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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, Oct 25, 2019—7:00 PM – 9:00 PM **Church of the Cross, 1517 S114th
MEETING PROGRAM: Club updates, cookies, raffle, bring something to show and tell to the meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, Nov 19, 2019-- 7:00PM – 8:30PM **Church of the Cross, 1517 S 114th St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS



President's Message

Fellow Omahawks,

The flying season is winding down quickly! We are even hearing frost warnings. Don't wait for a weekend, take a day of vacation on the next good flying day. Options for the winter include: indoor flying at the Soccer Center (near Wehrspann Lake), repairing planes and building new planes for next spring. Be watching for some repair nights this winter that we will have for you to get expert help on those tough projects.

Volunteers Needed:

Our flying club is as good as you, the members make it! We welcome and encourage you to volunteer in any of the following areas:

Training Night: Instructors, pit crew (preflight checks)

- electrical, fence repairs, concrete work

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Flying events: help with fun flies, run an event or your choice

Communications: help with Newsletter, new web site, social media, serve on task force

Leadership: attend Board meetings, lead a task force, become a project Ambassador.

Member meeting: provide a meeting program/presentation

Have questions? Want more details? Call Rick (402-312-6482), Luke (402-995-9275) or Steve (402-690-8751)

Member participation is what makes our club thrive, grow and fun for all! Let us know where YOU can contribute.

Rick Sessions

Editor's note: I add these minutes in the next monthly newsletter as I receive them.

Omahawks Member Meeting Minutes

September 27, 2019

Members discussed the following five areas of focus for 2020:

Training Suggestions

Update the written material

Consider different instructors to specialize in different areas of instruction (first flight, landings)

Teach instructor's how to instruct

Teach more about pre-flight and safety (the flyaway planes came up and how to avoid this)

Float training

Add a social component with some cookouts on training night or a final night party

Facilities Suggestions

Paving the Parking Lot

Dick wanted to make sure the emails about mowing were going to the city per Anderson's request

Luke discussed plans for the port a potty.

Community and Social Outreach

Utilizing the Omaha Convention and Visitor's Bureau to promote events

Joe volunteered to lead up the magazine idea

Cole wants an Omahawks YouTube account

Changing up the meetings from Friday night, trying different venues like a sports bar

"Tips & Tricks" videos on our website

Joe would like help on the newsletter

Flying Events

Not really any new ideas. We discussed that in order to add events, we need to add people and recognize that not everyone likes the field shut down for events

Airplane Repair

We discussed focused workshops, like how to monocote covering, tune engines, etc. We also discussed the need for more facilities.

Steve F. would like to pursue this new partnership with EAA but is not sure what the interest is from the builders in the club <https://eaa.org/eaa/news-and-publications/eaa-news-and-aviation-news/news/09-26-2019-EAA-Creating-Hands-On-Build-And-Fly-RC-Model-Building-Flying-Program>

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Meeting was adjourned after the above discussion was complete.

We will finalize the above priorities and communicate them at the October Member meeting.

Rick Sessions

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45

Omahawks Business Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2019

Board Members in attendance: Rick H., Rick S., Dennis B., Cole, Luke, Steve, Kevin, Skippy, Kip._

Visitors: Hague, Ed P., Paul E., Cindy E. (brought brownies!)

Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports:

Treasurer Report: (Kevin)

Membership Count: 147

Newsletter Report: (Joe) – not present - NA

Old Business:

Runway/Field Improvements: Luke

Yet to do: fill dirt along edges, small signage on hill and near shed, port-a-potty improvements, cement under gate.

Eagle Scout: roof drainage, steps and rail north of bleachers, gate at walk thru, wood fence repair-Rick will call Nathan Wallace to confirm he will be doing projects.

Labor Day event: Ed P., Raffle: Steve F, Food: Rick S.—another successful event! We expect to contribute \$4,000 to make a wish! Thank you ED for your leadership and to all volunteers that made it happen: Steve, Rick S., Mikey, Bob W. Dennis B. and

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many more!

New Business:

Club mission, priorities, strategy—the balance of the meeting was discussion on this. Separate summary of that attached.

Member Meeting: September 27, 2019 at Hawk Field, 7pm

Upcoming Events:

Thursday training 6pm—thru September

September 14: Float fly 9am-noon

September 15: North Omaha Airport Fun Fly, 1:30 lunch, 3:30 end

Tuesday b'fast at HyVee

Auction: October 13, HobbyTown—pre register

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15pm Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____

NOTES: _____

Omahawks Mission and Priorities-2020



Fellow Leaders:

We had an excellent meeting last night to discuss and recommend club priorities to the membership on the 27th of September! This email summarizes what we discussed and concluded:

Mission:

To become the premier Midwest R/C flying club with a growing membership, friendly environment, community outreach and high-quality facilities. We welcome all R/C flyers!

(Ed has a shorter version we can adopt over time.)

Priorities for next year are:

1. Training--continue to build on a successful year, formalize the training process with the yellow tracking form and tie into membership. Rick S. will continue to lead these efforts.
2. Facilities--huge progress this past year! Finish runway grading/seeding, add a Port-a-Potty structure south of Kiosk with cement slab and connecting side walk, cement under entry gate. Finish Kiosk signage and small warning signs on stakes East of runway and near shed. Second electrical line into pavilion. Other minor "tweaks" including Eagle scout projects: roof drainage, repair steps and rail north of bleachers and wood fence repair.
3. Community/social Outreach--enhanced/fixed web site, social media use and community outreach as determined by the Social Outreach Task Force. Ensure a "visitor friendly field".
4. Flying Events--we were pleased with the level of events this past year, which included 3 new events: Youth/STEM event, Drone Flying, and Field Re-dedication. A couple additional events this year on Saturday for about 4 hours would be a good level of events for 2020, as determined by the Events Task Force.
5. Airplane Repair--fixing our planes over the winter will be the focus of the "winter repair" efforts.

These are the 5 priority areas we see for next year.

The process we take to determine our final 2020 game plan is as follows:

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1. Board and leaders discuss priorities and come to consensus. We write up a plan and distribute it to a broader group of leaders to get their feedback. (done, included in this email)
2. We make an initial proposal to membership on September 27, get their input/comments/suggestions/ enhancements.
We also ask for "champions" for the key priorities from the members. (Calls to those likely champions would have been made before the October 25th member meeting.)
3. At October Board meeting we firm up what we heard from the members and prepare a formal "game plan" for 2020 for the members to vote on.
4. At October 25th member meeting, we propose the game plan to the membership for a vote. The "Champions" are confirmed and linked to a specific Board member for accountability/communication and we move forward with the plan.

I am copying an expanded group of members/leaders to get your input into this game plan. Please email me with your thoughts and I will summarize and present at the membership meeting on 9/27, at the Presbyterian Church of the Cross. Mark your calendar for the 9/27 member meeting, it will be a MUST attend!

Thank you for your focused and thoughtful input!!

Rick

Past events

Electric Sailplane Fun Fly

Wednesday September 18th turned out to be a top ten day weather-wise for flying our sailplanes. The thermals weren't really there but the flying conditions were great. Dennis prepared a great lunch for all. Flyers and Observers were Dick Behrens, Dennis Bender, Tim Peters and his wife Janice, Tom Floyd and his faithful four legged companion Sofie, Ron Pacana, Gale Sherman, Loren Blinde, Bob Roegge,

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Tom Egbert, Joe Hunt, Judd Bock, Bob Zitzlsperger and Frank Wisniski. If I've missed mentioning anyone, sorry I took the names off our sign in sheet. This was our fourth and final scheduled Sailplane event for the season.

One of the highlights of my attendance to any morning event is the opportunity to get re-acquainted with Tom's dog Sofie....

We all enjoyed ourselves soooo much that no one thought to take any photos!

Old Timer Fun Fly:

Wed, Sept 25. Initially I say the weather was ok, with winds from the north at 9-13 mph and temperature was about 70 degrees. There were about **55 people** at the event. This included a group of special needs people arranged by the "My Life LLC" organization to observe this hobby. In the group were 23 special needs persons plus about 5 drivers/caretakers. Between 10:30 AM and 11:00 AM, Steve F arranged to give any interested special needs folks some brief stick time on a club trainer with the help of Dean, Fred and Dennis. The group departed prior to lunch and appeared to really enjoy their visit.

There were 17 pilots who flew model planes. They were: Tim Peters, Tom Floyd, Larry Voorhees, Dennis Bender, Dean Copeland, Ron Pacana, Gale Sherman, Randy VanWinkle, Joe Hunt, Paul Edmonds, Fred Wilke, Frank Vanecek, Loren Blinde, Tom Egbert, Jud Block, Steve Farner & Dick Behrens.

For lunch, Dennis served his normal excellent spread of Brats and Hamburgers, chips, and cookies, we can count on Dennis for a good lunch always.

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Photos: Special Needs spectators getting seated
Photo, thanks to Dick Behrens

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Photos: Special Needs spectators waiting for the action to begin!
Photo, thanks to Dick Behrens



Photos: Pilots in action providing a great show and some hands-on action as well
Photo, thanks to Dick Behrens

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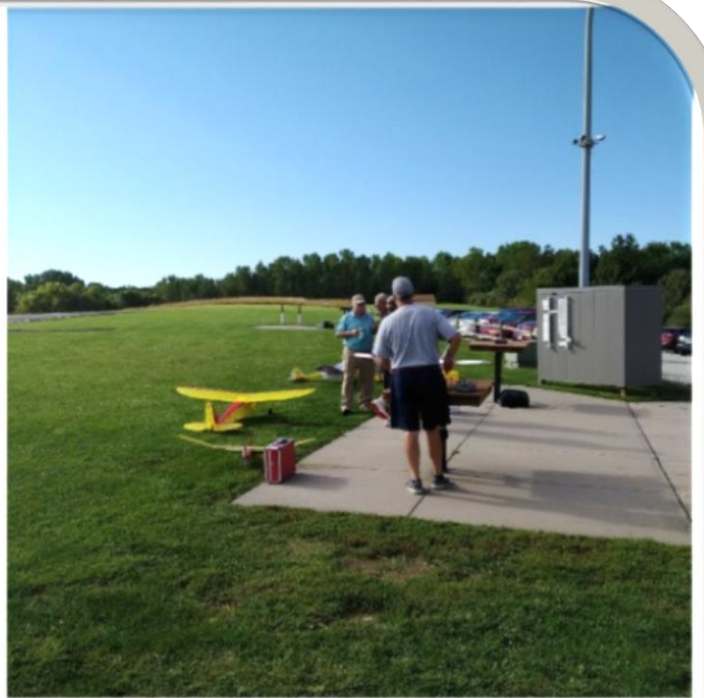
Top Left, Ron P observing Paul E at the controls

Top Right, Dick Behrens

Bottom left, Steve F background, and Dean C providing assistance to one of our
Special Needs Pilots

Bottom Right, Mr. Fred W at the controls!

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Some additional photos of Old Timers and their aircraft

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Our participants enjoying the weather, this photo struck me because the overall number of cars in the parking lot for an Old Timers Morning event!
Our paved lot was full!

Any Plane Fun Fly:

Scheduled for Wed, Oct 2 was Officially rained out. Only four Diehards showed up, Tom Floyd, Joe Hunt, Dennis Bender, as well as a visitor.

Dennis did fly his Airplane once and then we all departed!



FAA to Impose Restrictions on the Hobby

AMA needs your assistance in an urgent matter. The FAA unexpectedly informed us that, contrary to earlier commitments to AMA, the agency plans to limit all recreational model aircraft operations to 400 feet in controlled airspace and there will be no exceptions. We urge you to send a letter to your elected representatives in Congress and ask them to contact the FAA concerning this critical issue. Please visit www.modelaircraft.org/higher-flight to contact your representative. You can [learn more in this video](#) and [check out our podcast](#) for more information.

Upcoming Events

- Breakfast get together every Tuesday Morning @ **Hy-Vee, 10808 Fort St, Omaha**
- Cobras Indoor Flying from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM @ **Community of Christ Church Gym, 140 W. Kaneshville Blvd. Council Bluffs IA.**

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- Flying times will be 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM on most Thursday's. Verify on Omaha Metro Area Club Schedule at bottom link below.
 - The cost is \$3.00 per day.
 - AMA Membership required.
- **General Membership Meeting: Friday, Oct 25, 2019—7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**
****Church of the Cross, 1517 S 114th St., Omaha**
- **General Work Runway Dirt and Fill Event:** Saturday Oct 26, 2019 - 9:00 AM – Till Completed
 - Bring rakes, flat shovels, push brooms, gloves, water, sense of humor!
 - Three truckloads of dirt will be spread by Bobcat
 - Need members assistance for manual smoothing of the dirt to blend it in to the grass at the edges of the runaway.
- For a complete list of all the Omaha Metro Area upcoming events please follow this link: http://www.metrocflaying.com/metro_schedule.htm

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