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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, November 17th * 7:00 P.M. * Church of the Cross, 1517 S 114th St.
GENERAL MEETING PROGRAM: Club updates, Board Elections , bring something to show at the meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, December 17th * 7:00 PM * Church of the Cross, 1517 S 114th St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS

The Club raised \$4,700 for Make a Wish at the Labor Day Airshow.



Here is the presentation at the General Meeting to the Make-A-Wish's Lauren Piller.

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The eFlite Manta is a flying wing with GoPro and FPV.

Here is an airborne photo of the field. Taken with a GoPro on a Manta FPV airplane on October 11th, 2017; Pilot Dan Creagan. You can just see the spotters at the field house.



What a striking photo **Courtesy Dan Creagan.**

It is ostensibly a racing wing with 90+mph speeds (unmodified). It is AS3X (gyro) stabilized. The GoPro4 is set on 1080 resolution. FPV camera is a 700TVL CMOS (not terribly expensive but good). FPV TX is a 600mw Fatshark. Ground FPV control is Fatshark Dominator 3 with diversity receivers (goggles).

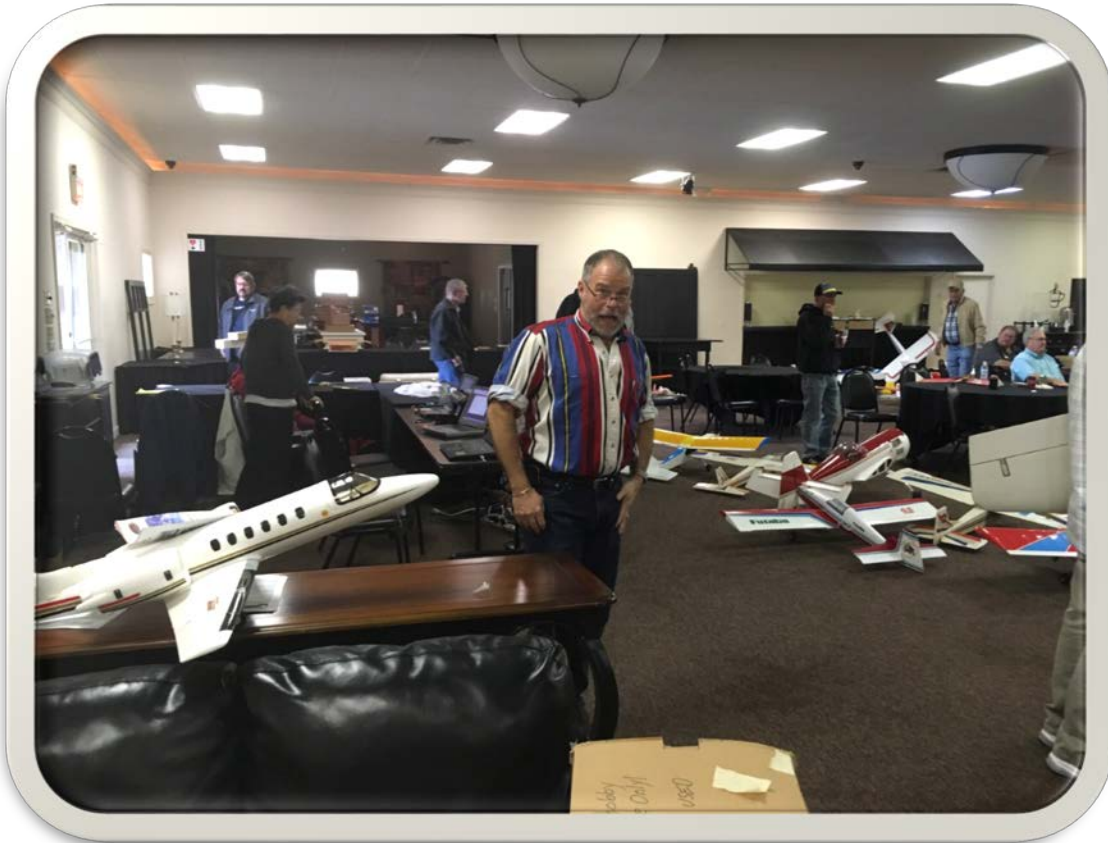
Antennas for FPV are RH circular mushroom and a second antenna on the ground that is a directional patch for added video gain. It has a Wingspan of 43 inches. It is no longer in production but you can buy the separate components and make one.

That's about it! It flies like a wing and, while quite fast, is not tough to control and lands easily. For that flight it stayed well within the bounds of the field never going over any trees, houses or the lake.

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Thanks to all of the Omahawks that supported the 2017 Omahawks Auction.

It was a great success again because of your efforts.



Kevin has the Omahawks auction under control as always! *Photo by Rich Sessions*

We had several customers that made additional cash donations to the club totaling \$500. I want to also thank our loyal customers that come back year after year to bring their planes and equipment and to pick up a few good deals.

The totals have been tallied and here are the results:

Total sales: \$19,052 (#8 out of the last 18 years)

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Registration: \$705



Concessions: \$503 (Thank You Bernie Baker, Hague \$56.86 Howey and Helen Paasch)



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Commission, Donation and no sale income: \$2601

Hall Rental: \$1000

Other expenses: \$257

Net profit: \$2,552

This money will be used to support Omahawks events and functions over the next year. There were too many people involved to name everyone but know that your help and support of this annual event is what makes it a success every year

Wednesday, Nov 8th Hawk Field Maintenance Update

In talking with the city caretaker, I understand that the Park Dept has and will move most of the smaller piles into this one bigger pile (and maybe another big pile) for the Forestry Dept. to take to a nearby disposal site.



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Above: this picture shows the area looking from the south end to the north that the caretaker mowed this past week. He said he cut this area high, maybe 6 inches, as he wanted to avoid running into any hidden stumps.

The Christmas party

is a little over a month away and we have almost 40 signed up. The capacity of the back room at Jack and Mary's is about 55, so get your reservation in soon. (Contact Rich Sessions @ ricksessions@cox.net) We have a special program planned with lots of good food and fellowship too! Date: Sunday, December 17 at 6:00pm.

RIP: Richard Biodrowski 1933-2017. Rich was an active flyer in the 1990's who flew mostly in the mornings. He often brought his two then young twin grandsons to the field, both of whom were later listed on the Cornhuskers football team roster in 2002. One said that his grandfather's garage is still filled with model planes. For a number of years, Rich thought he had a problem with the frequency of his transmitter interfering with his then recent heart pacemaker.....Following being drafted for military service in Korea, most of his life he received a partial disability pension, resulting from the noise of mortar shelling.

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Field Maintenance Crew



Week of October 21st, 2017, despite some light rainfall before 7am and the NWS forecast for more rain, seven guys showed up at the field to drag, limb, pile, and cut stumps, with only Dennis' chain saw. The forecast did not materialize as the weather was ideal, being cool, cloudy and no rain. Crew of seven included Mike Kloss, Fred Wilke, Rick Sessions, Ron Pacana, Dennis Bender, Joe Hunt, and Dick Behrens' Photo.



Week of October 28th, 2017 the temperature at 9am was 25 degrees. Crew of eight included Greg Nelson, Larry McChesney, Jeff Pinnt, Dennis Bender, Casey Vohnout, Ron Pacana, Skip Brown and Dick Behrens taking photo. Greg and his truck dragging a tree out of brush for easier limbing and piling.

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Breakfast get together every Tuesday Morning @ Hyvee , 10808 Fort St, Omaha
The many regulars include Dick B (thanks for the photo), Bud, Bob Z, Kevin, Bob R



Important Information

Our November General Club Meeting will be on Friday, November 17th @ 7pm which is one week earlier due to the Thanksgiving Holidays. Also, no General Membership meeting in December.

General Meeting October 2017

Presbyterian Church of the Cross

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CTO 7PM

Casey V, President.

Lauren Piller with Make A Wish presents the Club with another plaque commemorating Omahawks support. We have 33 years of Make A Wish support. Omahawks are featured in an article in the Fall 2017 Make A Wish newsletter. She told us some wonderful Wish Stories. There are 110 wishes currently in progress.

Membership update. 125 members now. 6 have renewed for 2018 so far.

Nominations for Offices.

David Haney II (Skippy) for President

Kevin for Treasurer.

Rick Sessions for VP

Dennis Bender for Board

Joe Hunt for Board

Steve Farner for Board.

Casey V for Board

Matt for Board

Cole Meyo for Board

Next Meeting Nov 17 at Presbyterian Church of the Cross for the official vote.

Christmas party Jack and Mary's December 17th Sunday. Order from menu.

Need Photographs and Video contributions to show at Christmas Party.

Tree clean-up day last week. Another tomorrow. Need men with chain saws.

City has begun to clear field of wood piles. Radio hit update. Steve Farner is working with AMA to bring in some specialized equipment to identify and locate RF interference. Once identified we can decide how to deal with it. Hoping this will happen in the next week or two.

Mike from Manchester asks about the dues increase and how the membership was involved in the decision.

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Auction This Sunday at the Millard Social Hall. Need helpers for this to work. This is our big fundraiser effort the year. It is the largest source of income for the Club.

Newsletter is going well. Thank you, Joe.

SAC indoor fly is January 13th Saturday. Need volunteers for pilots and static display booth.

Steve Peck is having health problems. Kindly remember him in your prayers.

Upcoming Events

- **Breakfast get together every Tuesday Morning @ Hyvee , 10808 Fort St, Omaha**
- **November 14, 2017--19:00 – 20:30 – Board Meetings – *New Meeting Date***
- **November 17, 2017--19:00 – 21:00 – General Club Meetings – Board Elections**
- **December 17, 2017--18:00 – 21:00 – Omahawks Christmas Dinner**
- **December 19, 2017--19:00 – 20:30 – Board Meetings**
- **January 16, 2018--19:00 – 20:30 – Board Meetings**
- **January 26, 2018--19:00 – 21:00 – General Club Meetings**