

## Hawk Talk



President... Luke Hughes  
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Treasurer... Kevin Hyde

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** Friday, May 28, 2021—7:00 PM – 9:00 PM @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Park  
**MEETING PROGRAM:** Club updates, bring something to Show and Fly / show. **Food available- 6:00 PM!**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** Tuesday, Jun 15, 2021-- 7:00PM – 8:30PM **Call in PC/Phone with Zoom**  
**MEETING PROGRAM:** Club updates, virtual cookies, and committee updates

**ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS**



Luke Hughes

### Club's President's Message

Message for May 2021

Hawk Field is buzzing with activity as we start off our first real month of fair weather flying. Thursday evenings seem to have become a social event as

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well as training. If you haven't had a chance to stop out, it'd encourage you to do so. I did a quick head count of 60+ on the night of the 13th; lots of laughs and plenty of flying excitement!

First IN-PERSON club meeting, Friday May 28th at 7:00 pm! T-Shirt, Polo and Hat orders will be taken; haven't been offered in a while. Samples of the apparel will be available to view.

Memorial Day Morning, May 31st, we'll be holding our traditional 'egg burn' event at Hawk Field; breakfast and flying.

Make-a-Wish P-51 Mustang ride raffle tickets are printed and ready for sale. Purchase or sell them until the drawing on Labor Day ... for the club member that sells the most; I'll take them for a ride in a Cessna. Much more comfortable than a ride in a 12-cylinder warbird, ha!

Much fun to be had in the coming months,

Cheers,

Luke Hughes

### **Omahawks Apparel On-Line Ordering!**

Here is the link to our customized on-line apparel website! Luke has made this happen with a quality supplier.

<https://iknowpromo.commonsku.com/shop/fcc5a1d8-2cd4-4c33-83d7-2cc3125f812d>

Items of interest:

1. We will all place our orders and pay for them online.
2. The club will have a designated order **cutoff date: i.e. June 6th**. On that date, all individual orders will be combined and a master order placed for delivery to the club.
3. We have decided to go with a standard yellow Polo Shirt for all Training Volunteers. The club will give training volunteers 50% off a polo shirt. (Separate

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email sent to volunteers with details.)

4. Samples of the shirts and caps will be available during May at training, at the 5/28-member meeting, 5/29 float fly and 5/31 Memorial Day Egg Burn. This will show you first hand the quality and we can even take verbal orders from you if needed.

5. It is expected we will have another ordering opportunity in the fall for the warmer items. (Don't wait, order the summer apparel now!)

Check it out, place your order now! I think you will be impressed! (Questions, call Rick, Kevin or Luke)

Fly with Pride!

The Board

## **Omahawks April General Meeting Minutes**

**April 30, 2021 @ 7:00pm Via Zoom**

**Membership Count: 153**

### **Old Business:**

**Field Improvements:** New shed: Installed lights and camera! [Painting of shed \(done!\), metal ceiling \(done!\). Toilet facilities, trash, work bench, tool chest to top of north wall yet to be installed. Lost and found will be put in shed. Toilet use for members only, using the keypad to access facilities.](#)

Refurbished picnic tables complete! We now have 7 nice new looking tables....thanks Omaha Parks!

**Field camera: (Dan F.) installed camera on 4/24. (Completed install, its working and linked to our website! Nice job Dan, Luke and Kevin!) [Check out the live \(every 4 minutes\) field pictures on the web site! \(Bottom of home page.\)](#)**

**A weather station will be added by Luke Barker soon.**

**[Omahawks.org](#) has new “one click” menu items for: field camera, calendar, photo**

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**gallery, event schedule, member directory and “how to use site” page.** Call Kevin or Rick for assistance in logging onto the site or navigating around it.

Training program (Rick) Had 3 chilly/windy, but successful, training nights! Great member participation! Card system working well. We have 5 new members coming from the training program! Formal presentation of solo pilots with certificates, include in Newsletter. (Rick to follow-up)

Event schedule add: 2<sup>nd</sup> Combat (Labor Day), Pylon (August), Multi Wing (June), Drone (July). These were added and the master event schedule was updated. (Copy below.)

**Teen Flight Camp (Hague) discussed in detail. Excellent plan put together. We will assess the interest by kids in club and on training night to determine the extent, cost, and duration of camp. Email to member kids and reach out on social media for participants.**

P-51 Gunfighter ticket sales—get tickets to sell from Kevin. Will sell at STEM event on 9/4/21 winning ticket to be drawn on Labor Day: Monday 9/6/21.

Club apparel ordering online: (Luke) Available NOW. Here is the link to view and order your high quality apparel:

[https://iknowpromo.commonsku.com/shop/fcc5a1d8-2cd4-4c33-83d7-](https://iknowpromo.commonsku.com/shop/fcc5a1d8-2cd4-4c33-83d7-2cc3125f812d)

[2cc3125f812d](https://iknowpromo.commonsku.com/shop/fcc5a1d8-2cd4-4c33-83d7-2cc3125f812d) Look for an email on how and when to use the apparel ordering site.

### **New Business:**

Memorial ideas for Dennis Bender: Pavilion naming, hexagon picnic table (yes), street name?, annual old timer event in his honor, Memorial Day recognition.

Darryl Casad donated several nice airplanes for the club to sell. Thank you, Darryl! Check out the Buy/Sell feature on website. (Bring planes to field for May meeting.)

**Food preparation by Sheri with volunteers to set up, serve and clean up. food**

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ordering and storage. We will do egg casserole for Memorial Day, bring only your own meat.

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**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:00pm      Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_      Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

## Officer Project Alignment/Responsibility for 2021:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ED1RyFb2smzq7NrdjwOVRNbgP-SkKSwf/edit>

## 2021 Omahawks Event Schedule

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>	
<b>April thru September: Training Guest Night every Thursday from 6pm to 8pm (or dusk) Rick Sessions @ 402-312-6482 or rickbsessions@gmail.com</b>			
May 12	Wed 9am-noon	Old Timers	Rick Sessions
May 15	Sat	Western Flyers WWI	
May 29	Sat 9am-1130am	Float Fly	Tom V & Ron P.
May 31	9am-noon	Memorial Day Egg Burn	Luke, officers
June 2	Wed 9am-11am	Any Slow Flying plane	Dick B.
June 5	9am	Fremont Swap Meet	
June 5	1pm-4:00pm	Multi Wing Fun Fly	Rick S.
June 9	Wed 830-1130	Elec Sailplanes	Frank W., Dick
June 12	Saturday	Combat Event	Joe Hunt
June 19	Sat	Western Flyers Spring Fun Fly	
June 26	Sat 9am-noon	Old Timers	Dick, Rick, Sheri
July 10	Sat 9am-1130	Float Fly	Tom V, Ron, Dick
July 14	Wed 9am-noon	Old Timers	TBD

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July 17	<b>Sat</b> Hold Open—Western Flyers	Sail Planes	N/A
July 21	Wed 830-1130	Elec Sailplanes	Frank
July 24	Sat 11am-2:00pm	Drone Fun Fly	Jeff Pinnt
Aug 4	Wed 9am-noon	Old Timers	TBD
Aug 7,8	All day	Pattern Contest	Bob Wheeler, R. Green
Aug 11	Wed 830-1130	Float Fly	Tom V & Ron
Aug 14	Sat 11am-3:00pm	Pylon Races	Skip Brown
Aug 18	Wed 830-1130	Elec Sailplanes	Frank
Aug 21	Sat	Western Flyers Bud Hall	Large Scale
Sept 4	All Day	STEM Event- Millard	Hague
Sept 6	Monday: LABOR DAY EVENT proceeds to Make-A-Wish !		
Sept 11	<u>Sat</u> 830-1130	Float Fly	Tom V & Ron P
Sept 15	Wed 830-1130	Elec Sailplanes	Frank
Sept 22	Wed 9am-noon	Old Timers	TBD

**To Be Scheduled: Teen Flight Camp**

**Food Event highlighted**

**Western Flyers Events**

**Non Omahawks**

4/22/21 rbs

## Omahawks Business Meeting May Minutes

May 18, 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom

Board Members: Luke, Paul, Kevin, Rick, Shaun, Dan, Skip, Norris

Visitors: Doug L., Jack F., Hague

Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports:

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**Treasurer Report:** (Kevin) Reviewed and accepted financial reports.

**Membership Count:** **160**

**Newsletter Report:** *Do biographies, Safety article, solo pilots, events, apparel ordering, training info, deck completion.*

**Old Business:**

**Field Improvements:** Shed almost done. Thanks Luke and team! Locking tool chest, workbench, new door, and toilet installed. Metal splash panels, TV bracket and power connection for simulator to be installed. **We will do a brag wall in shed for MAW plaques.**

Trip hazard on pavilion fixed by Fred W., Paul & Cindy E., Tom V., Cole, Jack F., Ron P., and Rick S. Great job team!

New round picnic table assembled and chained to pavilion. Memorial plaque for Dennis Bender to be ordered and embedded into table. **In memory of Dennis Bender's long and loyal service to Omahawks, March 10, 2021. Cole to get plaque consistent with Eagle Scout style. Fred Wilke has offered to pay for Dennis' memorial plaque. Additional memorial contributions are welcome.**

**Field camera:** Working great! Thanks Dan, Kevin and team! Very popular. Usage of data has been less than expected. Will re-assess at month end.

**Marketing ideas:** (Norris) Meetings with MAW and Parks to joint market need to be scheduled to co-market with them. Norris would like to get key contacts at news stations to publish our public service announcements. Discussion was had about our strategic marketing plan. How do we grow the club and promote aviation as a whole? Plug into ROTC and robotics programs at high schools via field trip to Hawk Field. (Shaun)

Summer Aviation Camp was discussed and the need for sponsors or grant money for the teens who would attend. Girl Scout troops could take a field trip to Omahawks. (Hague) ROTC at UNO an option too. **Need team leaders to drive these initiatives.**

**Club apparel ordering online:** (Luke) Ready to roll out to members. **Decisions: 1. Have shirt and hat samples for Member Meeting, Float Fly and Memorial Day. 2. When to open/close ordering: open immediately, close in early June. 3. How to communicate to members: via email 4. Subsidize yellow training shirts for training volunteers. Here is the link for online ordering:**

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**Training program** (Rick) Excellent volunteer participation and good flow of guests (22). Members (19) are participating too. Last week we had 60 people at the field. Formal presentation of solo pilots with certificates, include in Newsletter.

**P-51 Gunfighter ticket sales**—get tickets to sell from Kevin, Rick or Luke.

**Website:** Steps to increase use of [www.Omahawks.org](http://www.Omahawks.org) (Rick): Dan's ideas of: web tour, quick links (done). Kevin: Newsletter article. Luke: YouTube, small groups at HobbyTown, new member training, mobile device differences. Cole: better labeling of Menu (Kevin to ask Jeff R.)

### New Business:

Need for new grill: **Voted to approve purchase of a quality 3 burner Weber.**

**Decision: Rocket club use of field once a month, small rockets w/streamers. We agreed to approve 4 months (June-Sept) and assess how it has worked in the fall. A club member will supervise the rocket activities and ensure safe retrieval of the low powered rockets. They could donate \$\$ as desired vs. an hourly fee.**

**3-D Flying Rules discussion. No hovering closer than the runway middle line and acrobatics should NOT be done in such a way that the plane's momentum would carry it west of the safety fence.**

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**Member Meeting: May 28th at 6pm dinner, 7pm meeting at Hawk Field.**

### Upcoming Events:

5/28 Member meeting

5/29 Float Fly

Memorial Day Egg burn on Monday May 31<sup>st</sup>, 9am to noon.

Menu: Egg casserole, pancakes, juice, coffee. Bring own meat.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:22pm      Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_      Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Officer Project Alignment/Responsibility for 2021:**

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**Field Projects:**



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1. New electrical outlets in pavilion. (Paul)
2. Lower shelves on all start up stands. (Shaun, Cole)
3. Re-do safety fence netting, too weak, pulls thru zip ties. (Rick to check alternatives.)
4. Parking lot stones. (Parks)
5. Water run off issues. (Parks)

## Aviation STEM Day Support with Smile Amazon Program

Amazons wants to help youth in our community through Aviation STEM Day, but only you can give them those directions.

The calendar has now rolled forward to 2021 and we are looking very much forward with great anticipation to our “**Aviation STEM Day**” Main Event, on Saturday September 4<sup>th</sup> which will restart our year-round youth programing. Critical to its success and the breadth of the youth community that we can serve is very dependent upon funding. Amazon, most generously, will direct to a charity of your choosing 0.5% of the value of purchases you make. That charity has to be designated each time **OR you can make a one-time declaration** and that charity will receive those funds automatically **using a GOOGLE PLUG-IN**, as long as you place your merchandise purchases on **AmazonSmiles.com**.

### The Program Explained:

<https://video.search.yahoo.com/search/video?fr=mcafee&ei=UTF-8&p=www.Amazon+%22Smile%22+Program+-+What+is+it%3F+-+ThioJoeTech+-+Bing+video&type=E210US91088G0#id=1&vid=68de89f9eae5ccc74ee08c5c5bda179a&action=click>

### Setting Up Amazon Smiles with Google Extension:

Visit [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com). Select (“**Supporting**”), **Aviation STEM Day** as your charity.

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*Editor's Note: on Amazon's Site its listed as Aviation Stem Day in Bellevue, Nebraska, **that is the correct one!***

See our website at: [www.AviationSTEMday.org](http://www.AviationSTEMday.org)

Thank you very much.

Hague Howey

Vice President/ Co-Founder of Aviation STEM Day

## May Newsletter Submissions from Club Secretary Rick S.

### **Old Timer Event**

We had our first of the year, Old Timer Event on 5/12. Everyone got to fly once before the wind became excessive. It was good to have a normal event with good food being served by Sheri Sessions, Paul and Cindy Edmunds and Jim and Sherry Schmidt. We had a mystery "fly away" of Larry Voorhees light electric plane that got blown up into the sun, never to be seen again.....sorry about that Larry.

Attendees included: Dick Behrens, Loren Blinde, Rick Sessions, Larry Voorhees, Shaun Brothers, Fred Wilke, Paul Edmunds, Doug Buck, Tom Floyd, Joe Cole, Ron P., Dan Cramer, Frank V., Tom Virgillto and Joe Hunt

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Fred W (left) with "Power House", with Dick B looking on!



Paul E' Blue "Cloud King" and Dick B' Red "Power House"

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Thanks to the Food Crew for serving lunch!!

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Participants and observers, L to R  
Joe H, Dan C, Loren B, Joe C, Bob R (standing)  
Winds were quite brisk, but overall beautiful day!

### Pavilion Deck Leveling

The new deck expansion is officially open now as the front edge has been leveled with the cement entry! The deck includes a new **Dennis Bender Memorial Picnic Table** that seats 4 to 6 people (round with umbrella to come). Thank you to Paul Edmunds, Fred Wilke, Tom Virgillto, Ron Pacana, Jack Farner and Rick Sessions for their efforts! As you can see, Paul really put his head to work on the project!

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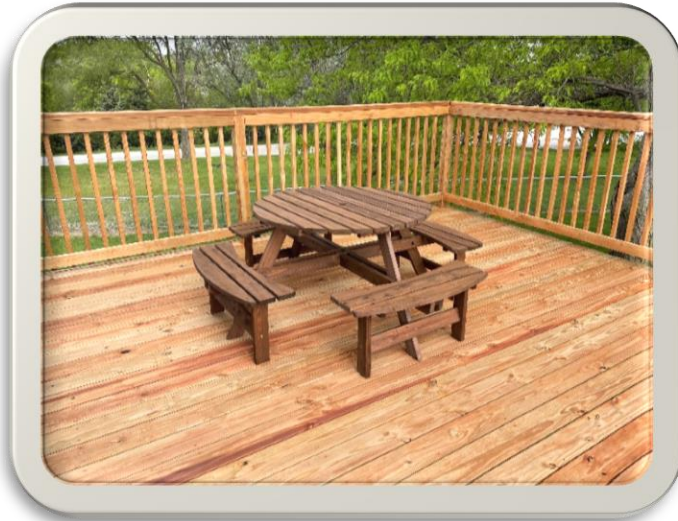


Dennis Bender and Wife Patty (RIP)



Paul, I got to say **OUCH!** Thanks for the hard work!

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Dennis Bender Memorial Picnic table



Dennis Bender Memorial Picnic table that seats 4 to 6 people (or more)

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### **Shed Nearly Complete!**

The new Red Roof Shed is nearly complete! It has a workbench, storage cabinet, lockable steel cabinet for camera hardware and a functioning rest room. We will be having a large 49" TV display to use for the flight simulator on Training Night. (Thanks Cole) Basic tools and a "lost and found" shelf will be nice features. It will be used for storage of a few club trainers too. Ask an officer for the entry code should you need access to the shed and lock it after you are done using it.



Our main man Fred W, preparing Handicap WC for use!



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Shed Interior Lights, wire and walls ready for use!

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Fred W and Cole M, putting some finishing touches on the new shed!

### **Guest/Training Night**

We are off to a great start on our Thursday evening training nights! Despite cool and windy weather, we have had 6 training nights already! We are here to help all flyers, both guests and members to enhance your flying skills. We have two flight simulators and many skilled pilots to help you with your training needs. Come on out and join in the fun! (See our website for pictures, taken by Dan Fitzgerald, of training night festivities.)

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Training Nights (Thursday 6 PM to 8 PM) are very popular



(foreground) Tom F, flying with student, as Rick S observes

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(Left to Right) Luke H prepares an Apprentice for training, Jack F instructs trainee Brooklyn TL, prior to flight  
Newsletter Editor and Brooklyn Grandpa enjoying the moment!

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**Rick Sessions shown here (foreground light hat) officiates keeping everyone safe and moves the training process smartly along!**

**Another Great Job!**

### **Memorial Day “Egg Burn”**

Where: Hawk Field

When: May 31<sup>st</sup>, 9am to noon

Why? Annual tradition to gather on Memorial Day to have brunch together!

Plans are in place for a full-scale Memorial Day family feeding frenzy! We will have egg casserole, pancakes, coffee and juice available. Bring your own bacon or sausage to grill. This is a family event so bring the whole family for some great food

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and fellowship. Flying will commence once our bellies are full and we need to work off some of the calories. Computer flight simulators will be available for your enjoyment. (No rain date, come and eat even if raining.)

**Note: Please make reservations on line at [omahawks.org](http://omahawks.org) or call Rick Sessions at 402-312-6482 so we know how much food to prepare.**



**Doc and Bob W serving up eats at the 2019 “Egg Burn”**

# 2021 FLOAT FLYS

## Standing Bear Lake, Omaha



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<b>May 29</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00 AM -11:30 AM</b>
<b>July 10</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00 AM -11:30 AM</b>
<b>Aug 11</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>8:30 AM-11:30 AM</b>
<b>Sept 11</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00 AM-11:30 AM</b>

Retrieval Boat - Electrics can start flying at 830 - No lunch

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### Upcoming Events

- \*\* Breakfast get-together every Tuesday Morning @ Hy-Vee, 10808 Fort St, Omaha
- May 27th, 2021 --6:00 PM – Dusk – Flight Training @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, Omaha
- May 28th, 2021 --6:00 PM Dinner – 7 PM Meeting starts till 8:30 ish – May Member Meeting @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, Omaha
- May 29th, 2019--9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Float Fly @ Dock at Standing Bear Lake, Omaha
- May 31st, 2019--9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Egg Burn and Fun Fly @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, Omaha



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- June 2nd, 2021 –9:00 AM – 11:00 AM - Any Slow Flying Aircraft @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, Omaha
- June 3rd, 2021 --6:00 PM – Dusk – Flight Training @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, Omaha
- June 9th, 2021 –9:00 AM – 11:30 AM Glider Fun Fly @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, Omaha
- June 10th, 2021 --6:00 PM – Dusk – Flight Training @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, Omaha
- June 12th, 2021 –9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Combat Flight Event @ Hawk Field, 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](http://www.metrorcflying.com/metro_schedule.htm)