



# Hawk Talk

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ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

**GENERAL MEETING:** Friday, July 26, 2013 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Hawk Field \* 138th & Fort St.

**PROGRAM:** Fun and Flying

**BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday, August 7, 2013 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.

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## FLYING DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN!

It's the middle of summer and I hope this finds everyone well and happily flying away the summer season. We've gotten past the cold wind and rain of spring and into a glorious summer.

There is still lots to do this summer. The schedule is full. You shouldn't have too much trouble finding stuff to do. The pattern contest is coming this week and there are fun flies throughout the month. And right around the corner is the Labor Day Air Show, our club's big hurrah.

And if you're up for a road trip, there is a great fun fly going on in Hastings on the 17th. There is something to do on almost every weekend, and something for almost every kind of flying.

But airplanes aren't the only thing flying. Time is flying by, too. In no time at all the weather will start to cool. The sun will start to set early and autumn will be upon us. Short days, cool nights and all too soon, snow on the ground, winter. And no more flying.

Bummer.  
So you'd better not waste

any time. Get out there and fly. Get your planes out, get your gear ready and charged up. Call your friends and get out to the field.

Fly.

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Get going!

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Why are you still here?

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Go Fly!

### JULY MEETING AT HAWK FIELD

FRIDAY, JULY 26

6:00 p.m.

Hawk Field

138th & Fort

Program:

Fun and Flying!

Raffle:

TBA

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ July 27 - General Meeting
- ★ Aug 3-4 - Pattern Contest
- ★ Aug 7 - Business meeting
- ★ Aug 7 - Old timer fun fly
- ★ Aug 17 - Hastings Fun Fly
- ★ Aug 21 - Electric Sailplane Fun Fly
- ★ Aug 30 - General Meeting
- ★ Sept 2 - Labor Day Air Show
- ★ Every Thurs Night 6pm to dusk - Training Night

# HAWK TALK

## THE MINUTES

Erik Krystoff, Secretary

### General Meeting.....6/26/2013

New Members or Guests: Dave and Sam Ross are back in town again.

Membership Report: Currently 114 members registered

Newsletter Report: Mike is requesting any type of article to use for the HawkTalk newsletter. AS long as its RC related, send it in.....

#### Hawk Field Update:

o Trash situation is being looked into. Bob W awaiting callback from Papillion Sanitation  
o Field is looking good. Boy Scouts on schedule for Aug 26th cleanup before Labor Day.

#### General Announcements:

- o Ralph Brown's Passing:
- o Club donated flowers to Ralph's wake
- o Labor Day Airshow (Ed)
- o Raffle Prizes for Make a Wish foundation – Need to pay for raffle prizes through club donations and club raffle prizes
- o Labor Day raffle tickets to be sold early – watch for these and buy lots of them
- o More general merchandise to be included in prize palooza – ideas include a blu-ray player, big screen tv, beauty packages, ect.
- o Newly announced – Prized spot parking location - \$100 donation minimum – See Ed for info
- o Past Events Recap / updates:
- o Sportsman Pilot Championship recap (Mikey)
  - ? Mikey announced winner's of the 3 day event
  - ? Casey Vohnout won the Olsen Cup Trophy; Rich Walker was the Runner Up this year.
- o Omahawks Auction Oct 31st at Millard Social Hall
  - ? Hall has been reserved for this year.
- o Boy Scouts Training nights recap (Dennis B)
  - ? 2 good nights of training
  - ? Had some troubles with planes on 2nd night –
  - ? Scouts had fun and everyone flew. Scouts are ready for Aug 26th cleanup
- o Council Bluffs Library demonstration (Dennis B)
  - ? About 100+ boys between 5-8 yrs of age
  - ? Dennis did demonstration and was well received
  - ? Will be scheduling another event for next summer.
- o Upcoming Events:
  - o Hastings Skylarks event
    - ? Sat Aug 17th fun fly - \$15 pilot fee for Wounded Warrior Project donation
  - o Pattern Contest – Aug 3rd and 4th
    - ? Bob Wheeler is the CD –
    - ? Several out of town pilots will be attending
    - ? Volunteers to help out has been requested
  - o Blair Airport Event – Sunday Aug 18th
    - ? Fun fly and demonstrations
    - ? 4,000 feet of shaved concrete runway
    - ? Ed and Patrick Jones to work out the details / final logistics
- o Fremont Airport July 3rd – 6pm – 9pm

Upcoming Events / Dates:

- o Next Board Meeting – Wednesday , 2013 @ 7pm at Make a Wish building
- o Next General Meeting – Friday , 2013 @ 7pm at Make a Wish building

#### Raffle Prize

- o \$50 cash prize – 50/50 contest decided by club members in attendance – Steve Earl won the \$25 prize - \$25 donated back to club for Labor Day Airshow prizes

### Business Meeting.....7/2/2013

Board Members in attendance: Bob Wheeler, Bob Zitzlsperger, Dennis Bender, Kevin Hyde, Steve Earl, Carmel Earl, Mikey Furrow Visitors: Ed Paasch

#### Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports:

- o Treasurer's Report – Kevin Hyde – Accounts all good
- o Membership Count: – Count as of 7/02/13 – 114 Members – a bit low for this time of year
- o Hawk Field:
  - o Trash schedule has been changed to Weekly pickup.
  - o Current BBQ grill on last legs – Dennis Bender is going to look into purchasing a replacement

#### Old Business:

- o City Parks Department (Bob) – No response as of yet. Bob Wheeler to follow up
- o Secondary Site Committee (Gary) – No updates at this time due to flying season

#### New Business:

- o Training Season updates:
  - o Club trainers depleting quickly this year due to mid air collisions
  - o Kevin Hyde made motion to allocate \$225 for purchase of new club trainer / Steve Earl 2nd motion – Board Approved – Ed P to look into acquisition of new trainer
  - o Discussions had about the club trainer's usage, and roles of instructors on training night
  - o Bob Wheeler to draw up a Rules of Conduct for the training program and bring to next meeting.
- o Club Auction – Millard Hall – Sunday Oct 13rd – Hall reserved
- o Email from Past Club Member: request for a memorial in Ralph Brown's honor
  - o Suggested that runway be named in Ralph's honor for the many years of dedication to RC Aviation
  - o Another suggestion is for a Ralph Brown Fun Fly in his honor – to be held yearly
  - o All suggestions / ideas to be brought up at General Meeting
- o Upcoming Events:
  - o Pattern Contest – Bob W to CD – August 3rd and 4th

- o Robert Green inquired to about getting T-Shirts for event – Board approved
- o Blair Airport Fun Fly – Sunday August 18th at 11am – 3pm
- o Fund Raiser event for Wounded Warriors Project

#### Upcoming Events:

- o Old Timer event – July 3rd – 8:30am – noon – Dennis to grill
- o Float Fly event – July 13th – 8:00am – noon – Pizza to be provided
- o Sail Plane event – July 18th – 8:30am – noon
- o Next General Meeting – Friday, July 26th , 2013 @ 7pm at Hawk Field – 6:00pm for Hot Dogs
- o Next Board Meeting – Wednesday August 7th , 2013 @ 7pm at Make a Wish building

Meeting Adjourned.....



A few pointers...



Wake up, Ralph!

# A salute to a long-time friend

Ralph Brown's passing last month left a huge hole in all of our hearts. He was often the first person that anyone met when they first found the Omahawks. He was a tireless supporter of the club and all of its events. We will all miss his quick wit, his endless love of flying and his very brief reports in the club meetings.



Ralph was a sucker for a pretty girl.



Ed learned everything he knows about brevity from Ralph.



Always ready to help.



Just a brief report...



Consoling Steve Culver on his loss.

# Sport Pilot Championship:

Please enjoy these pictures from the 2013 Omahawks' Sport Pilot Championship - especially the crash photos. I'm sure you'll enjoy them more than their owners will.





# 2013 Labor Day Air Show



- Air show from **12PM Noon to 4PM on Monday September 2nd, 2013**
- Air show is at **Standing Bear Lake Park at 138th & Fort Streets in Omaha, NE**
- **Free admission, free restroom facilities, and free parking** will be provided
- Hot dogs, chips, soda, water, popcorn, baked goods, and snow cones will all be available
- Raffle tickets available for purchase and hundreds of dollars in prizes will be awarded



Net proceeds from the sale of raffle tickets, food, and beverages will benefit Make-A-Wish of Nebraska.

Call Ed Paasch at (402) 321-3781 or e-mail [bigedmustafa@hotmail.com](mailto:bigedmustafa@hotmail.com) for more information. Thank you.

# AeroFest 2013

**Blair Municipal Airport on Highway 133  
Sunday August 18th from 11 AM to 3 PM**



Join us at the Blair Municipal Airport on Sunday, August 18th to help celebrate National Model Aviation Day! This inaugural Aeromodeling Festival will feature air show-style flying segments, open RC flying, and hours of fun for pilots and spectators alike:

- Fly from a 4000-foot long shaved concrete taxiway at the beautiful Blair Municipal Airport located just a few minutes northwest of Hobbytown USA at I-680 and Irvington.
- Food and beverages will be available for sale, with all net proceeds going to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project.
- Radio control aircraft of all types are welcome, so bring out your turbine jets, helicopters, biplanes, gliders, old timers, sport planes, scale planes, trainers, or gyrocopters to fly!
- Pilots are encouraged to donate \$10 to the Wounded Warrior Project upon registering at the event. Donations are voluntary, however, and smaller amounts are welcome.
- Strict flight control and safety guidelines will be maintained so as not to interfere with the airport's normal operations. All RC pilots will yield to BTA civilian air traffic.

Contact Patrick Jones at (402) 889-8512 or e-mail at [ptjones402@gmail.com](mailto:ptjones402@gmail.com) for additional information

# It's Not for Sissies!





# Omaha Pattern Championship

Saturday, August 3rd and Sunday, August 4th

Hawk Field, 138th & Fort Streets, Omaha, NE



**Join us at beautiful Standing Bear Lake Park on Saturday, August 3rd and Sunday, August 4th for the 2013 Omaha Pattern Championship:**

- **Trophies will be presented for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each of five classes: Sportsman, Intermediate, Advanced, Masters, and FAI**
- **All registered pilots will be welcome to arrive early and practice at Hawk Field all day and evening on Friday, August 2nd**
- **Pilot registration is \$35.00 Please RSVP to Bob Wheeler and let him know your t-shirt size**
- **This is an AMA sanctioned contest following normal NSRCA rules; pilots are required to be current AMA members**

**Lunch will be served around 12PM noon on both days, with hotdogs, chips, pop, and water available for pilots and spectators. Come on out and watch the fun!**

**Contact Bob Wheeler at (402) 426-2068 with any questions or e-mail Bob at [rjwheeler1@gmail.com](mailto:rjwheeler1@gmail.com)**



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## FLYING IN FREMONT

The Omahawks were invited by Ron Vlauch, owner of Victory Marine in Fremont, to fly at the Fremont Airport prior to the July 3rd Fireworks Display. A number of pilots attended and had a fun and relaxing time and enjoyed a wonderful Fireworks display later in the evening.

Bob,  
Robert J Wheeler



## FLOAT FLYING AND OLD TIMERS

### Old Timer Fun Fly July 3rd.

The winds were near calm. Lunch was prepared by Dennis and Pat. Good turnout as 30 signed in. Three planes were lost in the jungle and one fell in the lake.

**Float Fly July 13th.** The wind was 13-20 plus mph, still nine flew. Bob Wheeler used his pontoon boat to retrieve. Three large pizzas and pop were consumed at lunch. Flyers were: Rick Miller, Steve Earl, Frank Wisniski, Brad Perkons, Frank Vanecek, Ed Splittgerber, Gale Sherman, Thaddens Sucha, Bob Zitzlsperger & Dick Behrens.



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# THE PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

Labor Day is coming and with it, the annual Omahawks' Labor Day Air Show. As you know, each year we hold a raffle to raise money for the Make-a-wish donation. For several years, the prizes for the raffle have been bought with donations from club members.

Unfortunately, this year we are way behind in the donations from club members, so we need your help fast. To help our cause, our president, Bob Wheeler has issued this challenge: He has thrown a measly little twenty dollar bill into the hat to help the cause and he challenges each and every one of you to do the same.

The support of club members in this effort has helped us give all the money raised by selling tickets to Make-a-wish. Your help in meeting Bob's challenge will make that goal even closer.

