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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, Feb 24th, 2023 -6:30 PM - 9:00 PM @ Oakview Mall--Able Ace

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, Feb 21st, 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



Club's President's Message for January 2023

Happy New Year Omahawks!

This marks the third year I'll be leading this great organization. It's likely my last as el president, but I promise to finish strong!

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Likely the highlight of this year will be Hawk Field becoming a '**FRIA**', or **FAA Recognized Identification Area**, or kind of our own little RC airport recognized as part of the official US airspace. More importantly, knowing the AMA has worked hard to protect our hobby, we will be able to conduct operations as usual, as we have for the last 30 years.

I've asked our VP Grant to assist in some grant writing to help fund some of what I feel are the last updates and maintenance that Hawk Field needs. This guy is on top of things! Joel Wallace is working on an Eagle Scout project, following in his brother's footsteps, and is planning to replace about half of the split-rail fence. The entrance gate and parking lot need attention, and the new runway will need to be sealed soon. We'll be rallying the troops soon; would love to have your help.

We've loaded 2023 events on the Google calendar, the best place to see what's coming up and/or cancellations or postponements due to weather. Plenty ahead for 2023!!

~ Luke Hughes

Kevin's H provided the following input!

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Omahawks Member Meeting December 2022 Minutes

**As is our tradition, there is no Member Meeting in December,
hence no minutes!**

Omahawks Business Meeting December Minutes

December 20, 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom

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

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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., Specktum 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)

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)

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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)

1. Pavilion roof shingles need replacing on peek. Also old shed. (Aren't you glad the new shed is metal!)
2. TV Mount for simulator
3. Parking lot stones. Next step: **prepare to meet with Parks Director Matt Kalcevich**
4. Water run off issues. (Parks)
5. Paint bleachers, benches, Bender table. Other staining?
6. Wood fence rail repair.
7. Runway sealing (2023 or 2024)

Volunteer Areas:

1. 2023 Events: leaders and helpers
2. See above New Business

Featured Articles

First Flight on the First Day of 2023!!

Sunny and 46 degree [high] on Jan 1 was likely the reason for the best attended **First Flight of the Year** in quite some time; an Omahawks tradition!



**Paul E gets the bragging rights
for being the first in the air!**

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24 members showed around 9 am with an approximate 50 would come out over the course of the day.

Cindy Edmunds woke up early to get Paul on site to be this year's official first-flight at 8:26 am! Congratulations Paul; you owe Cindy big time!

Ron Pacana was #2, but technically we're unsure it counts, as he'd borrowed Paul's

plane 🤔 !



What a great showing for this event!

After flying, most participants shot to Hy-Vee around 10:30 for coffee and breakfast. The last of the group experiencing 45 min wait as the grill was backed up with Omahawks orders, ha!

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If ya missed it, the next one is planned for 1/1/24 at 9:00 am! See the great pics of this year's event here:

<https://photo.omahawks.org/2023-First-Flight/>



Our Intrepid Pilots

Members present for the event were (in no particular order):

Paul Edmunds, Ron Pacana, Shaun Brothers, Hague Howey, Tom Gulizia, Cole Meyo, Bob Wheeler, Jim Boomsma, Richard Gibson, Ron Kriege, Natiale Schremser, David Meyer, Kip Dirkschneider, Kevin Hyde, Dan Fitzgerald, Rod Sigel, Ron Beauchene, Bill Alexander, Dean Copeland, Sam Bergman, John Petersen, Rick Kellogg, Luke Hughes

Article and pictures provided by Luke Hughes!

2022 Annual Holiday Party

The Omahawks celebrated a high-flying 2022 at the annual Holiday Party at Jerico's last month, and each member shared a little about what the club means to them.

Roughly 40 members, spouses and guests spent the dinner socializing and recounting a year's worth of flying stories (most of which were true). **Dan Fitzgerald** created another terrific photo slideshow with highlights from the field, including the Labor Day Air show, float flies, and Old Timer events.

A special thanks to **Rick and Sheri Sessions and Luke and Stephanie Hughes** for spearheading the dinner, organizing the program and providing the table poinsettias and candy.



Bryan and Sharon Weeks

as the 2022 Volunteers of the Year

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We recognized **Bryan and Sharon Weeks** as the 2022 Volunteers of the Year for all their work cooking, hauling and serving food, assisting with various events, and Bryan's contributions as a dedicated instructor during our training nights.



President Luke H, residing over the Party Presentations

Luke presented them with the traveling trophy (a glow engine mounted to a plaque!), and their names will join the list of other distinguished members who have received the award.



Party guests enjoying the night

We also heard from many spouses and significant others who have supported us (some might say “*put up with us*”) throughout the year. Some conversations over dinner revealed mutual acquaintances and interests outside of aviation, and it gave us a chance to get to know one another off the field.

The evening served as a great reminder of how fortunate we are to partake in this hobby with so many awesome people. The food was great, too, I recommend both the fish and the steak!

Article by Grant S, pictures by Dan F. Thanks for yor continued support!!

Newsletter Article Contest and Giveaway

Some of you might have seen this promotion written up in December's Newsletter on the last pag....

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!

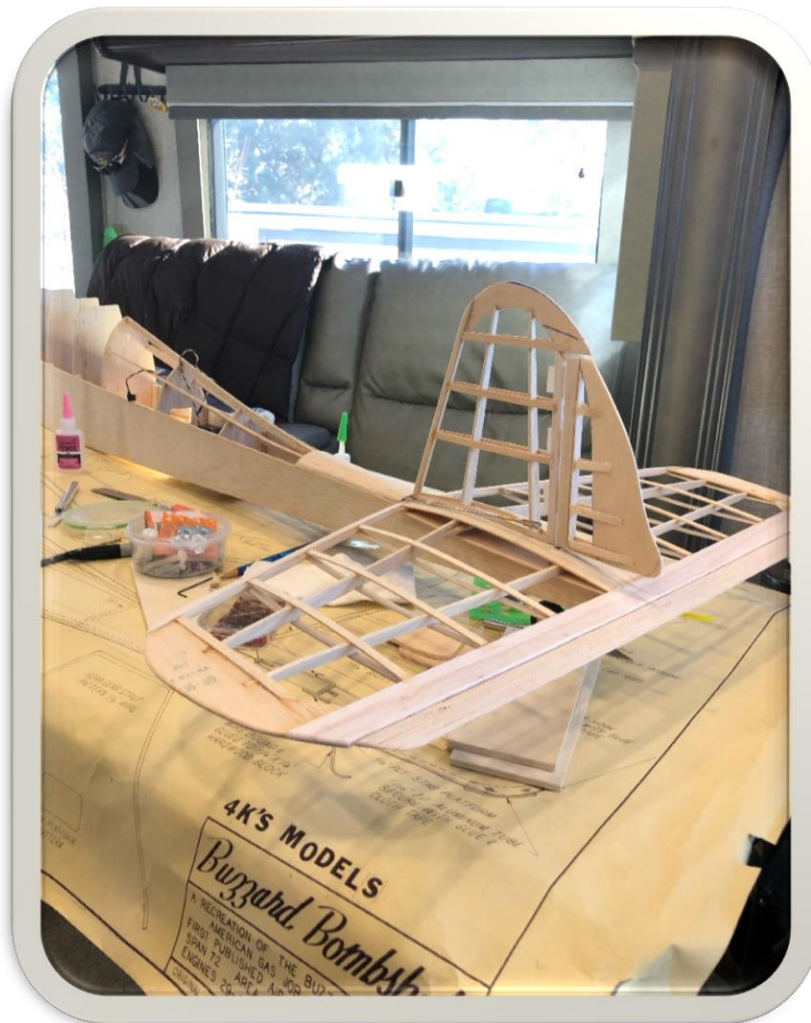


And the Winner is: OUR NEW MEMBER...

Jonathan Prater

My name is Jonathan Prater and I am new to the sport of RC flying. (About a year)

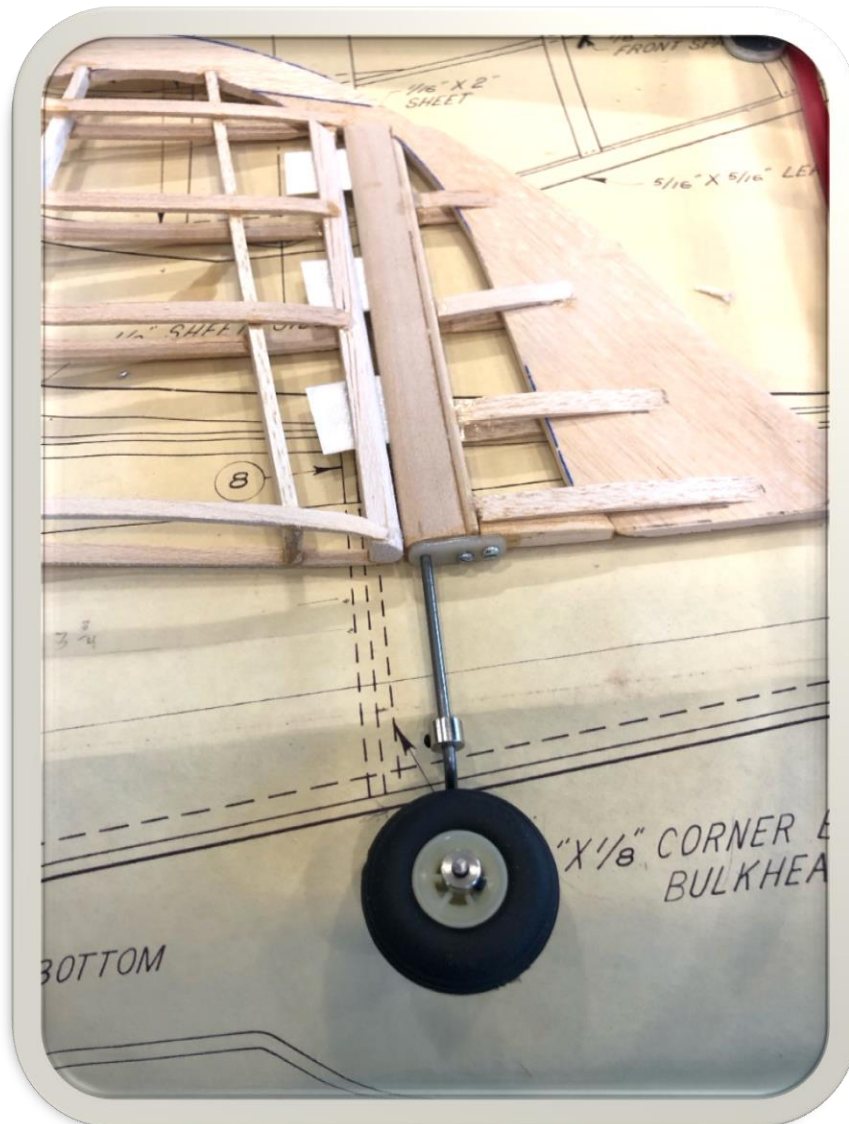
I joined the Omahawks about three months ago when my son and his family moved to Omaha from Alaska. We live full time in an RV so storage and building are a real challenge.



Jon's Buzzard Bombshell Fuselage coming together

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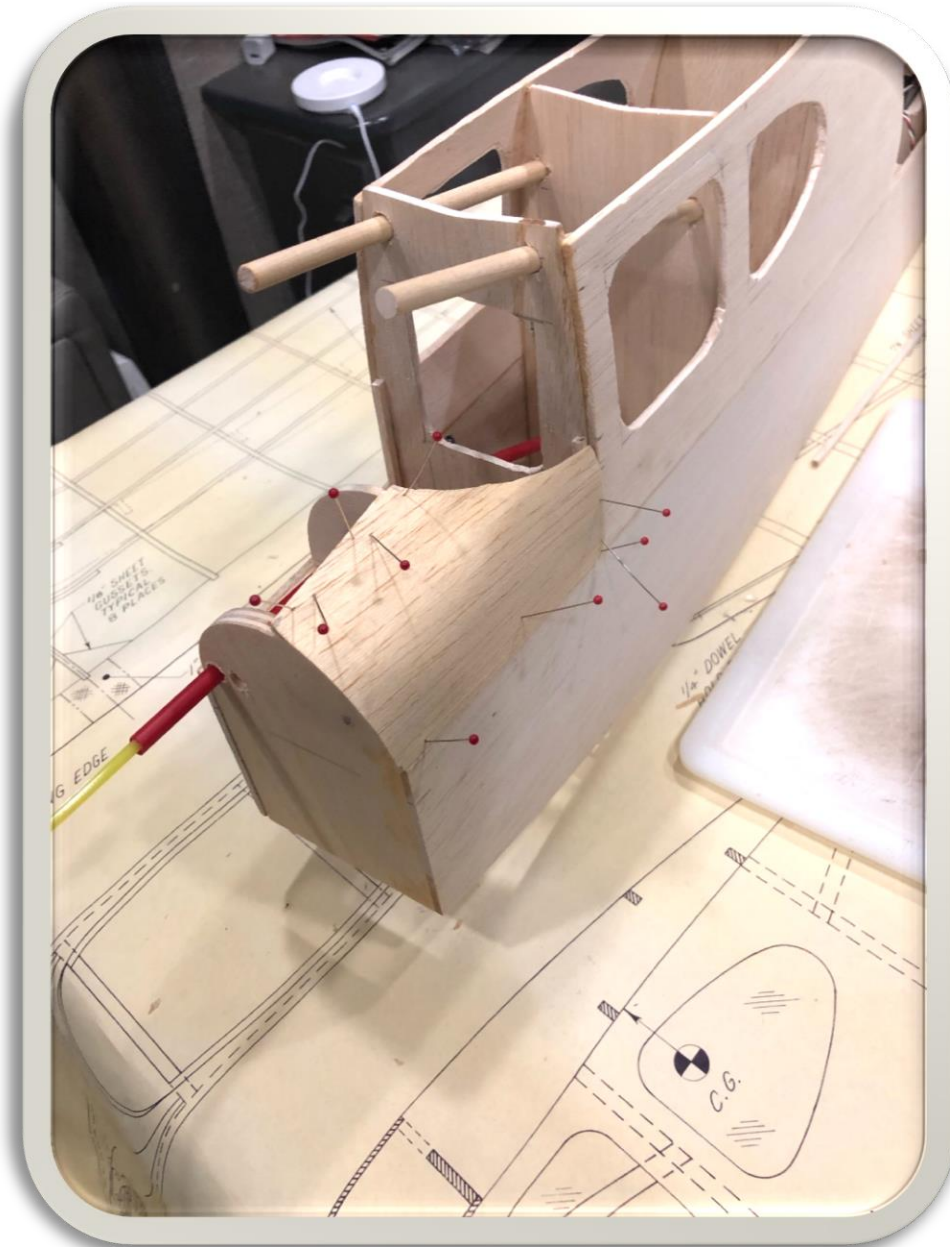
I am currently working on my first real building project. A fellow I met at the local hobby shop in Colorado Springs (who is 92 years old) is winding down from the hobby. He was kind enough to give me my first ever building project, from kit, an airplane. It is a vintage "Buzzard Bombshell" I have started building it with lots of advice from a very good friend of mine and longtime builder and pilot, Dennis Johnson. DJ lives in Lake Winnebago just south east of Kansas City. So, lots of texting, phone calls and FaceTime.



Vertical Stab and Rudder, Wow great job!

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I have put together a couple of ARF's that fly quite well but this is my first real build. We live most of the time in Colorado in our fifth wheel trailer but travel often to Omaha to visit family so I joined the club to have a place to fly with my grandkids while visiting.



Closeup of front of Fuselage and Wing Saddle

I am thoroughly enjoying the hobby and really enjoy building.

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Another great picture of the engine installation details

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The Buzzard was originally designed as a free flight plane but I am too old to be chasing it down, (70) so I am modifying it to have minimal controls. Throttle, rudder and elevator. This is a real challenge for my first build as the kit only came with a single sheet plan and no build manual! So adding elevator and rudder has been a fun challenge.

Please let me know if you would like additional information, meanwhile, Happy New Year and Happy flying and building.

All the best, Jon Prater, a new member.

Article and pictures provided by Jon Prater

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 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 27th, 2023 - 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM Monthly Membership Meeting @ Oakview Mall--Able Ace**

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