



# Hawk Talk

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ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

**GENERAL MEETING:** Friday, Sept 28, 2012 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.

**PROGRAM:** TBA

**BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday, Oct 3, 2012 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.

## CALLING ALL OMAHAWKS!

The annual Omahawks auction is scheduled for Sunday, November 4. 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.

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!). It's a lot of work, but it's also lots of fun and it helps support club functions.

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

- Kevin Hyde



If you don't buy it now, I'll just sell it at the auction...

## SEPTEMBER MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

6:00 p.m.

Make-A-Wish

11926 Arbor St

Program:

Something cool,

I'm sure

Raffle:

Custom wing bags from  
Carmen Earl

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Sept 28 - General Meeting at Make-a-wish
- ★ Oct 3 - Business Meeting
- ★ Oct 3 - Float Fly
- ★ Oct 110 - Old Timer Fun Fly
- ★ Oct 26 - General Meeting
- ★ Nov 4 - Omahawks Auction
- ★ Nov 7 - Business Meeting
- ★ Every Thursday 6 pm til dusk - Training Night (Training night ends wih daylight savings time)

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## THE MINUTES

Erik Krystoff, Secretary

### General Meeting.....8/31/2012

August meeting was held at Hawk Field. Discussion mainly concerned the Labor Day Air Show. No minutes were taken.

### Business Meeting.....9/5/2012

Board Members in attendance: Bob Wheeler, Bob Zitsberger, EJ Murphy, Dennis Bender, Harry Perkins, Carmel Eames, Kevin Hyde, Steve Culver, Mikey Furrow (as secretary), Ed Paasch

#### Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports:

- o Treasurer's Report – Kevin Hyde - Monthly numbers and accounting all look good.
- o Membership Chairman Report: – N/A Bob mentioned Ralph was ill and had talked to Skip about how to support the permits and Club identification process. Kevin will take the lead on the membership process since he works closely with Skip and Ralph now. Bob will talk with Skip to get things moving so we have a plan for the 2013 membership drive. Kevin suggested and the board agreed to look at moving the club's mailing address to a PO Box somewhere
- o Benson Printing is no longer printing out the field permits. Suggested to have Sir Speedy print these, or other options to be considered at later date
- o Membership Count: – as of 9/05/12 = 148 (Kevin has 4 memberships pending.....)

#### o Hawk Field:

- o Shed Door and items on the side
- o Mowing Contract – mowing can be modified to an as needed basis
- o Porta Potty – 2nd one to be removed Oct 1st, and main one to be removed Nov 1st
- o Field Permit Fee Change proposal: Ed Paasch proposed the possibility of pro-rating the Field Permit fee to \$20 to be considered for NEW PILOTS only during the months of Aug 1st – Sept 31st for that year. Proposal is to keep in-line with the AMA's recent application change to include a pro-rated cost for NEW PILOTS. Board members will discuss this with fellow members about the idea and to get a general consensus of how the members feel about this proposed change. No action taken on this yet.

#### Old Business:

##### Ø Labor Day Airshow

Many thanks to Ed and Carmel for all their efforts in setting up and running a successful air show. Dennis Bender for running the electrical lines to prevent any circuit issues, and for running the parking lot team successfully Jim Clipperton for getting the PA system setup and running. Many more applauses and kudos for all those involved in making this air show a success

- o Steve Culver commented on how well the air show ran and how smoothly the events took off.

- Pattern Contest - Money
- o Bob W turned in final paperwork and receipts for the pattern event held in Aug 2012.

#### New Business:

##### Auction Preparations:

- o To be held at Diggs on Sunday October 21st
- o Registration to begin at 6am, and Auction sales to begin at 10am.
- o Same plan as last year – Breakfast and Coffee will be available. Club can do concessions if desired. Drinks provided by Facility. Larry McChesney ran stand last year – Kevin H to contact Larry to see if he wants to run this again
- o Kevin to get all paperwork ready before auction time
- o No more BUY NOW option available
- o Kevin is looking for any input on how to improve auction running's
- o Status of Club members: Ralph, Rennie, Jim Bires. Several members of club with illnesses and the board wanted to recognize the membership. Thoughts and prayers are with all of them.
- o Bob W. will be late or missing the September General Meeting
- o Raffle Prize and Program for General Meeting on Sept 28th
- o Carmel Eames offered her custom made wing backs to be raffled off
- o Program – TBD at later date
- o Night Fly and Chili Cookoff event – Fri Oct 12 2012

Meeting Adjourned.....



## HAWKS WELCOME NEW SOLOED PILOTS



**Carmen Earl**



**Jere Ferrazzo**



**Jeff Nicola couldn't find the right tie.**

## OMAHAWKS' 33RD ANNUAL LABOR DAY AIR SHOW A BIG HIT

The Omahawks RC Club celebrated Labor Day once again this year by hosting an air show to benefit Make-A-Wish of Nebraska. Cloudy skies and a bit of precipitation couldn't dampen the public's enthusiasm, as an estimated 1400 spectators came out to Standing Bear Lake Park to watch the fun.

Pilots from the Midwest Performance Flyers, the Lincoln Sky Knights, the Twin Cities Eagle Squadron, the Orbiting Eagles, and the Western RC Flyers joined in the fun, helping the Omahawks demonstrate almost every kind of model aircraft imaginable. Helicopters, gyrocopters, control line planes, vintage "old timers," bi-planes, electric ducted fan (EDF) jets, pattern planes, 3D planes, giant scale aerobatic planes, civilian scale aircraft, sport planes, and war birds were all on display above Hawk Field.

Unusual aircraft were also in abundance. Joe Cole flew one of his autogyro for the crowd. Lincoln Sky Knights pilot Rob Lyman demonstrated his flying pizza slice that looked like an oversized paper airplane from afar. Fred Wilke showed off a wide array of fun designs including his flying American flag, his electric bald eagle glider, a couple of flying race cars, and a flying witch on a broomstick. Not to be outdone, Omahawks member Skip Brown drew plenty of attention himself with a flying lawn mower. Skip also brought out Snoopy's dog house, claiming it could fly as well, but the crowd remained unconvinced after Skip's demo flight.

While pilots worked to amaze the crowd, dozens of volunteers

helped keep the masses fed and watered. Stoysich hot dogs on Rotella buns were a crowd pleaser once again this year. Gracie Pacana's egg rolls were so popular that they were sold out barely two hours into the air show. Snow cones, chips, bottled water, soda, and a wonderful assortment of fresh baked cookies, brownies, caramel corn, popcorn, and other sweets were all snapped up by spectators to enjoy while they watched the show.

Mike and Molly Berger once again headed up the raffle ticket sales and gave away hundreds of dollars in raffle prizes. Gift cards from sponsors including Mr. Goodcents deli, the Mt. Fuji Inn, and Wheatfields restaurant were awarded to lucky winners. A beautiful picture frame donated by The Afternoon was given away. The grand prize was a complete, ready-to-fly trainer airplane donated by Jack Clark. One lucky winner took home a Sig Kadet LT-25 trainer with engine and radio system along with starting equipment and a 2013 Omahawks membership.

The demonstration flights continued until well into the afternoon, even as inclement weather crept in on the air show. Futaba team pilot Pete Rosas and his Flying Boys of Iowa cohorts amazed the crowd by performing a group hover with four giant scale gasoline-powered aircraft. Hitec team pilot Casey Vohnout was one of the featured pilots, impressing onlookers with some wonderful aerobatic flying and his JTEC Extra 300 ARF. Helicopter pilots John Schenck, Nick Wheatley, and Mike O'Daniel showed off some amazing aero-

batics as well. The helicopters were once again a big crowd pleaser at the air show.

Rain finally settled in over the field shortly after 3PM, and the pilots were unable to finish the final few show segments. Despite the early finish, the Omahawks were able to raise a little more than \$3,000 for Make-A-Wish of Nebraska.

With the help of several other model aircraft clubs and a number of generous sponsors, the Omahawks RC Club was able to promote model aviation to a very wide audience while also providing financial support to a terrific cause.

The 2012 Omahawks Labor Day Air Show was a terrific flying event and a lot of fun for pilots and spectators alike. Plans are already under way to make next year's event bigger and better than ever before. Even if the weather was a little damp this year, it did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of the pilots or volunteers who helped make the 2012 Omahawks Labor Day Air Show another smashing success!

*-Ed Paasch*

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# L a b o r D a y



The FBI (Flying Boys of Iowa) put on a great show for the crowd with their giant scale 3D flying.





## A i r S h o w



Curses, foiled again! Snoopy and his doghouse didn't make it.



Many thanks are due to all the people who helped out. From selling raffle tickets and concessions to helping with parking and show scheduling, everyone that helped out deserves a huge attaboy. Their hard work helps make this show a success!



The day's big winner

## DON NEILL MEMORIAL SCALE CONTEST

The Don Neill Memorial Scale Contest was held August 26th after being rained out on the original scheduled date of August 25th . The turn out was very good and exceeded our expectations particularly since we had to invoke the rain date. We had a total of 16 aircraft registered with two of the planes being flown by substitute pilots. We had approximately 40 folks at the field when counting all the non-flying persons who attended. The classes were Military, Civilian, Team Scale and ARF's. In the military scale class there were four entrants. Civilian Scale there were four entrants, None in team scale, and the ARF class had eight entrants. The winners were:

Civilian Scale:

Mike Crosby 1st place  
Rich Kuenning 2nd place  
Bob Roegge 3rd place

Military Scale:

Dean Copeland 1st place  
Jim Henley 2nd place  
Rick Miller 3rd place

ARF category:

Don Dickey 1st place  
Rick Miller 2nd place  
Ed Paasch 3rd place  
Pilots choice Military went to Dean Copeland

Pilots choice Civilian went to Mike Crosby

Several prizes were awarded from event sponsors, Sig Mfg, RTL

fasteners, Tower Hobbies, Electro Dynamics. Gift cards for 1st 2nd and 3rd place winners were purchased from Hobby Town USA Lincoln, NE

Rich Kuenning won the 100.00 pilots drawing and Anna Hammas purchased winning ticket 261874, for the 500.00 raffle prize.

Thanks to all who came out to support the event, and everyone who offered assistance and advice during event planning.

- Dean Copeland



Bob didn't win anything...

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MORE PIX FROM AROUND THE OMAHAWKS' WORLD



Larry Inness



Bernie Baker



Omahawks' photographer - Helen Paasch



Ed Spiltgerber



Bob Turner



Dave Haggert

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**The date for the  
Omahawks' Auction  
at  
Digz Volleyball Complex  
has been changed to  
Sunday November 4  
(thought you ought to know...)**