



Hawk Talk

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**** AGENDA ****

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, September 25, 2009 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

PROGRAM: The answer to all your R/C questions

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, October 7, 2009 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

AUCTION 2009 COMING UP!

CALLING ALL OMA-HAWKS!!! The annual Omahawks auction is scheduled for Sunday, October 18. We are really excited about the new location and some new features this year. The auction will be at The Digz north of L Street on 140th. This is about 2 blocks north of the American Legion where we held the auction last year. A new feature is BUY IT NOW. Between 8:00 and 10:00 a seller with an item worth \$100 or more can attach a tag and specify a price for immediate

sale. A buyer takes the tag to the registration table for sale on the spot. The buyer pays a \$5.00 fee and the seller pays the standard 10% to the club.

As many of you know this event benefits the members by funding events and member related activities. Sales in the past have been from \$15,000 to \$23,000 with 10% of the sales going to the Omahawks. There are lots of opportunities for you to help make the event a success. Auctioneer, concessions, computer entry, check-in, check-out, set-up, tear-down, placing items before the auction begins, moving items to the auction stand and handing out sold items. We need at least 25 people involved to be successful without overloading the volunteers. New members are particularly encouraged to help. It's a great way to meet the other members. The set-up will start at 7:00 AM. Items will need to be organized and placed on the tables by 10:00 when the auction begins. Traditionally we finish sales between 4:00 and 5:00 depending on the number of items to be sold. The room should be cleaned up and everything put away by 6:00 PM. It's a long day and you are not expected to stay all day (although many do). One of the most important things

you can do to help us succeed is to bring your equipment that's been hanging on the wall for years and sell it to someone who NEEDS it. You might even find something there that you just can't live without and find yourself bidding on it (bring money!). Although it's a lot of work, it's also lots of fun and as I mentioned it helps support club functions.

THE CLUB NEEDS YOUR HELP!
I hope to see you there.

- Kevin Hyde

AUGUST MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, SEPT 25
7:00 p.m.

118TH & ARBOR ST

Program: A question
and answer period from
the (self-proclaimed)
experts

Raffle: Nice battery
charger

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Sept 25 – General Meeting
- ★ Oct 7 – Business Meeting
- ★ Oct 18 - Omahawks Auction
- ★ Every Thursday Night is training night at Hawk Field until October

HAWK TALK

THE MINUTES

Larry McChesney, Secretary

General Meeting.....8/25/2009

Meeting was brought to order by E.J. Murphy, President, at 7 PM.

There were no new members. Scott Molck brought a friend.

Membership Report was brief. E.J. spoke for Ralph Brown, to announce our current membership, as of August 27, we show 149 members. And, 28 as new.

Newsletter Report by Mike Berger was to tell everyone they were doing a good job of sending in articles and pics. And, to keep up the good work.

EJ announced that he discussed additional mowing with ILM.

Runway repairs were completed by Harry and Brad Perkons, with help from Nathan Brown. Thanks a lot guys.

The repairs to the shelter were nearing completion. There is still a little work that needs to be done to complete the shelter before Labor Day. (Check with Dan on scheduling.) Thanks, to everyone that was able to help, especially Dan Walz and Matt Myers for spear-heading this project. E.J. also, informed the membership that we will be submitting a grant request for the repairs to the shelter as well as the runway.

The City of Omaha Parks Dept. replaced the boards on all the picnic tables and even repainted the metal framework.

We are still looking for someone to take over the caretaker duties of the flower beds.

Dick Behrens took on the task of getting the plexiglass replaced on the bulletin board. Thanks, to Dick for jumping in there, and helping.

Bob Wheeler reported on the Omaha Pattern Championships. Despite the warmest day of the summer on Saturday and then some rain showers on Sunday, the Pattern Championships were a success.

The visit from Mark Smith, AMA Executive VP, his friend Darrell Watts, and Jim Wallen, AMA District IX VP were enjoyable and informative. Mark and Darrell flew at Hawk Field and then again at the lake, the next morning. Sorry to say Darrell "splashed" 2 planes and broke the pod on his North Star. Not a good day.

Steve Peck made a few announcements concerning the Labor Day Air Show. Also, Roger Brodd made a request for help unloading his truck when he arrives that morning.

E.J. announced we have some requests for flight instructions. A group of about 8 Cub Scouts are looking at the nights of Thursday September 10, with a rain date of Thursday September 24th. As it's nearing the end of the Regular Training season, Bob Wheeler nodded his approval to have them join us on either of those days.

The Omahawks have been invited to participate in an Aviation Event at the North

Omaha Airport. A Cub Scout Pack is hosting this event and is inviting R/C flyers to come "Show Off". They will be walked through a pre-flight checklist, and airplane rides from Paul Edmonds. Also, the OPD helicopter pilots will be there to talk with the boys. They will also, be assembling a Delta Dart kit. And, then all are invited to join them for a picnic. This will be on Saturday, September 19th, from 2:30 to 6:00 pm.

Also, we have received another request for a demonstration and explanation of flight, this one from a Girl Scout Troop working on their Air/movers "Try It" Badges. This will be on Tuesday, October 9th, at 6:30, at Hawk Field. (No, the field will not be closed. I'll work around anyone that is flying.) As this is a troublesome time of year, weather-wise, they do have a back-up plan. If the weather is not cooperating, we will hold the event at the Sandoz School gymnasium. We have time before this one, so I will be looking for participants, later.

Ed Paasch was contacted about a new possible flying site. Mid-America Motorplex is entertaining the idea of allowing R/C airplanes to fly at their facility. They are inviting flyers to come out for some demo flights on Sept.4th.

Brad Shaink has announced his resignation as webmaster for the Omahawks website effective November 1st. Thanks to Brad for serving in this important role for the club. We will be looking for someone to fill this position. Anyone interested in taking over the duties of webmaster for the Omahawks website, please contact a Board member, as soon as possible so we can work out the transition.



Business Meeting.....9/2/2009

Present: Officers E.J. Murphy, Bob Wheeler, Ralph Brown, Kevin Hyde and Larry McChesney Board member Doc Greenberg, Fred Wilke, Mike Berger and Bob Baumstein
Treasurers report. Kevin Hyde presented the treasurers report.

Membership report. Ralph Brown reported that there have been no new members since the last report.

Events. The Labor Day Air Show is only around the corner. Please contact Steve Peck to indicate how you might assist in this great fund raising effort for Make A Wish. E.J. will contact mowing company and arrange to have porta pots on site.

Some Cub Scouts will attend training night activities on Sept 10th.

The next Float Fly is Sept 15th

On Sept 19th from 2:30 to 6:00 another group of Cub Scouts will meet at the North Omaha airport. They will build some small models, have an opportunity to take a plane ride and see OPD's helicopter. Omahawk

members are encouraged to come and fly.

A Girl Scout group will be at Hawk field Oct 9th with a weather rain out alternative at Sandoz Elementary School gym at 6:30. Those who can join in please mark your calendar.

Field Report. The shelter is almost finished thanks to a great many volunteers and some great leadership. The ceiling still needs caulking and painted. The gutter will have to be repaired. Roofing will be replace next year when time and money allows. Runway repairs are complete.

E.J. has been talking to people who may be interested in looking after the flower beds. Contact a board member if you would be willing to continue Dick Behrens past work which compliments the field greatly.

Old Business.

Omahawks web site. Kevin Hyde has been looking into a new "hosting site." Mike Berger and E.J. will restart and manage the web site in the near future. It is important that the members are prepared to submit articles, pictures etc. to keep it updated.

Doc Greenberg recommended that "no charcoal grilles" shall be left on the new shelter in the future. The board agreed and signs will be installed informing the general public that " grilles are not allowed."

Bob Baumstein proposed some new ideas for the fall Omahawk auction that has worked well for other auctions. It is primarily the "Buy it Now" approach. Items that are for sale for \$100 and more can be purchased without moving thru the normal auction process and between the hours of 8 and 10 a.m. If an item is not sold then it will be put into the regular auction stream. This allows for a shortened auction and less problems at the end of the day check out bottle neck. Special "Buy it Now" tags will be available. If an item is moved using this process an additional \$5 fee paid by seller will go to the club.

Also check out for all items will be encouraged throughout the day. Two people will be set up at the doors to check receipts and merchandise. Remember the auction is Oct 18th at Digz at 4428 S.

140th st.

New business. The raffle item for the next meeting will be a battery charger. The program will be a "Q and A" session. Come with our building, flying questions. Anyone in the audience can answer and/or lead a discussion addressing the matters that may concern our members.

The board is always interested in hearing members input for raffle suggestions and meeting program ideas.



Hawk Talk photog, Helen Paasch and her boy toy. I hope Ed doesn't find out!

A LETTER TO THE CLUB FROM OUR PRESIDENT

All Omahawks members, if you are the first to arrive at Hawk Field and unlock the gate, please close the lock when you chain back the gate.

Also, if you are the last club member leaving the field, be sure to close the gate and lock the lock. If there are spectators' vehicles in the parking lot, politely ask them to move their vehicle to the North parking lot. They do have every right to be on City Park property. However, we have the responsibility, as the managing entity for this facility, to see to it that the facility is secured when there are no club members present.

I have arrived at the field on more than one occasion recently, and found the gate wide open with no one else around. The gate was open, but the lock was not closed. Maintaining Hawk Field is everyone's responsibility. Please help keep it clean and secured.

Thanks, for your help and your attention,

LABOR DAY PICS

I have several hundred pictures from Labor Day, but not a lot of anything else. So this issue is filled throughout with those pictures. If you like them, great. If it's a bit too much for you, then send me some of your pictures. I would love to print them (as space allows, of course).

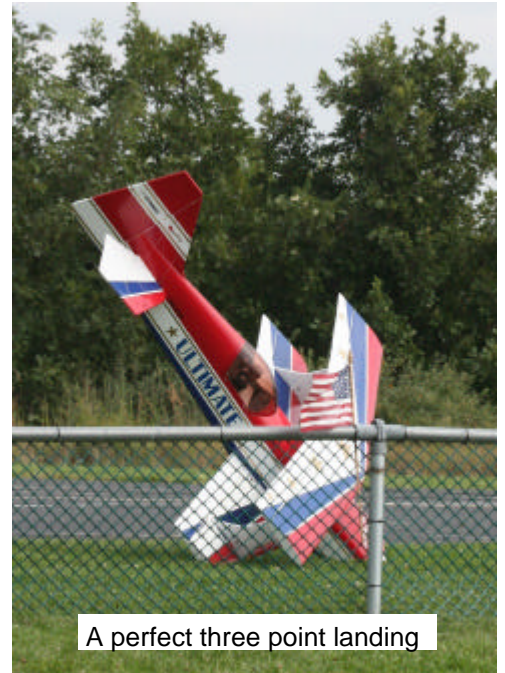
- editor



It was a little too windy for this flag to fly



Who's got my microphone?



A perfect three point landing



The police helicopter stopped by, but no arrests were made.



Yeah, the planes are neat. Can we go play ball, now?



The big raffle winner—
Mr. Clark
(I didn't get his first name - ed)

OMAHAWKS SHINE AT



The Omahawks reached a milestone in 2009 when the Labor Day Air Show celebrated its thirtieth straight year of fun and flying. The weather came close to perfect, not too hot or too windy, and the flying was exceptional. Many flew and entertained the crowd. And there was only one crash, but that was OK, too, since it was right out front where everyone could see.

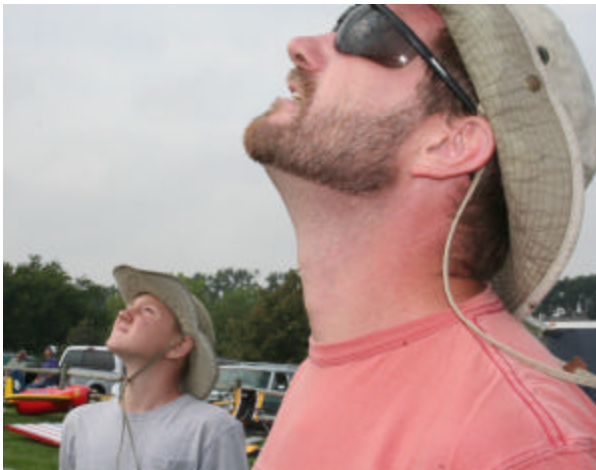
Another milestone was reached this year as the Omahawks celebrated their twenty-fifth year of performing the air show for the benefit of the Make-A-Wish foundation. The Hawks have generated many thousands of dollars in donations to this excellent organization through the air show, not only by raising cash at the show, but by generating publicity for them as well. This year we raised close to three thousand dollars.

Great thanks are due to all of those who give up their holiday year after year to make this event a success. From Steve Peck, our fearless leader, who organizes the show, to Roger Brodd and his crew who does the concessions, to all the fliers who provide the show, this show is made possible by the efforts of too many people to list here. So, for all those who worked and all those who gave, thank you very much for making this show a success!

See you again next year!
- editor



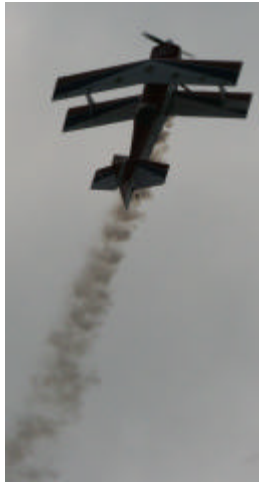
Steve shows off his new hair implants



Omahawks' chef, Roger Brodd handled the concessions



LABOR DAY AIR SHOW



Steve interviews the police helicopter pilots



The show's lone casualty



The lawnmower flew



What are you looking at? (just kidding - ed)

R/C AUCTION

OMAHA NEBRASKA

Digz - www.thedigz.com
4428 S 140th St

NEW LOCATION Sunday
October 18th
2009

Just north of last years site

Radio Controlled Aircraft-Kits -Radios-Engine-Supplies



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

\$5.00 ADMISSION
No charge for children under 11

MORE INFORMATION?
www.omahawks.org
Or call: Kevin Hyde @ 402-614-4192

Concessions will be provided by Omahawks including coffee and rolls in the morning and lunch selections at noon.

— NEW FEATURE THIS YEAR —
BUY-IT-NOW From 8:00 to 10:00 Buyer pays a \$5.00 surcharge.
Seller posts price and negotiate as desired.

AUCTION RULES
Items will be sold in the order received... Seller may protect himself by designating a minimum selling price. Seller will be assessed a 10% selling fee on all items sold and a \$5.00 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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MORE LABOR DAY FUN!



Ed did some announcing...when he could get Steve to shut up.



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The Shelter Is Reborn!

Great news, everybody! Thanks to a huge effort on the part of many Omahawks, the shelter at Hawk Field was rebuilt in time for the Labor Day Air Show. The devastating fire that almost claimed the whole structure in June has been erased and it looks as good as it did when it was first built many years ago.

Thanks are due especially to Matt Meyer and Dan Walz who took charge of the rebuild, and to all of the other Hawks who gave up their leisure time and worked tirelessly to get it ready for the big day. It was a huge undertaking to get the shelter rebuilt, the runway patched and the field ready for Labor Day.

So to all of you who pitched in, who worked instead of flew, many, many thanks for all of your hard work! You are what makes this club great!

- editor



The shelter was ready for concession duty at the air show