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**** AGENDA ****

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

PROGRAM: Somebody is sure to do something interesting...I hope.

BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, March 4, 2009 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

GET READY FOR SPRING

The Omahawks' Queen has been crowned. The first official event is in the bag and we are seeing an occasional nice day in the forecast. It looks like a new season is right around the corner.

I know it seems a little early to talk about spring, but by the time you get your next Hawk Talk it will already be here. It may not be very warm and sunny by then, but it will be spring. And

that means that it is time to get your stuff out and get ready for the long season ahead. There are planes that need repair and trimming out, batteries that need to be cycled and flight boxes that need cleaning. Check out your supplies and replace anything that is too old to be reliable. Get everything cleaned up and in shape and you will get the jump on the good (and safe) flying.

But while you are getting ready for the flying that is to come, be sure to prepare to get involved in the many events and activities that are coming up in the new year. Events like the Standing Bear Lake Park Clean-up, the Labor Day Air Show and the demonstrations we do for the Boy Scouts and other organizations are as important to the club as is all the flying. These activities help keep up the good reputation of our club and the good relationships we have with our neighbors. Your involvement in these activities make that all possible.

So the next time you see that the club is doing a demonstration

or show, get involved. The Benson High School Competition Day is coming up in early April. It may be the first, but it won't be the last opportunity you have to help out.

Get up, get active and get involved. With your help we can make this year one of our most successful years ever!

- editor

Don't assume that someone else will do it. Without you, it won't get done!

JANUARY MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, FEB 27

7:00 p.m.

11926 ARBOR ST

Program: Somebody will do something, I swear!

Raffle:

Guaranteed to be some neat stuff!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Feb 27 - February General Meeting
- ★ Mar 4 - Business Meeting - On the agenda: Event financing
- ★ April 26 - Western Flyers Auction (See p. 6 for details)

THE MINUTES

Nathan King, Secretary

General Meeting.....1/30/2009

January 30th, 2009

General Meeting

First item of business was the President addressing the slate of officers for the coming year. They are: E.J. Murphy Pres, Bob Wheeler Vice Pres., Kevin Hyde, Treas., Larry McChesney, Sec., and board members Ralph Brown, Nathan King, Doc Greenberg and Claude Weimer. Nathan Brown was appointed Field Chairman. And we should thank him for his efforts last year.

This should clear up any confusion and meets the bylaws of the club.

Next he thanked past officers and board members for their service last year. This includes Bill Bender, Nathan King and Ed Paasch.

Membership report by Ralph. As of Jan 30th there are 52 members who have registered of which six are new.

Again it was stressed that, with the possibility to save significant money, members were encouraged to receive the newsletter via email. If you have not already set this up and wish to be added to the list contact Kevin Hyde.

Those who do not wish to receive in this manner or do not have a computer you will continue to see it in your mail box.

Newsletter report by Mike Berger. He reminded us that Jan letter will be the last sent to you if you have not paid your dues.

General Members Announcements. Since our two recent soloed pilots were not in attendance the initiation will be delayed.

Field update. It was agreed that a special committee should be formed to begin looking at needed extensive runway repairs. Big Ed Paasch has indicated an interest in leading this effort.

Bob Burt had purchased memorial plaques for the field for Olie Olson, Ed Pugsley, Bill Francisco, Bob Haas and Dick Tryon. These will be installed at the field. The club appreciates Bobs effort to remember good friends.

Events. E.J. gave a short report on another successful Christmas party. Previewed the "First Up" event on New Years day. Six flew and all enjoyed breakfast at the local HyVee. E.J. and Steve Peck and their wives attended a Make a Wish dinner on the 29th. They presented a plaque to the club for the donation from last falls Air Show. Ninety one wishes were granted last year from this chapter. The Pres thanked Steve Peck for a number of years service to making the Labor Day event successful and reminded the club that 2008 was his last year chairing the event. The fall auction location was discussed. We will not be able to go back to the old location due to the fact that the building has been sold.

A few options involve the Fire Hall on sixtieth street, and the D.C Center. There are pros and cons to each and the research into others will continue. Last year our rental cost

was \$250 plus the concessions. Steve Peck talked about Winter Fest set up on Feb 7th at twelve o'clock. Contestants must fly a full 360 degree circle. There is a ten dollar sign up fee and later in the day dinner. See Steve.

New Business. The November General Meeting date has been changed to November 20th. Bill Bender is still interested in some members meeting at his church to showcase airplanes and talk about the hobby.

A slate of proposed events for the calendar year 2009 have to be submitted by the March general meeting. This allows the club to line up schedule, avoiding conflicts, as well as organizing monies for the year. Please be prepared by then to submit ideas, dates and budgets.

Bob Baumstein (sp.???) spoke about the Western Fliers auction coming up. He is a member and they struggle with maning the auction. Their idea was a cross over of members totaling maybe six for their auction and they would reciprocate in the fall for ours. Western Fliers board has already made their commitment to this idea. Bob Baumstein made a motion that the Omahawks club would reciprocate and Steve Peck seconded it. Motion was carried on a unanimous vote.

End of meeting.



Business Meeting.....2/4/2009

In attendance: Bob Wheeler, E.J. Murphy, Skip Brown, Ed Paasch, Kevin Hyde, Claude Weimer, Dick Behrens, Brad Shaink, Ralph Brown, Doc Greenberg and Nathan King

Financial Report: Kevin gave the financial report. He also had a roster report and some statistical information for the membership profile.

Membership: Ralph gave the report. He has delivered some blank sign up forms to Hobby Town. Steven North is a new member and at the last meeting fifteen renewals were collected. Membership now stands at eighty with more renewals expected.

Newsletter: Mike stressed that deadline for photos or articles is the first Sunday after the board meeting. He asked for a current mailing list for those who will receive their newsletter via email.

Kevin will up date Mikes files by the first Sunday after the board meeting. If you have questions for your letter email Kevin at khyde@omahawks.org.

Field Report: Ed Paasch is still interested in a few members teaming with him to look at the runway repair options.

Old Business: Auction for 2009. Board discussed a few more possible sites. Kevin will collect a list of potential sites. To help sort through these he will divide it up to share with other board members to assist in collecting information.

Asset inventory: Larry M. is still assembling a list of equipment. It was suggested that he contact Eric Morgan to see what he has in his possession.

Web Initiatives: Brad Shaink gave a thorough report and overview of the status of our club web site. It is interesting to know that in 2008 there were over one million hits on the site. This is a good promotional tool for the club. He also talked about a You Tube .com site with our information displayed and a Face Book account for the club.

There was a lot of discussion about a new PayPal account for the club also. This could be used to facilitate membership registration and as well as other business opportunities. Kevin Hyde made a motion to set up an account. Nathan King seconded. Approved by vote.

Doc Greenberg is going to contact Fred Wilke to discuss an opportunity to submit a "building project" article to the AMA magazine. Motion not needed.

Events: Ed Paasch presented a break down of the three phase event between May and July with a running point total kept. The high point person would receive the first "Olson Cup" trophy.

Dick Behrens provided materials for "seven Float fly" events beginning in May and ending in October.

Bob Wheeler asked for consideration of a multi wing event July 11th.

These three were voted on and approved.

Last Larry M will draft a letter of "appreciation" monetary and other gifts given by one of our members. This will be signed by all board members at the next meeting.

To end the meeting it was noted that is our time to have our annual meeting with the city. It was not decided who would initiated the contact or an exact schedule.



January Show-and-Tell



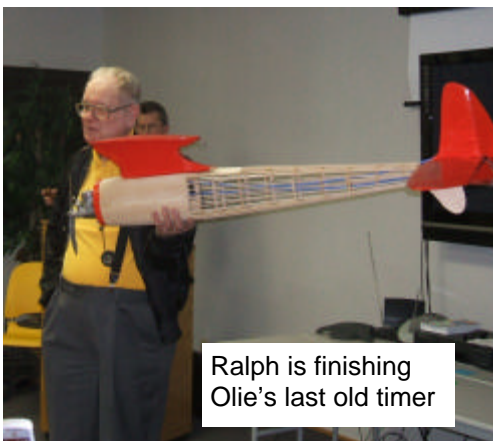
Galen built another sweet one.



This one might actually fly!



Bob Wheeler's got a new Piper Cub



Ralph is finishing Olie's last old timer



A NEW AGE OF COOPERATION

It is my pleasure to announce that both the Omahawks and the Western Flyers have passed motions to solicit help for each club's auction. This is a great step forward in inter club relations. Right now several members (some are members in both clubs) already help at each auction event. The more help each club has at these functions the easier it is on the others who may be lending a hand. As many of you know Steve Peck, Tony Green, Fred Wilke, Rick Miller, Randy Tenti-ger, Bob Boumstein are the guys who do the auctioneering for most of the area clubs including the Lincoln Skynights. Everyone benefits for the experience and product knowledge this group brings to each auction, helping both Buyers and Sellers. Kevin Hyde has contributed big time in the area of a computer program we all can use and he puts his time in too.

The Western Flyers Auction is next on Sunday April 26th at the Firemen's Hall 60th & Grover in Omaha, there a few extra hands are needed for moving and stacking merchandise and working the impound. Computer help is needed too. Everyone who helps is appreciated as this is the only fund raising event the Western Flyers hold.

If there are any questions feel free to contact me at 402-306-6151 (my cell) and I will answer to the best of my ability. Thank you in advance to everyone who helps even for a few hours. See You at the Auction!

- Bob Boumstein

Winterfest Cancelled



OK, it wasn't really cancelled, but in the spirit of the event, maybe it should have been. The sun was out, the wind was light, and the temperature *started out* in the forties. All in all, a horrible day for the Omahawks' premier WINTER event.

About fifteen pilots showed up with friends and family to enjoy a beautiful day of flying. Almost everybody flew successfully. Your humble editor enjoyed a nice walk in the woods when his plane's motor ran just long enough to get up in the air, but left it up to gravity to bring it back down. Nathan Brown wowed the crowd by crashing his profile P51 right out in front of everybody.

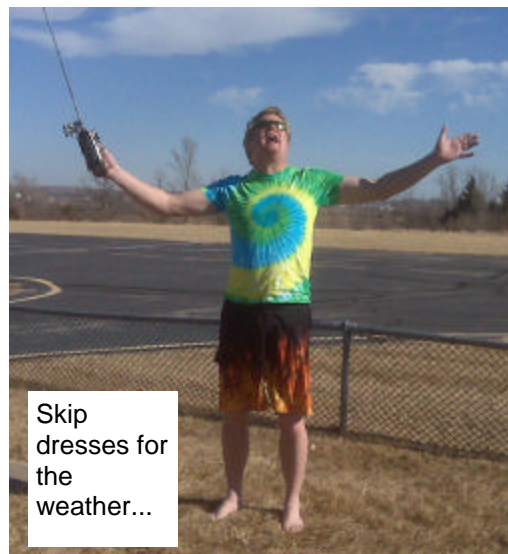
Later that night we all got together at the Venice Inn for an early Valentine's Day dinner and a look at the annual Winterfest video.

It was a great day of mid-winter flying for all, even if Mother Nature didn't see fit to give us the foot of snow and sub-zero temperatures that make for more memorable Winterfest flying.

- editor

**See the Winterfest Video
and more at:**

www.kaptnkarl.com/omahawks



Skip
dresses for
the
weather...

... and crashes the queen's crowning.



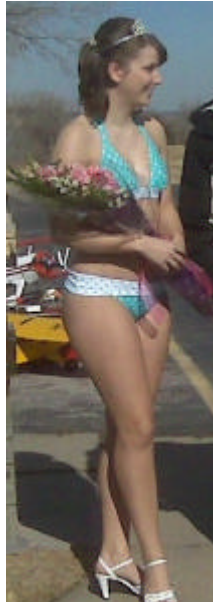
Due to Good Weather



Nathan
cracked
up



Born to
Crash
lived up
to its
name



JIM'S MARQUART CHARGER TAKES SHAPE

Jim Henley's latest project is a 1/4 scale Marquart Charger Biplane. This beautiful plane is coming together nicely as you can see in this installment.

With the radio, ignition, installation, locations determined, time to turn to covering the aircraft.

All the structure is covered with 21st Century Fabric, this is a paint impregnated cloth that handles quite easily. Orange and Red trim is also done with 21st Century Fabric, while the cowl, wheel pants and struts being painted with Top Flite Luster Kote. The black striping is Great Planes striping tape. I used as large sections as practicable, to minimize seams and wrinkles. Trim was done likewise but has more sectioning of the material to facilitate handling and covering of the curved sections. In order to match trim on opposite sides, I cut templates for consistency, and when possible cut opposite sides at the same time, by cutting through two layers of covering.

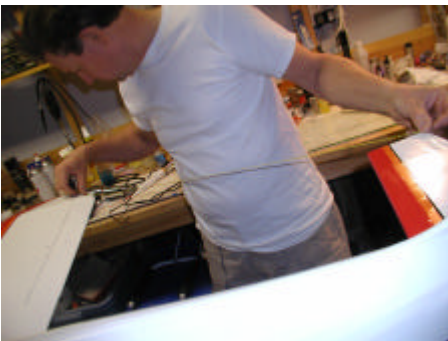
to the control surfaces and trims are centered and control surfaces are set to a neutral position.

More to come!

- Jim Henley



The air frame is covered, the bottom wing is attached to the fuselage and the stabilizer has been checked to make sure it is square with the wing. Robart hinge points were used on the horizontal and vertical stabilizers and epoxied into place. With that done, the control rods were fabricated and control horns added





28th Annual R/C Auction

Buy & Sell

Sunday - April 26 - 2009

Firefighter's Union Hall - 6005 Grover Street Omaha, NE.

\$5.00 Adult Admission
(Sellers, Buyers, Spectators, admission required)
Children Under 12- Free

- Buyer/Seller Number & 1 Free Raffle Ticket (Included with each Paid Admission)
- All items will be sold in order of check in.
- Bidding Starts at \$20.00
Sellers **MUST** group your Small Items!
- 10% Sellers Fee for all items sold
- If you buy back your own item there is a 10% Selling Fee
- Sellers may designate a Minimum Selling Price on Item Registration Card. \$2.00 "No Sale" Fee on items not making minimum bid

All items with no designated minimum bid will sell to the highest bidder!

- Checks or Cash only please!
- Fast Computer Check Out!

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From Iowa: I-80 West from Council Bluffs Iowa to Exit 450 (60th St) turn North 2 blocks

From Lincoln: I-80 East to exit 450 (60th St), turn North 2 blocks

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Doors open at 7:30am
Auction 10:00am - 4:00pm



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6005 Grover St
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South 60th Street

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Airplanes, Heli's, Engines, Radios, Cars, Boats, Tools, Supplies & More!

Food and Drinks Available! BEER sales after 12 Noon!

All items will be considered in "AS IS", "unknown condition" by the Western R/C Flyers. As always, inspect the items closely **BEFORE** the auction begins!

All Bids are FINAL and no warranties or guarantees are expressed, or implied by the Western R/C Flyers.

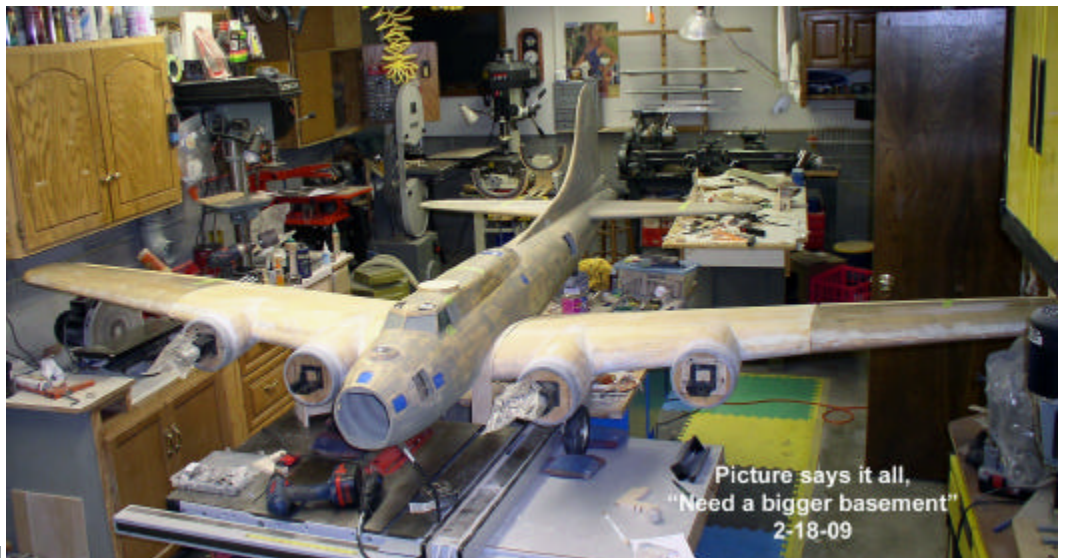
DAN'S LATEST PROJECT IS BIG, REALLY BIG!

*This latest creation from Dan Walz is a **huge** B17. He has been working on it for over a year and it is finally starting to take the shape of the real thing. If it is anything like the B29 he built, it will be hard to tell the difference between the finished airplane and the real thing. I am sure we all look forward to seeing more of it as he completes it.*

After cutting the parts in 2002, and actually starting to build it in December of 2007, I met a milestone where the fuselage and wing have finally met. I just had to trim a little off the center rear of wing to fit, that only took a half hour, but it took 6 hours to align it. Finally, after breaking out the 3 beam laser, the wing is square to the fuselage and wing incidence is right on.

I weighed everything that I know is going into the plane, I'm at 44 lbs 6 oz. With the crew and fuel on top of that, I feel comfortable that it will be under 48 pounds total.

- Dan Walz



The wing made it to Show and Tell



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Check your address!

Take a good look at your address as it appears on the address label.

If it says "last issue," it means it!
It means that you haven't renewed your membership for 2009, and you can no longer fly at Hawk Field.

But worse than that, it means that you will no longer be receiving the Hawk Talk newsletter and you will be missing all of the fascinating stories of R/C derring do and all of that Pulitzer Prize worthy journalism relating all the information that you so desperately need. You can't live without that! How would you cope? How would you survive? So, do yourself a favor and renew your membership. You (and your humble editor) will be glad you did.



CHECK OUT SOME NEAT STUFF

I have a neat treat in store for all of you who have internet access. As you well know, I have a web page where I post all of the Hawk Talk newsletters that I have done. But recently I have added some more fun stuff to that page that I am sure you will enjoy.

I have been in contact with the newsletter editor from the First State R/C Club in New Castle, Delaware. My good friend, Tim Mihalski has sent me several really good PowerPoint slide shows of vintage and modern aircraft. I have put those and several others on my web page. The 2009 Winterfest video is also posted there.

So be sure to go and check out the neat stuff posted out there. And while you're at it, be sure to drop a line to me or Kevin Hyde and opt out of getting the snail mail version of the Hawk Talk. Save the club some money and get it all in living color.

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My Winterfest flight was less than successful!

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