



Hawk Talk

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**** AGENDA ****

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, Sept 28, 2007 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

PROGRAM: Labor Day Air Show Results and Show and Tell

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, Oct 3, 2007 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

IT'S AUCTION TIME AGAIN!

It's time to clean out so you can clean up!

Amazing as it may seem, the annual Omahawks R/C Auction is once again upon us! On Sunday, October 21st, we will be holding the auction at the American Legion hall at 4618 S 139th St in Millard. (There is a map on pg. 7 for the directionally challenged.)

This is a very important event for the club since it is the only revenue generating event we have. The money raised at the auction is what pays for all the club activities from hot dogs at the field to the holiday party. And the club needs your help in bringing the auction off successfully. People are needed to help set up the hall, register buyers and their items, and help with the auction itself. Set-up starts at 6:00 a.m. and your help is appreciated.

But most of all, what you can do is bring your old unused stuff to sell and bring lots of money to buy more stuff. This event is the most fun of them all, so don't miss out! (Remember that the minimum bid is \$20 so bundle up your small items to bring a better price.)

- editor

**Don't Miss the
BB Gun
Scale Contest**

**October 14
@ Hawk Field**

See inside for details

**SEPTEMBER
MEETING
AT
MAKE-A-WISH**

FRIDAY, SEPT 28

11926 ARBOR ST

Program and raffle to be determined

**UPCOMING
EVENTS:**

- * September 28 - General Meeting
- * October 2 - Float Fly
- * October 14 - BB Gun Scale Contest
- * October 21 - 2007 Auction
- * October 26 - General Meeting
- * Dec 1 - Christmas Party

THE MINUTES

Mike Berger, Secretary

General Meeting.....8/31/2007

Field Updates

? A new charging table was built and installed by Mike Lollis.

General Announcements

? The Labor Day Airshow generated a great crowd and went very well. A special thank you goes to Steve Peck.

? The Omahawks Annual Auction is scheduled for Sunday, October 31st at the American Legion Post 374. The post is located at 4618 S. 139th Street. Help before and during the auction will be needed. Contact Steve Culver if you are interested in helping out.

? The American Diabetes Association has requested a static display on Sunday, October 14th. The time of the event will be announced at a later date. Contact Steve Culver if you are interested.

? There will be an indoor flying display at Westbrook Elementary on November 19th at 6:00pm. Contact Steve Culver if you would like to participate.

? The Omahawks training program had another great season. Thanks to Eric Morgan and all instructors. Without you the training program would not exist.



Business Meeting.....9/5/2007

Treasurers Report – Ed Paasch

Ed presented the monthly financial report along with making sure all Labor Day Airshow earnings were tallied, bills paid, and the check was written to Make-A-Wish.

Field Report

? Pipes have been donated for shed

protection. Eric Morgan suggested items required for installation. Up to \$250 was approved for installation at the last general meeting.

? Cracks in the runway need to be filled and the runway resurfaced.

Bids are in the process of being collected.

New business

? The deposit for the annual auction has been paid. Room reservation has been verified.

? A preliminary slate of candidates for board positions is being created. Contact Steve Culver if you are interested in running for a board or office position.



Here comes the barn...



...and here comes the plane...



KER-THUMP!

BB GUN SCALE CONTEST

After many false starts, the “10th Anniversary BB Gun Scale Shootout (and fun fly)” Is on for the 14th of October (a Sunday) from 10 AM to 4PM.

This will probably be the last chance for you to show off your scale project this flying season, so bring her out.

There will be prizes and raffles and hot dogs, chips and sodas. . A \$5 entry fee will get you in on the fun. If you intend to fly, you must be AMA – but that’s about “IT” for pressure.

Prizes will be awarded for “Best Civilian”, “Best Military”, and “Best of Show”, as well as some flying awards.

Hope to see you there!!

*- Roger Brodd (Co-Sponsor/
Director with Tony Green)*

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks are in order to Helen Paasch (Ed’s wife) for all of the excellent pictures she took of the Labor Day Air Show. These pages are filled to the brim with her pictures.

Helen has a great eye for capturing the joy and wonder of her subjects, both pilots and spectators. That joy is evident in all the pictures that grace these pages.

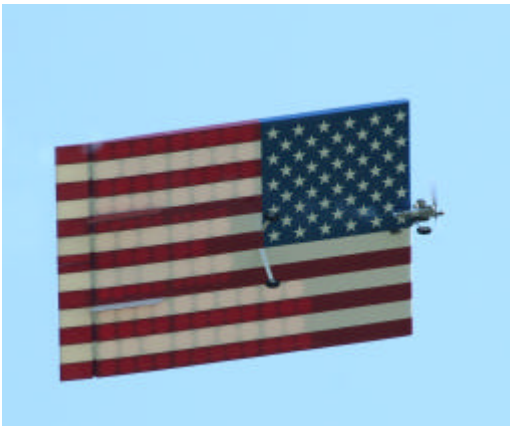
Thanks Helen! I could not have done this newsletter without your help!

- editor

THE PLANES OF LABOR DAY



Every air show has to have at least one tank!



HAWK TALK

THE SUN SHINES



Labor Day 2007 turned out to be a spectacular day for our show. The sun came up bright and cheery and you couldn't ask for a better day for flying. Many people came to help set up. Many more came later. And before we knew it, there were hundreds of people pouring into the park to see the show of the year!

Ward Neesen and Steve Peck shared duties as MC. Steve Culver scurried around relentlessly as the line chief. Roger Brodd ran the concessions and lots and lots of Hawks flew to entertain the adoring crowds.

This year's show was a big success financially, too. The club raised well over four thousand dollars for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

So many thanks go out to all who did their part in putting on this wonderful show!

- editor



HAWK TALK ON LABOR DAY



Olie's grumpy cuz he enjoys it →

2 little kids with stuff on their shirts!

HAWK TALK

A GREAT OMAHAWK REMEMBERED

On the evening of November 28, 1953 a group of 14 avid model airplane enthusiasts (primarily former control line flyers) met to create the first Radio Control club in the state. Two months later a name was chosen, "OmaHawks R/C" (with a capital "H") and dues established at 50¢ per month.



Richard Olson, whom the editor recognized in last month's Hawk Talk, was one of those dedicated early R/C pioneers who assisted in the early development of our hobby. He also played a



Three early Hawks and their biplanes.

major role in the establishment of the OmaHawks as one of the nation's finer R/C clubs. Here is a little more information about Dick which you might find of interest.

Dick was born in 1930, flew control line models in the 40s and served as a corporal in the army. Upon completing his tour of duty he went to work for Money-maker's Guncraft, joined the OmaHawks and attacked the many problems facing those early day adventurers. Here are a few additional accomplishments of this OmaHawk founder. In the 50s he designed and built the first R/C biplane to fly in the area and may well have set the stage for the "Biplane revolution" of the 70s, when the OmaHawk's series of "National Biplane Championship" events put Omaha on the map. Dick was the first to fly a model aircraft powered by a "Dynajet" engine – a 30 inch long gasoline burning ram jet.

He designed built and flew a gyrocopter in the 60s and learned to fly his own 1942 Taylorcraft. While working for BD Aircraft in Kansas, he designed and built an all metal (Corvaire powered) full scale pusher aircraft. In his senior years he settled for flying a "Phantom" ultralite. Richard Olson was a real asset to our club. I will miss him,

- Olie

FORMER OMAHAWK FLYIN' LARGE

A few weeks ago, on a River City Star boat trip, I happened to be seated at table with the father and grandfather of former Omahawk Matt Biga. Matt's father said Matt is now stationed in England and is the pilot of a three man crew flying a KC 135 R refueling tanker from that country.

They have made three trips over Iraq and he expects to be stationed in Europe for some time. Matt received most of his training at McConnell Air Force Base near Wichita KS.

It was just a few years ago that Matt, Nick Brown and Rich Tiller were flying in the then annual Omahawk cross country flys from the back end of a pickup truck, a trunk of a Corvette held open by a vise grip, a convertible and the open roof top of a long limousine. At Hawk Field, Matt had a model that he could take off and land right side up or inverted as he had a tail wheel both on top and the bottom of the rudder.

- Dick Behrens



Matt gets to play with the BIG planes now!

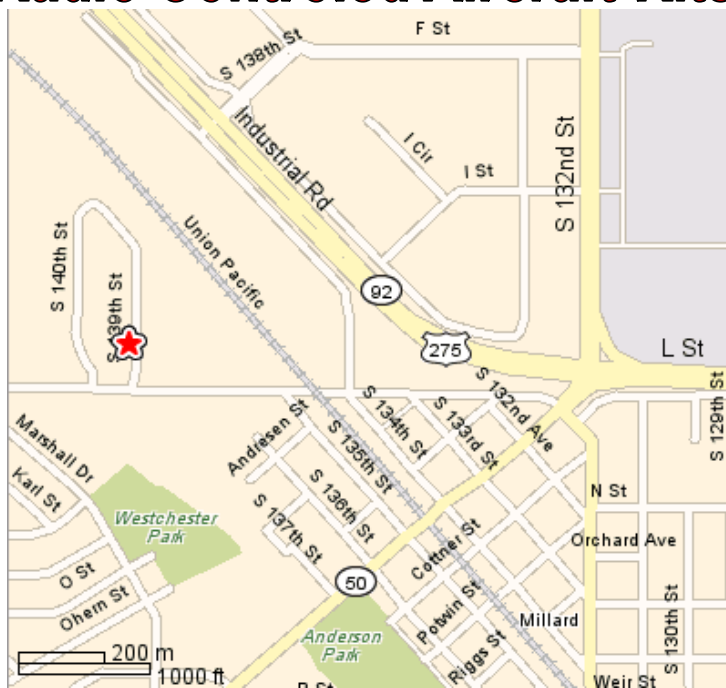
R / C AUCTION

OMAHA NEBRASKA

American Legion Post 374
4618 S 139th St
Omaha NE

Sunday
October 21st
2007

Radio Controlled Aircraft-Kits -Radios-Engine-Supplies



DOORS OPEN
7:00 AM
AUCTION STARTS
10:00 AM

\$4.00 ADMISSION
No charge for children under 14

MORE INFORMATION?
www.omahawks.org

Or call: Kevin Hyde @ 402-670-8320
Brad Shaik @ 402 212-5001

Concessions will be provided by the American Legion including coffee and rolls in the morning and lunch selections at noon. A Brunch will also be available from 8:30 to 12:30 at a cost of \$8.00 per person.

Turn your unused R/C stuff into cash - Super fast computer checkout
Plenty of chairs, food, drink and superb values - If it isn't here you wouldn't want it.

AUCTION RULES

Items will be sold in the order received... Seller may protect himself by designating a minimum selling price or by making ONE bid... Seller will be assessed a 10% selling fee on all items sold and a \$2.00 fee for each unsold item... The minimum bid will be \$20.00. Group your small items... Payment will be by cash or check only.

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THANKS TO ALL FROM YOUR EDITOR

In this space last month, I challenged the club members to come up with the money to pay for the prizes in the Labor Day Raffle. I am happy to report that the final total of the donations for the raffle was over \$450.00 that paid for the \$500.00 worth of prizes bought. Plus, there was a rather large anonymous donation and several more raffle prizes were donated, bringing the prize value to over \$700.00.

So, I give my thanks to the members who donated and gave. Your support helped us make this one of our most successful years ever!

- editor



Doc, Ed P, Bud, and Bob B. got up early on Labor Day to make pancakes for the people setting up for the show. Despite running out of forks and pancake mix, they pulled it off and fed about 25 people. Ed Pugsley demonstrated a knack for stirring and was designated the official batter mixer for the day.

So thanks, Doc, Ed, Bob and Bud for the excellent breakfast. I hope it becomes a tradition!

- editor