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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, Jan 19, 2022 -7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Oakview Mall, New meeting place. Enter Mall from south side, go through food court, bare left, 3rd store front on the left

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, Dec 21, 2021-- 7:00PM – 8:30PM Call in PC/Phone w/Zoom

MEETING PROGRAM: Club updates, virtual cookies, and committee updates ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS



Luke Hughes

Club's President's Message for December 2021

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Thanksgiving is behind us and I'm already halfway to my ten-pound weight gain goal for the holiday season! I've installed the Christmas lights along my gutters immediately following a Husker football loss as per a Hughes family tradition. I sat on Santa's lap and asked for another RC airplane ... his reply, "Again?"

It's been a truly enjoyable year leading our wonderful club! We'll kick off 2022 on Jan 1st, 9:00 am at Hawk Field for our traditional 'First Flight of the Year'. For those who are unfamiliar, it's usually a rather brisk and comical opportunity to fly. A quick hot chocolate or coffee, fly or spectate and head to Hy-Vee for breakfast. Check our website front page New Year's Eve for any weather/other updates.

Until then; naughty or nice, I hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Luke Hughes



Congratulations to Fred Wilke chosen as Volunteer of the Year 2021!!

Full Article in next Month's Newsletter.

Omahawks Member Meeting November Minutes

November 19, 2021, 7pm @ OakView Mall

Membership Count: 30 for 2022

Newsletter Report: *Send in articles to Joe. Thank You Joe!*

Old Business:

Field Improvements: Toilet facility closing end of November. (Still open due to warm weather.)

Field camera: Working great! Add another one?

Marketing ideas: Parks, STEM partners, SAC event, HobbyTown, Air Force Connection, other ideas?.

Club apparel : next order in Spring. Still have some extra hats and T-shirts to buy, see Luke.

Building/Repair program (Rick, Greg Ruhe, Jim Henley, Ron P., Iain M., Skip B.): The program is “off the ground”, building an electric SIG Senior, supplies and tools are available on site. You can store your project “on the board” at Oakview, get expert advice on how to build or repair your planes. Also, **EXTRA PARTS for your use on current projects: wheels, propellers (wood), gas tanks, some electronics. Check it out @ Oakview on Thursday, 5-7pm.**

Foam board building is beginning @ Oakview, Thursday 5-7pm. Talk with Iain Marshall.

FAA# required, \$5 for 3 yrs, put # on all airplanes. TRUST test, easy, no fail. See link on website under Misc. tab to obtain your FAA#.

Website: Check the Alert and calendar for updated events.

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New Business:

EAA80 @ Oakview-- Member Meeting during winter, kit build projects, trainer restoration, Flite Test builds, educational events, spring “swap shop” (TBD), hang small planes, flight simulator “fun flies”. (Include kids)

Labor Day article to be published in AMA magazine in Jan/Feb 2022.

Board candidates for next year, final nominations and voting:

Luke Hughes: President

Grant Schulte: VP

Rick Sessions: Secretary

Kevin Hyde: Forever Treasurer

Board:

Ron Beauchene

Shaun Brothers

Paul Edmunds

Dan Fitzgerald

Rick Haneline

Field Chairman: Cole Meyo (board appointed)

Safety Officer: Jim Boomsma (board appointed)

The above officers were elected by affirmation.

Alignment with club initiatives and strategies will be determined by January 2022.

Member involvement strategies and task force use.

CALL LUKE OR RICK IF YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED WITH: Marketing, field maintenance, event planning (Dick B., Tom V.) training night, build programs, etc.

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Volunteer of the Year Award: Awarded to Fred Wilke, Jr. as a Surprise announcement!

Upcoming Events:

Every Thursday, 5 to 7pm: Winter Build Workshop @ Oakview Mall

December 3rd, club Holiday Party, Jerico's (reservations are full, taking wait list)

December 21 Board Meeting (zoom only)

January 15th, 10 to 2pm, SAC Indoor Exhibition and fun fly. Details to come.

Show and Tell: Fred W.—big foam delta wing. Scott M. blue CG control line.

Raffle: Indoor flyer—won by Fred Wilke.... how appropriate.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00pm Motion by: Kevin Seconded by: Rick

Field Projects:

- ~~1. New electrical outlets in pavilion. Done! (Paul, Ron, Greg)~~
- ~~2. Lower shelves on all start up stands. Done! (Cole & Shaun)~~
- ~~3. Re-do safety fence netting, too weak, pulls thru zip ties.~~
4. Parking lot stones. (Parks)
5. Water run off issues. (Parks)
- ~~6. Work morning 8/28, 9am-noon to prep for Labor Day.~~
7. Shingles on peak of pavilion.

Omahawks Business Meeting November Minutes

November 16, 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom

Board Members: Cole, Rick, Paul, Luke, Kevin, Skip B.

Guests: Iain, Rick H., Grant, Hague, Doug L.

Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports:

Treasurer Report: (Kevin) Reviewed and accepted financial reports. Have \$500 in memorial fund. Build workshop expenses reflected in training. Shut off port-a-potty and trash from December-February. Cut back Wi-Fi to \$10 per month plan for winter.

Mid-December email to membership about renewal (Kevin). T-shirts and hats still available.

Membership Count: 30 for 2022

Newsletter Report: (Joe) Do biographies, NEED SAFETY ARTICLE!!!, solo pilots, events.

Old Business:

Field Improvements: meeting with Parks needed. (Jake first) Brian runs maintenance, Luke knows him. Josh Frey is tree guy. Move grill to old shed. Sheds: clean out speakers, some trainer airplanes to Oakview. (Luke, Rick) Pavilion top cap shingles need repair. Wind indicator on bench w/phone cord end. Needs ether net card, plug into switch. Connect to web site. (Luke to contact Luke B.)

Modem has internal battery, need to remove battery temporarily to re-boot.

Marketing ideas: Norris to pass the baton. Business cards need to be printed with training info on back. Video presentation revisit. Meeting with Parks to co-market.

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SAC event, include Offutt pilots (Ron, Derrick, Nathan others?). Ask members for ideas to spruce it up.

New initiatives need new club member champions. Use subcommittees for those initiatives (Kevin's idea).

Talk with HobbyTown about a "fact sheet" to join Omahawks. We need a point person for HobbyTown. (Iain posted at HobbyTown, need updated copy.)

Sticker for HobbyTown sale to be created and reviewed by Board. (Expand to magazines for doctor offices?)

Use of Google document (Omahawks@gmail.com) to track Board assignments and activity. (Separate files for events, projects and task forces.)

SAC Indoor Air show to be 1/15/22. Do profile combat competition?

Labor Day Air Show: Article prepared by Grant and Ed! (Copy attached) To be submitted to AMA for the monthly magazine (Jan/Feb 2022).

Event safety guidelines: (Iain) Need: 1) Shade 2) Water (free at site) 3) Gatorade 4) Back up plan (Iain to work up "guidelines for event hydration/safety".)

New Business:

EAA80 @ Oakview—update on Winter Build program. (Rick) Every Thursday from 5 to 7pm. Build boards, tools, glue, balsa, jig saw, drill press and supplies available. Small kits, supplies and some electronics to chose from. Can leave build on site while work in process.

Agreement w/EAA80 in progress on insurance, keys, workspace, event scheduling. (Kevin and Rick) (Meeting on 12/7 to discuss how best to proceed. Club to get a couple members to join EAA80.)

Foam Board initiatives: start up now, events starting Jan/Feb. Capture some interested kids at SAC event.

Board candidates for next year: Paul, Shaun, Ron B., Dan F.

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Rick H. nominated by Luke

VP: Grant Schulte nominated by Paul E.

Safety officer: Jim Boomsma subsequently nominated

Doug L will help where/as needed!

More signs needed to warn against walking across field on south side. (Cole & Luke in Spring.)

Online election again, starting 11/20, ending 11/23, unless we have a full slate with no run off needed. (Election done at Member meeting 11/19 by affirmation of nominees.)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35pm --Motion by: Paul Seconded by: Luke

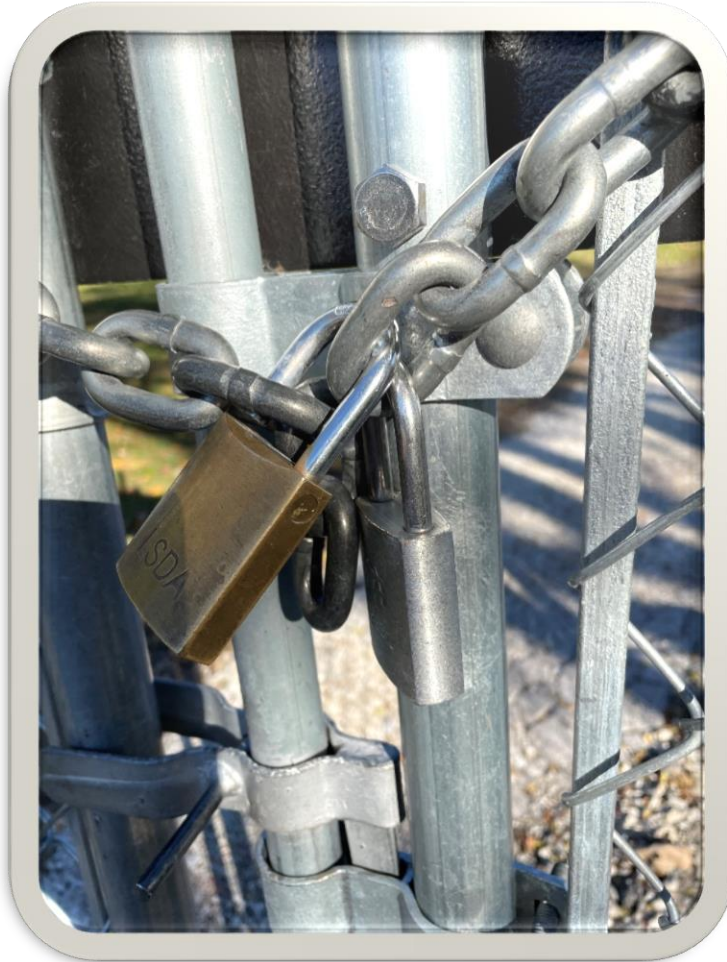
Officer Project Alignment/Responsibility for 2022: TBD

Field Projects:

- ~~1. New electrical outlets in pavilion.~~
- ~~2. Lower shelves on all start up stands.~~
- ~~3. Re-do safety fence netting, too weak, pulls thru zip ties.~~
- ~~4. Storm damage to trees needs cutting and removing.~~
5. Pavilion roof shingles need replacing on peek.
6. Parking lot stones. (Parks?)
7. Water run off issues. (Parks)

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Members Hints



What is wrong with this picture?

Feature Articles

Omahawks Winter Balsa/Foam Building Workshop

Week (3) Three Pictures

Omahawks weekly balsa/foam building workshop is "off the ground"! We had eight to ten attendees at this build workshop that will be held every Thursday, from 5-7pm (**except holidays**) at Able Ace in Oakview Mall.

We had 16 participants last week, including 3 kids.

We had repairs, electric conversion, foam board build and a balsa builds in progress. Power tools, hand tools, glue, supplies, balsa, build boards and most importantly: expertise are all available **on site!**

You can even store your project safely. Check it out, you'll be impressed as I was!

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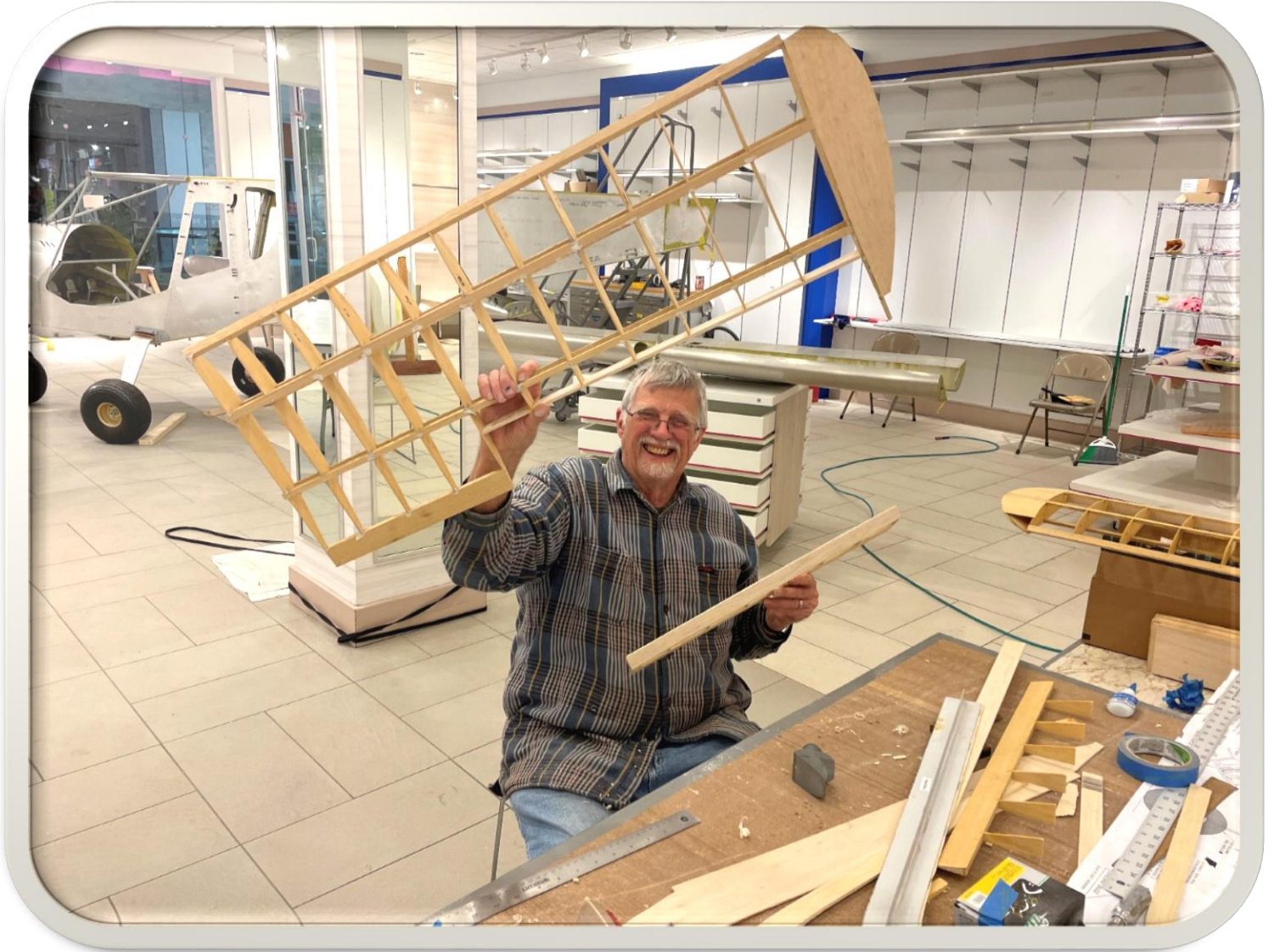


Nathan Childs converting Mustang to electric.

Jim Henley, Skip, and Ron Pacana got tools and supplies organized on the first week of the builds. Construction began on the electric powered SIG Kadet Senior (with ailerons), repair of trainers commenced, Kris Miller worked on his foam jet, Grant Schulte started his balsa build.

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Many other kits have been started including these two shown below given to the Brown Kidos with Jacob and Grandpa Skip helping out!



Greg R making progress on the Sig Senor Wings, with Ailerons

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Roger Nemec, Ralph (grand dad) and son Ryan building foam board low wing trainer. While Hague looks on!

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Brown boys get winter build kits

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Brown boys get winter build kits

Greg Ruhe brought a drill press and we have a Dremel jig saw set up, Ed Paasch delivered 72mgz radio equipment. Iain Marshall assessed what foam board supplies we have and need to get started on **Flite Test** projects.

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Supplies are stored in a red rolling tool chest. Kits, props, wheels, balsa, plywood, electronics, engines, motors, partial builds and more trainers are stored in the back storage area.

NOTE: if you have a need for any of these parts/supplies/components for your CURRENT project, come and check it out and take what you need! (Just let Rick know so he can keep tabs on the inventory available.)



Flight simulator in use by Aiden & Asher Brown.

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Check us out on Thursday from 5-7pm. You can even get dinner there, walk the mall or get some fall clothes at one of the malls stores!



Jim H repairing an Avistar (club trainer)

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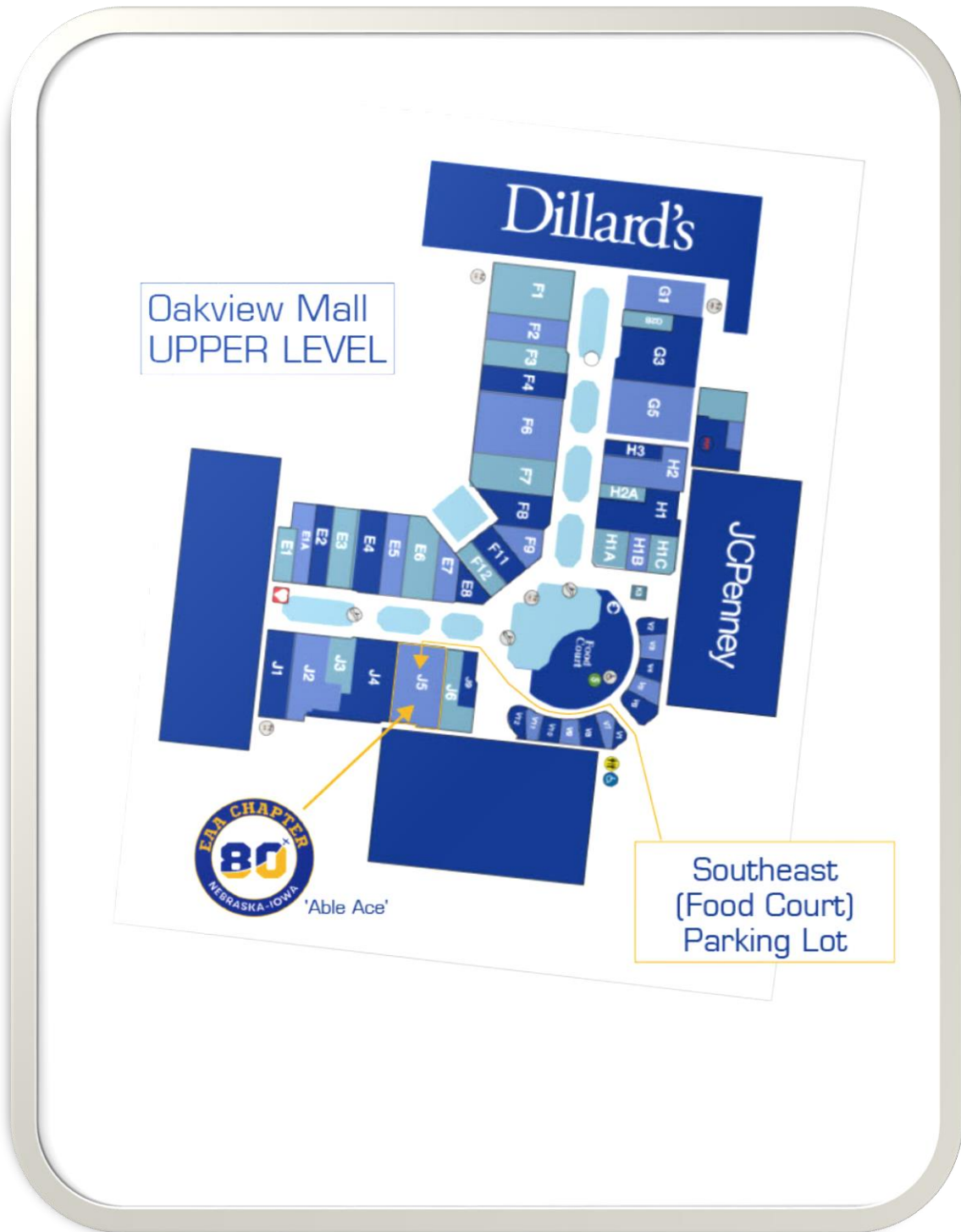
Also starting during the same time will be a group of flyers interested in **Flite Test type builds led by our own Iain Marshall.**

So come out to the mall on Thursday Nights for some fun building, flying stories and fellowship as well! Picture of location is below!

See you soon!

Rick Sessions, Build workshop coordinator, **article author and picture taker!**

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This is the location of the Builds in Oak View Mall!

Avro Anson Mk2

Article and Pictures credits to Bert Van Blerk

This was an interesting 2-year project so far. I scratch built the included retracts from Duncan Hutson blueprints that I had kept from early 1980s.



Avro Anson Mk2 (stock photo)

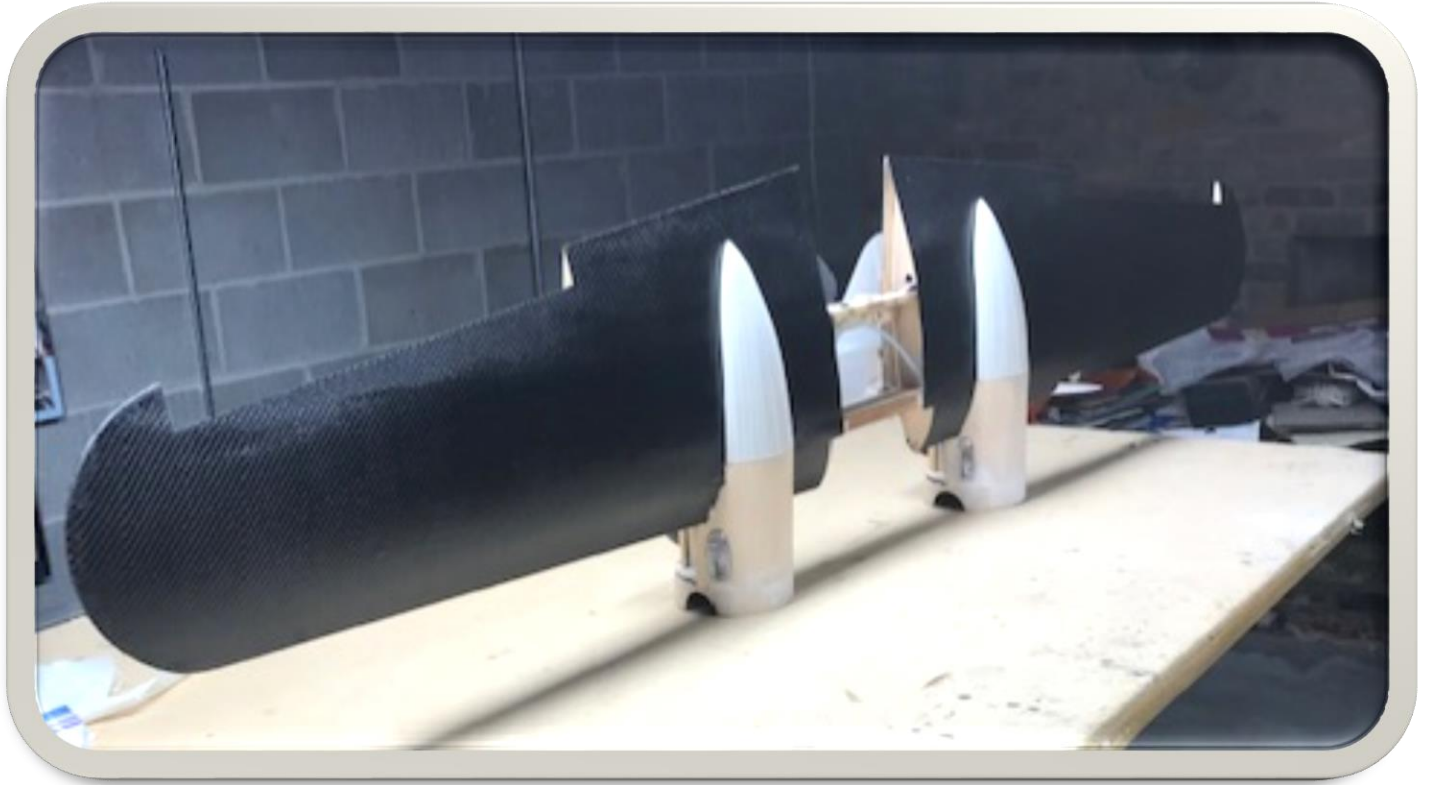
The Anson was a WW2 trainer that did reconnaissance and was also a bomber that served in the Royal Air Force (RAF).

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Close up of Crew Door! Great job Bert!

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Since this photo I have covered the wings with carbon fiber.



Power will be twin Saito 100s. Hope to have it completed in the coming year.

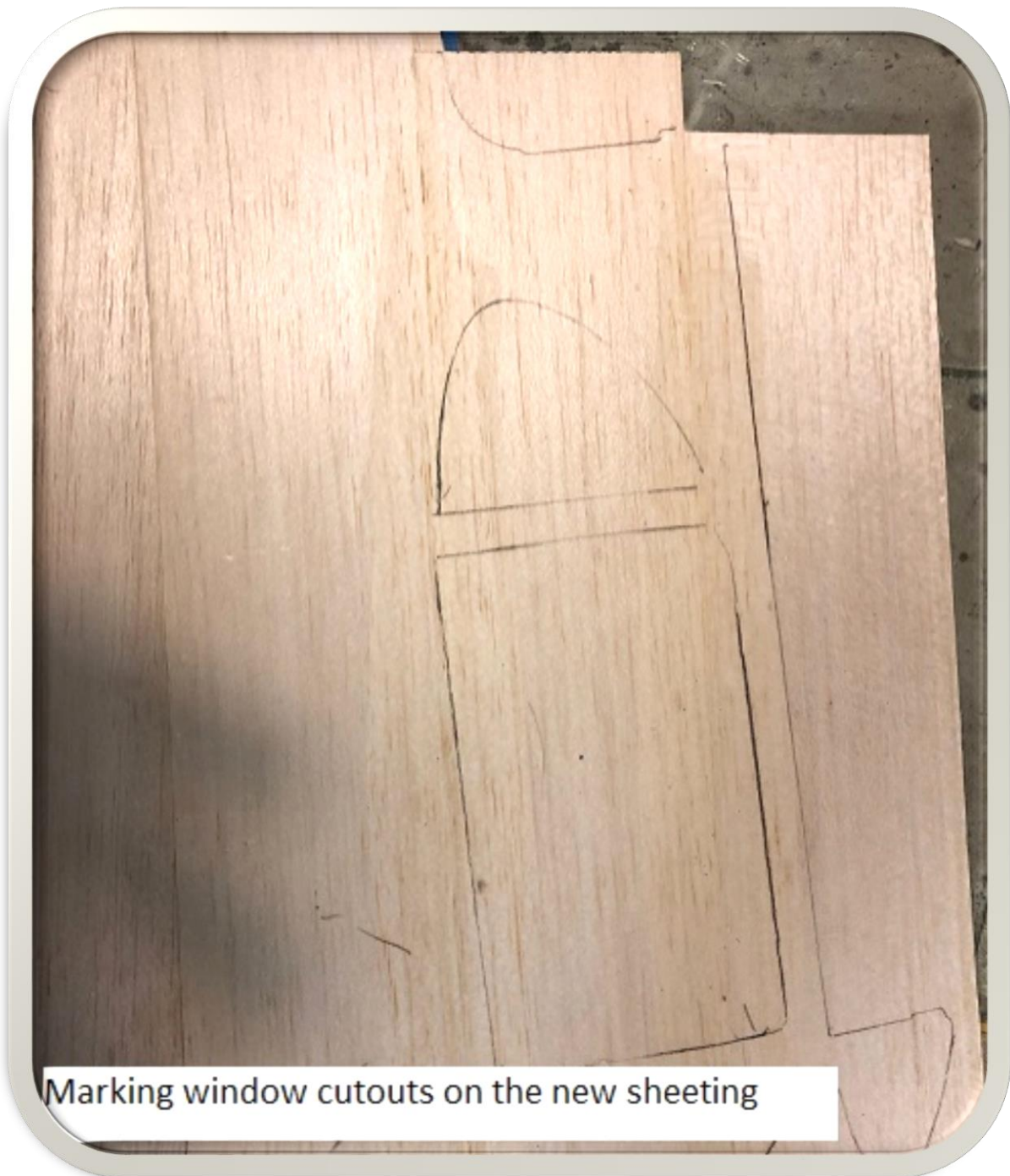
Re-kitting an ARF

(2nd Installment)

1st Installment in Nov 2021 Hawk Talk

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As we as modelers know, accidents happen despite our best efforts. After suffering a fly-a-way by one of my planes, after it was recovered from a neighbor back yard in Hillsboro, what now?



Marking window cutouts on the new sheeting

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I was able to source another Great Planes Cub that had been crashed and was able to salvage enough from both aircraft to rebuild one.



Starting fiber glass repair on cub cowl

One of the nice things about today's A.R. F's is they are assembled with "hot glue" this makes them fairly easy to take apart. So, I took my Monokote heat gun and heated the parts to separate them. Once I had all the pieces, I took those that were

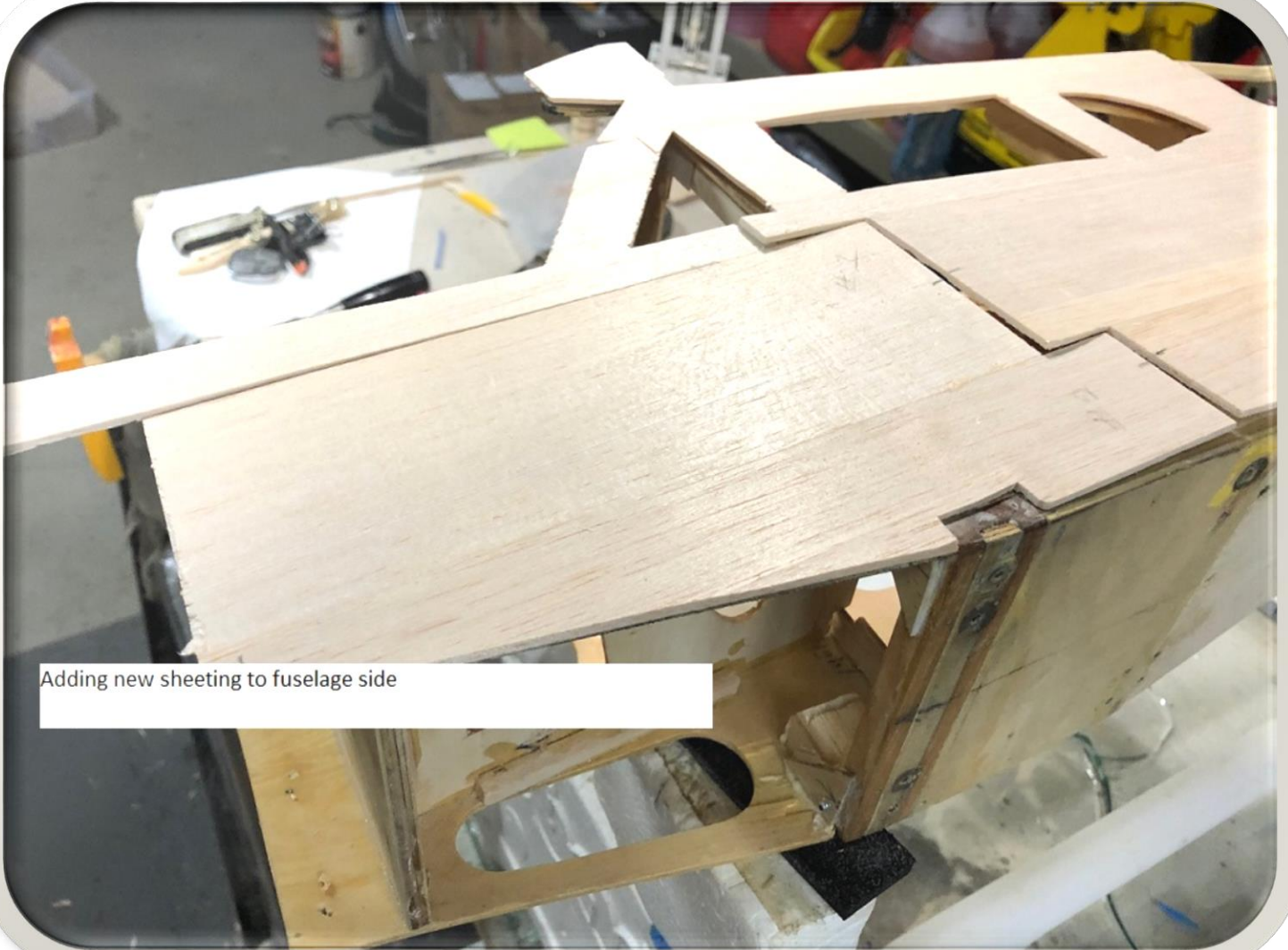
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usable / repairable, removed all of the glue, sanded the parts smooth and proceeded to rebuild the fuselage.



This takes time, but with some patience, I should be able to make one airplane from two crashed models.

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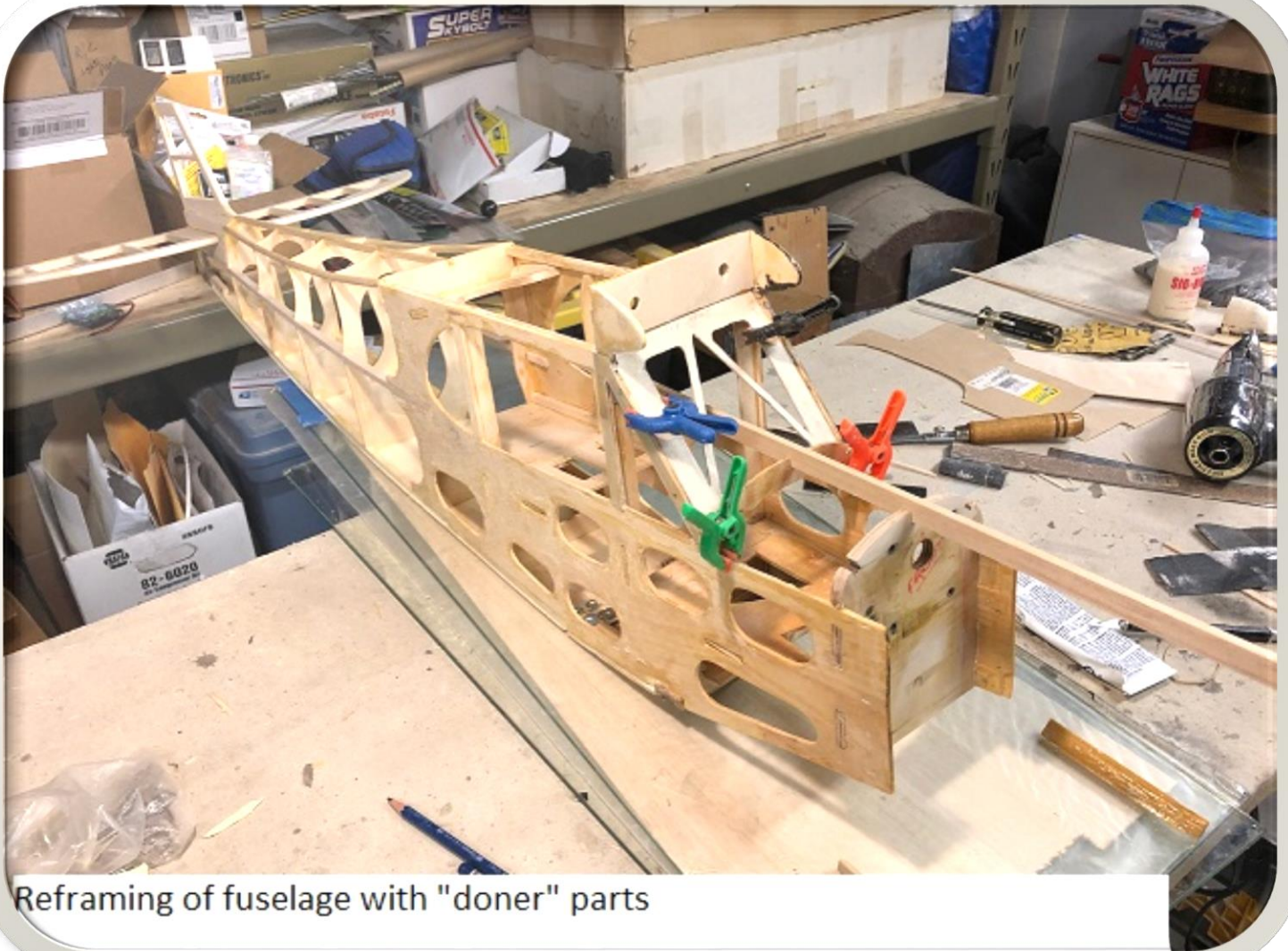
“Re-kitting an ARF” Continued!

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I will continue to document the process and with any luck by next flying season have my Cub back and hopefully this process will inspire some of you to take on rebuilding one of your favorite aircraft.



Reframing of fuselage with "doner" parts

Article and Pictures courtesy of Jim Henley

2022 Club Memberships

As of October 1 2021, the Omahawks will be accepting memberships for the 2022 membership year. A new requirement for membership this year is that an FAA number must be specified in your profile.

It is important the club members comply with the FAA regulations governing "drone" activity, or as FAA terms UAS (unmanned aircraft systems). The regulation is 14 CFR 107 and is referred to as the Small UAS Rule. That regulation requires that all UAS be registered. If you are not yet registered you can register at <https://FAAdronezone.faa.gov>. It costs \$5 for a registration that's good for 3 years. Our local FAA representative has contacted board members and indicated that they would be frequenting the field to see that we are in compliance with this rule. Including your FAA number on your membership card will assure that you always have that information with you when flying.

When renewing your membership on-line please make sure you have that information available and enter it in the FAA field of your profile. Some members chose to send me a check in the mail when renewing. That is perfectly acceptable and I'll be happy to process the membership but I will need to know your FAA registration number to complete the process.

Another requirement in this rule is that recreational flyers must complete **The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST)**.

You can find a link to this at www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/. You will have the opportunity at the end of the test to print a certificate documenting the completion.

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You should print this document and keep it with your flight box or transmitter so you have it at the field.

Kevin Hyde

Upcoming Events

- **** Breakfast get-together every Tuesday Morning @ Hy-Vee, 10808 Fort St, Omaha**

Every Thursday --10:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Indoor Flying @ Community of Christ Church GYM, 140 Kanessville Blvd, Council Bluffs, IA 51503. For further information email Kevin: ulavenger@yahoo.com **No flying Dec 9th, 2021**

Come fly in the gym with us where the weather is always perfect every Thursday!

Winter Build Workshop

- **Dec 16th, 2021 - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Winter Build Workshop @ Oakview Mall, New meeting place. Enter Mall from south side, go through food court, bare left, 3rd store front on left**
- **Dec 21st, 2021 – 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Board Meeting @ Oakview Mall - Enter Mall from south side, go through food court, bare left, 3rd store front on left**

All members are encouraged to attend

- **Dec 23rd, 2021 - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Winter Build Workshop @ Oakview Mall, New meeting place. Enter Mall from south side, go through food court, bare left, 3rd store front on left**

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- Dec 30th, 2021 - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Winter Build Workshop @ Oakview Mall, Enter Mall from south side, go through food court, bare left, 3rd store on left
- Jan 6th, 2022 - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Winter Build Workshop @ Oakview Mall, Enter Mall from south side, go through food court, bare left, 3rd store on left
- Jan 16th, 2022 - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Winter Build Workshop @ Oakview Mall, New meeting place. Enter Mall from south side, go through food court
- Jan 23rd, 2022 - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Winter Build Workshop @ Oakview Mall, Enter Mall from south side, go through food court, bare left, 3rd store front on left
- Jan 28th, 2022 – 7:00 PM General Meeting Start @ Oakview Mall, Enter Mall from south side, go through food court, bare left, 3rd store front on left

For a complete list of all the Omaha Metro Area upcoming events please follow this link: http://www.metrorcflying.com/metro_schedule.htm