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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, July 29th, 2022 -6:30 PM - 9:00 PM @ 138th and Fort Street, Standing Bear Lake, Omaha, NE 68164

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, Aug 19th, 2022-- 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

Tom Floyd



RIP Dear Friend!!

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After looking at old Omahawks membership rosters I still have; Tom joined the club in 2000.

These are photos I took of Tom. The first two are old timer designs. He built a number of these, the most recent was a Dallaire, which he flew last year.



Tom and his old timer!

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Tom with another of his old timers!

The float plane photo was taken when there were two growing trees just east of the dock, probably during the 2002-2005 period. This is a Tiger Moth. He could bring that safely into the dock even when it was windy. He always wished he had kept this plane after he sold it.

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Tom and his Tiger Moth (2002 -2005)

Tom came to most morning events and often came with one of his treasured dogs. In recent years he was accompanied by a blue healer named Sofie. He often spoke of this dog's many talents and he was constantly providing hunting services up until a year or so ago when Sofie and he started slowing down.

A few years ago, Tom gave me a Radian sailplane plus batteries etc., when he heard I was interested in a sailplane.

Tom was a very knowledgeable, kind and modest person. He will be missed.

The above stories and photos credited to Dick Behren

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Editor's Note: Tom was a very knowledgeable person in the area of FrSky (Taranis) Radio Systems, he received many pre-production samples, from a wide array of manufactures, seeking his reviews and suggestions on improvements.

He was always passing this equipment on to his fellow flyers, for instance I received a Lipo Charger (HTRC T150) and two FrSky Receivers from Tom in two different occasions.

He was always happy to help a fellow flyer in need, when a flyer from the Cobra Flying Club, Kevin R, had a question about a malfunctioning Taranis X9D Plus transmitter I called Tom to seek his advice. Tom invited Kevin over to his home and they quickly resolved Kevin's issue.

I can think of many of our club members who have received free advice and free or low-cost equipment due to Tom's incredible generosity.

I always enjoyed Tom comradery and looked forward to seeing him at the field as he was also a retired US Air Force Enlisted Member as I was.

So, when we were together the stories of our individual careers and places we visited at home and worldwide would always come up!

Tom, I will miss you greatly!



Luke Hughes

Club's President's Message for July 2022

For the July 2022 Newsletter:

A picture is worth a thousand words! If you haven't checked out the Omahawks RC Club's photos via our website's 'Photo Gallery' link, please take a few minutes and do so. A huge thanks to **Dan Fitzgerald** who is often hanging in the shadows snapping pics (his other hobby) and has made it possible to share and view our club pics!

We'd love to see some pictures that YOU have taken! Simply follow the link via phone device or computer and upload. Thereafter, Dan will put them into an appropriate file and you'll be able to view them in the near future.

Save the link to your device and easily upload and view anytime!

<https://photo.omahawks.org/>

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Safety, Safety, Safety!!

Hi everyone, its Jim B your Safety Trainee Coordinator, let me explain!

This month's letter will be about general safety. As a lot of you already know, I fell about 12 feet out of a tree, trying to retrieve a plane. After 5 hours in Bergen Mercy ED and \$3000 for the visit, I found out I tore my hamstring and bruised some ribs.

Worst of all Luke demoted me from safety officer to safety trainee!

I could have used the 40-foot pole, along with the ladder to get the plane down safely.

For some reason that night, I thought I was 12 years old and not 60 years old. My point is we are not getting younger and an airplane is not worth getting hurt. The grass is a lot longer and can hide holes and roots which are trip hazards. The bushes and small tree limbs can cause eye injuries.

There is **poison ivy** in the wooded area, which can cause a rash and severe itching.

It is also getting a lot warmer out so please stay hydrated. If you see a fellow pilot getting overheated get them to a shady area to cool down. We need to protect our eyes from UV light from the sun, sun glasses are great protection. Remember we have a 1st aid kit and water jugs in the new shed. The jugs are for **cooling** a person down and **not drinking**.

Airplane safety is important. Please be cautious around spinning props. Electric batteries can overheat when it is hot out, so charge out of direct sun light.

I'm always listening to safety advice from other flyers.

We have a great group of flyers in the club and I would hate to see someone get hurt. If we all use common sense and understand are limitations, there is no need for injuries occur.

Safe flying, Jim

Omahawks Member Meeting June 2022 Minutes

June 24th, 2022, 7pm @ Hawk Field, Dinner @ 6pm

Membership Count: 154

Newsletter Report: *Send in articles to Joe via new email: HawkTalkEditor@duck.com*

Old Business:

Field Improvements:

Parks Department: Luke to contact Jake to see what Parks will assist with: parking lot ruts and new layer of stones?

Club Apparel: We have some hats and T-shirts in inventory. No new orders at this time.

FAA# required, \$5 for 3 yrs, put # on all airplanes. TRUST test in easy.

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): check out the new shed for First Aid bag and “stop the bleed kit”. Fresh water is also available. (Bottles or in large jugs.)

P-51 Raffle: Tickets available to sell for \$25/ticket. Reach out to your friends and family. **Call Kevin for extra tickets to sell.**

Flying Event Schedule 2022: See attached.

Master Calendar Link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/19y_SL3b4grtWQ893wvpFOIO_PolcxQtwn6RelAH9kEE/

Master Metro Area club calendar—Keith P. has done this for years and needs a new volunteer.

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Upcoming Events:

6/25 Old Timer fun fly 9am- noon. Lunch at 11:15am

Training night every Thursday evening: 6-8pm.

Tuesday evening Fun Fly, weekly as weather permits.

Show and Tell: We had several airplanes to sell. Anthony Velarde bought a Corsair and Cessna to start his R/C adventure.

Meeting Adjourned: _____ Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____

Field Projects:

1. Parking lot stones. (Parks)
2. Water run off issues. (Parks)
3. Shingles on peak of pavilion and old shed.

Volunteer Opportunities:

1. Labor Day: Events, P-51 ticket sales, raffle tent, parking, set up, take down. (Ed Paasch, Luke, Grant, Rick S.)
2. Training night: simulators, mechanics, greeters, pilots. (Rick S.)
3. Summer Camp: 7/30 & 8/6, foam board build, mentors to teens. (Rick S., Hague)
4. Events: participants, helpers
5. Member sign up: work thru AMA, FAA and Omahawks sign up with new/renewing members.

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2022 Omahawks Events

Guest Training night 6pm-8pm every Thursday (check website Alert if windy/hot/cold)

Every Tuesday evening: Club Open Flying

	<u>Event</u>	<u>\$ Up to</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>
July 9	Sat 9--1PM	Float Fly/Food Truck	50 Dick, Tom V
July 13	Wed 830-111am	Any slow flying plane	10
Dick			
July 20	Wed 830-1130	Elec Sailplanes Cancelled	10
TBD			
July 23,24	Sat/Sun 9am-4pm	Pattern Contest	
Aug 3	Wed 9am-11am	Any slow flying plane	10 Dick
Aug 10	Wed 830-1130	Float Fly	30 Tom V & Ron P
Aug 17	Wed 830-1130	Elec Sailplanes	10 TBD
Sept 5	Mon 11am-4pm	LABOR DAY AIRSHOW	
Sept 10	Sat 830-1130	Float Fly	30 Tom V & Ron P
Sept 14	Wed 830-1130	Elec Sailplanes	10 TBD
Sept 21	Wed 9am-noon	Old Timers/lunch	10 TBD
		~ \$400	

Food

Float Fly

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Omahawks Business Meeting June Minutes

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June 21, 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom

Board Members: Rick, Luke, Grant, Shaun, Cole, Paul, Dan

Guests: _____

Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports:

Treasurer Report: (Kevin) None (Kevin on vacation)

Membership Count: 154

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

Old Business:

Field Improvements: see below. Luke to talk with Jake @ Parks one more time regarding the water run off ruts and re-grading/mitigation steps needed. Need to get done before Labor Day! (Actually, we need better handicap parking and more concrete areas.)

Marketing ideas:

Education committee (Shaun, Rick, Hague)

Bennington Elementary, June 14th, 1 to 3pm. Had simulator, foam gliders and passed out cards. Fun was had and seeds were planted with the K-3rd graders!

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

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

The MetroLink calendar is in need of a new champion. Keith P. has served for years! Discuss options at member meeting.

New Business:

Summer camp: Discuss a 2 day (no overnight): 1st day build a FliteTest electric, 2nd day fly them at Hawk Field. Do over two Saturdays and get parent involvement. Round up electronics from members to keep expenses low. Shoot for 10-12 kids. (Do mid to late summer after we have assessed interest, and take reservations

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during training.) Estimated cost of \$2,000: \$500 Omahawks, \$500 participants, \$1,000 grants/StemAHA—TBD. Late July, early August dates: 7/30 & 8/6

Master Calendar Link:

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

Google calendar auto feed to YOUR device!

P-51 Ride ticket sales again this year. Advertise via: CAF breakfast, signage, VFW (Cole) and FB page (Luke/Grant). Dan to put P-51 sign on website homepage. Use foam board sign.

Member concern: Tom Floyd has liver cancer. We lift him up in prayer.

Upcoming events:

Thursday evenings, 6-8pm Guest Training Night

June 24th, Member meeting, 7pm (Hawk Field). Dinner of Burgers, brats, beans, salad, cookies, chips, drink @ 6pm. (Sessions & Schmidt)

June 25th, Old Timer fun fly 9am-noon. Lunch at 11:15am.

FAA #, membership sign up assist (Kevin, Rick, Grant, Luke) Kevin has added a detailed tab to our website with instructions on FAA# and TRUST test.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:08pm --Motion by: Cole Seconded by:Luke

Field Projects:

4. Pavilion roof shingles need replacing on peek. Also old shed. (Aren't you glad the new shed is metal!)
5. Trash by shed
6. TV Mount (Shaun, Cole, Luke)—discuss 6/23
7. Parking lot stones. (Parks?)
8. Water run off issues. (Parks)

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Volunteer Areas:

1. HobbyTown Rep to stock cards, posters, flyers. (Talk with Kip and meet new owner. Reward program, Nitro bulk purchase, working relationship, events support/Labor Day.)
2. Labor Day: Assist Ed, Raffle Tent, Parking, Signage, P-51 Ticket Sales (planning meeting 1 month prior)
3. Training night: various roles, simulators, refreshments, foam pilots (need fleet of foam trainers with buddy boxes, including FR Sky)
4. Summer camp: builders, mentors, flyers, electronics (watch for volunteer needs to build and fly foam board planes with young teens)

Omahawks Member Engagement Plan

Omahawks challenges to address: 1) burn out of current leadership 2) coverage for vacation/illness 3) cross training on key positions 4) get more member involvement 5) develop an even stronger club 6) get fresh ideas 7) continue to grow the club

I have some thoughts on how we can encourage more club participation in the next couple of years. Obviously, more participation leads to a stronger club and often more creative solutions/ideas. Even if the new volunteers do not do things “the way we would do them”, that can still be a big net positive. I say this because: a) the job gets done, b) more members are involved, c) members feel more connected to the club, d) the new volunteers have a broader network of friends who may also contribute, etc. I probably don’t have to convince you of this logic.

As you know, I’m a big believer in getting more people involved, the challenge is how best to do that. What do you think about having “Assistant Leaders in training” to assist the traditional leaders? It is less intimidating for the new Assistant Leader to work with the past Leader and know they have support from them and they aren’t immediately going solo.

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Here are some of the areas we could recruit “members in training”:

- 1) Events: this can include the bigger events like the “Egg Burn” and Labor Day (Ed & ??) as well as the ongoing Old Timer, Float Fly and Glider events.
- 2) Training: split between Nitro (Chuck H.?) and foam/Spektrum (Doug L.?)
- 3) Take over Newsletter (Grant)**
- 4) Field (Luke/Cole/Ron B./ others?). Split between buildings and grounds?
- 5) Website (Dan/Kevin/??)
- 6) Membership (Kevin/ ??)
- 7) Marketing/Community outreach (Luke/Shawn/??)
- 8) Labor Day food (Sheri/Rick/Bryan/Sharon)
- 9) Labor Day program (Ed/ ??)
- 10) Labor Day marketing
- 11) Member meeting coordination
- 12) Many more....

As a result of more delegation, I can see you and I becoming “resource floaters” to set priorities, answer questions, help communicate with membership, describe what has been done before, what resources we have and helping recruit volunteers. Turn the actual planning of the events/activities/work projects over to the Leaders/Assistant Leaders.

One of the first things we will need to do is to identify these areas where we need new “assistant leaders” and ask members to volunteer for their area of interest. Hopefully this will draw out new and enthusiastic talent.

Action Steps:

1. Luke and Rick fully develop the game plan, including likely “Assistant Leaders” (At this point, I’d run it past Kevin for his input, then maybe Ed Paasch.)
2. Present plan to Board and get their input and concurrence.
3. Recruit “assistant leaders”
4. Have a planning/information/kick off meeting with all likely participants

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5. Implements the plan, including tie into the tracking of meetings and activities on the Google document.

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Featured Articles

Old Timer Fun Fly & Display

June 25, 2022

The wind was from the southwest at 13 mph.

Our Pilots that brought old timer design planes and flying them were:

- Rick Sessions with an 84-inch Quaker
- Larry Voorhees with his Bastard
- Dean Copeland with an 80-inch Playboy
- Ron Pacana with an 84-inch Quaker
- Jeff Pinnt with a Buzzard Bombshell
- Rick Kellogg with a Miss America.

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**Waiting for calmer conditions are right to left – Bud M, Leroy H,
Dan F, Fred W (standing facing away), Ed P**

Bringing old timer planes but not flying them were:

- Ed Pasch with a Quaker
- Fred Wilke with a Powerhouse
- Dick Behrens with a 76-inch RC-1 and a 72-inch Playboy

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- California Ron also flew his big nice WW1 Three Wing Plane, (which is not a SAM old timer)

There were also some interested spectators attending and enjoying a nice meal served by Bryan Weeks (chef) and his wife also assisting were Sheri and Rick Sessions

This year, an optional contest was held to determine who would get the once traveling contest trophy that Fred had won at the annual 1998 old timer contest.

Fred had been cleaning house and wanted to pass this to someone instead of tossing it. Rick S won the trophy. At the 1998 event and in previous years, attendance at these climb and glide contests had significantly declined both locally and nationally.

In late fall of 1998, a meeting of concerned club members was held in the Abrahams Library to decide the way to go to try and draw more interest in old timer designs and events.

At the meeting, the annual event was changed from being a contest to a Fun Fly. This started with an annual Old Timer "Pie" Fun Fly on June 7, 1999. The results of this were good and can be seen in the Omahawks newsletter of June 1999, pages 6 and 7.

Later, sometime after Dennis Bender joined the club, morning flyers became aware that Dennis liked to cook. So, some of us and he donated money for him to cook lunch in the morning, usually once a month. When another morning flyer learned of this, his family foundation donated to totally support the three morning events only. This then led to having Old Timer events 5 or 6 times a year instead of one.

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However, this may have resulted in an adverse effect of having too much of a good thing.

Something to think about. In the July issue of the Model Aviation Magazine, there is a good article about The Society of Antique Modelers (SAM).

Their annual week-long contest used to be held at different places in the country. However, that was changed after 2003 to just AMA's large mowed field at Muncie and a huge dry lake bed near Las Vegas, Nevada, when a free flight pilot lost his plane in tall grass on a very hot August day, near Claremore OK.

When he had not come back to the pit area by 6pm, officials rented a full-sized plane to look for him. They found his dead body in the tall grass and his model plane not far away.

Article and some pictures submitted by Dick Behrens.

Most of the other photos are taken by Dan F, for instance Dan took in excess of 150 beautiful pictures of this event and you can view them at the Clubs Web Site @ :

<https://photo.omahawks.org/>

Thanks, Dan, for your continued support!!

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Fred W timing the winning 4-minute glide of Rick's S Quaker

California Ron in background preparing for flight



Rick with the award around his neck.

Congrats Rick!

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Jeff Pinnt's Buzzard Bombshell getting assistance from Ed P

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California Ron's WW1 plane on takeoff roll



California Ron with his WW1 plane getting ready

Big Red Trainer Plane

Article and pictures provided by Rick S.

Our winter build was completed at the Oakview ABLE/ACE facility this spring.

We started with a partially built SIG Senior kit that Jack Farner secured from an online chat. It was 20+ years old with only the wing partially built.



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Ron “in his element” starting off the bottom of the fuselage

Ron Pacana built and covered the fuselage. It was extended 2” to hold a 6-cell lipo battery this extra 2 inches of structure would help with establishing good balance.



Closeup of Front Hatch Opened

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Ron designed a slick hatch on the bottom of the fuselage and also incorporated an air intake/ exit cooling vent to improve cooling for the motor and electronic speed control.



Red Trainer in work, fuselage in foreground, Greg working on the wing

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Greg working the dihedral of the wing.

Greg Ruhe finished and covered the wing. Importantly he added barn door ailerons that work great. The wing dihedral was cut in half for better performance.

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Our two Builders of the Red Trainer pictured with completed Sig Senior

As you can see, Big Red turned out great and flies on rails!

More specs: it uses a 46 sized equivalent G-force 400kv electric motor, a 70-amp ESC, with a 6 cell 3,200 mah LIPO battery.

Thanks Ron and Greg!

2022 Omaha Pattern Championship

Hi everyone, I hope you are getting the bug to get out and fly, I know I am. Also, it's never too early to start thinking about this year's contest. For me, I am past the event from last year and finished building a new Acuity. I am waiting for a nice day to take to the air for the maiden flight. It ended up on the Front cover of the February edition of the K-Factor along with a good article about bouncing back. ([Click here for the article](#))

This year the contest date has moved due to the NATs being moved to the first full week in August. The **Omahawks contest will be held July 23 -24, 2022**. That is two weeks ahead of where we normally hold it. This date may be a good practice run for those attending the NATs so I would hope we would see a good number of pilots.

I submitted the sanction paperwork today to get the ball rolling. I think if we run the contest like we did last year it should go smoothly. We can discuss assignments later of course but what we did last year worked well. I saw Ed and Helen at the Lincoln SkyKnights auction and they asked about the contest. Helen will help again and is always a great help. I assume others will do the same. Ed purchased a plane and plans to fly in the contest this year.

Once the weather takes a turn for the better, I am thinking about trying to get out to the field every Tuesday evening for some practice. Maybe we use this for those wanting to learn more about, provide pattern basics for anyone interested and also some coaching so come July we have a good club turnout and everyone has had a chance to sharpen their skills.

So, pencil in the date "July 23-24th".

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Bob,

Robert J Wheeler

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A Near Fool Proof method to not lose your plane.

I had a fly away last year of a plane that my wife had given me as a present. I knew that I had to never lose another gift plane from her. Here is what I did and how I was able to handle it on a smaller than usual plane. This could easily be use on any large plane as well.

- Installed a nose strobe so direction of flight could be determined.



Pizza Delivery box plastic bridge

- Installed an inexpensive Apple tracker using a pizza delivery box plastic bridge use to keep the cardboard from sticking and shifting in the box.

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Note tracker locations here

I am hoping this will never need to be used—trees are still a hazard but at least you will know which one it went down in.

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Vertical Picture of Trackers

Article and Picture submitted by Hague Howey

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Any Slow Flying Plane

Held July 13th, 2022

Weather was extremely good.



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Twelve flyers showed up to participate in the event. Present were: Rick S, Loren B, Fred W, Cole M, Dean C, Jud B, Frank V, Bud M, Larry Inness, Dick B, Jerry Adams and Nelson Carpenter.

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Two of the guys towed a glider up. Larry pulled the glider with a cub and Loren flew the sailplane. This went up very well.

2022 FLOAT FLYS

Standing Bear Lake, Omaha



Aug 10 Wednesday 8:30-11:30

Sept 10 Saturday 9:00-11:30

Retrieval Boat - Electrics can start flying at 8:30 AM

* The July 9th event is AMA sanctioned by CD Bob Wheeler 402-426-2068. Lunch provided at Hawkfield at 1130 - runway flying after 1 pm.

Sponsored by Omahawks AMA pilots from all fields welcome.

402-451-6397 Dick 402-393-3255 Tom 402-571-8244 Ron 402-312-6482 Rick

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!

- **July 23 and 24th,** Participate and/or spectate the 2022 Omaha Pattern Championship! Test your skills of flying with a pre-determined aerial 'pattern' Novice-Expert classes. Two-day event. Hawk Field will be closed for open flying.

Contact Omahawks Member - Bob Wheeler., 402-661-4661, if you'd like additional information or would like to join in the FUN!

- **July 28th, 2022 - 6:00 PM to Dusk Thursday Guest Training @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, 138th and Fort Street, Omaha, NE 68164**

- **July 29th, 2022 - 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM Monthly Member Meeting @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, 138th and Fort Street, Omaha, NE 68164**

- **Aug 3rd, 2022 - 09:00 AM to 11:00 AM Slow Flyers @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, 138th and Fort Street, Omaha, NE 68164**

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- **Aug 4th, 2022 - 6:00 PM to Dusk Thursday Guest Training @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, 138th and Fort Street, Omaha, NE 68164**
- **Aug 10th, 2022 - 09:00 AM to 11:00 AM Float Fly @ Boat Dock, Standing Bear Lake, 138th and Fort Street, Omaha, NE 68164**
- **Aug 11th, 2022 - 6:00 PM to Dusk Thursday Guest Training @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, 138th and Fort Street, Omaha, NE 68164**

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