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**** AGENDA ****

GENERAL MEETING: Friday, January 30, 2009 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.
PROGRAM: Demonstration of R/C Flying Simulators
BUSINESS MEETING: Wednesday, February 4, 2009 * 7:00 P.M. * Make-A-Wish Foundation * 11926 Arbor St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE BUSINESS MEETINGS

WINTERFEST TO KICK OFF 2009

The 2009 Omahawk's Winter Festival is set for Saturday February 7th @ 12:00 noon right in the middle of Hawk Field. We will crown our Queen (We need a queen who is a good sport and would like flowers, a tiara and a free dinner for her and her date), who will be wearing her soon to be summer swim wear, and then the flyer's will take to the air to earn their money and a place in history.

All you have to do is give \$10.00 of good faith money at the January meeting, to make sure you show up on Saturday the 7th, and after the Queen is crowned at 12:00, all you have to do is make your aircraft, rise off what ever is there (ground, snow, water, ice, etc.), do a 360 degree turn in the air (horizontal, vertical or combination). That is it, landing is always optional. Then you not only get your money back but the club puts up a \$100.00 of "bail out" just to see you fly. Now if other entrants decide not to fly, then you share their money too. Isn't that great!

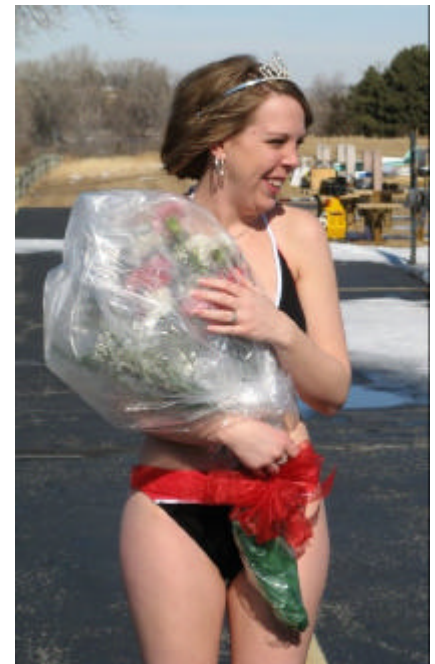
There is just one thing to remember, we fly no matter what the weather.

The Neesen Camera Crew will be there to interview you and to record your take off and optional landing. Then that night at the Venice Inn, 71st & Pacific, you can enjoy good food, good friends, a great movie, and get paid by the Queen. Wow, what an event.

Your choices for the meal, (which can be substituted for Valentine's

Dinner) will be chosen at the meeting by those in attendance. See you there!

- Steve Peck



JANUARY MEETING AT MAKE-A-WISH

FRIDAY, JAN 30

7:00 p.m.

11926 ARBOR ST

Program: Simulator

Demo

Raffle:



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ★ Jan 30 - January General Meeting
- ★ Feb 4 - Business Meeting
- ★ Feb 7 - Winterfest

THE MINUTES

Larry McChesney, Secretary

Business Meeting.....1/3/2009

Board Meeting - January 7th 2009

Attending: E.J. Murphy, President, Ed Paasch, Treasurer (emeritus), Kevin Hyde, Doc Greenberg, Mike Berger, Skip Brown, Bob Zitzlsperger and Larry McChesney

★ The first item of business was a discussion involving the makeup of the board for the four "open positions." The bylaws were reviewed regarding the proper proceeds for seating these positions from the membership. There is currently more interested parties than seats.

One member attending the meeting offered that he would step aside if that would resolve the matter. In the end it was decided that the president would contact those interested parties to move forward.

★ Ed Paasch gave his last and "greatest" financial report. A few minor accounting matters were successfully resolved before turning the "books back to Kevin." Kudo's.

★ Membership Report. Ralph updated the record for new member registration and renewals. He had a total of nine with checks in hand to deliver to the treasurer. Reminder to all members. Please indicate on the renewal forms your selection to receive the newsletter via email or hardcopy. If we reduce the number of recipients using the mail service we will save a lot of money. Kevin will maintain data base of names on the email list.

★ Last if your membership dues are not in hand the February newsletter will be the last you will receive.

★ Events. Ralph reported on the Christmas party with a good time "had by all." Attendance was sixty people (members and significant others) and happened to be about the same as last year. Following son Skip paying up \$10.00 for his son's girl friends pizza, which fell thru the cracks, the check written to the restaurant left the club short a total of 5 cents short. Way to go Ralph.

★ First flight, Jan one, saw five flying, not counting some guy with an electric, with Skip Brown (at nine) winning the prize. Following twenty gathered at HyVee for breakfast.

★ Winterfest will come along in a few weeks. Ralph will touch base with Steve Peck and Mike Berger needs newsletter information asap to help promote the event.

★ Bill Bender has asked about a few members meeting with a group at his church on a Thursday night. This would be an opportunity for outreach and sharing our knowledge about our hobby. This will be discussed again at our next general meeting.

★ Kevin reminded us that we need to start looking for a facility for our 2009 auction. The building we have been using is being sold.

★ Mike Berger suggested that this year we make an effort to develop a plan for overall expenditures for events. Suggesting that we target March to complete this so every one will know what funds will be available for the events they want to sponsor.

★ Last the board voted to send Jean Olson, Olie's widow, complimentary copies of the

newsletters. Olie was a charter member, I believe, and passed away last year.

★ Also we want to thank BigEdPaasch for a job well done during his tenure as treasurer.

★ Nomination for Field Chairman. Kevin Hyde nominated Nathan Brown. Larry M seconded. Discussion and unanimous vote to put him in this important position.

Your board members at work



General Meeting....11/22/2008

1 new member introduced himself. Scott Wall.

★ Ralph Brown gave a brief membership report, to announce we have 2 more have signed up for 2009. Reminder from E.J., 2009 Membership applications are available, from Ralph.

★ Mike Berger's newsletter report was a reminder to everyone that there is no HawkTalk for December. Also, we now have the option for members to choose to receive the HawkTalk electronically. There is a check box on the 2009 membership application for this option. If enough members will make this choice we may be able to save a substantial amount of club funds. If you have already completed your application and wish to opt out of the paper version of the newsletter, you can contact Kevin Hyde and he can make the necessary changes.

★ We still have 2 solo pilots that have not received their certificates and ceremony. Chuck Buscher and Sonny Lusch will receive their just rewards.

★ Weather conditions have put off until spring, the possibility of runway repairs. We could use a volunteer to survey the runway and make assessments and estimates based on the information Ed Paasch has gathered.

★ 2009 Auction - reminder, keep an eye out for a possible location.

★ Christmas Party - At the time of the November general meeting there were 42 guests signed up for the party. Mark Smith has kindly donated some prizes. Also, Bob Z. made a motion to set the amount of club funds to be spent for the Christmas Party. Keith P. seconded. The motion passed. Then Skip B. made a motion to limit these expenses to be spent only on centerpieces and Prizes for the spouses. Frank V. seconded. The motion passed.

★ Ed Paasch brought up a suggestion to roll over funds from the Omahawks Club account to the field fund CD. Steve P. made the motion to transfer a set amount. Dean C. seconded. The motion passed.

★ Joe McClure brought up the idea of giving raffle tickets to anyone that brings a guest to the general meetings. After some discussions the idea was allowed to be dropped.

★ Make-A-Wish is having an appreciation event for their contributors, and has invited the Omahawks to send representatives. The event is scheduled for January 2009. Steve Peck and E.J. Murphy will attend, with guests, as representatives of the Omahawks R/C Club.

★ E.J. looked into the AMA 2009 Flying Site Grant Application, and because of the requirements and limitations the board suggested we table any such applications until we decide to make any drastic repairs at the field.

★ Reminder: Ed Paasch has copies of the Club Directory, if anyone still has not gotten theirs.

★ Also, there was an announcement by Mike Moritko that FMA Direct's database had been compromised. If you have done business with FMA Direct, it would be a good idea to check your appropriate, financial account(s) for any fraudulent activity.

Raffle prize winners were, Ron Pacana won the Venom Pro Charger, Nathan Brown won the 2009 Omahawks membership, Bret Erickson won the SIG Four Star .40 plane kit, E.J. Murphy won the Super Tigre G-40 2-stroke, and Steve Peck won the surprise gift. "What was the surprise?" you ask? A certificate for the winner to be nominated as club Secretary for 2009. Well, the certificate also came with a new contribution to the Omahawks general meetings. As Ed Paasch introduced it, rather than a 'booby' prize, we will begin including a 'dope' prize. This 'dope' prize was a Guillows Cessna 180 kit and a bottle of Dope. Get it?

★ Election of Club Officers for 2009. Since the campaigning for Treasurer started 'hot and heavy' clear back in June, by Kevin Hyde's campaign manager Ed Paasch, it was clear who the nominee for Treasurer was going to be.

So the nominees were...

President - E.J. Murphy (for a second term)

Vice-President- Bob Wheeler

Treasurer - Kevin Hyde (Didn't he used to do this?)

Secretary - Larry McChesney

Dean Copeland made a motion to elect the officers as a slate. Steve Peck seconded. The election was a unanimous land-slide. Congratulations to us.

Ed Paasch, Nathan King, and Bill Bender are automatically offered board positions, if they so desire. Ralph, Skip, Doc, and Claude are willing to serve, again, if any of the former officers do not wish to take a board position.



SHOW AND TELL

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED...



Dick's got a new soar plane



Steve brought something that will actually fly!



Fred showed off his chopper....



... and his float plane



Fun with foam



Frank likes them big!

The new flying season is right around the corner and it is time to start getting our plans for the upcoming season in order. In order to effectively allocate the money for the events this season, we need to find out who has plans for events this summer.

If you have an event that you run or plan to run, you need to determine how much money you need and submit a request for funds to the Omahawks Board. That way the board can get together a proposal to present to the club membership for approval.

The plan is to get all the requests for funding in to the board by the March business meeting and have the club membership vote to approve the funds at the March General meeting.

Not only can we get a running start on the season, but we can determine who is doing what and we can also make plans to fill in the blanks on the schedule as well as make sure important events are being taken care of.

By getting the ball rolling early, we can get a jump on the new season and effectively manage our money as well. So make sure to let the board know what you would like to do this summer. Remember, there's a lot of money there to support the events. The only thing lacking in getting those events off the ground is YOU!

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The
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CHRISTMAS PARTY FUN



The Omahawks once again toasted the holidays at the Venice in in early December. The room was full, the food was delicious, and the fun went on well into the night. About sixty mem-



bers, wives and guests were on hand to celebrate the end of the flying season and the beginning of the partying season. Lots of smiles all around and lots of prizes gave everyone a reason to celebrate.



FIRST FLIGHT - 2009



Crisp and cold was the order of the day on January 1st as several die-hard Omahawk pilots gathered at the field to see who was dumb enough, excuse me, tough enough, to claim the right to say they were the first to fly in the new year. About a dozen loonies, excuse me again, pilots, braved the cold to come out and fly with Skip Brown claiming the crown as the first to fly. Bob Rogge actually snuck in early with an electric plane, but Skip was the first to legally fly a glow fuel plane. Later, everyone at the field and a few others met at Hy-Vee for warmth, breakfast and camaraderie, and to watch Ralph Brown perform a strip-tease for the enjoyment of the Hawks and the other Hy-vee customers.

- editor



Nathan helps Ralph drop his drawers—a proud moment in his young life.



FLOAT FLYS HIT HIGH WATER MARK

During 2008, 29 pilots took part in at least one of the seven float flys. This number is down a little from last year. The total cost to the club for the seven events was \$158.02, averaging about \$23 per event. Pilots taking part were: 17 on May 8, 24 on May 31, 13 on June 10, 12 on July 19, 11 on Aug 12, 8 on Sept 16 and 8 on Oct 7.

Ten Years. Week day morning Omahawk sponsored float flys from Standing Bear Lake were started 10 years ago, in 2000. The first club sponsored weekend float fly was on July 21-22, 2001 with a meal Saturday noon and breakfast on Sunday morning. The next year, 2002, was also a two day event with a Saturday evening meal. In 2003, the event was for one day. Since then the weekend float flys have all been on Saturday morning.

It can not emphasized enough that the club sponsored float flys

could not be held unless someone with a boat volunteers to rescue planes from the water. These events started in 2000 after Gene Alexander volunteered to rescue the downed planes. Last year, Russ Ault, Matt Myers and Roger Brodd did the rescuing. Previous chase boat sailors have been Bill Francisco and Jim Minear. Many thanks to all these guys for making it happen.

Almost cancelled. Last year, we almost had to cancel the May 31 Saturday morning float fly at the last minute as 2.5-3 inches rain fell in the area on Thursday evening causing the lake to rise and cover the boat dock with 2 ft of water by late Friday evening, making the dock unusable. However, late Friday evening, Matt said he could do it and docked his fiberglass boat on shore. This resulted in the bottom of his boat needing some repair. To have cancelled the event at the last minute would have been disap-

pointing, as the World Herald had included an advance notice of the event in the paper, which attracted spectators. They also sent a reporter that morning..... On Tuesday, June 10th, when the lake was again over the boat dock; Roger was in town and available and volunteered, with his aluminum canoe, to rescue the planes. He loaded his canoe on top of his vehicle at his home all by himself. That had to take some doing.... Appreciated, yes.

Record High Pool Level. The highest lake level last year was the highest since the dam was closed in 1972 and occurred at 2pm on June 12th. This followed near 3 inches of rain late evening of the 11th. This level was 1 foot higher than the previous high, which occurred on June 16, 1984. After the dam was closed in 1972, it took 5 years to fill the conservation/recreation pool. Last years peak was at elevation 1108.7 or 4.7 ft above the top of the conservation/recreation pool level.....Of note is that almost one foot of rain fell last year during a 3 week period, starting on the 22nd of May.

- Dick Behrens



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BUILDING A NEW SWEETHEART



Renew your membership or suffer the wrath of Ralphie

JOE LIKES IT A LITTLE WEIRD

Long-time Omahawk Joe Cole evidently likes his life to be a little different. He works as a professional magician and has wowed many of us with his skill and dexterity. He likes it different with his flying as well. In addition to being an excellent helicopter pilot, Joe has developed a passion for the airborne oddity called the autogyro. He is shown below with a really sweet large scale example. If you ever get a chance to watch him fly one of these beauties, don't miss it. It's magic in the air!

- editor



Jim Henley has a new project in the works. In the next couple months we'll be seeing it come together - editor

This is a 1/4 scale of the Marquart Charger (MA-5), a homebuilt bi-plane designed by Edward Marquart a respected designer of homebuilt aircraft. This example is a Walt Moucha Models kit, purchased from fellow club member Ken Heimbuch, in May of this year. Walt Moucha kitted two biplanes he called "Chargers" this version has a 73" wing span and was sold in the 1980's and early 1990's.

Power for this airplane will be provided by a Super Tigre G3000 that has been converted by C.H. Ignitions in Wyoming, the engine still runs on glow fuel, but the ignition is controlled by a Capacitor Discharge Module firing an NGK 1/4 x 32 (same as glow plug threads) spark plug. The engine is "side mounted" and is

equipped with a "Pitts" style smoke muffler.

When I purchased the aircraft, it was 95% framed up, leaving the stabilizer and elevator to complete the major airframe components. The frame work needed final shaping and sanding, installation of servos, push-rods, receiver, etc. (*More to come*)



THE AUCTIONS ARE COMING...

You may not be able to go out flying in the middle of winter, but you can still engage in your R/C addiction. And one good way to do that is at a local (or not so local) R/C club auction.

There are two great auctions coming up. The first of them is the annual Lincoln Sky Knights auction on January 7th. It will be held at the Waverly Foundation Center, 11120 N 141st St, Waverly, NE. Registration starts at 8:00 am and the auction starts at 10:00 am. \$5.00 admission. For more information, check out the Lincoln Sky Knights web page on www.metrorcflying.com.

The second and largest auction may take a while to get to, but it will be well worth the trip. The annual Jefco R/C auction will be taking place on Saturday and Sunday, Feb 7th & 8th in Denver CO at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. This is a two day auction with over 1000 items or lots up for bids. If you are up for a road trip, this is the one for you. For more information, contact Steve Mangels at rcflyer@qwest.net. Check out their flier at www.kaptnkarl.com/omahawks/flier.pdf

Of course, both of these auctions are going on at the same time as the Omahawks Winterfest, so anyone who is going to them should make sure to sign up for Winterfest so those of us who actually go out to fly that day can take advantage of your absence and split your money up between ourselves!

- editor

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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES?

A New year is upon us and 2009 memberships are due. If you have not renewed your Club and AMA membership, get it done! You can't fly at Hawk Field unless both memberships are up to date!

CHANGES ARE COMING TO YOUR HAWK TALK

The holidays are behind us and the new year has begun. With a new year, a new president and the same old economy, we all know that big changes are at hand and we all hope they are for the good. Well, here is one change that is surely going to benefit us all. Along with the TV signal, your beloved newsletter is going digital. No, this doesn't mean that you have to run out and buy a converter box to read it. It means that we are going to be offering everyone the option of receiving his newsletter via e-mail instead of through the post office.

By opting to receive your Hawk Talk electronically, you can view it in full color on your computer. You can read it anywhere you can get your e-mail. You will get it as soon as it is finished, instead of having to wait till the printing is done and the snail-man brings it to your door.

These are all very good reasons to get it via email,

but there is a much better reason and a much greater good. If we can get a lot of guys to opt for it, the club can save a lot of money on printing and postage. The cost of sending out the newsletter is the second largest single expense for the club, almost \$2000 in 2008. (Mowing is #1 at \$2240.00) This is perhaps the easiest and most pain free way for the club to cut its costs and avoid increasing the cost of flying at Hawk Field. So opt out, see it all in full color and help the club save money at the same time. That's a change we can all believe in!

- editor



Tuffy the cat doesn't like dressing up for the holidays!