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## Black Hawk R/C Pilots Newsletter

June 2011

### Club Calendar

<b>SSC (Slow Survivable Combat) Event</b>	<b>June 18<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Blue Ray Pylon Racing</b>	<b>June 19<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Monthly Club Meeting at the Club Flying Field</b>	<b>June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm</b>
<b>Prairie Lakes Float Fly</b>	<b>July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Tri-Hawk Invitational</b>	<b>August 13<sup>th</sup></b>

### Notes From The President

The last week has been a very busy one! On Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> we had a group of pilots give an R/C flight demonstration for the YMCA kids at Grundy Center. Keith Johnston, Bob Cox, Bob Camarata and I showed some static displays of aircraft and put on a flight demonstration with electric foamy aircraft. The 24 kids were very interested and had lots of questions.

On Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> we held our second annual SSC Contest at the club flying field. At one time contest events were popular within the AMA membership. There's competition in R/C Pattern, Scale and Pylon Racing to name a few. (Free Flight competition in many different classes is also available.) It seems like there's less interest in competition today. One of the competition areas that has a small following is R/C combat and SSC (Slow Survivable Combat) is one of the "entry level" combat events. SSC is designed to use low cost, easily repairable aircraft. SSC kits are available for \$65 and the engines are \$55 to \$65. Many of the aircraft at the contest on Saturday were built from scratch for much less using plastic fence posts or aluminum channels for the fuselage and foam cut wings. At the end of the day, the best pilots scored the most points. Thanks to Lorne Bidwell for fixing the lunch and to many others who help out as scorers/spotters and officials for the event.

On Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> we had outdoor Blue Ray Pylon Racing. This is another contest event with a low entry cost. A ready-to-fly Blue Ray costs well under \$100 to put into the air. There's also a small group of avid Blue Ray Pylon Race pilots within the AMA and also internationally. The race pylons are stored in the garage at the flying field and only take a couple of minutes to put-up or take-down. If you haven't flown around the pylons, put them up and give it a try. Thanks to Joe Lawless for fixing the lunch on Sunday.



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Upcoming events include the float fly at Prairie Lakes Park in Cedar Falls on July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. This is always a fun event whether you have anything to fly or not. Then on August 13<sup>th</sup> we are hosting the Tri-Hawk Invitational. This is a fun-fly for all of the AMA clubs in NE Iowa. The day is topped off with a dinner for everyone attending and then flying into the evening. Overnight camping is available for those who want to spend the night at the field and then fly again the next day.

Now is the time to get out and fly. The day with the longest daylight is just past. There's sunlight until almost 9PM in the evening, so get out to the field and fly!

*Neal Leeper*

President - Black Hawk R/C Pilots

## **Black Hawk R/C Pilots Club** **Meeting Minutes for May 24, 2011**

- ◆ Accepted meeting minutes from April
- ◆ **Treasurer report.**
  - ◆ UNI Dome Rental = \$4159.96
  - ◆ Port O Pot = \$400
- ◆ **Old Business**
  - ◆ Sig Event June 11 and 12th
  - ◆ Father's Day weekend
  - ◆ SSC and Blue Ray at BHRCP field
- ◆ **New Business**
  - ◆ New combination lock on gate to flying field
  - ◆ Anchor down port O pot
  - ◆ Electric power washer: Question about how much head needed for input to pressure washer. maybe get pump to work to supply pressure washer
  - ◆ Need to roll and staple mat yet.
  - ◆ Have a field day June 4th
  - ◆ The next meeting will be held July 26th
- ◆ A motion was made and passed to adjourn the meeting.

## Field Marshal's Report

◆ **NOTICE: We have flagged out a Killdeer nest in the driveway just west of the “pavilion”. PLEASE BE CAREFULL NOT TO RUN OVER THE NEST!**

- ◆ The old porta potti has been removed and the new one is in place with new anchors poured and attached to hold it in place.
- ◆ The ruts in the driveway were smoothed over on our 2nd field day by Gary L. and are much better.
- ◆ Still fighting pocket gophers but we're making progress.
- ◆ The netting in the “pavilion” still needs to be re-stapled up to keep the birds out.

*Keith Johnston*

Field Marshal—Black Hawk R/C Pilots

## From the Editor

- ◆ HAVE AN IDEA! Maybe you have a new plane you'd like to show off with some pictures & possibly even your personal review for the newsletter.
- ◆ Send me a picture of your favorite plane and I will put it in the newsletter.

*Paul Johnston*

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The following is the latest news from the AMA website.

## **LightSquared Agrees To Change to Spare GPS**

Yesterday, 6/20, Sanjiv Ahuja, chairman and CEO of LightSquared announced that the company will move to a different location on the spectrum to avoid interference with GPS by its wireless-broadband network.

"This is a solution which ensures that tens of millions of GPS users won't be affected by LightSquared's launch."

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