



Hawk Talk

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ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING:	Friday, , 2012 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.
PROGRAM:	XX
BUSINESS MEETING:	Wednesday, , 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

Let's try this one again - I know it's a repeat of last month's front page, but since the auction date has changed, I felt it was important enough to run again. (Plus, I didn't feel like writing something new)



OCTOBER
MEETING AT
MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26
7:00 p.m.

Make-A-Wish
11926 Arbor St

Program:

Something cool,

I'm sure

Raffle:

Goldberg Tiger 2 Kit

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Oct 26 - General Meeting at Make-a-wish
- ★ Nov 4 - Omahawks Auction
- ★ Nov 7 - Business Meeting
- ★ Nov 30 - General Meeting
- ★ Dec 5 - Business Meeting
- ★ Dec 9 - Christmas Party

THE MINUTES

Erik Krystoff, Secretary

General Meeting.....09/27/2012

Business Meeting.....10/3/2012

Board Members in attendance: Bob Wheeler, Bob Zitslberger, EJ Murphy, Dennis Bender, Kevin Hyde, Harry Perkins (for Steve Earl), Mikey Furrow (as secretary), Ed Paasch (guest)
Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports:
o Treasurer's Report – Kevin Hyde - Monthly numbers and accounting all look good.
o Membership Chairman Report: – N/A
Bob Wheeler spoke with Skip Brown about the Membership Chairman responsibilities. Skip was ok with Kevin taking over these responsibilities. Membership Count: – as of 10/03/12 = 155 for the 2012 year. 1 new member for 2013.
Hawk Field:
Junk Cleanup on side of shed. Mikey to schedule scrappers to come and remove this
Jon Driscoll offered to assist with setup of video monitoring station at Hawk Field to assist with vandalism issues – Board will follow up on this over the winter. Harry Perkins offered to donate a system to use, but would need to have it set up. More discussions to occur throughout winter meetings

Old Business:

Pro-rated Memberships for new club members
o Appears General Membership didn't have any issues with this, and lots of positive comments were made for this motion. Board will implement this going forward as follows:
o For NEW members only who's applications for field permit are received AFTER August 1st through September 30th – Field Permit Cost is discounted to \$25, and Club Membership is \$5
o Auction Activities
New Date: Sunday November 4th
Auctioneers are still pending, but Ed Paasch, Tony Green, and Steve Peck have volunteered to assist. Kevin will locate a few more to assist with this. Volunteers are still needed to Help out at the auction Carmel Earl has agreed to assist with setting up the concessions at the auction EJ Murphy has offered to run the membership table this year.

New Business:

2013 Board Nominations – Looking for some new and eager members to join the Board
o Board Positions Open and current nominations are as follows:
Club President: Bob Wheeler has agreed to maintain position, nominated by Kevin H, seconded by EJ

Vice President: Bob Zitzlperger has agreed to maintain position, nominated by Kevin H, seconded by EJ
Secretary: Open Position, but Bob Wheeler nominated Mikey Furrow for this position – undecided yet
Treasurer: Kevin Hyde has agreed to maintain position, nominated by Bob W, seconded by Mikey F
Board Position:
EJ Murphy: OPEN position for new member is desired
Steve Earl: Undecided
Steve Culver: OPEN position
Dennis Bender: accepted nomination by Ed P
Field Chairman Position: (Board Appointed in January Board Meeting) – Mikey Furrow has agreed to maintain position, unless someone else wants to take this on for 2013.

o November Meeting Date – 11/30/12 at Make a Wish Building
Christmas Party Planning Bob W to check with Skip to see if this has been scheduled or planned.

Upcoming Events:

o Next General Meeting – Friday, October 26, 2012 @ 7pm at Make a Wish building
o Next Board Meeting – Wednesday November 7th, 2012 @ 7pm at Make a Wish building
o November General Meeting – Friday November 30th 2012 @ 7pm at Make a Wish Building
o Events
o Club Auction at Diggz – Sunday November 4th – 6am - ??????
o Omahawks Christmas Party – Saturday December 1st at Venice Inn

Meeting Adjourned.....



Bob makes the annual donation to Make-a-wish



HAWK TALK

OLD TIMER PILOTS ENJOY A STRONG FINISH TO 2012

Wednesday, October 10th was a wonderful day for flying. Omahawks pilots were greeted with calm conditions and crisp autumn temperatures for the last scheduled Old Timer Fun Fly for the 2012 flying season. The event was attended by 22 pilots who flew a wide assortment of vintage aircraft designs.

Lunch was once again a major focus of the day's activities. Grilled bratwurst and Italian sausage were popular with the pilots, with chips and chili rounding out the menu along with chocolate cake for dessert.

Omahawks pilot Dick Behrens was treated to a big surprise during the event. Dick had crashed his Dynaflite Butterfly a couple of weeks prior to the fun fly. Dick had given away the remains, believing that the plane wasn't worth trying to repair. This was Dick's original trainer plane that he'd learned to fly with, however, and Dick had owned it for 22 years.

Several of the "morning crew" pilots decided that it was too soon to give up on Dick's Butterfly, so they pitched in and got the plane all repaired and ready to fly once again. While Dick was flying another aircraft, the guys got Dick's Butterfly out of its hiding spot and got it ready to take off.

Once Dick landed, he turned around and saw pilot Ron Pacana taxiing his old Butterfly and taking it off to fly once again. Dick couldn't believe that his friends had resurrected his old plane. Once the plane was trimmed out and flying smoothly, the radio

was handed over to Dick Behrens so he could continue to enjoy flying his trusty old Dynaflite Butterfly.

The pilots enjoyed plenty of great flying, a tasty lunch, and some good old camaraderie. The Old Timer Fun Fly was a terrific finish to another great flying season at Hawk Field.

--Dennis Bender and Ed Paasch

CHANGES COMING TO SAS MUSEUM INDOOR AIR SHOW

The Annual indoor air show at the Strategic Air and Space Museum in Gretna has quickly become a very popular event for local R/C pilots. It has enjoyed great support from all the clubs in the area and we all hope it continues for many years to come.

But last year's event ran into some unexpected competition from an irresistible force - unusually nice weather. Mild March weather kept attendance low at last year's show. For that reason show organizers have decided to move the date of the show up a couple of months.

This year's event will take place on Saturday, January 26th 2013. In addition to the air show, they will be hosting their third annual Chili Cook-off that day.

So, mark the date on your calendar and be ready to fly in a great venue at the same time as you share the joy of aviation with museum guests. Don't forget your appetite, too.

- editor

STRONG FINISH EXPECTED FOR THE FRED WILKE CHALLENGE

Last spring Fred Wilke challenged the members of the Omahawks to step up and help raise the money to repave the runway at Hawk Field. We got a good start last year, with raffle proceeds raising almost \$3500.

Fred didn't want to wait for 20 or 30 more raffles to raise enough money however, so he issued a challenge. He asked every club member to simply put aside \$10 or \$20 every month, or whatever they could afford, for the duration of the 2012 flying season. At the end of the year, everyone would bring in what they saved up so treasurer Kevin Hyde could add these funds to the club's Runway Improvement account.

Well, we're down to the last two meetings for 2012. Pilots have already started turning in their envelopes with the money they saved for the Challenge. With your contributions, we could be pouring fresh concrete next spring instead of waiting until the next decade.

Clean out your savings account, empty your change jar, and sell off those old savings bonds. Now is the time to pool our resources and take the next big step forward! Bring your contributions to the October or November general meeting and let them be counted.

Together we can finish the fundraising for fresh pavement. If you can't make it to either of the upcoming general meetings, have no fear. Simply contact any of the club officers listed at the top of the front page of your Hawk Talk newsletter. They'll be happy to collect your donations and make sure that your efforts get counted.

-editor

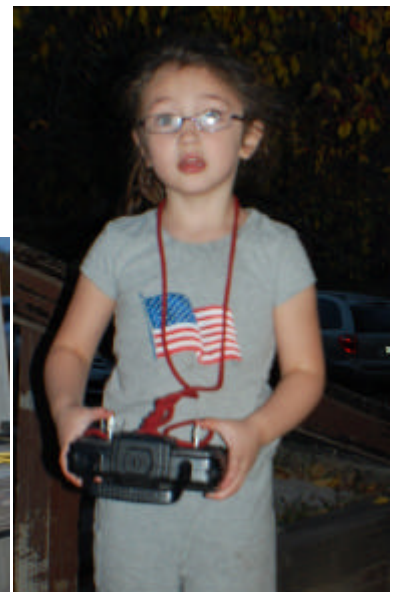
Omahawks Night Fly

The 2012 Chili Cookoff and Night Fly was originally scheduled for a Friday evening, but since Mother Nature was cooperating very well, it was rescheduled for a beautiful Tuesday evening, October 16th. The afternoon was kind of discouraging as the winds had been a crosswind and slowly picking up throughout the afternoon. But around 5pm, the winds stopped and the evening was a very nice 74 degrees and NO wind... the perfect elements of a good night fly and chili cookoff.

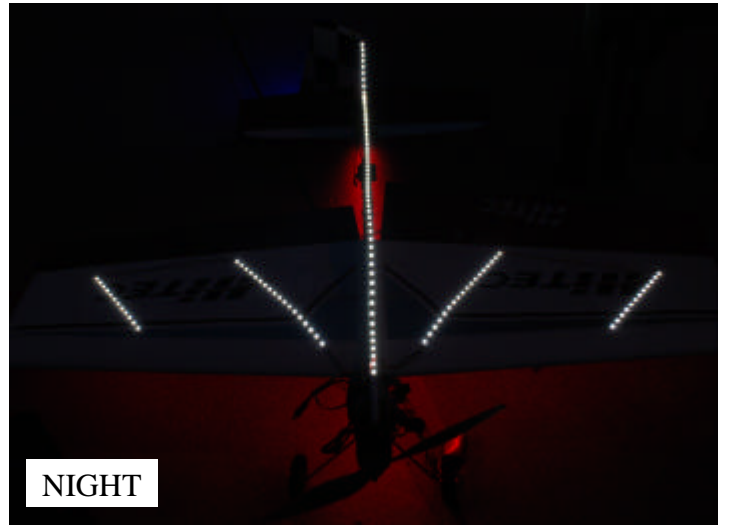
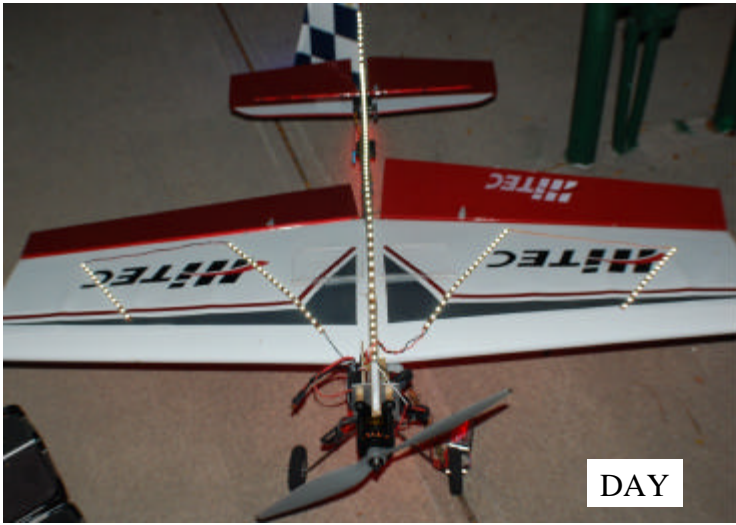
Mikey and his wife Mandy had setup lights around the pavilion to provide some lighting, and we had about 30-40 folks show up to eat chili and have a good time. For the chili cookoff, we had 7 contestants with different chili's ranging from really spicy, a sweet tasting chili, and a vegetable type chili. Overall, a great smorgasboard of choices to satisfy any chili appetite, and by popular vote, the winner of the 2012 Chili Cookoff goes to Jeff Pint.

After the chili was eaten, then the night flying began. We had several pilots with lighted planes. Gary Voughnout flew his Sig Seniorita with lights on the inside, Casey Voughnout flew his Primo with some really bright lights on it, Mikey Furrow had his lighted Combat Flyer, Jeff Pint had a small collection of lighted planes as well, and Brad Perkons even tried to put some lights on a heli to see if it would work. We even had our mystery lighted man come out at the edge of the field to try and catch Casey's plane as he was flying. This Mystery Lighted man has made this his 3rd appearance over the last 3 years to the delight and thrill of the kids in attendance, and this year was no exception. All in all, everyone seemed to have a great time, and the weather was perfect for relaxing, flying, and having a great time at the field.

Mikey



and Chili Cook-off



And a good time was had by all.

Heli's over Standing Bear Lake -Part Deux

Did you hear the air being beaten into submission over Standing Bear Lake during September? Well, nine heli pilots helped the cause that day in mid September. I was really happy to see some first timers. Yeah, our illustrious President, Sir Heli Pilot Bob Wheeler took to the skies with his new heli!



There's more taking to the air with heli's, why not join those giving it a try. There are many different types and styles from

electric of course to mid size to large nitro's and even some gasers (few but they exist). Hope to see you all out in 2013 where we will beat the air even harder I hope! Thanks to all of those who

participated!

- Roger Cowell

I am also happy to mention that HeliProz, Hobbico and Tower Hobbies all contributed to the flying prizes awards for this, our 2nd event of 2012. That was very nice of them to contribute and show support of our great club. That made everyone smile.



FLOAT FLY AND OLD TIMER NEWS

Oct 3 Season end float fly. Awesome pizza from Irvington.



Front row L to R: Tom Floyd & young dog, Ron Pacana, Bob Roegge, Dick Behrens
Back row L to R: Bernie Baker, Ed Splittgerber, Bud Mitchell, Frank Wisniski, Bob Turnchase boat, Dennis Bender, Dave Haggart, Bob Zitzlsperger, George Eheman, Bob Burt & wife's dog.

Oct 10 Old Timer Fun Fly. Awesome chili and food by Dennis Bender and cake and goodies by Patricia.



Front row L to R: Joe C, Jeff Pinnt, Ed P, Dick B
Back row L to R: Patricia B, Ed S, Ron P, Frank V, Bob J, Jud B, Dennis B, Jim C, Larry B, Michy F, Dan C, George E, Frank W

A VIKING FUNERAL

What's that strange sound, a viking opera? No it's Joe Cole yelling "I don't have it!" Everyone looks skyward to see Joe's Valkyrie making lazy counter clockwise circles, with the engine at a steady drone, while the breeze carries it off to the south west. Someone yells for Joe to



chase after it in his car.

Ed Paash has Joe's transmitter while the strains of a cavalry charge sounds as cars tear out of the parking lot. The plane is still making circles and maintaining it's altitude. Suddenly reverses course and starts circling clockwise and a slight climb. The gods of flight want to save this wayward bird.

The minutes tick away as the plane gains altitude and continues it's path to the west south west.

Wagner's "Ring of the Nebulung" plays in my head as Siegfried slays the dragon. The planes orbit is becoming hard to see as it is carried away still in full flight.

The music changes in my head "Brunnehilde" the fat lady sings, as Valkyrie goes into it's

death spiral. The wings send out sun flashes as it dives earthward. Minutes go by until the music starts again with the charge of the cavalry. Dick Behrens comes back to the parking lot with Joe's wayward bird.

The engine had buried itself in an empty field 200 feet from a housing complex. the problem was the rest of the plane tried to follow it. Joe's quote, when he returned was, "All I could think of was Carl Goldberg's plane going to Canada." Goldberg designed the plane, a free flight, and the first time he flew it in competition it flew north toward Canada and was never seen again. But he did win the longest flight that day.

Don't make the same mistake that Joe did. He left the plane turned on after the Memorial day air show and tried to quick charge it at the field that morning. Battery seemed to be good, checked out @ 5 volts but it was a 5 cell battery. One dead cell in a pack will draw down the rest like a resistor.

Those Vikings know how to die in fashion. And you people think that flying old timers is boring.

- Bob Burt



SUBMISSIONS TO HAWK TALK NEEDED!

The end of the flying season is upon us. The wind is getting stiff and cold and the sunsets are coming depressingly early. And that means that we now have to look inward, to building our next great plane, to indoor flying, and, of course, shopping for more r/c stuff.

But what it also means is that the submissions of articles for the Hawk Talk tend to dry up and the pages of this excellent publication get a little hard to fill.

This is where you come in. I need you to submit something for the newsletter. Write an article on your favorite R/C subject. Send me a picture or twenty. If you have some vintage pictures, I'd bet the members would love to see them. A favorite cartoon. A funny anecdote. Pretty much anything you submit will be greatly appreciated.

The best way to submit something to me is via e-mail. Just type whatever you want to send me into an email or cut and paste it into the body of an email. You can also attach pictures or text files to the email. I prefer simple Notepad text files but I can read most PC files. If you send Word file, please attach any pictures separately. If you include them in the document, they often end up too poor in quality to use in the newsletter. Please feel free to call me with questions. I can help guide you through the process of submitting something.

My email address is:
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If you don't do email you can mail your submission to me at
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Randolph, IA 51649

Remember, this isn't my newsletter, it's yours. And the members want to read all about it.

- Mike Berger - editor

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IT'S ALMOST PARTY TIME!

Omahawks members, it's that time of year again! Yes, its time to start making your reservations for the Annual Omahawks Christmas Party. If you are planning on attending the party please contact Bob Wheeler to let him know you will be attending. Please provide head count (names would be nice) and what Dinner selection you prefer.

The party will be held on Saturday December 1st at the Venice Inn at 70th and Pacific Street. There will be a cash bar open for cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

You can contact Bob Wheeler at rjwheeler01@gmail.com or call him. (I assume there will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting, too - editor) We need to have a head count by November 23rd so the Venice Inn can make the appropriate arrangements.

Don't
miss the
fun!



Meal choices (includes tax and gratuity)

Chicken Marsala - \$ 22.95

Club Steak Top Sirloin, 8 oz.- \$ 23.50

Prime Rib, 10 oz- \$26.50

Grilled Salmon Filet - \$25.00

Veal Parmigiana - \$21.95

Fried Chicken 4 pc - \$17.00