paasch, Patricia Bender, Terry Pollard, Miss Bassett, son Bassett, Bob Z, Bud Mitchell, Ed Splittgerber, George Eheman, Bob Anderson, Frank Vanecek, Dennis Bender, Jud Bock, Joe Cole, and Dick Behrens.

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Another month - Another mystery

Alright, everybody. It's time for another mystery plane out of the annals of aviation history. And this month's might be a bit tough. It does appear in one of my books, but I can't seem to find a photograph of it yet. Maybe by next month I will. So put your thinking caps on for this one. It's a poser.

Last month's mystery plane was a tricky one, too. Although I thought it would be pretty simple, it actually tripped up some of the guessers. Larry Quigley was the big winner with the answer. The plane was the venerable old workhorse from WWI, the Sopwith Camel, known as such because of the hump over the machine guns. A few guessed the Sopwith Pup. I'm surprised

that Skip Brown didn't get it since he has one that Snoopy flies in pursuit of the Red Baron each year in the Labor Day Air Show.



- editor

