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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: **Friday, Jan 27th, 2023 -6:30 PM - 9:00 PM** @ Oakview Mall--Able Ace

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, Jan 17^h, 2023-- 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



Bryan and Sharon Weeks

Volunteers of the year award for 2022!

Club's President's Message for December 2022

A HUGE Thank you and congratulations to **Bryan and Sharon Weeks** for EARNING the volunteer(s) of the year award for 2022!

They are fairly quiet folks, but this year's efforts put forth for the club did not go unnoticed. They worked behind the scenes to prepare, tote, and serve food at several meetings and events. Bryan has also been a staple at our training nights! Sharon is usually close by his side reading books on what I can assume is on how to love and support an RC enthusiast. They'll have the honor and privilege :) to display the traveling trophy until next year's volunteer is announced; their names will be added to our club's recognition plaque.

Volunteer engagement is what makes this club a success and FUN! Our board truly appreciates efforts from ALL in '22 and are looking forward to a superb 2023!

Safe and happy holidays to all,

Luke Hughes

Kevin's H provided the following input!

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until you un-subscribe.

Omahawks Member Meeting November 2022 Minutes

November 18th, 2022, 7:00pm @ Oakview Mall

Membership Count: 176

Newsletter Report: *Send in articles to Joe via new email:*

<mailto:hawktalkeditor@duck.com>

Old Business:

Field Improvements: Fall list being compiled.

Website: Check the Alert and calendar for updated events. New Google Calendar feature available that will automatically post updates on your device.

New Business:

Safety Initiatives: (Jim Boomsma): Jim B. discussed his ongoing pursuit of an AED. He may have one in time for the spring flying season. He also gave his thoughts on the placement of safety signs, generally along the north side of the field. Cole M. concurred. Members briefly talked about the City of Omaha's efforts to clean up trees and brush around the field. Jim walked along the cleared-out area but didn't find any planes or any of his missing canopies.

Tom Floyd Memorial Fund has been established. Check out website for photos of top-quality airplanes for sale. (Contact Rick S. 402-312-6482 with questions.). **Some**

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of Tom's planes, equipment and tools were sold at the auction. Other wonderful models are still for sale, located at ABLE ACE. Take a look to see if any interest you.

Discounted/Combined Membership update/rollout. The Omahawks, Western Flyers and Sky Knights have established a new joint membership discount that's available for a limited time. Membership is available in two or three clubs for a discount. Omahawks-only dues remain at \$75. Kevin passed out a flyer explaining the discounts to the members, and the same information is located on the website. The deadline to take advantage of this opportunity is Dec. 31.

Automatic membership renewal option to launch. Easier to manage, easier for members. Kevin encouraged everyone to take care of their membership renewals soon. He also strongly encouraged everyone to use the automatic annual renewal. This can all be done through the website.

Elections for leadership positions. Kevin opened the floor to additional nominations beyond those already listed on the website. Seeing none, nominations were closed. Moved by Jim B..... second by Dean C. To close all nominations. The election online ballot is now available on the club website through Nov. 21.

Upcoming Events:

November Officer Elections—Online voting

11/22 Upchurch Elementary school--A STEMAHA event will be held on Nov. 22 at Upchurch Elementary in Millard. Fred Wilke and Shaun Brothers will represent the Omahawks. Hague H. has spearheaded this event.

December: Christmas Party—6:00 PM at Jericho's in Omaha on 12/2/22. Event is full. No one is on the current waiting list but contact Luke if you would like to get on it.

Hague is planning a "Chuck Glider" build on Dec. 17. He has lined up the Eureka Girls/Girls Inc. Chuck has already volunteered, as he is the Flight Test Master. More volunteers are needed, contact Hague if you are interested. Last year's event was a great success!

STEMAHA has many events planned for the upcoming year. Again, contact Hague if

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you are interested in helping. SAC museum, NWS trip, to name just a few.

Hague suggested listing events of all three clubs (Hawks, Knights & Western Flyers) on the website and/or the newsletter to improve awareness of the memberships.

Show and Tell: No planes to show, but Dean C. was sporting a very sharp “Top Gun” jacket that his girlfriend gave him. He was more than happy to model it for us and retain his title of “Best Dressed” for yet another season.

Kevin shared an article that he had saved from the Omaha World-Herald circa June 2014. A two pager about the club that featured photos of Dean C. and Ron P. as well as others. He may try to scan it and get it up on the website.

Raffle: No raffle was held.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:32 p.m. Motion by: Dean C. Seconded by: Greg R.

Field Projects:

1. Parking lot stones. (Luke & Jim B. did some stone fill work.)
2. Water run off issues.
3. TV mount on shed
4. Shingles on peak of pavilion and old shed.
5. Paint bleachers and benches. Stain where needed.
6. Wood fence rail repair.
7. Runway sealing.

Volunteer Opportunities:

1. Events: participants, helpers, leaders

Omahawks Business Meeting November Minutes

November 15, 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom

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Board Members: Shaun, Paul, Luke, Kevin, Cole, Grant

Guests: Hague

Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports:

Treasurer Report: *(Kevin)* Reviewed and accepted financial reports. The auction generated \$2,129. Kevin will call our vendor soon to discontinue trash/portable service for the winter.

Membership Count: 176 (23 members signed up for 2023)

Newsletter Report: *Joe H. to show Grant how to publish/produce the newsletter.*

Old Business:

Field Improvements: (see below)

Marketing ideas: Discuss in January for 2023 season.

Education committee: (Shaun, Rick, Hague, Fred W., Iain, Kirk R., Joe C.)

Winter workshops: Special areas of focus on each night? Radio programming? Electric conversions? Foam repair? Covering? Pattern flying (via simulator).

Safety initiatives: Jim Boomsma, safety guidelines for events in shed.

2022 Events: (See attached and “Master Calendar Link”)

Master Calendar Link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/19y_SL3b4grtWQ893wvpFOIO_PolcxQtwN6RelAH9kEE/

New Business:

Discounted/Combined Membership update/rollout. Approved by Omahawks, Western Flyers, Sky Knights. Kevin has created a detailed spreadsheet to track how much each club should receive. Clubs will be in regular communication during and immediately after the promotional offer period to make sure process goes as planned and membership records are correct.

Automatic membership renewal option to launch. Easier for Kevin, easier for members. Link to subscribe is available on Omahawks page. Payment options

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available through PayPal, credit/debit, or check. If you have questions, contact Kevin or Luke.

Board and Officer Elections. Voting will be open Friday through Sunday evening. Officers are seeking re-election, a few new candidates for the board.

Christmas/holiday dinner at Jericho's. Reservation list full. Dan F. to produce a photo slideshow from this year's events.

Upcoming events:

Member Meeting @ Oakview this Friday 11/18 @ 7 p.m.

Holiday Dinner @ Jericho's on Friday, Dec. 2 @ 6 p.m.

Board Meeting on Zoom on Tuesday, Dec. 20 @ 7 p.m.

No Member Meeting in December.

Meeting Adjourned: 8 p.m. --Motion by: Grant Seconded by: Luke

Field Projects:

8. Pavilion roof shingles need replacing on peek. Also old shed. (Aren't you glad the new shed is metal!)
9. TV Mount
10. Parking lot stones. Next step: prepare to meet with Parks Director Matt Kalcevich
11. Water run off issues. (Parks)
12. Paint bleachers, benches, Bender table. Other staining?

Volunteer Areas:

1. HobbyTown Rep to stock cards, posters
2. 2023 Events: leader and helpers

Omahawks Business Meeting December Minutes

December 20, 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom

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Board Members: Shaun, Rick S., Grant, Cole, Paul, Luke, John P., Richard, Kevin, Jim H.

Guests: Hague

Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports:

Treasurer Report: (Kevin) Reviewed and accepted financial reports. Auto renewal option now available.

Membership Count: 178 for 2022, 57 for 2023 so far

Newsletter Report: (Joe) Do biographies, Safety articles (Jim Boomsma), Solo pilots, training (Rick)

Election Results: Welcome new leaders: John Peterson, Richard Gibson, Jim Henley

Welcome Back: Luke, Grant, Rick, Kevin, Cole, Jim B., Paul, Shaun, Dan

Old Business:

Field Improvements: (see below)

Applying to AMA for field grant by Grant.

Lake is being drained, trees/bushes being cleared near north end of field

Safety: working on obtaining an AED. (Richard may have access to one.)

Marketing ideas: Training, HobbyTown, Youth Outreach, One on One, Oakview, Parks, Champions Run (\$500 income)

Education committee (Shaun, Rick, Hague, Fred W., Chuck H., Ron P., Greg R.)

Chuck glider build by Chuck Hull...Elementary events

Winter build game plan? (contact Jim Henley) Selected topics led by several builders? Foam repair: Tom G., covering: Ron P., Speckum electronics: Luke, basic repairs: Jim H

Safety initiatives: Jim Boomsma, safety guidelines for events in shed.

2023 Events: TBD (Tom V.?, Luke)

Master Calendar Link: TBD

Task assignments: website calendar updates, event schedule (Tom V,?), update Google calendar (Luke)

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Holiday Dinner assessment: excellent food, dedicated room, overhead screen, max of 40, had 34, very nice.

Tom Floyd memorial fund for youth: Advertise on our website. Show at monthly member meeting. Send out email to members with details and price minimums.

Multi Club Membership thru 12/31/22

Labor Day thank you letters.

New Business:

Volunteers of the year: Bryan and Sharon Weeks!

No SAC Indoor event. Maybe in Spring

Leaders needed for: Marketing, Events

Team members needed: Education, Training Night, Field work, Winter build, Events, Marketing (contact Luke for details)

Training Night: March kick off meeting, mount TV, 5 foamies team, RF software/systems

Non profit status: no changes planned.

Priorities for 2023: (discuss and rank) Events, Training Night, Safety, Field, Youth Outreach, New Members, Flying fun, Engaging Families, Education (member, youth)—this can be an initial brief discussion with follow-up in January and February. (Luke, Grant and Rick S. to meet)

Upcoming events:

1/1/23 @9:00am-- First of the Year Fun Fly—HyVee after to thaw out.

Indoor Flying: Sport Centre on Giles/144th, Wednesday & Friday, 11:30-1pm, \$5

Member Meeting @ Oakview 1/27 @ 7pm, Show and Tell, Raffle, Club updates

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 --Motion by: Luke Seconded by: RBS

Field Projects: (Game plan early in 2023)

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14. TV Mount for simulator
15. Parking lot stones. Next step: **prepare to meet with Parks Director Matt Kalcevich**
16. Water run off issues. (Parks)
17. Paint bleachers, benches, Bender table. Other staining?
18. Wood fence rail repair.
19. Runway sealing (2023 or 2024)

Volunteer Areas:

3. **2023 Events: leaders and helpers**
4. **See above New Business**

Featured Articles

Year in Review, Looking back at 2022!

Article Submitted by Grant S

What a year! Looking back at 2022, I recall a lot of thrilling flights, some good lessons from fellow pilots, and a lot of great camaraderie (and, yeah, a few broken props as well).

I particularly enjoyed our training nights. At times, I counted 6-7 aircraft churning through the sky simultaneously and others getting fixed, tested and tweaked behind the fence.

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It was always fun to catch up with everyone and ogle the planes. And despite the crowds nearly every week, we managed to stay safe and did a good job communicating our takeoffs, landings and runs across the runway.

The Labor Day Air Show was a huge success as well, with a record-smashing \$10,000 raised for Make-a-Wish Nebraska. I had never experienced the show firsthand, but was blown away by the variety of aircraft and demonstrations. Before, during and after the show, the level of club teamwork was inspiring.

It seems long ago now, but the indoor air show at the Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum was also a great time. Flying my Fokker triplane in the hangar was a challenge, but a good lesson in “staying ahead” of the aircraft. It was terrific to see youngsters trying our flight simulator with the P-51 model sitting nearby.

Another fun event was the “Champions Club Intro to RC” gathering at the Champions Run golf club. We gave about 40 kids a taste of RC flying with electric trainers, and I can personally attest that they (and their parents) thoroughly enjoyed it.

Finally, I enjoyed our many board and member meetings where we planned new club initiatives and caught up on the latest happenings. We have an outstanding board and members, and it’s always great to see so many people who are enthusiastic about the hobby.

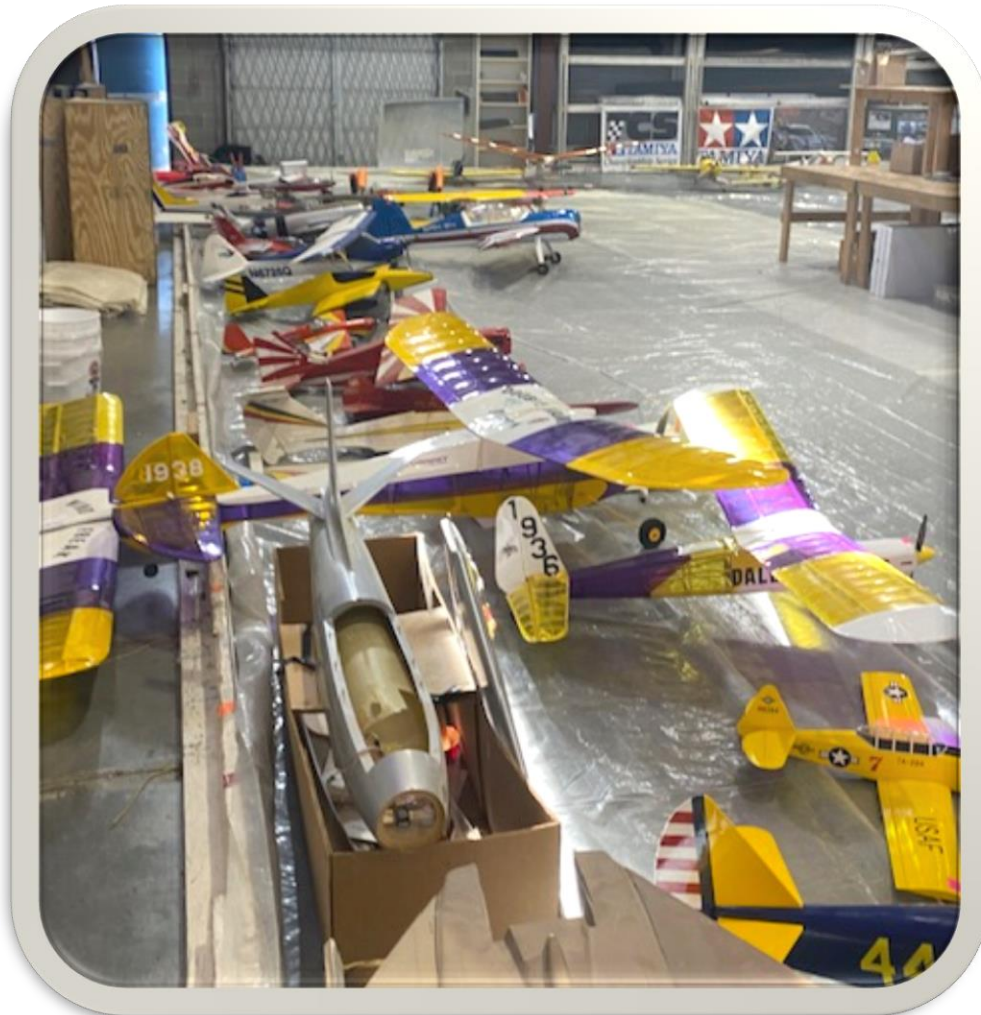
These events were just a part of everything we did this year as a club. I’m excited to see what next year brings!

HAPPY NEW YEAR in 2023

Great Auction this year

Article Submitted by Kevin H

The 2022 Auction was a great hit. A bit smaller than years gone by but it had its high points. First, we have a super venue! Hobby Town once again hosted the event in the lower race area. We spent a few hours Saturday evening getting the race track moved and covered and then moved all the chairs and tables into place. Thanks to everyone that helped with that effort. Luke Hughes, Paul Edmunds, Bryan Weeks and others helped get all set up and got the concessions ready for the big day.



About half of available Auction items

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The doors opened at 7:00 (or soon after) to get the final computer set up and get the concessions and registration tables loaded. Customer, mostly sellers were bringing their stuff in by 8:00 and the tables started to fill up.



Good shot of the HobbyPlex room and Audience

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As I said this auction was smaller than most. I've been keeping records for years and total sales for the past 3 years have been the lowest over that time, but this year was the highest of the last 3, with total sales of almost \$16,500. Customer count was down to 97, the lowest I've seen in the past 22 year. The average customer count is 145.



Another section of available sale items!

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Another highlight was the **average** selling price. The average, average sale price is \$51 with a high before this year of \$58. The average price this year was just over \$68. I think that was caused by the high-quality merchandise and fewer "boxes of Stuff".



Luke assisting the club at the Auction

Thanks to Ian Marshall for marshaling the crew that handled the transportation of the items to the auction line. The organization this year was much better than I've seen in the past.

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Ian M(left) Head Marshaller, Fred W(foreground) Auctioning off a plane!

Registration was handled by Brad and Harry Perkins doing an excellent job getting everyone registered and getting materials handed out to the customers and Mikey Furrow and Dakota Anderson made sure the sales information got entered into the computer. It's vital that this be done correctly so the right guy gets the credit for the stuff they brought to sell and the correct customer gets to pay for it.

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Registration was handled by Brad and Harry Perkins (left)

The concessions ran really well in the capable hands of Bryan and Sharon Weeks and Paul and Cindy Edmunds. Total profit from the concessions was \$280. Great food you guys!



Bryan and Sharon Weeks, I couldn't find a picture from the Auction

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Auction Audience, I see some familiar faces!

After all registration income and expenses were included the final profit from the auction was just over \$2100. Those dollars will help fund the upcoming events for the next year. Get your suggestions and recommendations to the board of directors concerning events and functions that the club members would enjoy. We should have some fun with that money after all the hard work.

Thanks again to everyone that supported the auction. I spend a lot of time getting the computer business covered but that's a really small part of what has to happen to be successful. It takes the work of the club and its members on the day of the auction.

Thanks for making it a success!

Kevin Hyde

Upchurch Elementary School Event Tuesday, 11/22/22

Shaun Brothers & Fred Wilke brought STEM Aviation to the class room on Tuesday, November 22. Both taught and entertained two elementary classes with the skill that only a teacher could bring to the classroom of First & Second graders at the Upchurch Elementary School in Millard. The reports were glowing from STEM Director Heather Boucher.



Fred W demonstrating aviation principles to his class

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Aviation stem AHA is so very grateful to the Hawks and those that are so inspired to work at passing the torch to a future generation that will be evaluating their career routes in the not-too-distant future.



Closely observe the flying plane near the ceiling

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Shaun's class of trained pilots showing off their planes

Pictures and article submitted by Hague Howey

2022 Labor Day RC Airshow

With weeks of careful planning and dozens of volunteers, the Omahawks RC Club raised a **record \$10,000 for Make-a-Wish Nebraska** at its 43rd annual Labor Day Air Show.



Honor Guard Presents Colors to Start Event

The fast-paced event is a long, proud tradition for the club dating back to 1984, and a chance to share our hobby with the community. As the year ends, it's nice to look back at one of our biggest and most high-profile gatherings of the year. More than 1,000 spectators filled the bleachers over the course of the day to watch all kinds of aircraft streak through the sky.

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The day featured classic demonstrations of control line planes, stunt flyers, warbirds, helicopters, pattern planes, old timers, turbines, drones, gliders, electric ducted fan planes, and many others. Combat planes circled one another with green, pink and purple streamers in tow.

Editor's Note: I encourage everyone to follow this link to Dan F' spectacular photos of the event!

And who could forget all the unusual aircraft: the flying Superman, Batman, witch, and American flag? Or the full-sized helicopters that touched down at the finale? How about the full-scale RV-12 plane on display at the gate? And, of course, the pilots from Nebraska Paramotor who cruised around in their powered paragliders before and after the show?



Fred Wilke's Superman launched by Ron Pacana

Behind the scenes, many Omahawks members and their spouses worked hard to keep the crowd well-fed and hydrated. Others helped raise more money by selling raffle tickets for various prizes, including a ride in a full-scale P-51 Mustang fighter plane from World War II. The P-51 ride was a particularly strong draw, thanks to generous support from the Commemorative Air Force, which owns the plane, and its pilot, Larry Lumpkin.

All of the money we raised went to [Make-a-Wish Nebraska](#), a gift that grants life-changing wishes for children who are battling illness.

Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved this year! There are far too many terrific volunteers to list in one short article, but a special shout-out to **Ed Paasch**, who has organized the event for years and keeps the crowd entertained throughout the day.

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Ed P as always “IN HIS ELEMENT”
Doing running commentary at the AirShow

AirShow article Submitted by Grant S

Upcoming Events

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

Every Thursday (closed July 28th) --10:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Indoor Flying @ Community of Christ Church GYM, 140 Kaneshville Blvd, Council Bluffs, IA 51503.

For further information email Kevin: ulavenger@yahoo.com Cost for the Session is \$5.00 includes Coffee and a Donut.

Come fly, or **drive you're RC Car/ Truck** in the gym with us where the weather is always perfect every Thursday!

- **January 1st, 2023 – 9:00 AM to 9:05 AM First of the Year Flight @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, Breakfast following at Hy-Vee 10808 Fort St, Omaha**
- **January 17th, 2023 - 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM Monthly Board Meeting**
- **January 27th, 2023 - 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM Monthly Membership Meeting @ Oakview Mall--Able Ace**

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

Newsletter Article Contest and Giveaway

Did you make it to the last page of the newsletter, congrats!

It's the time of the year when newsletter submissions are hard to find, and I thought I try a unique way to drum up some excitement and maybe you the club member might benefit from an extra newsletter article or two!

Editor's Note: I will be offering a CellMeter 7 Battery Voltage Capacity Checker to the first Club Member to write a Newsletter Article in 2023, pending my review and acceptance, first in first reviewed, only one winner. Early submissions appreciated, but to win the contest starts at Jan 1, 2023 at 0001, submissions must be after this date / time. You'll know I will be awake!

