



# Hawk Talk

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\*\*\*\* AGENDA \*\*\*\*

**GENERAL MEETING:** Friday, September 24, 2010 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.

**PROGRAM:** TBA

**BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday, October 6, 2010 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

## Bidder Up! Time to buy (and sell)!

CALLING ALL OMAHAWKS!

The annual Omahawks auction is scheduled for Sunday, October 24. The auction will be at The Digz north of L Street on 140th. This is the same place we held the auction last year and the new space was spectacular. A new feature offered last year was the BUY IT NOW feature. 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. The Buy it now program was not exercised extensively but we're going to try it again and see if the sellers express an interest.

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 6:30 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 it 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

### SEPTEMBER MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27

7:00 p.m.

11926 Arbor St

Program: TBA

Raffle :

SuperTiger G51 two stroke engine

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Sept 24 - General Meeting
- ★ Sept 25 - Helicopter Fun Fly
- ★ Oct 5 - Float Fly
- ★ Oct 13 - Old Timer Fly
- ★ Oct 24 - Auction
- ★ Dec 4 - Christmas Party

## THE MINUTES

Larry McChesney, Secretary

### General Meeting.....8/27/2010

President E.J. Murphy opened the meeting. Ed Paasch introduced Rob Terwilliger as a guest. Welcome Rob.

**Membership Report:** The membership report was given by Ralph Brown.

**Newsletter Report:** Mike Berger was present and encouraged members to submit news articles for the newsletter.

**Solo Pilots:** Our training coordinator, Bob Wheeler, announced that one new pilot has completed the program. He was, however, not present at the meeting.

#### Field Update

On Monday thirty scouts and ten adults from Troop 395 were at the field for clean up. In a "flurry of activity" weeds were pulled in front of shelter and along the sidewalks, grass was trimmed and the playground weeds have been cleaned out. Outstanding job. Dennis Bender organized the team.

Mike Furrow, Field Chair, has been busy cleaning up after some minor but annoying vandalism. Two bleacher planks have also been replaced.

Brad and Harry Perkons and Skip Brown recently constructed two more concrete pilot pads near the runway at the south end. Thanks gentlemen.

#### Event Reports:

Skip has notified us that "Benson Unity Day" is back this year. He suggested a trailer for the parade featuring planes for display. If interested be sure to contact E.J. or Skip.

Another float fly is scheduled for Sept 8th.

Mark your calendars for the Labor Day Air Show Make-A- Wish fund raiser. Ed Paasch, organizer this year, presented the schedule of events, list of event leaders as well as other important duties. Lets make this another successful event.

Ed also passed out plaques for the top three finishers in the annual SPC. Tom Floyd, first place, Gary Vohnout, second, and Jay Hines in third.

#### Old Business

No old business to report

#### New Business

Mike Berger announced money raised from the auctions at the June and July meetings were well below the goal to raise five hundred dollars. The group dug deep and over four hundred dollars was raised Friday night thanks to a donated ARF by E.J. and other items from Mike and others. These funds will be used to buy the raffle prizes for the Labor Day event. All proceeds from ticket sales then will go to the bottom line for the check to be written to Make - A - Wish. Well done.

### Business Meeting.....9/1/2010

President E.J. Murphy opened the meeting. Board officers present: EJ Murphy and Larry McChesney. Board members present: Skip Brown, Harry Perkons, Brad Perkons, Bob Zitslperger, Mikey Furrow.

Members attending: Ralph Brown, Ed Paasch and Doc Greenberg

**Treasurers Report:** E.J. presented the treas-

urers report.

**Membership Report:** The membership report was given. As of this date there are 142 members. Approximately twenty five are new members. Ralph will soon be looking memberships for 2011.

#### Field Update

Harry Perkons has new small signs for the field and they will be mounted on the split rail fence. Location was discussed and agreed to. A second Porta-potty will be delivered for the weekend and will remain until Sept 30th. Mikey has repainted to cover the graffiti on the radio impound and other places and also painted the two new bleacher planks installed recently. He will take care of some minor fence repair on Saturday. Thanks Mikey for your attention to these matters.

**Event Reports:** There was a short discussion regarding planning details for the Labor Day Air Show. Ed Paasch has it well organized and has communicated with respective parties to support the efforts necessary to have another successful event.

#### Old Business

**Website.** Kevin Hyde has received email inquiries requesting installing links to various hobby shop advertising. In return some of these business's have offered to add our website link to their site. After discussion it was agreed that the board would support these additions. Rather than establish a fixed procedure to sort through the requests the board would prefer that Kevin determine which links are acceptable. If there are matters that might concern him the board would hear the information and provide necessary input.

#### New Business

Due to the loss of a trainer a motion was made at the last business meeting by Kevin Hyde and seconded by Bob Wheeler to purchase a new plane. Motion carried. Tonight Doc Greenberg offered to gift an Avistar and engine. All we need to do is pick it up at Doc's house. Thank you for your generosity, Doc. Raffle for next meeting. A SuperTiger G51 two stroke will be purchased.

Larry McChesney will contact Brian York, Curator of Exhibits and Collections, to arrange a presentation at the September or October meeting. It may involve a specific military aircraft of special interest or a more general look at what is happening at the Air and Space Museum.

E.J. received a call from a gentleman looking for advice and repair for a glider. If anyone is interested contact E.J. and he will forward his email information.



Ed showed off his new t-shirt at the meeting at the field

## MEETING PIX



Every field needs a mascot



Ed carried the ball for Labor Day



Ralph bought lots of tickets and didn't win - and there was rejoicing...



## AT HAWK FIELD

## LABOR DAY RAFFLE GRAND PRIZE OFF AND FLYING!



Who's got this number???



Is anybody listening to EJ?



Jay Hines gets his SPC award



The Omahawks RC flying club once again raffled off a complete, ready-to-fly glow trainer with engine and radio system at this year's Labor Day Air Show. When the grand prize was awarded and the winning ticket picked from the ticket box by a randomly selected child, the new airplane package was awarded to Mike Wheeler of Omaha, NE.

Mr. Wheeler, a software developer for TD Ameritrade, has had a life-long interest in aviation and was attending the Labor Day Air Show with friends and family. Mike had left the park before the end of the air show due to other engagements scheduled during the afternoon, and didn't learn about his good fortune until later that evening when contacted by phone.

Mike came by Hawk Field on Thursday, September 9th to collect his prize. He took home a Phoenix Models Sonic .25 high wing ARF with a Thunder Tiger GP-28 2-stroke glow engine and a Hitec Laser 4 Radio system. Mr. Wheeler asked that the plane be test flown for him at the field before taking it home to assure that everything was in good operating order and to give him an opportunity to ask any questions. The maiden flight went off without a hitch, and Mike expressed his enthusiasm to come back to Hawk Field when the wind was calmer to get some flight instruction and learn how to operate his new plane.

Despite assurances that Mike wasn't required to join the club, he enthusiastically wrote out a

check and completed a membership application for Membership Chairman Ralph Brown. As chance would have it, Mr. Wheeler had flown RC planes in years previous, and winning the raffle was just the nudge he needed to get back into the hobby. He'd even renewed his AMA membership a couple of days after winning the raffle prize.

The Omahawks wish to thank pilot Fred Tuckerman for assembling the ARF prior to the Labor Day Air Show. It's found a good home and the club hopes that Mr. Wheeler enjoys his new airplane for years to come.

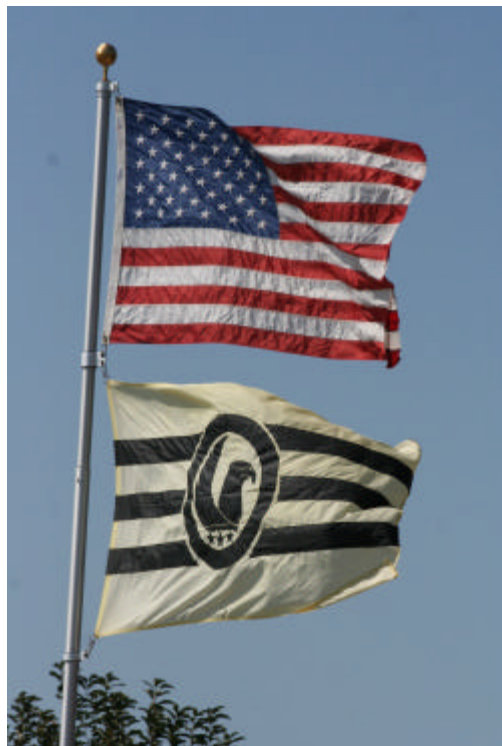
*-Ed Paasch*



Grand prize winner and new Omahawk member, Mike Wheeler



# LABOR DAY AIR SHOW



High winds followed by rain followed by more high winds. Not really the kind of weather forecast that the Omahawks were looking for for their big show. But the weatherman said that there might be a brief window of calm in the middle of the afternoon. Armed with this information and an R/C flier's bullheadedness and can-do spirit, the Hawks came out to Hawk Field on Labor Day to put on the big show of the year, a benefit for the Make-A-Wish of Nebraska Foundation.

For nearly thirty years, the Omahawks have been raising money for this excellent organization. Make-A-Wish brings happiness to so many deserving kids that we feel the need to help them in their cause. What better way to help than by showing off while doing the thing we love the most, flying our planes.

Although there was some tough flying, many of the members flew and put on a great show for the crowd. A brief rain dampened the festivities for a short time, but after the rain was done, a brief period of calm weather allowed the show to go on again, to the delight of the many families and friends who came to watch.

- editor



Boy Scouts from Troop 395 helped throughout the day



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# WOWS THE CROWDS



Despite the weather, this year's Labor Day Air Show was one of our more successful shows. Nearly \$3500 was raised for Make-A-Wish and much publicity for the club and Make-A-Wish was generated due to local TV coverage. Many thanks are due to all of the people who supported the show and made all of this possible. From selling sno-cones to directing parking, selling raffle tickets or crashing your autogiro, everybody involved deserves a big attaboy for helping to make this show so successful. We can only hope that we can continue to do it for many years to come.



Raffle winners: Donta & Payton





## SCALE CONTEST VS. MOTHER NATURE



Janice Copeland shows off her 30% scale poodle



Jeff Jacobs and his sweet Hellcat



Harry Perkins award winning Cub



Ed and his Decathalon

This year's Scale model fun fly was met with some very chilly temps and cloudy skies, but the little to no wind condition made it almost ideal for some good flying times.

We had a good showing of some civilian models such as Ed Paasch's Super Decathalon which he maiden'd during this fun fly; Harry Perkins came out with his Piper Cub; Dean Copeland with a beautiful 1939 Monocoupe which performed beautifully in the air; and Casey Vouhnout's Extra 260 which is always nice to watch performing his various routines.

Some military scale planes that were in attendance like Brad Perkin's big P-51 Mustang, but due to servo malfunction, it didn't get a chance to fly; Jeff Jacob's Hellcat which was so nice to watch; and Fred Tuckerman's electric duo including his A-10 Warthog and C-47 Gunship.

Everyone had a great time watching each other's planes perform, chatting about the different planes, and enjoying some good ol' sloppy joes, perfect for the

chilly weather we had.

Roger Brodd was on hand to assist with the Best of Show contest, which was determined by a Pilots choice ballot. This year's Best in Show plane is Harry Perkin's Piper Cub; 2nd place was Jeff Jacobs' Hellcat; and 3rd place went to Fred Tuckerman's A-10/C-47 duo.

A big thank you to all of you who came out to support and watch our brave pilots in the chilly weather we had, and looking forward to trying this again next year in better weather.

So all you scale model builders and pilots, the winter "building" time is upon us and a great time to build up some new planes for next year's Scale model fun fly, to be held earlier in the year.

- Mikey Furrow





# HAWK TALK

## A LETTER TO THE EDITOR (& CLUB)

Love helicopters or hate helicopters, the helicopter fun fly events are leading to extra members. I received an e-mail from Joey Thompson earlier today (showing interest in the heli fun fly). I don't know that I've ever met him before. Ralph Brown reported that Mike O'Daniel renewed last month out of the blue. Mike and Trey hadn't been out to Hawk Field in a year or two, but both came out and flew at the first helicopter fun fly we had back in June. Mike probably just went ahead and renewed for 2010 so he didn't have to remember to bring cash for a landing fee with him on the 25th.

As the Omahawks continue to move ahead with welcoming helicopter pilots gradually back into the club in a way that doesn't aggravate our fixed wing pilots, we will continue to draw new members and expand the club. There is a demand for a nice flying facility for helicopter pilots in Omaha that isn't being met, and the Omahawks can capitalize on this in a big way.

I appreciate the board's support over the last couple of seasons while we've been slowly and cautiously expanding helicopter activity at the club. We're definitely seeing rewards.

- Ed Paasch.



## OLD TIMER FUN FLY IS A BIG SUCCESS

For a change, the temperature was a cool 60 degrees at 9 am with light southeast winds for the Old Timer's Fun Fly on September 8th.

Twelve pilots flew. They were; Ed Splittgerber (Powerhouse & Quaker), Bob Burt (Playboy & Quaker), Frank Wisniski (Buzzard Bombshell), Tom Floyd (Playboy), Ralph Brown (Sailplane & Super Buccaneer), Bob Zitzlsperger (Quaker), Chuck Buscher (Miss Philly), Frank Vanecek (Quaker), Bud Mitchell (Quaker), Jud Bock (Spook), Larry Voorhees (Miss Stick), and Dick Behrens (Record Breaker & Ole Reliable).



Janice Copeland and Bud Mitchell

There were no mishaps. Dennis Bender prepared and served brats or sausage, sauted onions, and a pasta dish for 16 people. The cost of the meal was donated mostly by Bud and Bob Z. What a feast on a nice September morning.

- Dick Behrens



Old timers flew on Labor Day, too.

## FLOAT FLYERS SAY, "WE GOT TO FLY THIS TIME!"

At the Sept 14 Float Fly an early morning heavy fog lifted from the lake around 9am. The wind was near calm, making a good day for flying. Jim Minear used his pontoon boat for retrieval, making about 6-7 rescues. Bob Z furnished coffee and donuts.

Sixteen pilots flew. They were; Bob Zitzlsperger, Bob Burt, Ralph Brown, Ron Pacana, Frank Vanecek, Skip Brown, Don Petersen, Bud Mitchell, Ed Splittgerber, Dave Olson, Dave Haggart, Fred Wilke, Larry Austin, Larry Voorhees, Casey Vohnout, and Dick Behrens. No serious mishaps occurred.

- Dick Behrens



Capt Jim Minear and his chase boat

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# Don't forget the *Omahawks* Auction

Sun Oct 24th

At The Digz

4428 S 140th St

Doors open 7 am

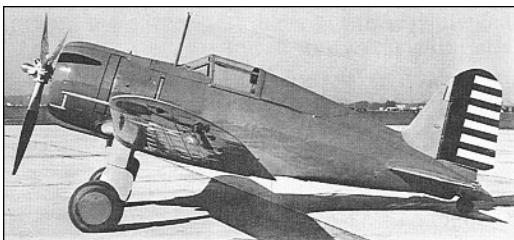
Auction Starts 10am

See inside for details

# SEPTEMBER MYSTERY PLANE

Here we go again! It's time for another mystery plane. Since float flying is such a popular activity for the Omahawks, I felt the need to include a float plane in this contest. Now this one might not be a drawing of something that will be flying off of Standing Bear Lake anytime soon, but it's still a pretty neat plane, anyway. The first person to correctly identify it to me at [omahawks@kaptnkarl.com](mailto:omahawks@kaptnkarl.com) will receive the praise and honors of his fellows members and the sheer joy of solving the mystery (and not a lot else).

Last month's mystery plane was the Vought V-141. This single seat fighter was designed for the US Army Air Corps, but it had poor directional control and spinning characteristics and was rejected by the USAAC. Chuck Inserra was the first and only member to correctly identify the plane.



The Vought  
V-141

