



Hawk Talk

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, May 31, 2019—7:00 PM – 9:00PM **Church of the Cross, 1517 S 114th St.
MEETING PROGRAM: Club updates, indoor flying, cookies, raffle, bring something to show at the meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, May 21, 2019-- 7:00PM – 8:30PM **Church of the Cross, 1517 S 114th St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS

Please Note: Runway Closure begins **May 20, 2019!!**

Based on weather and contractor progress the field will be CLOSED for up to TWO Weeks.

President's Message

Fellow Omahawks:

Those of you who have been out to the field in the past couple of weeks have noticed the new chain link fence and new gate, compliments of the City Parks. This fence enhances security for the field and runway. A new wind sock, with our logo, has been hoisted up for all to see.

The ten new run--up stands/tables are sitting in Norris Hoover's man cave, waiting to be installed at the field. The construction team incorporated your feedback and added side shelves, similar to our current tables. We plan to secure these tables on the asphalt, just in front of the existing tables, once those are removed.

All approvals have been obtained to have Omni resurface the runway....now all we need are two weeks of good weather! We will keep you posted as to when the

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resurfacing will start and the field will be shut down.

Progress has been made on repairing the bleachers by Paul and Cindy Edmunds (Norris too).

Two very busy, fun, encouraging and exciting training nights have been completed! We had about 15 students each week with many of them being young kids. This is where much of the growth in our club will come from.

Now all we need is some decent weather to get some flying in before we take two weeks off to repair the runway and install the tables.

See you at the field!

Rick Sessions

Omahawks General Meeting Minutes

(Provided to editor in May)

March 22, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7pm. Membership is at 92, a bit ahead of last year.

We had the program first which was presented by Ron VanOeveren, past Omahawks president in 1986 and 1987. Ron gave a very informative and inspiring talk about what extraordinary steps were taken to secure the current field and build the existing runway! We stand on the shoulders of our past leaders and members who created our current Hawk Field and secured our current and future enjoyment of this great sport! Thank you Ron and past leaders!

A lot has happened since last November!

1. Two Runway meetings with Omaha Parks (Luke)
2. Runway/Field Improvement committee meetings (several): Norris, Bob W., Skippy H., Cole, Luke, Rick
3. Four Board meetings.
4. SAC Indoor Air Show with Simulators (Norris)—80 contacts obtained, hourly raffles
5. Bi-weekly indoor flying—120th & Fort: Soccer and Tennis Center (Fred)

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6. Winter Build 1/23 at Norris' man cave
7. December, January, Feb, March Newsletters Published (Joe Hunt)
8. Omahawks business cards printed (Norris)
9. Picture membership brochure started—see Kevin for mug shot.
10. 2 Grants being applied for: Grow \$1,000 and Field \$3,000 (Luke)
11. Club Trainers are being prepared for Spring training (Ron P., Rick, Ed P)
12. Cole Meyo appointed Field Chairman
13. “Quick Join Fact Sheet” prepared by Ed P.

Volunteers (more needed!): Randy S., Larry M and Tom G. (field), Larry M (youth fun fly), Chuck Hull, Luke Hughes, Rick S, Steve F., Jack F., Ron P. (guest/training night), Norris H, Beny Hafcamp (winter build), Jacob B. (field donation, free field weed spray)

More volunteers signed up that night to work on:

Run up tables: Cole, Ron B., Bryan W., Tom G., Ron P.

Safety Fence: Adam Mann

Field: Tim C., Fred W., Joe H. (paint), Bob W., Chuck H.

Training: Rick, Bryan W., Fred W., Ron P., Ed P., Chuck H

Events: Ed P.

Runway resurface/field improvement update: (Luke) See next page for details.

Luke updated membership on which projects are recommended and what the estimated costs would be for each. The majority of costs for the runway resurfacing, fencing, signage, picnic table replacement and runway striping would be covered by City Parks!

Our club would pay for: new kiosk, run up tables (10), repair bleachers, pavilion work bench surface, port-a-potty enclosure, electric line to pavilion (new) and safety fence repairs. Estimated cost of these items is \$5,000.

Discussion of improvements was had, a motion to approve up to \$5,000 was made and **approval vote to spend up to \$5,000 on field improvements was passed unanimously.**

Cole Meyo has been selected and approved to be the 2019 Field Manager. Therefore, a replacement board member is needed. **Kip Dirkschneider** was nominated, seconded and approved to be a new board member to fill the vacant

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spot. Welcome Kip!

Upcoming Events/Dates: The AMA has designated August 17th as AMA Model Aviation Day. Our club has the option to join in and sponsor an event. Discussion was had and membership approved August 17th as a fun fly event. (Location and details to be determined.) Discussion about a youth event was had. Larry McChesney will coordinate such an event, to be held at our field later in the summer.

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

Note: the June air show at Offutt was cancelled due to the flooding.

Show and Tell was informative and we raffled off an indoor VTOL aircraft. Meeting adjourned approx. 8:40pm.

Field Projects	Parks Dept	Omahawks	Comments	Leaders
Runway repair				Luke, Norris
	\$			
Grinding	5,000.00		Parks to use road equipment	
	\$			
Overlay	42,000.00		Omni to be contracted	
	\$			
Striping	1,500.00		Parks does this on tennis courts, etc.	
Signage	\$ 500.00			Parks
At road fork			Points to Hawkfield and Boat dock	Parks
Entry to Field			Hawkfield sign	Parks
Rehab Picnic Tables	\$ 300.00		Parks to do	Parks
	\$			
Fencing	3,900.00		Enhanced security	Parks
New gate	\$ 300.00			Parks
Parking Lot				TBD
			Open for discussion	*
Grindings from runway		\$		*
New Kiosk		2,500.00	Vinyl signage about club	Luke
New Run Up Tables			Replace or add to existing	Luke
		\$		*
Paint bleachers (white)		200.00		TBD
		\$		*
Pavillion Work Bench		500.00	Luke has plans to review	TBD
		\$		*
Port-a-Potty enclosure		500.00	Under discussion	TBD
		\$		*
Electric line to pavillion (new)		\$	Dennis Bender to manage	Dennis

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200.00

\$

100.00

\$

1,000.00

\$

5,000.00

Strengthen structure, nylon is good
mesh

TBD

Safety Fence

Contingency/other items

Totals:

\$

53,500.00

Items 5-12, lumber, materials, contingencies, additions

2019 Field Improvement Project

Fellow Omahawks:

We just got word today from Omaha Parks Department that the runway resurfacing will begin on Monday with the grinding of 2" off the top of the asphalt. The project will take up to two weeks and include resurfacing and striping of paint lines.

So, let's "fly the heck" out of the next 3 days!

During this "downtime" we will be doing several other projects and would appreciate your help as you are able:

1. Finish bleachers, paint as needed. (Paul & Cindy)
2. Replace airplane run up stands. (Norris, Luke, Ron, Tom, Cole)
3. Replace/update Kiosk. (Luke)
4. Remove old stakes and fencing to west of new chain link fence. (Luke)
5. Remove old transmitter stand to the south of wind sock.
6. Construct workbench area on west side of pavilion between posts and rail.
7. Set up new weather station on post by shed. (Luke Barker)
8. Clean out shed. (Rick)
9. Run additional electric line into pavilion. (Dennis B)
10. Work on parking lot as time and materials permit.
11. Install gutter on east side of pavilion and drain to north. (Cole)
12. Replace missing shingles on pavilion.
13. Repair/replace safety fence by runway, new mesh.
14. Other items: TBD.

Busy but exciting times!!

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Please call Luke, Cole or Rick to volunteer your labor and skills to one or more of the above projects.

Luke: 402-995-9275

Cole: 402-639-7838

Rick: 402-312-6482

The Board

Guest / Training Night –Dual Purpose

“Training Night” is now also “Guest Night.” To many of us, the word “training” conjures up images of a seminar our boss sends us to when we don’t behave at work. Or, the class we have to take after we get a speeding ticket. Yes, we need to train to learn to fly, but interest in our hobby begins well before this.

The new “Guest/ Training Night” recognizes the 3-primary components to our hobby. The first is the building and creating. Many members like this most of all, whether it be scratch building, studying plans, or even scoring a great find at an auction. Look at how many planes the average club member has that are either under construction, in for repair, or hanging from the ceiling waiting for the right day.

The second component is social. Our events and meetings serve this purpose. Think about how often you attend these only for fun, or how often you might stop by the field for an afternoon without even bringing an airplane to fly, or stopping in for breakfast on Tuesday mornings.

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Thanks to Kirk Rasmussen for the photo's submissions

The final, and most important component is of course learning to fly. We have an excellent training program. Our curriculum mirrors what it is like to learn to fly in scale planes, and we turn out fantastic, safe pilots year after year.

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The shift to a more welcoming Guest/Training Night is to show and promote the first 2 components in addition to training. Please come and join us on Thursday evenings. Tell your friends that this is a chance to come over to the “other side of the fence” and see what is happening. Greet people that are observing. Show them your projects and how you built a plane. Many times, guests want to get involved but don't want to interfere, especially when we have signs that say “pilots only beyond this point.”

We are off to a great start. We had about 15 people show up the first two nights to fly with a club trainer and buddy box. We now have 10 students that are returning for training. We need your help. We have club equipment, but could always use

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more experienced members to help fly, fix and greet interested flyers and observers.



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Guest/Training night will continue to focus on training new students, but we will have some time where others can fly (i.e. train for 30 minutes, all fly for 10 minutes). Bring out your favorite plane and fly with us. This is a great chance to show our guests everything our hobby has to offer!

The above article was written by Rick Sessions and Steve Farmer



Greater Omaha AVIATION STEM DAY & Pancake Breakfast

Served 7am-12pm

Featuring:

- Free Airplane rides for 8-17yr kids (EAA Chapter 80 Young Eagles)
- Hands-on drone demonstration by (Tuskegee Airmen, Omaha Chapter)
- Paper Airplane Folding & Flying Comp. (Civil Air Patrol Composite Squad)

Static display of aircraft:

- P-51 Mustang Gunfighter
- 3/4 scale P-51 Mustang
- 1946 AT6-F Texan
- Blanik L-23 sailplane
- Citation 510 Mustang (Duncan Aviation)

Exhibiting:

- **Duncan Aviation**
- Air Methods (Air Medical Transport)
- Oracle Aviation Flight Training Center
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- Women in Aviation (WAI), UNO Chapter
- United States Airforce (Recruiter & Academy)
- Metro Community College Center for Emerging Technologies
- Iowa Western Community College Aircraft Technician Program
- University of Nebraska at Omaha Professional Flight Program
- Civil Air Patrol and Composite & Composite squadron
- Burke High School Air & Space Academy
- Omahawks radio controlled aircraft club
- Omaha Soaring Club | Tuskegee Institute
- Mentor Nebraska | Aviation Nation
- Young Eagles, Omaha Chapter
- Omaha STEM Ecosystem



JUN 8TH | 8AM to noon

Millard Airport

12916 Millard Airport Plaza
Omaha, NE 68137

aviationstemday.org



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Tuskegee Airmen
Alfonso W. Davis Chapter



**MENTOR
NEBRASKA**



AMA Field Improvement Grant



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May 2, 2019

Omahawks, RC Inc
Rick Sessions
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Dear Omahawks, RC Inc members,

Congratulations! Your club has been approved for a 2019 Flying Site Development/Improvement Grant. Your group has been successful in its efforts to increase the value of your club's property and member experience. The Academy of Model Aeronautics appreciates your hard work and is pleased to present your club with this grant.

AMA established the Flying Site Development/Improvement Grant program to invest in the continued improvement and growth of AMA chartered clubs. Grant funding is provided through an allocation of membership dues each year. This year, thanks to the support of AMA Foundation donors, enough funding was available to award grants to all qualified clubs.

AMA would like to take this opportunity to say thank you and congratulate you. Not only will the improvements that your club has made provide a better place for its members to fly, it is a positive improvement for your community as well. It is organizations such as yours that make a difference.

AMA has enclosed a check in the amount of \$3,000 for your efforts. Congratulations again on a job well done!

Look for your club's information and story to appear on the AMA Foundation website soon.

Sincerely,

Rich Hanson

AMA President

Daniel Bott Sr.

AMA Foundation Chairman

Special thanks to Luke for submitting the Grant Request documents!

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Upcoming 2019 Omahawk's Morning Event Schedule

Jan 25, 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>
May 22	Wed 9am-10am Beginners	Rick & Ron Field Closed

June 1	Sat 9am-11am Float Fly	Tom V & Ron P
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Beginners. The Beginners that is on the event schedule for Wednesdays, May 15, 22 and June 5 is intended for those club members who have not soloed and are looking for help. Ron Pacana and Rick Sessions have said they would help beginners during the 9 -10 am time. Thoughts provided by Dick Behrens....

June 5	Wed 9am-10am Beginners	Ron & Rick
June 12	Wed 830-11 Elec Sailplanes	Frank W

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....

June 22	Sat 9am-noon Old Timers	Dennis
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

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At the old timer events, lunch will be available with a donation requested, as we no longer have the donation of recent years.....At the weekend float fly's, electric powered planes can fly starting at 8:30 am.

More. When I (Dick B) was new to the RC hobby, about 28-30 years ago, someone had written a good "Consumer Report" type pamphlet about what is/are the best model airplanes to learn how to fly radio control. I think the author was Bob Waterman. As the top-rated models, he listed any old timer design, the Butterfly types, Sig Senior and Sig Seniority. Most all of these have front wheel steering and use just three channels; rudder, elevator and throttle. They still have kits for these on the market, whereas other advertised trainers come and go. All have light wing loading and are capable of flying slow. I also think most believe that it is smart to wait until winds are less than 10-12 mph....I had built one of these old timers in 1946 but never put it in the air. It accidently got stepped on. It was **called a Condor**. Thoughts provided by Dick Behrens....

This submission is from Paul Edmunds

There is still a lot of confusion about FAA registration numbers and enforcement. The following are some questions that I have received, with answers provided by Chad Budreau, AMA executive director.

(Question) What is AMA's policy on ensuring that members comply with the FAA registration rule?

(Answer) You are not FAA's enforcement agency. Your role as a club and member is to educate and encourage registration, but you should not police registration. Even law enforcement personnel are not to police registration, unless they suspect a threat, or if they are conducting an investigation. Even then, law enforcement does not have direct access to the FAA database to validate

registration numbers.

(Question) If there is an incident and the club/member is sued, will AMA insurance cover the club and members, even if they did not follow the registration rule?

(Answer) We asked our legal counsel if a club could be held liable should a member not comply with the FAA registration rule. We live in a society in which anyone can sue, but our legal counsel believes that clubs could not be held accountable. In addition, the FAA would not pursue a club for a member's non-compliance in the same vein that the FAA would not penalize an airport for an individual pilot failing to renew his or her pilot's license. AMA club benefits and status are not contingent upon every member complying with the registration rule. There are some situations in which a club or CD might be asked to police/inspect registration. An example would be if a club's landowner requests that all modelers be registered. Another possible scenario would be an event held at an airport and the air traffic control tower requires inspection of registration. AMA's position is to educate and ask for compliance with the registration law, but we are not to police registration.

Upcoming Events

- Breakfast get together every Tuesday Morning @ Hy-Vee, 10808 Fort St, Omaha
- **May 20th, 2019, Field Closed for Resurfacing**, proposed re-open June 3rd, 2019
- May 21st, 2019, Board Meeting @ Church of the Cross, 1517 S 114th St.
- May 31st, 2019, General Meeting @ Church of the Cross, 1517 S 114th St.
- June 6th, 2019 --6:00 PM – Dusk – Flight Training @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, Omaha

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- June 13th, 2019 --6:00 PM – Dusk – Flight Training @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, Omaha
- June 20th, 2019 --6:00 PM – Dusk – Flight Training @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, Omaha
- Jun 22, 2019--**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM** – **Old Timer Event** @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, Omaha
- June 8th, 2019, 7:00 AM until Noon, **Aviation Stem Day** at the Millard Omaha Airport.
- For a complete list of all the Omaha Metro Area upcoming events please follow this link: http://www.metrorcflying.com/metro_schedule.htm