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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, Jul 31, 2020—7:00 PM – 9:00 PM -Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake
MEETING PROGRAM: Club updates, Meal Served, bring something to share / show or fly.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, Jul 21, 2020-- 7:00PM – 8:30PM **Call in PC/Phone using APP Zoom**
MEETING PROGRAM: Club updates, virtual cookies, and committee updates

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President's Message

Dear Omahawks,

Looks like we are having the hot days of summer! The field is in great shape and the shed structure is looking good! Check out the recent photos of training nights, combat event and float flies on our website. **Dan Fitzgerald** has done a great job organizing the photos and videos.

Flyers at the field have been steady and the flying tales abound! We have had **two fly away Apprentices**, one ended up near Bakers (132nd and Maple) while the other was hanging from a gutter in Hillsborough. Another glider caught the power lines on Fort and "landed" in a back yard. **We have had 3 prop injuries that I know of, so be careful!**

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Check out our website [Buy/Sell/Trade](#) for some airplanes and supplies at low prices!

We expect the new deck expansion of the pavilion to be completed by Labor Day and are still planning on having the 41st Labor Day Extravaganza! Importantly, we have a P-51 Gun Fighter Raffle for \$50, to buy a chance to ride in the real WWII fighter plane. All proceeds go to Make-A-Wish. (See the website for info)

Hope your summer is going well and hope to see you at the field soon!

At you service,
Rick Sessions

How to obtain access to the new Web Site:

To access the features of our new Omahawks web site you need to do the following:

1. Go to: omahawks.org
2. Click the "log in" icon in the top right of the screen.
3. type in your email address as your ID.
4. Type Omahawks as the temporary password (starts with a ZERO, not an "O").
5. You are now logged in but should change your password.
6. Click on your log in icon again (upper right under top banner) and select the "update profile" in the drop-down menu.
7. Check all of your profile information and update anything that needs updating. Please add a picture of **YOU**, not an airplane or your dog.
7. Click on "change password" box at the top of your profile page.
8. Change your password and click update.
9. Enjoy the web site!

Call Kevin at: 402-670-8320 if you are having any problems with access or updating your password.

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Omahawks Member Meeting June Minutes

June 26th 2020

General meeting called to order by Rick S at 7:00 PM.

Thanks for **Joe Hunt** for the food for the evening also thanks **Cindy and Dennis** for helping serve and bring the Brownies.

VP Luke spoke to the club about what is happening with the shed. You are welcome to make comments to the Board. Thanks to the whole Crew that helped built the shed and it is 80% done a little trim and the roof is left to do and the inside features need to be added:

Chemical toilet, storage, recharge bench.

Abe's trash service is providing the ADA Approved Porta Poty unit and will service for the unit as well as providing Trash service.

Boy scouts (Eagle project) is still a go, planning on getting the pavilion deck expansion done by Labor Day.

Also planning on moving the gate west about 15' and getting garden area cleared out and paved. **Careful on the sloped drive with loose gravel!**

Discussion about having water at the field—no realistic, cost effective way to do it. **Kevin** is here to help getting signed into the new Web site tonight if needed. Photos on Smug Mug web site.

Thank you **Dan Fitzgerald** for all you work getting this up and running, it looks great! Talked about the "Gunfighter" Ride Raffle. Also Talk about Corporate Sponsors, Gold (\$500) gets five tickets Bronze (\$250) gets 2 tickets

Spoke about the FAA Drones Rules and AMA Proposal to the rules. Not much happening at this time until review completed by FAA, they are shooting for year end.

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An Estate has offered the Club a large amount of old Magazines. Most will be trashed because of the Covid19 Pandemic.

Discussions about Training night and youth membership. Club Membership as of today 132.

Proposed Rule Changes was read and approved by the General Membership. Also, discussion about throttle cut and safety switch on Gas powered planes.

Short discussion about the Web site and Cameras survey at the field.

Swap meet at the Fremont Fliers Field tomorrow (Saturday June 27.2020)

Rick adjourned the meeting.

City of Omaha Hawk Field Rules Effective June 26, 2020

1. All persons operating R/C aircraft from Hawk Field or flying off the lake at Standing Bear Lake Recreation Area must display a valid field permit. Field permits can be obtained from Omahawks R/C Inc. upon proof of a valid AMA membership and payment of the required **membership** fee. Visitors may fly in Board approved events or as a guest of a permit holder.
2. All persons operating R/C aircraft from Hawk Field or the lake at Standing Bear Lake Recreation Area shall fly in a safe and controlled manner.
3. When a 72 mhz transmitter is in use, a Hawk Field field permit or valid AMA membership card must be on the appropriate frequency flag. **All 72 mhz transmitters must be turned off at all times, unless posted on the required frequency flag.**
4. All R/C aircraft must meet AMA guidelines for noise.

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5. All flying must be within the Standing Bear Lake Recreation Area boundaries and east of the safety fence at Hawk Field, with the exception of the Park Flyers Area. When flying off the lake, all aircraft must remain over the lake area.
6. R/C aircraft powered by internal combustion engines can be flown on weekdays from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM and on weekends and holidays from 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM.
7. In the event of a Personal Injury, Property Damage, flyaways, or crashes outside the approved flying area as defined in Rule #5, a member of the Omahawks Board shall be notified within **12** hours of incident.
8. Turbine powered R/C aircraft are prohibited from flying at Hawk Field at Standing Bear Lake Recreation Area.
9. **Airplane engines/motors must be turned off before crossing the safety fence line as the plane exits the runway.**
10. **FPV (First Person View) flying must comply with all AMA guidelines, including the use of a spotter.**

Failure to observe these rules may result in the loss of flying privileges at Hawk Field and/or revocation of the operator's field permit.

Flying at Hawk Field and off of the lake at Standing Bear Lake Recreation Area is managed and operated by Omahawks R/C, Inc. for and on behalf of the City of Omaha

Omahawks R/C, Inc is authorized to enforce these rules



Omahawks Business Meeting June Agenda

June 16, 2020 at 7:00pm

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Board Members: Luke H., Paul E., Kevin H., Rick S., Cole, Skippy, Norris, Rick H., Tom G.

Visitors: Dan F., Hague H.

Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports:

Treasurer Report: (Kevin) Reviewed and accepted financial reports. Solid financial shape.

Membership Count: 128

Newsletter Report: (Joe)

Old Business:

Field Improvements: Luke, Cole: Reported that the storage/restroom was constructed and wrapped and was waiting for the outside sheet metal to be installed starting this Thursday. After that was finished, his crew will install the roof material next week. We were asked to think about the inside layout and electrical needs.

Web Update: Dan F. Found that for \$72 a year we can link all our videos and old pictures to our site via SmugMug. Board authorized the expenditure to get that done.

Field Article submission for AMA magazine. Luke will work with Norris to get that done.

FAA comments—Over 53,000 submitted! Many months of silence.....FAA shooting for end of year recommendations. FAA Remote ID will probably take to the end of the year and the FAA has got a company to read through all the letters and divide them up by a subcategory for them to address solutions. The AMA is pushing real hard to get Clubs with existing Fields Grandfathered so we don't have to renew every 3 years and that Park Fliers only have to use an App to let people know when and where they are flying.

New Business:

P-51 Raffle mechanics: GunFighter Ride chances are going to be sold at \$50 per ticket and there is going to be a printing of 200 Tickets to be sold by the club membership and On Line sales through our Web site. Corporate Sponsors are going to get 2 tickets for a \$250 donation and 5 tickets for \$500 donations to do with as they see fit. All proceeds will go to Make-A-Wish!

Old magazines—we will check with AMA on interest and only take more recent

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issues for our needs.

2020 Schedule— The end of May and first of June events were either rained out or had High Winds although the Combat flight took place and was won by Ethan H.

VHS videos from Ron VanOeveren, Steve F to convert. (Parties and event)

Omahawks Field Rules update needed. (See attached.) The revised Field Rules were read and approved by the Board membership and next has to be approved by the overall Club membership on 6/26.

Para Glider—Rick will speak with Nick, the pilot, by 6/26 and report to Board.

Marketing ideas: Norris, form committee to complete A/V club promo.

Multi Wing—July 25th Boy Scout events—date TBD

Training night—roll out of full blown training going well. Night #1 had 11 students, #2 had about 10. Got 2 new youth members. We could use a couple more instructors to help out. Dan F and Tom G were railroaded into volunteering! Rick is going to get together with Harry, Cindy and Paul to go over what all Information to be tracked on website for use in the 2021-year Training season.

Millard STEM: Hague: Date to be moved to Sept 5th

Field camera, link to web site. Just 7 survey comments, 6 are a NO response.

Member Meeting: June 26th , 2020 Meet at field with meal served at 6PM, meeting at 7PM, fly before and after.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday June 20, Old Timers, Tuesday evening June 23, Float Fly

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40pm Motion by: Seconded
by: _____

Volunteers Needed:

- 2020 Event Ideas: Skippy**
Father, son/daughter
Timed/SAMS fly competition
Multi-wing fun fly—yes, July 25th, Bob W.

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“Monday Night Follies”—yes, starting now!

Flight Test Combat—yes, June 6th fun but WINDY!

Officer Project Alignment/Responsibility:

President: Training, Member Growth, Training Welcome/tracking, Meetings

Rick Sessions: 402-312-6482

V.P.: Field improvement, Pres. In training

Luke Hughes: 402-995-9275

Secretary: Build program, EAA/CAP/STEM interface

Paul Edmunds: 402-572-8467

Treasurer: Web site, data base, financials, check writing, membership, auctions

Kevin Hyde: 402-670-8320

Board #1: Social Media, Marketing, Youth Outreach-

Norris Hoover: 303-478-0212

Board #2: Events—

David “Skippy” Haney: 402-506-2358

Board #3: Social, New Member Welcome—

Tom Gulizia: 402-290-6485

Board #4: Community Outreach—

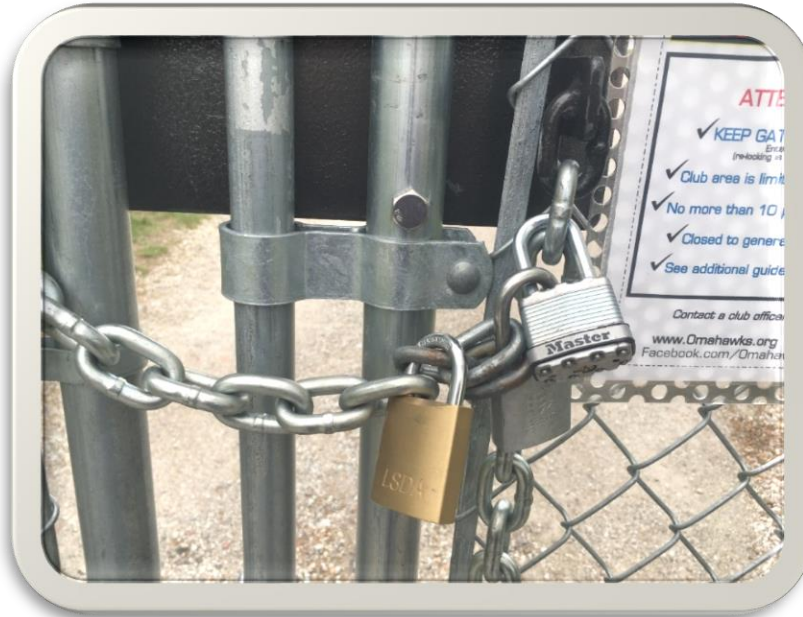
Rick Haneline: 402-321-7577

Field Chair: Cole Meyo: 402-639-7838

Safety: Dennis Bender: 402-637-6642, Bob Wheeler: 402-661-4661

HEADS UP: New Hawk Field Gate Chain and Lock Procedure

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Please ensure the lock is secured in a Daisy Chain fashion as illustrated by the photo below and the You Tube Video as well! To ensure that when either lock is opened you may access the gate and gain access to the field!



YouTube Daisy Chain process:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RNDi22UxIXY>

Featured Articles

A PILOTS TALE OF EMBARRASSMENT AND ANGUISH:

BY Jud Bock

This year-, to me, has been a nothing year as far as R/C is concerned. The coronavirus has been hard on everyone, and in the big picture messing up a hobby has to be very low in the list of importance and inconvenience. Still, because the enjoyment of club activities where I normally participate, has for the most part disappeared, namely the Oldtimers events and the Gliders events, in the two clubs which I belong to. I am noting the above as the reason I have flown very little this year, plus some personal problems to be attended to rather than flying. This being said, I shall now get into this tale of woe.

The morning of June 26th, was one that makes all R/Cers smile, a gorgeous severe clear morn, with about a 5 MPH wind straight out of the north, the direction the runway I was going to use. I packed up my “Timber Turbo’ and an “Eagle glider” in the old van and headed to the closest field for me, the Omahawks field at “Standing Bear Lake”. (Note: Because this is a safety article, I am submitting it to both clubs I belong to as the content is apropos to both). There were only two fellows there flying when I arrived and I did not know either of them, although I should, but don’t fly that much or participate in that many club gatherings to really know them all. They were relaxing under the canopy so I just went about my business and let them visit.

I thought I would fly the Turbo Timber first as I was the most familiar with it, and added the battery into it and headed for the runway. The flight was uneventful and successful and I taxied in to where I was standing and I picked it up and sat it on one of the work tables to take the battery out and put a fresh one in.

At this point, I should like to mention that a couple of years ago, I had a similar event as this one, although not as serious. I also hit the throttle control at that time

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and resulted in a trip to the hospital and 4 stitches. After that event, I began using a simple, but effective, throttle control safety device called a “rubber band”, wrapping around the transmitter as shown on picture (SEE 1.) b

It has worked great, and on this day, when I unloaded my transmitter from the car, I noticed the rubber band around the throttle control had broken. “No big deal” I said to myself...”I will replace it when I get done flying” . Famous last words, Huh?



(1.)

But I digress. Back to when I was sitting the “Turbo Timber” on to the work table after the flight, and I carefully sat it down on the table with my right hand, and you guessed it, hit the throttle control and it went to full throttle as quickly as you can say (OH, S---“!). I instinctively grabbed the plane with my left hand to keep it from flying off the bench and felt the full running three bladed prop, slicing and dicing my left hand. (See Picture #2)

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Our glorious President, Rick had arrived at the field and was flying and as I looked at my hand, I knew I had a problem. I hollered at Rick and asked him where the first aid kit was, and he hollered at the two other fellows sitting out of the sun to go help me out while Rick had a chance to land. They came running over and grabbed the first aid kit and pulled gauze out to stem the bleeding. One of the fellows noticed I had some paper towels stuck in the back of my van and grabbed a bunch of them and wrapped the hand in them. I then determined I was able to drive to the hospital myself and they loaded my plane for me, and I motored to our hospital emergency ward. The ER Dr. was a nice guy and we had quite a conversation as he put in the 30 stitches it took to close the cuts up. (See picture #3).



My hand at this point was pain free, as the Doc had filled it with deadening for the stiches. Two hours later, it hurt like hell.

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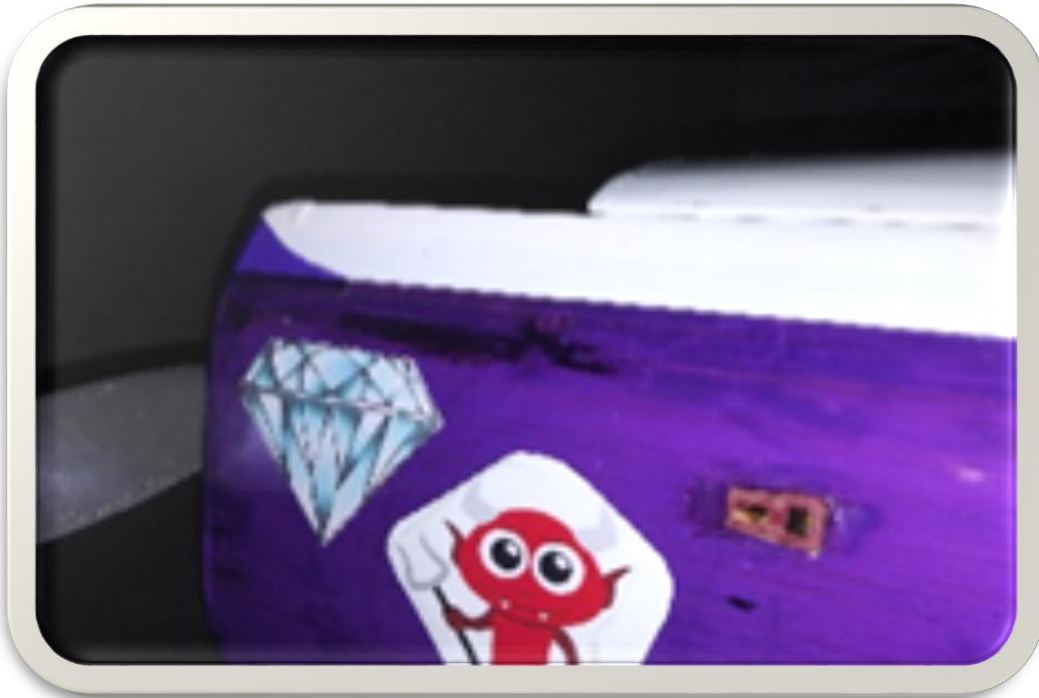
I guess I am so, and I will use the nice word, upset...with myself, is because of the safety precautions I have taken to assure myself that it would not happen again. Besides the rubber band around the throttle, I have installed in all of my planes, a circuit breaker switch, (see Picture #4),

Which is a "T" female switch, which has the two ends of the red wire going to the ESC from the battery. This allows me to install the batteries in the planes without

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being “hot”, and you can carry your plane and Radio Transmitter around without fear of accidentally turning the motor on. When you start or finish flying, you just plug in/take out the male “T” plug and it is ‘Hot” or “Cold”. Because of the limited room in the “Turbo Timber”, I opted not to install the circuit breaker plug in it.

(#4)



So, the moral of this story guys, no matter how many safety features you have on your equipment, the best safety fixture is between your ears, so be very careful out there...even if you are young and more agile and able to move quicker...this can happen to you if you fly electric or fuel engines. It happens so quick you just can't believe it till it happens to you.....

Editors note: Most 2.4 radios can be programmed to use an assigned toggle switch of your choice as a Throttle Cut or Throttle Hold (different term but same meaning) setting, typically this assigns a negative -130% (dependent on Brand of radio) value to the Throttle Channel that can't be overrode by movement of the Throttle Stick or any level of Throttle Trim (or Sub-trim either). I was able to locate multiple Videos on YouTube.com to explain this function in great detail, for many different Radio Models and Brands.

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I am not sure what your favorite YouTubers is so I will provide some examples and links to various videos below here:

Spektrum: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5lze10pEQjU>

Taranis: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ZsZHW0vuo>

Futaba: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8dQnoUWOK1g>

I think you get the idea here I am sure I didn't cover all the brands, or models available. But I'd like to encourage everyone to take a safety first attitude, and get **your Throttle Cut switch assigned to every model you own**, like I have done since first reading Jud's article!

We seen a significant rise in injuries at the field and I hope that we can get the word out to increase our efforts and close out the year without any more injuries!

2020 Omahawks Event Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>\$ Up to</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>
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July 22	Wed 830-1130	El Sailplanes	15	Dennis
July 25	Saturday 11am-3pm	Multi-Wing Fun Fly		Bob Wheeler
Aug 5	Wed 9am-noon	Old Timers	?	Dennis
Aug 8,9	Sat/Sun 8am-4pm	Pattern Contest	Officially Canceled	Bob W., Robert G.
Aug 12	?? Wed 830-1130	Float Fly	40	Tom V & Ron
Aug 15	Sat 10am-3pm	AMA Aviation Day		TBD
Aug 19	Wed 830-1130	El Sailplanes	15	Dennis
Sept 7	Mon 11am-4pm	Labor Day Extravaganza!		Ed P. etal..
Sept 12	Sat 830-1130	Float Fly	40	Tom V & Ron
Sept 16	Wed 830-1130	El Sailplanes Lunch	~15	Dennis
Sept 23	Wed 9am-noon	Old Timers	?	Dennis
Oct 18	Sun 10am-4pm	Auction		Kevin
			~ \$244	

Monday nights: (April –October) Night flying—dusk until 10:30pm (LED lights required) When park restrictions are lifted!!

Thursday evenings: (April –September) Training 6pm to 8pm

More. On Wednesday mornings 9-10am, **other than above**, it is suggested some pilots also fly those Wednesdays, to insure that they will not be alone at the field for safety, etc.....

OT - At Old Timer & Sept 16 events, lunch will be available with a donation requested. Refresher instruction is for those who have not flown recently, want help or are beginners.

Past Events

Float Fly July 11th, 2020 Standing Bear City Park Boat Dock

Thirteen Pilots were present for the float fly, winds were moderate, weather mostly clear, there was a small number of boaters as well as fisherman present. Dick provided the donuts. Attending was Tim P, Rick H, Dennis B, Fred W, Mickey D, Ron P, Loren B, Joe H, Bud M, Dean, Paul and Cindy E and Dick B as well as Tom V as hosts. *(names recall from editors' memory; sorry if I missed anyone)*

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As with any RC event some pilots had good flights and others had unforeseen issues that prevented them from flying.

I recall that the recovery Crew had to fish I believe three Planes out of the drink.



**Loren Blinde with his old timer “Miss America”
Dick Behrens reports it flew GREAT!**

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Loren Blinde Biplane on floats after it flipped over in the lake

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**Our intrepid Airplane Boat Recovery Crew
(L) Trevor Potmisil and (R) Xander Bender**

Thanks for your service

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Dennis reports that there was a boat trailer mishap on the way to the float fly Saturday morning, but he did press on after the trailer blew a tire, so we did have a recovery boat. **GREAT EFFORT Dennis!!**



Time for a new Trailer, I believe I heard Dennis remark that the “lights were salvageable”!

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Our pilots at top sharing some "BIG Fish" stories
Bottom Left Tom V, Bottom Right, Bud M, and Ron P

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Tom V' Cub, heading off for another Flight

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Fred W, seriously occupied with immediate events!

Dan F excellent pics are on the Web Site @ <https://photo.omahawks.org/2020-Float-Fly-July/>

Upcoming Events

Also, VERY EXCITING NEWS: we are raffling off (on our web site) a free ride on the GUNFIGHTER WWII extravaganza! (Check out this link: <http://www.p51gunfighter.com/airplane-rides>) For only \$50, you can buy a chance to fly in an authentic P-51 Mustang!! More details will be coming. **ALL PROCEEDS GO TO MAKE-A-WISH! (Tom Gulizia got this prize for free!)**

Stay tuned for lots of fun club activities and check out Omahawks.org for updated information.

- Breakfast get together every Tuesday Morning @ Hy-Vee, 10808 Fort St, Omaha, social distancing practices in effect!
- **Zoom online call is currently cancelled!**