



# Hawk Talk

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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, October 30th, 2015 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.**  
**PROGRAM: TBD. Show & Tell is encouraged.**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, November 4th, 2015 \* 7:00 PM \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.**

**ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS**

## Upcoming Omahawk Events

As of now, there are no scheduled flying events for the rest of the year. Be sure to take advantage of the few good flying days that remain. Remember that flying is only part of the hobby. Building (and repair) is the other part. Winter is a good time to build new planes, rejuvenate planes from the auction, or repair planes dinged up during the past season.

If you've never built a kit before, give it a try. It's a great feeling to fly a plane that you built yourself. Select a simple design (squared fuselage, slab tail feathers, and a straight wing). Don't be afraid to ask for help or advice from other club members. Also, lots of good information is available at websites such as [www.rcuniverse.com](http://www.rcuniverse.com) or [www.rcgroups.com](http://www.rcgroups.com)

Now is also a good time to renew your club (and AMA) memberships for 2016, before Christmas bills take their toll on your cash flow. You can renew your membership at the club website: [www.omahawks.net](http://www.omahawks.net)

### Holiday Dinner – December 12<sup>th</sup>

Don't miss out on this year's holiday dinner, to be held at Wheatfields (One Pacific Place), December 12<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Members and guests are welcome. Be sure to sign up at the club meeting or email me at [bjb050@cox.net](mailto:bjb050@cox.net) with your reservations. Adult beverages will be available. Please plan to pay by cash or check, as the club will be making a single payment to Wheatfields at the end of the evening.

#### Menu

Gourmet Salmon	\$16.50
Caribbean Shrimp Dinner	\$17.50
Flatiron Steak Dinner	\$19.00
Honeyfried Chicken Dinner (3 piece)	\$13.50
Andre's Enchilada Dinner	\$13.50

All dinners include salad, vegetable, potato, bread & butter. A small cheesecake dessert sampler tray is also included.

## Auction A Huge Success

(From Kevin Hyde)

The annual Omahawk auction was held at Millard Social hall and it went very well. There were 148 customers (buyer/sellers) bidding on 495 items. That's about 70 items more than we usually receive. The bidding went on well into the evening (about 7:00 pm) for those who chose to hang on to the bitter end.

Total sales came to \$20,594. After donations, concession sales, registration fees, and expenses; the club cleared \$3,350. All of this will be put towards next year's club activities.

Thank you to all of the Omahawks that came and helped run computers, handled items to be sold, auctioneers, and concessioners. There were too many involved to name everyone but here are some that come to mind. Dennis and Pat Bender (registration); Fred Wilke, Ed Paasch, Rick Miller (auctioneers); Bernie Baker and Tom Floyd (concessions); Chuck Inserra (scribe); Mikey Furrow, Helen Paasch (computer entry and checkout); Bob Wheeler, Ron Pacana, Roland Lyons and many others.

## AMA Sanctioned Drone Club Opens at SASM

(From Aly Ruwe)

*As we all know, the popularity of RC “drones” is exploding. This is becoming a larger part of this hobby and bringing in many new RC enthusiasts. While there have been some problems associated with flight safety along with some bad actors, there’s no denying that this growing part of the hobby is here to stay. An AMA sanctioned club in Nebraska is a great way to educate these new hobbyists, provide a safe and fun flying environment, and expose them to the many aspects of this hobby. We should encourage (and educate) these new members when we get the opportunity, and wish our new sister club well in the future. (Bernie)*

The Strategic Air & Space Museum is launching the only Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) chartered drone club in Nebraska and offers drone education for youth in its Aviation camps, scout workshops, and school field trips. “Drones are part of an important emerging technology and a great interactive way to engage students in STEM concepts,” said Phil Onwiler, Education Director at the Strategic Air & Space Museum. The museum focuses on quality education programs in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) curriculum and utilizes drones in lessons that pertain to forces of flight and career’s in aviation including, practical applications using drones. The museum also offers youth the opportunity to learn how to fly a drone and teaches safety regulations.

The museum held a grand opening event to launch the SAC Museum Drone Club on October 10, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (See pictures below.) During this free event, the museum unveiled the new drone outdoor obstacle course, provided an educational safety workshop and allowed open fly time. The event was open to anyone interested in learning more about drones and was a free museum event, including free admission. SAC Museum Drone Club membership and open fly time at the grand opening event was restricted to AMA member attendees.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) released a list of guidelines for anyone using unmanned aircraft. Within these guidelines are restrictions on areas in which unmanned aircraft can be flown. For example, unmanned aircraft cannot be flown within five miles of an airport, near stadiums or people, and cannot be careless or reckless. “The museum is setting up for the future of unmanned aerial flight,” said Dr. Michael McGinnis, Executive Director at the Strategic Air & Space Museum. According to a recent article from The Hill by Mario Trujillo and David McCabe, the House representatives are working on putting together mandated laws for all unmanned aerial vehicles. “In anticipation of the FAA suggested guidelines becoming laws the museum has become a chartered site for legal flight under AMA governance”.

Due to the FAA unmanned aerial flight restrictions hobbyists are seeking locations where they can fly safely and legally. The museum offers any drone enthusiasts, RC helicopter, or RC quadcopter an indoor and outdoor solution. The club is open to any AMA member and requires a \$50 museum membership fee annually for the use of the indoor and outdoor flying sites.

The outdoor flying site includes wide open spaces and a 40,000 square foot dedicated obstacle course. It is open March-October on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The indoor obstacle course will be available from November-February in the museums Durham Restoration Hangar on Saturdays and Sundays from 12 pm. to 5 pm.



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## Omahawks General Meeting Notes – September 25th, 2015

(Submitted by Larry McChesney, Secretary)

President Mikey Furrow opened the meeting. Approximately 21 members attended.

Guest Benjamin Lester was present. Benjamin recently moved to Omaha from Houston and is interested in joining the Omahawks. He has been in the hobby for awhile and looks forward to flying at our field. Welcome Benjamin. He also mentioned skills preparing southern barbeque.

**Membership Report:** Membership is currently 134 members. A few have signed up for the next calendar year.

**Newsletter:** Bernie Baker encouraged all to submit articles and pictures of general interest for inclusion in the newsletter.

**Field Update:** As noted in the last newsletter we have had issues with vandalism at the field. It was quickly resolved with the efforts of a few members pitching in to complete repairs.

It was then it was reported that there is a new problem with the windsock. Details were sketchy so maybe it is just a matter of it wearing out. For a time we may have to resort to using the “wet finger in the air” until it can be replaced or repaired.

### **General Announcements:**

The Annual Omahawk Auction preparation planning is progressing. Volunteer help is always needed for this event. It is the club’s only fund raising effort with all proceeds going to the club to support activities through the year. The auction date is Sunday October 11th and will be held at the Millard Social Hall with doors open at 6 a.m. for set up, and 7:00 a.m. for sellers to arrive. The auction will begin at 10 a.m. Come one! Come all! Buy as well as sell to support the clubs activities for the full year.

Mikey Furrow discussed the importance of the upcoming election of club officers and board members for 2016. This will take place at next month’s Membership meeting (October) and is the time you are encouraged to make nominations from the floor. All positions will be open for election by the membership. Let’s have good attendance at this meeting so as many as possible can weigh in on the club’s leadership for 2016.

Ed Paasch reviewed the Labor Day Air show. Compliments to all who participated or worked in other areas to make this year’s event outstanding once again. A check will be presented to Make A Wish in October. Results were:

Raffle ticket sales	\$1,150
Donations	\$ 720
Concessions	\$2,000
Total	\$3,850

Special thanks to Mrs. Pancana (Ron’s better half) and daughters, who made and sold their excellent eggrolls. They raised \$336 with the eggroll sales. Also special recognition to Rotellas, Stoysich, Hobbytown, and Hy-Vee for their donations again this year. Remember them as you do your shopping and patronize their brands whenever possible.

Don’t forget when flying at the field to “put your pin up.” The Board has decided to emphasize what used to be the absolute rule with old 72mhz equipment. Even with 2.4 radios, put your tag up at the impound. Getting back into the habit will help us recognize visitors as well.

### **Events and Misc:**

Old Timer Fun Fly - Sept 30th @ Standing Bear

Annual Chili Feed Cook-off & Night Fly - October 17th 6:00 pm @ Standing Bear

Next General Meeting Friday Oct 30th @ Make A Wish 7:00 pm

Next board meeting - Wednesday Nov 4th @ Make A Wish 7:00 pm

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## Omahawks Board Meeting Notes – October 7th, 2015

(Submitted by Larry McChesney, Secretary)

**Board Members in attendance:** President Mikey Furrow, Kevin Hyde, Bob Wheeler, Bernie Baker, Gary Vohnout, Larry McChesney, Dennis Bender and guest Milt Olsen.

Meeting called to order: President Mikey Furrow

**Treasurers report:** Kevin Hyde presented the Treasurers Report dated October 7th, 2015.

**Membership Chair report:** President Farrow reported that membership stands at 134 which is an increase year over year.

### **Hawk Field:**

General Field: Gary Vohnout will proceed with laying a “top Coat sealer” on a test panel of the runway in the next couple of weeks. He can always use a few volunteers to help with the effort. The test area where crack filling was completed in September looked positive. The next step proposed for this same area of the runway was to apply a seal coat to protect the filled area by using an epoxy shield product. Material cost is approximately \$25.00 per gallon covering 250 square feet. Bernie Baker made a motion at the September board meeting to spend up to \$150.00 for phase II for the project.

City Grant: Bob Wheeler will continue looking at the schedule for submitting for City grant money to assist the club with field maintenance costs.

Locking the front gate. There is a reason that the gate has two padlocks. One is ours and the second is used by the city fire department. That is important because not long ago the shelter was set on fire by vandals. When the fire department arrived they could not access the site through the gate. So it was agreed that for future use in an emergency that we would have two. **So when you lock up when leaving the field, please put our lock through the second lock and not through a chain link.** That way opening one or the other will open the gate. Your attention to this detail will be appreciated.

Annual Auction: Kevin Hyde was present to review planning.

- Bernie Baker will run concessions and can use some volunteer help and baked goods.
- Three or four additional people will be needed to help with the auction.
- Volunteers will be needed to check in items and move them to the front.

### **Old Business:**

Status of long term field lease with the city. Bernie Baker stated that he has no news in regard to the document.

### **New Business:**

Next Board and officer elections will take place at next month’s general meeting. Please attend. Feel free to nominate people for any of the officer positions. And be present to vote for new slate.

Annual Christmas Party will be Dec 12 that 6:00 pm at Wheatfields on Pacific Street. Upon arrival you can pay with cash or check (no credit cards please) and place an order from five dinner choices. A dessert tray will be purchased for all by the club. If the stars align, a video may be presented to chronicle the year’s activities.

Meeting adjourned.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Next General Meeting - Friday October 30th - 7pm at Make a Wish.
- Next Board Meeting - Wednesday Nov 4th, 2015 - Make A Wish office
- Chili Cook-off - Saturday October 17th - 6:00 pm Hawk Field

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## Events from the Past Month

**Sept 30 Old Timers.** (From Dick Behrens & Dennis Bender) The wind was about 4-8 mph from the east. Those taking part are in the group photo, L to R: Gary V, Frank V, Mikey F, Jud B, Dennis B, Dean C, Bob Z, Frank W, Bud M, Claude W, Bob J, Larry B, Ron P, Mitt G, Tom E, and Tom F. Missing in photo: Chuck B, Galen L, and Dick B. Claude is a former club president and now lives in Indiana. Dennis served his usual nice lunch.



**Oct 7 Float Fly.** (From Dick Behrens) The wind was ideal, being calm to 6 mph from the SE. Bob Turner did the retrievals. Flying were: Gale Sherman, Dennis Bender, Tim Peters, Frank Vanecek, Ron Pacana, Fred Wilke, Ric Hanline, Tom Egbert, Gary Vonhout and Dick Behrens. Other pilots judged touch and goes and enjoyed the overall view. Bob Z served pizza from Godfathers and pop.... making for a real nice fall day.



Gale's two float planes



Gary's floats on his Quaker Flash old Timer.

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**Chili Cook-off.** (From Mikey Furrow) This year's cook-off was another great event, with six pots of chili to be sampled and eaten, as well as other goodies and treats. There were 20-30 guests and members present for the Chili Cook-off, including some visitors from out of state. Everyone seemed to enjoy the company and friendship.

Of the six pots of chili in the competition, Kris Perkon's chili came in a very close 2<sup>nd</sup> place. But Tom Floyd's "Pheasant Chili" was this year's crowd favorite.

The Night Fly event was fun as well. Eric Krystoff, a previous night flyer and past member, came out to see how the night flying was going. Gary Vohnout brought out his lighted electric Sig Kadet which Casey flew several times. Casey also flew his electric lighted "duster". Mikey flew his old "combat flyer" insulation foam plane, and Matt Carlson even brought out a lighted plane, but had a firewall issue prior to the lights going out.

All in all, it was another great event for 2015 and a lot of support and friends came out to enjoy a wonderful October evening.



Enjoying the Chili Cook-off (above) and roasting marshmallows on Greg's mini-campfire (below)



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**Oct 14 Old Timers.** (From Dick Behrens & Dennis Bender) The fall weather was again very good for flying, with wind less than 5 mph. Dennis served hamburgers, etc. to 19 pilots. Pumpkin bars were provided by Marty Buscher. Some observers came in a van from a nearby nursing home. Included was a former 93 year old scale pilot. The home became aware of this event by going on the Omahawks website.

This year, there were at more than 24 pilots who flew during at least one of the five monthly float flys. Others included: Bob Z, Bob B, Bud M, Bob R, Rick M, Frank W, Tom F, Chuck B, Jud B, Bob W, Larry I, Bernie B, Tom V, Greg N and Doug C)



Guess who owns this plane? (Chuck's Miss Philly)

