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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, Jun 28, 2019—7:00 PM – 9:00 PM **Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake**

MEETING PROGRAM: Club updates, indoor flying, cookies, raffle, bring something to show at the meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, Jun 18, 2019-- 7:00PM – 8:30PM ****Church of the Cross, 1517 S 114th St.**

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS

Runway Resurface Done!

Fellow Omahawks:

We are pleased to announce that the runway resurfacing has been completed!
You are cleared to fly again!

Just a few things to keep in mind:

1. The runway has been leveled and therefore has some higher edges now (up to about 4" in some places). Therefore, it is NOT recommended that if you run off the edge, to try and get back on the runway remotely. Go pick up your model. We can see how this works and decide if we want to use some fill dirt and re-seed the edges.
2. The lines have not yet been painted. This work will be scheduled soon, including the 60 deg. pattern plane lines and pit area lines.
3. There is dirt/mud on both ends of the runway, so again, don't try to remotely bring your model back, just go pick it up.

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4. The secondary safety fence has been removed. Do not taxi your planes more than you need to get the tail past the primary safety fence, then pick up your plane to return to the pits.

5. While 90% of the field work is done, we still have several smaller projects to complete including: Kiosk, wind sock, security cameras (fake), rut filling, port-a-potty enclosure, and wood steps behind bleachers repaired.

Come out and fly! You will be impressed with the new runway!

See you soon,

The Board

President's Message

Fellow Omahawks:

Most of the field improvements have been completed, just not the major resurfaces of the runway. After City Parks ground 2" off the top of the old runway, they found a very uneven and unstable base. After consulting with Omni paving, they determined that the whole runway foundation needed to be redone to provide the necessary support for a long-lasting runway. That ground work began on June 6th. After a solid foundation is established, a course underlayment will be installed and 2" of final resurfacing completed by Omni. While this process will take longer than originally expected, it will be worth the wait. We will keep you posted as the work is completed.

In the meantime, we can continue to fly off the grass, when work crews are not present. Larger wheel planes, park flyers, Apprentices/Timbers, and gliders are recommended.

City Parks has "gone the extra mile" and wants us to have a first-class runway once

the project is done. We can't thank them enough for all their diligent work! Hang in there, you are going to REALLY enjoy the finished runway and field!

Runway Resurface (Pictures)



Removal of the top surface of Runway in progress



Old runway surface is removed down to earth!



The finished product, awaiting final painting

Let the Flying Resume!!

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Watch out for the runway side edges on north and south locations, till more improvements are completed, that's a 4-inch drop!

More Thursday Night Training Pictures



All the E-flite Apprentices S 15e that were present for the June 6 Training Session

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I am impressed with how many Mentors and Trainees are in attendance
Kudos to Rich, Steve, Ron, Fred and all the volunteers that participate.

Omahawks General Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2019

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New Members or Guests: None listed

Membership Report: (Kevin): **111 members!**

Newsletter Report: (Joe) **Thanks Joe!**

Program: Field Improvement discussion—bench design and location: **discussion of bench design to include side shelves for transmitter/nitro box. Try benches on asphalt in pit area.**

General Announcements:

Volunteers: Be watching for Field Improvement days at field in May.
Monthly program ideas are welcome!

Runway resurface/field improvement update: (Luke)

Luke gave an overview of what projects will be worked on, with volunteers signing up for work.

Approval for Civil Air Patrol to use field 4/29 from 6:30pm to dusk for rockets.
Approved by vote.

Meeting date, time and place discussion: record vote tonight: 27 votes cast with 55% in favor of Friday. Decision to keep meetings on last Friday of the month.

Discussion on: August 17th, AMA Model Aviation Day (fun fly) : **members want an event...subsequently decided to have this as our Hawk Field Re-Dedication event!**

FAA ID# required on outside of plane, quad, drone starting Feb 25th, 2019.

Upcoming Events/Dates:

Drone/Quad Fun Fly: July 13th until noon: Jeff Pinnt

Youth Fly (Larry M.): **details to be coming.**

Training: April 25th, 6pm to dusk: Guest/Trainer Night

HyVee breakfast, every Tuesday morning 9am-10am (108th & Fort)

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Indoor flying Wednesday's & Friday's at the SportsCenter near Wherspann Lake on Giles (11:30am-1:30pm)

Show & Tell:

Raffle:

Meeting Adjourned: Motion by: _____ Seconded
by: _____

NOTES : Members are encouraged to reach out to new members with names distributed at meeting.

Omahawks Business Meeting Agenda/Minutes

April 16, 2019

Board Members in attendance: Norris, Kevin, Rick H., Luke, Kip, Cole, Ed, Steve, Dennis, Skippy.

Visitors:

Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports:

Treasurer Report: *(Kevin)*

Membership Count: **111**

Newsletter Report: *(Joe)*

Old Business:

Runway Taskforce update: Luke

Hawk Field priorities: Runway, fencing, gate, airplane run up stands, pavilion work area, kiosk/information board, frequency stand, bleachers painted, signage, port-a-potty, parking lot, crab grass kill, other?

Trial use of start up tables—discussion: **decision to have sample table at April general meeting for members to see and discuss.**

Grant applications: Luke completed AMA grant- **thank you Luke!**

Youth STEM/TAG event received \$650! Schedule in June? **Scheduled for July 27.**

Training night off to strong start. Need good weather! **Training Objectives/Strategy/Tactics discussed. (See attached document.)**

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Email sent to 55 SAC indoor air event attendees. (by Rick)

.New Business:

Club business cards in mailbox at field, now in pavilion on top of south east support beam.

Need to change lock/combo? Discussion : decided to wait and see if there is an ongoing issue with non-members entering/flying at field.

Millard STEM fly-in June 8th: Hague: big event, with focus on youth. Norris to help coordinate.

AMA Model Aviation Day: August 17th Decided to have event at our field to tie into AMA national event. (Subsequently have decided to have our BIG Field Re-Dedication event on August 17th!)

Drone event for AMA members: Jeff Pint to lead: Date firmed up as 7/13 from mid-morning, include lunch and end mid afternoon.

Civil Air Patrol rockets on April 29th 6pm-8:30pm—discussion and vote: approved by Board.

Other events? Combat, racing, endurance, Fun Fly, Neighborhood, Quad Demos/races

Kip to work with Luke Barker on weather station testing.

Member Meeting: April 19, 2019 at church, 7pm

Program: ??

Raffle Prize: ??

Upcoming Events:

Memorial Day egg burn

Omahawks Business Meeting Agenda/Minutes

May 21, 2019

Board Members in attendance:

Visitors:

Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports:

Treasurer Report: (Kevin)

Membership Count: 120

Newsletter Report: (Joe)

Old Business:

Runway Repairs: Luke gave an update on field work.

Hawk Field priorities: Runway, fencing (done), gate (done), airplane run up stands (ready to install), pavilion workbench, kiosk/information board, frequency stand removal, bleachers painted, signage, port-a-potty, parking lot, crab grass kill, other?

Luke completed AMA grant--\$3,000 received! Thank you Luke!

Youth STEM/TAG event received \$650! Schedule July 20? Approved, set for July 27.

See below for details

Training night off to a strong start. #1: 16 #2: 14 #3:10 trainees

Beginners/Old Timer—worked well! Thanks Dick B.

New Business:

Millard STEM fly-in June 8th: Hague: Big event with youth focus!

AMA Model Aviation Day: August 17th : Ed P. (Luke is coordinating.)

Drone event for AMA members July 13th mid morning to mid afternoon, with lunch:

Jeff Pint to lead

Bill Alexander Teen Girls, Urban League event June 10th 9:30-noon: quads, drones, fixed wing education : Board approved

Vote results: meeting day of week: Friday wins out with 55% of 27 votes:

M:3 T:0 W:5 Th:3 F:15 Sat:1 Sun:0

Member Meeting: May 31, 2019 at Hawk Field, 7pm

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Program: ??

Raffle Prize: ??

Upcoming Events:

Memorial Day egg burn

June 1 Float Fly

August 10, 11 Pattern contest

Meeting Adjourned: Motion by: _____ Seconded

by: _____

Upcoming 2019 Omahawk's Morning Event Schedule

Jan 25, 2019

<u>Date</u>		<u>Event</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>
June 22	Sat	9am-noon Old Timers	Dennis

Old Timers Challenge. When these planes were designed, the practice or test was to have the plane climb with a limited engine run and glide with no RC. Later with RC, the climb was also limited to an engine run and the glide was with the engine shut off and search for rising air to see how long the plane could be kept in the air. This could make for an interesting personal challenge or a contest. Eventually, considerable interest was lost in this as a contest event; as one could say you wind up with one winner and the rest losers. Hence, old timer fun flies seem to be more popular in recent decades. Thoughts provided by Dick Behrens....

July 6	Sat	9am-1pm	Float Fly/Pizza/\$5 fee	Ron P, Tom V, Dick
July 10	Wed	9am-noon	Old Timers	Dennis
July 17	Wed	830-11am	Elec –Sailplanes	Frank W
Aug 7	Wed	9am-noon	Old Timers	Dennis
Aug14	Wed	830-11am	Float Fly	Ron & Tom
Aug 21	Wed	830-11am	El-Sailplanes	Frank W
Sept 14	Sat	9am-11am	Float Fly	Tom & Ron
Sept 18	Wed	830-1130am	Elec- Sailplanes Lunch	Frank W
Sept 25	Wed	9am-noon	Old Timers	Dennis

At the old timer events, lunch will be available with a donation requested, as we no

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longer have the donation of recent years.....At the weekend float fly's, electric powered planes can fly starting at 8:30 am.

Past events

This submission is from Dick Behrens

June 1, 2019 Float Fly

On the first float fly of the year there were 24 individuals present (Signed in).

These participants included, Dick Behrens, Tom Virgillito, Bud Mitchell, Gale Sherman, Tim Peters, Keith Kroeker, Ron Pacana, Richard Ruth, Bert Van Blerk, Nathan Wallace, Bob Wheeler, Rick Sessions, Joel Wallace, Rick Haneline, Dennis Bender, Frank Vanecek, Tom Egbert, Skip Haney, Cole Meyo, Bob Turner, Tom Floyd, Jud Bock.

In addition, there were spectators and family present. Approximately 15 pilots brought planes and actually flew (**Even Bud!!**). The temperature was about 73 degrees and winds were out of the North at about 5-7mph. All in all, it was a good day to have a float fly. *Ron P brought Donuts.* *Rick S provided beverages.* Mikey Furrow provided and captained the Chase Boat. Tom V cut the grass in the pit area prior to the start. Dick B administered the sign-in sheet and frequency coordination. Most everyone had a good time. Weather allowed pilots to fly 2 or 3 times. Most pilots flew several times without incident. There were several planes that had to be rescued due to engine failure or rough landings but it just wouldn't be a float fly if Mikey couldn't retrieve at least a few planes.

There were a few moments of excitement. Ron P plane wanted to see the country side over 4-1/2 miles away and Tom V plane wanted to try a landing on the dock/parking lot. Fortunately, no one was hurt. Both incidents appeared to be due to onboard battery **failure resulting in loss of** control. Ron's plane was found and retrieved near Boys town. **Moral:** Check and cycle your batteries to ensure they are at peak capacity. *Article provided by Tom V.*

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View of Standing Bear Lake during Float Fly

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Pilots and spectators, sharing some tall tales I am sure!



Keith Kroeker & his new retrieval boat

More Omahawk Site History

Photo of Dam # 16 Lake taken soon after initial fill of the project Multipurpose pool in Oct 1977. This photo was recently found in an old shoe box of a former Corps employee after he passed away in December last year, at age 98..... Most of this land was acquired for the dam in 1972, the year the embankment was closed.

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Dam #16 shortly after initial fill (Oct 24, 1977), looking West (field highlighted)

Note: Shore line and very few trees

Next Float Fly is July 6th.

May 27th, 2019 Memorial Day Egg Burn



Our Cooks: Doc and Bob W

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Great Turnout!

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First use of the new engine runup tables

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Chow down!

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Omahawks Represented at the 2019 STEM Day



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Participants on the flight Sim, Luke providing guidance.



Upcoming Events

OLD TIMER* FUN FLY - June 22, 2019 – Saturday - 9am-1130

Omaha - Standing Bear Lake Park – Hawkfield

*For newer RC flyers: Old Timer (SAM) refers to old time model planes that were designed for free flight during the 1930 -1950 period, such as those seen below; Powerhouse, Kerswap, Bomber, Dallaire, Spook, & Quaker. Pilot age has nothing to do with flying these old models.

Burgers, Bratts, Salad, and Drinks at 11:00 AM

A free will offering is requested for those eating lunch.

AMA pilots from all fields welcome

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FLOAT FLY -- OMAHA

Saturday, July 6, 2019 (20th annual in July)

Fly 9:00 AM-1:00 PM except electrics can start at 8:30 AM

Standing Bear Lake – Boat Dock

138th & Fort St, Omaha (2 miles west of I-680)



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Retrieval boat & Donuts 8:30 AM
\$5.00 Fee – Pizza/pop at 11:30 AM

AMA pilots from all fields welcome - Sponsored by Omahawks

Dick Behrens, Ron Pacana, and Tom Virgilitto

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Upcoming Events

- Breakfast get together every Tuesday Morning @ Hy-Vee, 10808 Fort St, Omaha
- June 20th, 2019 --6:00 PM – Dusk – Flight Training @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, Omaha
- Jun 22nd, 2019--**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM** – Old Timer Event @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, Omaha
- June 27th, 2019 --6:00 PM – Dusk – Flight Training @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, Omaha
- July 4th, 2019 --6:00 PM – Dusk – Flight Training @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, Omaha
- July 6th, 2019--**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM** – Float Fly @ Dock at Standing Bear Lake, Omaha
- For a complete list of all the Omaha Metro Area upcoming events please follow this link: http://www.metrorcflying.com/metro_schedule.htm