



Hawk Talk

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, June 26th, 2015 * 7:00 P.M. * Hawk Field * Hot Dogs & Chef's Surprise at 6:00 PM PROGRAM: TBD

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, July 1st, 2015 * 7:00 PM * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BOARD MEETINGS

Upcoming Omahawk Events

Boy Scouts ¹	- Mon June 22 nd , 6:00pm
SASM Summer Camp ¹	- Tue June 23 rd , 11:00am
Electric Sailplanes	- Wed June 24, 8:30-11:30am
Old Timer Fun Fly	- Wed July 1, 9:00-noon
Float Fly (with pizza)	- Sat July 11, 8:30-2:00pm
Electric Sailplanes	- Wed July 15, 8:30-11:30am
Millard Summer Camp ²	- Wed July 15, 10:00am
SPC Combat	- Sat July 18, 11:00 – 3:00pm

¹ Contact Mikey Furrow to volunteer

² Contact Bernie Baker to volunteer

As the largest RC club in the Omaha area, we are sometimes asked to give demonstrations at various schools, Boy Scout events, summer camps, and fly-ins. Please consider donating some of your time to these worthwhile causes. By doing so, you will be advancing the hobby to the younger generation as well as reinforcing the leadership role of the Omahawks in the community. (Which is a good thing given our ongoing contract discussions with the City.)

A little of your time can make a lot of difference.

Where Does My Permit Money Go?

Kevin Hyde

Each year I get asked questions about the field permit and membership fees. Where does the money go? Don't we already have enough money to keep the field nice? Can't I fly without a permit if I'm an AMA member? How do I know if people that are flying are members?

There are all good questions, and I'm sure there are many more that are just as good. In order to understand the answers, you need to understand why the Omahawks manage Hawk Field. In 1986 the Omahawks proposed an agreement with the City of Omaha to manage Hawk Field. Along with some financial considerations that have since been met, the City of Omaha agreed under the following conditions:

- Enforce safety, noise and other field regulations
- Assure that every user is insured for not less than \$500,000
- Collect and administer user fees
- Pay for maintenance, operation and development of the premises

Maintenance includes mowing, portable toilets, trash pick-up, electrical utilities; and repair/upkeep of the pavilion, runway and shed (vandals are not making this easy). The cost for these items varies from year to year but since 2000 the average annual cost has been about \$6,400. In addition, last year we spent \$10,900 because of vegetation that was removed east of the field.

The Omahawks membership has been as high as 254 in 1997, but has been steadily declining to the 2014 membership of 127. The average maintenance cost \$6,400 divided by membership is just over \$55 per person. Magically that is what it costs for a pilot permit. Our current membership (2015) is 115 members with about 35 members from 2014 that have not yet renewed. (Some have moved away or just don't intend to stay with the hobby.) It's not hard to see that if membership continues to decline and expenses stay the same, we will be going backwards from a financial point of view.

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Omahawks General Meeting Notes – May 29, 2015

(Submitted by Larry McChesney, Secretary)

President Mikey Furrow opened the meeting.

One guest was in attendance. Bert Van Blerk, formerly an Omahawks member, is planning to return to flying and the club. Welcome back Bert.

There were 28 club members present this evening who were treated to another enjoyable meal. Thanks to Dennis Bender and others who prepared the food.

Membership Report

Kevin Hyde, Membership Chair reported that currently there are 105 people on the roll who have paid dues.

Newsletter

Bernie Baker was not present to give a report.

Field

- Bob Wheeler reviewed plans for a Spring Cleanup day May 30th. The priority will be to install new shingles on shelter. Also planned is scraping and repainting bleachers, gate replacement (if time permits), continuation of bulletin board upgrades, and other miscellaneous jobs to keep our facilities first class.
- Dennis Bender will once again be on site to offer lunch for the all the hard working club members attending.

General Announcements

- Event reviews.
- Labor Day Air Show Preparation.
- Organizing a portable kitchen for field use - Greg Nelson

Events and Miscellaneous

- Next board meeting - Wednesday June 3rd
- Float Fly at Standing Bear - Wednesday June 10th @9:00 am-noon.
- SPC Competitive Fun Fly - Saturday June 13th from 11:00 to 3:00.
- Boy Scout Training Nights - Monday June 15 and 22nd @ 6:00 to dark.
- Electric Sailplane Fun Fly to be held Wednesday June 24th from 8:30 - noon.
- Next General Meeting - Friday June 26th 7pm at the Field.

Raffle

We will not include "Show and Tell" bonus tickets for raffle prizes during the summer as we need to raise money for purchasing prizes for the Labor Day Air Show. Remember, all proceeds go to Make-A-Wish.

Dean Copeland made a motion to end meeting. Seconded Ron Pacana.

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Omahawks Board Meeting Notes – June 3, 2015

(Submitted by Larry McChesney, Secretary)

Board Members in attendance: President Mikey Furrow, Bernie Baker, Kevin Hyde, Dan Duey, Dennis Bender, Larry McChesney, Tom Floyd, Gary Vohnout. Field Chairman, Bob Wheeler.

Visitors: Bob Zitzlsperger.

Reports:

- Treasurers Report. Kevin Hyde gave a report and included print outs of Balance sheet, Cash flow and recent Transactions detail.
- Membership Count: – Count as of today is 115 members.

Old Business:

- Lease Renewal. Bernie received an email from our contact at the City, indicating he'd reviewed the contract with Dennis Bryers (our Park Department contact). The initial response indicated that any changes needed would be minor. However, additional reviews will be needed by other city departments. There was also some concern about the duration of the contract, which has a requested expiration date of 2030. This is longer than most city contracts. We should be hearing back later in the summer.
- Christmas Party Confirmation. After some discussion, the Board felt that returning to Jack and Mary's was a good choice and Dennis Bender will proceed.
- Hawk Field updates. Bob Wheeler gave a thorough report.
 - Runway. Bob was contacted by a parking lot paving contractor. They will stop out to look over the runway and prepare a couple of options for repair or replacement.
 - Work Day. Many members were present to take on a number of projects. Thanks to all who were able to attend and take on work that needed to be done. The old shelter roofing was removed, repairs made, new felt laid down, and new shingles installed. Tree trimming was done and miscellaneous fence repair was completed. Renovation of the bulletin board continues as well as building a new steel pipe rail gate to replace the current one that was damaged. **Outstanding effort by all participants.**

New Business:

- Labor Day update / progress. Some discussion on donations and ideas for raffle tent items. Ed Paasch submitted paperwork to Make-A-Wish regarding the use of their name. Mikey Furrow and/or Bob Wheeler will contact Hobby Town to see if they will participate again this year with a raffle prize donation.
- Boy Scout Flight Training. Monday June 15th and 22nd Scouts will be at the field around 6:00 to participate in training. Some "buddy boxes" are needed as well as some club members to help with the sessions. Contact Mikey Furrow if you can help or have questions.
- Hawk Field Permits. There was a long discussion regarding field permits, lack thereof, reasons why they are important, the need for all to meet the intent of club rules, etc. The board has asked that an article be prepared to be included in the news letter regarding same. Kevin Hyde will do this.

Upcoming Events:

- Float Fly – Wednesday June 10th @ 9am-noon Standing Bear Lake Boat Docks
- SPC Competitive Fun Fly Event – Saturday June 13th @ 11am – 3pm Hawk Field
- Old Timer Fun Fly – Wednesday June 17th @ 8:30am – noon Hawk Field
- Boy Scouts Buddy Box Flight Training – Monday June 15th & 22nd – 6PM @ Hawk Field
- Electric Sailplanes Fun Fly Event – Wednesday June 24th @ 8:30 – noon.
- Next General Meeting – Friday, June 26th , 2015 @ 7pm at Hawk Field
- Next Board Meeting – Wednesday, July 1st, 2015 @ 7pm at Make a Wish building

Meeting Adjourned.....

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(Permit Money continued)

Okay, so that's where your money goes (that's really boring by the way, Kevin). What about those other questions? For example, do we have enough money? For the time being yes, but have you noticed that the runway is looking a little run down? It is! And fixing the runway will take much if not most of our reserves with a cost estimated at \$7,000 to \$10,000 or more depending on what kind of repair we choose.

How does that look for the regular flyer that comes as a "guest" week after week, or the guy that flies without a permit because "no one puts up permits anymore and no one will know"? Seems like they are taking advantage of the members doesn't it?

So, how do you know if someone is a member or not if we don't put our cards on the impound board anymore? You don't! But did you know that rule is still in effect? Field rule #3 says "When a transmitter is in use, a Hawk Field field permit or valid AMA membership card must be on the appropriate frequency flag. All transmitters, except those operated on 2.4 GHz, must be impounded when not in use." You see, it doesn't say you don't have to post your card, only that you don't have to impound your radio for 2.4 GHz. We're not very good at following that rule and we need to get better. **Going forward, please make a practice of putting your card on the board when flying.**

Does that mean if someone is flying without putting up a card you should ask them to leave? Well, probably not; but you should ask them to put up their card and if they don't have one, and encourage them to bring it next time. If they are not a member (and they admit it), offer to let them fly as a guest for the day but encourage them to go online and sign up for a membership at their next opportunity.

We have a very nice field and we need to keep it that way, And we all need to do our part to make sure the club has the funds to keep it as nice as it can be.

Events from the past month

May 16 – SPC Pylon Races (Pictures from Milt Olson)



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May 30 – New Roof and Spring Clean-up. (From Bob Wheeler) I want to thank all the club members who volunteered their Saturday, May 30th, to help with the annual clean up day. There was plenty of work to go around from replacing shelter shingles, scraping and painting bleachers, to trimming trees and mending gates. The members who came out to help in any way they could included, Dennis Bender, Greg Nelson, Milt Olson, Larry Inness, Tom Floyd, Jeff Jacobs, Gary Vohnout, Ed Paasch, Ron Pacana, Bert Van Blerk, Dick Behrens, Josh Sorensen, Jeff Pinnt, Don Piekens, John Thompson, Dan Huey and Bob Wheeler. And of course, many thanks to Omahawks personal chef , "Dennis", for providing a nice lunch after such a hard morning of work. The day wrapped up around 4:30 in the afternoon with the finishing of the shelter roof. The field is looking good for another year of use. If you happen to see something you feel needs attention, please let one of the board members know about it.

The City at some point will be adjusting the rail fence on the north side of the field so it runs down to the Parking lot, and a request has been placed for the Parks Maintenance team to mow the east side of the field to knock down the brush and weeds.



June 15 - Boy Scouts. (From Dennis Bender) We had a nice time Monday night with the Boy Scouts, June 15th. A little breezy, but winds diminished after 7PM. Two instructors, Bob Wheeler and Mikey Furrow, flew twelve scouts and three leaders. All the boys got two flights with each instructor. We had a ringer with one of the adults that Mikey was working with. As soon as he got control, he started doing loops and rolls. It turns out he used to fly years ago and still has some planes. He was quickly given a membership application. And of course, the food was good.

June 10 Float Fly. (From Dick Behrens) East wind around 7-12 mph. Chase boat - Bob Turner. Krispy Kremes and bananas. Sixteen pilots brought float planes. They were: Frank Wisniski, Bob Roegge, Rick Miller, Bud Mitchell, Tom Floyd, Rick Haneline, Frank Vanecek, Ron Pacana, Jud Bock, Terry Chall, Fred Wilke, Bob Burt, Chuck Buscher, Bernie Baker, Larry Inness, and Dick Behrens. Bringing new or recently acquired planes were Rick M, Tom F, Fred W, and Bernie. Many observers/helpers.



Rick Miller with his Sea Master



Rick Miller with his Lake Buccaneer
83" wingspan, Zenoah G-20



Tom Floyd with GP Cub
76" wingspan, OS624S

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June 10 Float Fly - Continued



Fred Wilke with his big Beaver 110" wingspan, G30. Great flyer!



Chuck, Bud, Rick M, Bernie, Art Miller, and Art's guard dog.



Bernie and his nearly finished Shearwater 84" wingspan, OS75

June 17 Old Timers (From Dick Behrens). Light south wind. Dennis served 25 people for lunch.



Bud, Frank, Larry, Chuck, and Art Miller



Tom Floyd with Matt Carlson



Bob Burt with Frank Wisniski

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