



# Hawk Talk

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

**GENERAL MEETING:** Friday, March 27, 2009 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.

**PROGRAM:** We talked about this at the meeting but I can't find my notes so you'll just have to come and see. - ed

**BUSINESS MEETING:** Wednesday, April 1, 2009 \* 7:00 P.M. \* Make-A-Wish Foundation \* 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

## COME LEARN TO FLY!

Wake up, everybody! It's officially Springtime and to everyone's delight, it's flying season! And that means that it's time to learn how to fly (again for some of us).

Starting in April (that's next week!) every Thursday night is training night when the field is closed to all fliers except the non-soloed pilots in the training pro-

gram. That allows new pilots to work together closely with a qualified flight instructor as they learn the ins and outs of R/C flying. Together with his instructor, a student pilot can quickly and safely master the art of flying without the danger and expense of learning on his own. The instructors are all experienced in training and very dedicated to the program. And the program is free to all members of the Omahawks and is the perfect way to learn to enjoy this wonderful hobby.

Also on Thursday nights, the club has club-owned airplanes ready to fly for anyone who wants to try their hand at R/C flying before they spend the big bucks to buy their own plane.

So, if you have a plane you want to learn to fly or just want to get a taste of flying to see if it's the hobby for you, come out to Hawk Field (138th & Fort in Standing Bear Lake Park) every Thursday from 6:00 pm to dusk. We'll be there and you'll be glad you came.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Mar 24 - Ground School & Instructors meeting - 6:30 pm Hobbytown, Irvington
- ★ Mar 27 - March General Meeting
- ★ Apr 1 - Business Meeting
- ★ Apr 11 - Spring Clean-up at Hawk Field
- ★ Every Thursday Night is training night at Hawk Field
- ★ April 26 - Western Flyers Auction (See p. 6 for details)

### MARCH MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, FEB 27

7:00 p.m.

11926 ARBOR ST

Program: Somebody will do something, I swear!

Raffle:

3.2 ghz Indoor RTF Airplane

## THE MINUTES

Nathan King, Secretary

### General Meeting.....2/27/2009

President E.J. Murphy opened the meeting.

The program was presented by Ed Paasch. He masterfully shared an overview of five or six different simulator programs such as Real Flight, Phoenix and others. He set up his computer and had the software for the various products you see in the magazines while using the big screen to illustrate the various graphics and physics in these different packages. It was very informative and helpful if you might be thinking about a purchase for the first time or looking into one different from what you already use. Ed shared copies on cd's of various links and demos with those attending the meeting who wanted one. Well done Ed.

★ Membership report: Ralph made the report. Currently ninety- seven have signed up and he indicated that we should close out the season with an estimated one hundred forty. This includes four honorary members. They are Fred Hawkins, Bill Durand, Chuck Sigeron and Hal Daub.

★ Awards: Roger Brod was given a certificate acknowledging several years service and a "chefs hat" for his efforts and hard work pushing hot dogs, sloppy joes, snow cones and other items at club events.

★ Scott Wall was recognized for being a newly soloed pilot.

★ **Newsletter report:** Mike Berger reminded everyone about deadline for receiving news articles submitted to be included in new editions. For the next newsletter they must be sent in the Sunday following the board meeting.

★ **Field updates:** Field Chairman Nathan Brown and Ed Paasch would welcome a few more members who would like to join the committee looking into runway repairs. It is reconstruction work that is tentatively scheduled to happen this year.

★ Also please mark your calendars for the "spring field cleanup date" which is April 11th. Also the frequency number flags at the field will be removed temporarily and repainted. If you find that they are not available, please communicate with others flying to avoid mishaps.

#### Events:

★ Any requests for funds to support events for 2009 should be brought forward no later than or at the March general meeting. The club will vote on the slate, dates and finances at that time. A number of events have been discussed. If you have something to add please come prepared to offer the plan at that time.

★ Training begins April 12th.

★ Bob Wheeler has met with Hobby Town near Irvington and they will allow Omahawks to meet in their track area on March 24th at 6:30. This time will be spent with instructors available to do pre-training plane inspections for any members who would like to have their planes and equipment checked out.

★ The instructors will also have an opportunity to meet as a group to discuss the upcoming season.

★ Last if there are those who want to join this group to help train new club members contact Nathan King. He is asking for more senior members to support this program.

★ Kevin Hyde has completed discussions with Digz and a date of October 18th for the fall auction. This is to replace the previous location which will no longer be available to us.

#### Old Business.

The November general meeting will be November 20th and a new slate of officers will also be elected at that time.

#### New Business.

★ Web initiatives discussions were led by Brad Shaik at the last Board meeting. Included were a new Face Book account and a PayPal account for the club. This will be valuable in processing new membership registrations, payments for purchases at the auction, etc.

★ Doc Greenberg and Fred Wilke are discussing a news article for submission to the AMA magazine.

★ There have been two new contacts from outside organizations inquiring as to the clubs interest in putting together static displays, flying ( electric or ?? ) and having members available to discuss the hobby at their respective locations. One is the Strategic Air Space Museum near Ashland and the other is the Omaha Childrens Museum. The club needs a couple members to make contacts and organize these two events. Please contact E.J. if you can fill this position or just want to be a participant. No dates have been discussed at this point. These are great opportunities to promote the hobby and help educate some of our youth.

★ Your Secretary will add a third organization. I am involved in a board position with Easter Seals. Last summer we had a week long camp for boys and girls our of military who were deployed in Iraq. Afghanistan and other assignment over seas. It is called "Operation Purple" ( when all the military branch's are involved the signature color is purple). This was held at Camp Cedars Boy Scout ranch near Fremont. It would be nice this summer to look into the event and to attend to work with these kids. I will nominate myself to lead this effort.

★ Fred Wilke reminded us at the meeting about the annual Benson High event to be held in early May

★ Members are reminded that they can fly indoors on Saturdays at St Andrews church on Maple from 3:30 to 5:00. (*Contact Mike Lollis for more info - ed*)

### Business Meeting.....3/4/2009

President Murphy opened the meeting.

Kevin Hyde presented the financial report.

**Membership report.** Ralph was not present. However the current count for renewed/new membership is currently standing at ninety one.

**Events:** E.J. reviewed requests for events already received by club members. Correction for the event at Benson High school. The date set is Saturday March 21st. The previous minutes indicated a different day. Mark this date on your calendar so the club is well represented. Contact Fred Wilke with questions.

Bob Wheeler made a motion, seconded by Kevin Hyde to reimburse Fred Wilke for prizes to be given to kids participating in the Benson event.

Ground school and instructors meeting is Tuesday March 24th at 6:30 at Hobby Town near Irvington.

**Field Report:** Nathan Brown continues to work with contractors to put together a plan for runway repairs. Bob Wheeler is also talking to others to assist in the effort to prepare a final recommendation to submit at a later date.

Spring cleanup is scheduled April 11th starting at ten o'clock. Lunch will be provided.

Doc Greenberg came by the field recently and noticed the gate at the field was open. Please lets be sure to close and chain the gate if you are the last out regardless of the time of day.

#### Old Business:

Flight training begins April 2 and not the 12th as previously reported.

E.J. talked to Eric Morgan who has a new ARF Avistar in his possession. There is also a radio, servos etc. available. E.J. will follow up with Eric.

Kevin Hyde made a motion, Larry McChesney second, to pay Eric Morgans membership dues for 2009. Due to his accident he is unable to work. He will pay for his own AMA membership.

#### New Business

★ Kevin Hyde is completing paper work for 2009 Club Leader recognition.

★ Steve Peck has agreed to coordinate the Strategic and Space Museum event. Steve will settle on a date, either July 25th or Aug 8th and submit to the club for the calendar.

★ We are still looking for a coordinator for the Childrens Museum opportunity. Date can be any thing from March until April 19th. Send E.J. an email if you are interested.

★ Raffle for a "Member of the Month" parking space was discussed. It was agreed that this topic would be discussed at the next general meeting.

★ Kevin reviewed what is needed for Leader Club application. First is a primary contact. President Murphy's name will be submitted. Second is a safety officer. Bob Wheeler volunteered to assume this job. Last we talked about subscription to Model Aviation magazine to all Junior High schools. Cost to the club would be \$121. Kevin Hyde made a motion to approve money for this expense. Bob Wheeler seconded. Approved. Kevin will send application to AMA next week.

#### Other items discussed:

Brad Shaik continued the discussion about PayPal account. He and Kevin have been meeting to get this organized. They will continue to keep the board informed with the goal to activate the account in the near future.

A new proposal for a electric glider event was presented. Date suggested was May 9th with prizes and lunch. Cost for event is \$150. Board agreed to support placing event on the slate to be discussed at next general meeting.

# SHOW AND TELL



Steve brought something that might actually fly. →

Would you believe I scratch built this? Well, would you believe I scratched my head a lot while I assembled it?



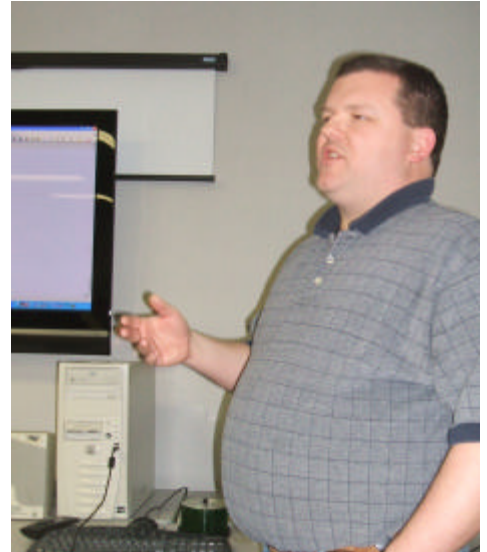
One real sweet ducted fan! →



Ralph showed off his old-timer... →



...while Kevin tried not to get whacked with its tail (again).



Ed gives good demo



Roger got promoted to club chef



Our latest soloed pilot

# Omahawks' show off at



Fred Wilke, E. J. Feldman, Bob Wheeler and Ralph Brown showed their stuff at the static display, and Dan Walz knocked everybody's socks off with his huge B-17. Skip and Nathan Brown helped out, too, though they didn't get in the pictures.



# Benson Competition Day

The Omahawks kicked off the new flying season at the Benson High School Competition Day activities. On this day, middle school students from all around Omaha come together to compete in various science related contests. They make things in their classes like CO2 race cars, catapults, foam hovercraft, and model airplanes. They then bring them to Benson High School to compete with each other in contests designed to find out who did the best job building their projects.

The Omahawks have supported the stick and tissue airplane portion of the competition. Students build their own rubber powered airplanes and then compete to see whose will fly the farthest and stay in the air the longest. For many years we have awarded prizes to the winners of those events. This year's winners were Deshawn Pierce and Mareng Mareng.

This event is one of the best opportunities this club has to give back to the community while at the same time spreading the joy of flying to a new generation. Many thanks are due to Fred Wilke and all the others who took the time to put on this show. It was a lot of fun for everyone involved.

- editor



The big winners: Deshawn and Mareng.



Ken Heimbuch came by to fly in the gym.



## EJ'S LATEST OBSESSION

As some of you know, I participated in my first R/C competition, last year. The 2008 Omaha Pattern Championships was loads of fun, and very informative. I made some new friends, and between them and my fellow Omahawks I got a lot of help and encouragement. Thanks go to Nathan King, Claude Weimer, and Rusty Dose for all their help. I've been bitten by the Pattern bug so bad that I've decided to move up to a pattern specific plane. I found a model I liked from China Model Productions, (CMPPro) the Swallow EX90.



It's a 90 size ARF, with a 66" wingspan. I'll be using a Saito FA-91fs engine, with my Spektrum radio. After extensive research, I found a lot of info on improvements and corrections for its short-comings, especially on RCUniverse. The assembly of this ARF may not be as interesting as a large scale warbird, but I thought it might help give others some ideas.



The two main areas that were suggested to beef-up are the fuselage side above the wing saddle, and the mounting area for the landing gear undercarriage.

The plane showed some reinforcement with a bit of fiberglass. But, I opted to use 1/16" ply to reinforce this area further. Following that I fuel-proofed the entire inside of the fuselage, from the firewall to the back of the servo tray.



While I was installing the wing mounting bolt blind nuts, I felt the gap between the fus sides were allowing the wing to get drawn in too much. Rather than have something crack and weaken, I put a small piece of balsa across the area for the wing to get pressed against.

Then, I assembled the wing and controls according to instructions, followed by attaching the tunnel to the wing bottom. More updates, as I move along.

- EJ Feldman



## DON'T FORGET THE WESTER FLIERS AUCTION

Don't forget to come out to the Western Fliers auction on Sunday April 26th at the Fireman's Hall at 60th and Grover St. The auction registration starts at 7:30 and the auction starts at 10.

And your help is needed at the auction. The Omahawks voted at the last meeting to get people to help at this auction because so many of the Western Fliers have helped at our auctions in the past (and will help again in the future) and they need our help for theirs. People are need to help out with data entry and running as well as just general help in keeping things going.

So, come out to the auction, help out and have some fun. Working together, we can make this a successful day for all R/Cers!

## OOPS, I RAN OUT OF ROOM!

Jim Henley has completed his 1/4 scale Marquet Charger biplane, and has written a nice article on it. But I ran out of room and couldn't include it here, so I will have to bump it out to next month. So, here's a little teaser to keep you interested and we'll all see what he's done next month!

- editor



## LUKE'S BIG WIN!



Anybody familiar with Fred Wilke or the Omahawks training program knows Fred's grandson, Luke Smith. Luke just made a big accomplishment when he and his teammates won big robotics competition at Benson High School.

They had to design, build and control a computerized robot through a series of obstacles and other challenges while competing with kids from other schools.

Luke, who goes to Buffet Middle School, (in the photo at the far left) and his partner, Nick Sparke (I think he's the one in the middle) have also won a similar competition at Mount Michael School in Elkhorn, NE.

The win at Benson High gives Luke the chance to compete in a national competition that will be coming up in Dallas, Texas at the end of April.

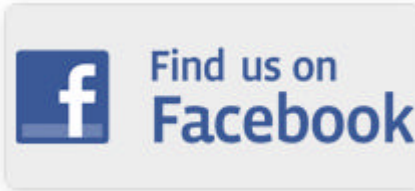
Fred is understandably proud of his grandson and says that the experience Luke has had with model airplanes has given him a jump on the other kids when it comes to working with the robots, the radio controls and the electronics involved in the robots.

We should all join together in wishing Luke and the rest of his team the best of luck in Dallas!

- editor

## BIG CHANGES COMING TO THE WEB

Get ready everybody! Big changes are coming to the Omahawks' web presence. Brad Shaink has come up with some great new enhancements for the web site that will help us communicate better as well as sell the club better. Check it out!



### Find us on Facebook

The Omahawks now have a Facebook page for all our fans. You can get updates of upcoming events, upload your fan photos & videos, post blogs or sell items. After all, this is your fan page. A Facebook membership is required. Membership to Facebook is FREE! To check us out, go to [www.Omahawks.org](http://www.Omahawks.org) and click on the **Find us on Facebook** link. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Update your Email Contact List

Omahawks email addresses have been created to help with receiving large files and providing our members easy to remember email addresses for key roles within the club. The following key email addresses have been created:

Membership@Omahawks.org  
HawkTalk@Omahawks.org  
Training@Omahawks.org  
Webmaster@Omahawks.org



### Do you YouTube?

Omahawks has a YouTube page to display all the member videos. You can see these videos on the Omahawks website home page or by going to [www.YouTube.com/Omahawks](http://www.YouTube.com/Omahawks). Subscribe to the Omahawks YouTube channel and receive notifications of when a new video has been uploaded. In the last year 2,231 people have viewed the videos. Recently someone sent a message that they fish at Standing Bear Lake and watch the YouTube videos on an iPod while fishing – now that is a great fan!

Your videos are needed that show you having fun at Hawk Field or an Omahawks event. To do this, you can send your ready-to-post video via email to [webmaster@omahawks.org](mailto:webmaster@omahawks.org), provide a download link, or send the YouTube link to your personal video so we can include this in our channel. It's quick, easy and fun.

- Brad Shaink  
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# WHERE DID THE NUMBERS GO?

If you have been out to the field lately, you have probably noticed that the frequency numbers have turned up missing. Well, it wasn't the local youth organization that we are all so familiar with that took them away. It was me. They are in the process of being refinished so they look all sparkling white again.

Each flag has to be sanded down, primed, painted and renumbered. The process isn't exactly painstaking, but it is time-consuming. I am just about through stripping them and will be starting on the painting process soon. I hope to have them completed and back up at the field by mid-April.

While the flags are getting redone, there are some temporary boards up for pilots to use. When you are flying, please communicate well with the other fliers so we can all fly safe. Please be patient. The impound will be back together in no time and it's going to look great!

- Mike Berger - editor

Before...



During...



And After is still in the works...