



# Hawk Talk

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ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

<b>GENERAL MEETING:</b>	Friday, September 30, 2011 * 7:00 P.M. * Hawk Field * 138th & Fort
<b>PROGRAM:</b>	Fly and have fun at the last meeting at the field this year
<b>BUSINESS MEETING:</b>	Wednesday, October 5, 2011 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

## IT'S PIGGY BANK SMASHING TIME!

### CALLING ALL OMAHAWKS!!!

The annual Omahawks auction is scheduled for Sunday, October 23. 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 space was spectacular.

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 HAWK FIELD

FRIDAY, SEPT 30

7:00 p.m.

138th & Fort

Program:

Fun and flying

And free food

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Sept 30 - September General Meeting
- ★ Oct 4 - Float Fly
- ★ Oct 5 - October Business Meeting
- ★ Oct 12 - Old Timer Fun Fly
- ★ Oct 23 - Auction

## THE MINUTES

Erik Krystoff, Secretary

### **General Meeting.....8/26/2011**

**By-Law Change** – As stated in the last newsletter, a by-law change has been brought up for discussion and vote with regard to granting the board funding for small-scale needs that would not require general membership approval for sake of timeliness. For further details, see the August newsletter. The vote will be held at the September general meeting.

Dennis Bender brought up the options for power to the shed at the meeting. Wiring will be placed on the parking lot side of the fence as it runs towards the shed. Thanks to Dennis for fixing our grill for at least one more meeting filled with hot dog goodness.

Mikey Furrow asked for volunteer help Monday, August 29th at 6PM to build new starting tables, anyone with saws and drills that is willing to help would be appreciated.

Coming up in the early weeks of September is National Assisted Living week. Tuesday, Sept 13 and 6:30 at 108th and Q. The activities director for Fountain View Senior Living is asking to bring small electrics or helicopters to show and fly that fit along with the theme of 'Planes, Trains, Automobiles'.

Big Ed Mustafa presented material related to the Labor Day Air Show. Segment leader positions are being handled, but we're always looking for potential new segments for future Labor Day shows. Ward Neeson and Steve Peck will be handling the emcee responsibilities while Ed Paasch will be handling flight line management, with Steve Culver assisting.

Mike Berger brought up the raffle for the Labor Day Air Show. We are currently behind on raising money for the raffle, and Mike requested the club's help in raising funds for raffle prizes.

Thanks to Big Ed Mustafa for leading the efforts in making the preparations for the Labor Day Air Show a success.



### **Business Meeting.....9/7/2011**

Kevin Hyde presented the Treasurer's Report.

Ralph Brown presented the Membership Report. Ralph has closed the membership drive for 2011 and has ordered new materials for the new 2012 memberships.

Three new safety tables have been completed and installed.

**New Meeting Place** – Steve is still investigating a new meeting place for our GENERAL meetings.

**Additional Field** – Steve is also investigating a few potential airfield spots near the Elkhorn or Valley areas, further discussion to be had as the investigations continue.

**Noise Complaint** – A homeowner on the north side of Standing Bear Lake wrote the mayor of Omaha complaining about the noise of planes flying at Hawk Field. As such, Steve asked the board about the purchase of a dB meter. Kevin Hyde made the motion to purchase a dB Meter (up to \$50 in cost). Seconded by Eric R. Krystof. Motion passes with all votes in favor.

Around 3,700 dollars was given to Kevin Hyde by Ed Paasch as gross income from concessions, raffle sales, and donations from the Labor Day Air Show.

Ed Paasch made the motion that the club consume the cost for the port-a-potty rental. Kevin Hyde seconded, board approved with all votes in favor.

Ed Paasch motioned for the purchase of new microphone as a replacement before our club auction later this year. Kevin Hyde seconded, board approved with all votes in favor.

Ed Paasch motioned the club kicks in additional dollars in club funds to even out the check to Make A Wish for 3,750. Mikey Furrow seconded, all approved.

Steve has sold 8 more hats and has about 18 hats left.

Big Ed Mustafa is about 1/3 of the way through the raffle sales. Keep purchasing those tickets!

Ed Paasch amended a motion made by Larry McChesney in regards to getting general membership approval to give Dennis Bender a check for the difference in the electrical capital improvements that went over budget. In the event the general membership does not approve the motion, Ed will raise the necessary funds. Steve Culver seconded the motion, all approved.

## OMAHAWKS ATTEND PHANTOM FLYERS PATTERN CONTEST

Robert Green, Mike Furrow and I (Bob Wheeler) attended the Phantom Flyers pattern contest in St. Charles, Missouri. Thirty Pilots from around the Midwest ranging in skills from Sportsman to FAI Class participated. Robert Green places First in Advances, I (Bob Wheeler) placed First in Sportsman, and Mike Furrow placed Third in Sportsman. The Phantom Flyers put on a well organized competition supporting two flight lines allowing all contestants to complete six rounds by early Sunday afternoon. From my perspective the host club did a great job with the contest and all the flyers were friendly and helpful. If you're interested in friendly competition with other's testing your precision flying skills then you may want to consider contests like this in the future. This is a great way to meet, get to know and even build friendships with other RC Pilots and RC Clubs from around the Midwest. A number of contests are held throughout the Midwest over the course of a year providing plenty of opportunities for anyone who may be interested in attending a contest or two. It's a great way to spend a weekend, hope to see you next year at one of these events.

*-Bob Wheeler*



## ONE WING IS NOT ENOUGH



The Omahawk's enjoyed a good night for the 2011 Multi Wing Fun Fly. The heat kicked up a bit but it wasn't enough to stop those die hard Bi-plane enthusiasts from having an evening of flying. The late afternoon event worked out well again allowing everyone to beat the heat. Food and spectators were plentiful with all enjoying a good time eating hotdogs and brats and watch the pilots fly those wonderful two winged beauties.



I want to say a special thank you to our Chef (Dennis Bender) for enduring the heat to prepare the Brats and Hotdogs and to Carmel Earl for bringing the brownies, they sure were good.

Sixteen participants joined the event this year to make it another great night of flying. The event saw no major mishaps with everyone heading home with their airplanes in one piece or in the case of Bi-planes multiple pieces.

A special award should go to



Ed Paasch for his determination. After a number of attempts even Ed was able to get his Pitts Bi-Plane into the air. Way to go Ed for not giving up, the brat was



your special award.

Pilots attending were Larry McChesney, Roger Cowell, Tom Floyd, Ed Paasch, Mikey Furrow, Gary Vohnout, Harry and Brad Perkons, Randy Fields, Jim Henley, EJ Murphy, Ed Paasch, Ron Pacana, Skip and Jacob Brown. We missed you this year Ralph Brown! But staying home out the heat was the wise thing to do.

*- Bob Wheeler*





The day's big winner



# Labor Day

What can you say but, "wow!" The weather for this year's Labor Day Air Show was beyond belief. I can't remember a day with better weather. Mid seventies, light breeze, partly cloudy. It was perfect and it showed.

A great crowd was on hand to celebrate the end of summer and raise money for Make-A-Wish. Lots of people volunteered to help and we even had a couple new features to raise donations. Instead of just the usual hot dogs and chips, we had egg rolls, a bake sale and a separate tent for just drinks. These new features plus an excellent air show helped us raise about \$3700 for our cause.

Many thanks are due to those who helped out, those who came out and especially those who shelled out!



# Air Show

Lots of volunteers made this show a success



Pete's sweet Gee Bee



The first sno-cone is always the best!



Gracia Pacana made egg rolls - really good egg rolls



Scout troop 395 handled the parking



Mike & Molly Berger did the raffle



The bake sale ladies!



No, Pete, you can't borrow the mike.



## HELICOPTERS BRING FALL FLYING FUN

Saturday, September 24th, saw the first official Omahawks flying event of autumn as helicopter pilots came out to Hawk Field to enjoy beautiful flying weather.

The helicopter pilots have been very accommodating of fellow pilots flying fixed wing aircraft, and Saturday was no exception. Helicopter pilot Roger Cowell actually spent the first half hour of the Helicopter Fun Fly working with student pilot Bob Hansen on his Avistar trainer. Bob got in a couple of good, solid training flights with Roger. Afterward, he enjoyed lunch with his fellow pilots and watched some of the great helicopter flying.

Always considerate, Omahawks pilots Howard Blue and Mike O'Daniel were equally happy to make room for a few extra fixed wing flights while they got their helicopters set up and our guest pilots arrived. Newly soloed pilot Andrew Ericson managed a couple of flights while the helicopter pilots cheered him on. Andrew and Brad Ericson also stuck around to watch the helicopter action.

The Omahawks were joined by a number of fellow helicopter enthusiasts from neighboring AMA clubs. John Schenck and Tom Egbert, two of the featured helicopter pilots at this year's Labor Day Air Show, both came out to enjoy the day. Tony Bruno, Jeff Raker, Clayton Hollister, Fred Tuckerman, Chuck Poore, and Chris Oestrich. Omahawks pilots Mikey Furrow, Jeff Pinnt, Frank Vanecek, and Ed Paasch didn't do a lot of helicopter flying,

but they did help clean up plenty of sandwiches. Pilot Tony Bruno brought out a special camera-equipped helicopter and took some spectacular arial shots of Hawk Field, and Omahawks members and guests alike all expressed what a great time they had.

The afternoon ended as amiably as it started, with fixed wing pilots blending into the runway traffic over the main flight line while the helicopter pilots enjoyed a few extra flights after 3PM. Helicopter and airplane enthusiasts have been sharing the main flight line on Monday evenings successfully all summer, and Saturday afternoon once again demonstrated how simple this can be when all of the pilots use a little common sense, courtesy, and communication to watch out for one another.

Roger Cowell and Howard Blue smartly capitalized on a terrific flying day; putting a number of flights on their helicopters from 11AM to 3PM, they both pulled out some of their favorite fixed wing aircraft to fly after 3PM. Both pilots were still going strong when I left Hawk Field just before 5PM. Roger and Howard know to enjoy great flying weather while it lasts!

My thanks go out to all of the pilots and spectators who not only made Saturday September 24th a great day for helicopter flying at Hawk Field, but also to everyone who made our entire 2011 flying year so successful as we added more flying opportunities for our fellow pilots who have radio controlled helicopters.

*--Ed Paasch*



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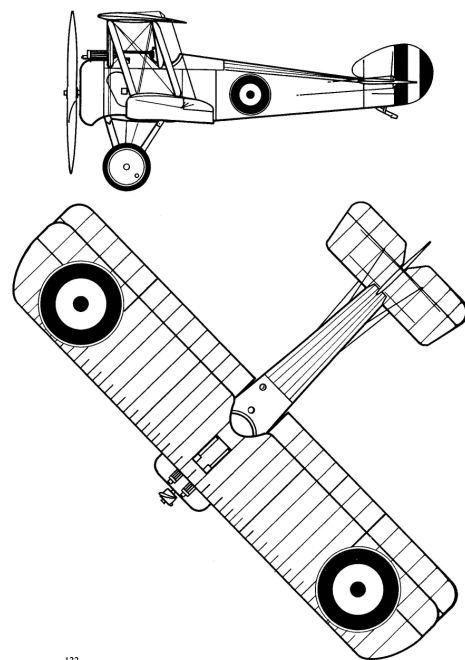
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# Another mystery for you

Another month and another mystery plane. I sure hope you enjoy these as much as I do. This month's plane is an easy one for you old plane buffs. I'll even give you a hint. It goes all the way back to a minor conflict overseas that was known by the humble name of "The Great War," though I don't know what it takes to make a war great. (It's so easy, you only get a two-view for it.)

Last month's plane was the Lockheed 1329 Jetstar II which the USAF designated the C140A. These planes were used by the Air Force to test aviation navigation equipment. C140s were also used for personnel transport.

Chuck Inserra was the only person who identified this plane. So, everybody get out your books and find this next one. Don't let Chuck get all the glory!



- editor