

## Hawk Talk



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Joe Hunt

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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, Nov 19, 2021 -7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Oakview Mall, New meeting place. Enter Mall from south side, go through food court, bare left, 3rd store front on the left**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, Dec 21, 2021-- 7:00PM – 8:30PM Call in PC/Phone w/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 for November 2021

It has been my pleasure to have worked with this year's leadership to promote the RC hobby and the Omahawks! For another year, the club and

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Hawk Field has provided a venue for member support, a safe and fantastic facility, and much FUN! Thanks to the entire membership that made this year another success.

Hawk Field likely had a few thousand take-offs and landings this season; probably a few less landings. With that said, I'm guessing our 'airport' is one of the busiest in the state! The events were well attended, training nights were super exciting, and summer evenings were perfect for socializing.

I'm jazzed for what's ahead in 2022; it should be fantastic. Lots of newbies, plenty of oldbies and many in between. Look for the tentative calendar of events uploaded to our site by early January. If you have any ideas for the club whatsoever, give me a call; I love being a part of the Omahawks RC Club!

Get your build on,

Luke

## **Omahawks Member Meeting October Minutes**

October 29, 2021, 7pm @ Oak View Mall

**Membership Count: 185 (Highest since 2004!)**

**Newsletter Report:** *Send in articles to Joe Hunt. Thank you Joe!*

### **Old Business:**

**Field Improvements:** Need to meet with Omaha Parks to discuss parking lot ruts.

**Field camera:** **Add another camera to capture more of the parking lot is likely in the Spring.**

**Marketing ideas:** Parks, STEM partners, SAC event, HobbyTown, Air Force Connection, other ideas? Talk with HobbyTown about a "fact sheet" to join Omahawks. (Rick to provide.)

**Club apparel :** next order in the Spring.

**Training program** (Rick) Excellent volunteer participation and good flow of guest flyers (80+). Members (50, including pilots and support) are participating too. Over

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500 training flights were done. Formal presentation of solo pilots with certificates, photo included in Newsletter. **(see list below, any adds?)**

**FAA# required, \$5 for 3 years, put # on all airplanes. TRUST test is require but a “no fail” test.**

**Auction**—Went well. The 20<sup>th</sup> auction grossed over \$15,000 for just over 320 items and **the club netted \$2,248** that included \$518 from the food sales. Nice job Kevin and the food team! (Weeks & Edmunds)

**Website:** Take **Holiday party** survey online. Survey results from 22 responses, 18 say yes to party! Reservations at Jerico’s have been make for Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm.

### New Business:

**EAA80 @ Oakview-- discuss possibilities: Member Meeting during winter, kit build projects, trainer restoration (include kids), Flite Test builds, educational events, spring “swap shop”, hang small planes, flight simulator “fun flies”.**

**Board candidates** for next year, nominations are now open. Alignment with club initiatives and strategies. Member involvement strategies and task force use.

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### Upcoming Events:

November 16 Board Meeting (zoom)

November 19 Friday 7pm-9pm Member meeting, OFFICER ELECTIONS. Oakview

December 3, 6pm, Holiday Party @ Jerico’s

December 21 Board Meeting (zoom)

**Show and Tell: Luke told of his early interest in R/C airplanes at his uncle’s funeral home.**

**Raffle: A heli, Buccaneer OT, hat and glider.**

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:50 Motion by: Kevin Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Attence about 40

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

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### Field Projects:

- ~~1. New electrical outlets in pavilion. Done! (Paul, Ron, Greg)~~
- ~~2. Lower shelves on all start up stands. Done! (Cole & Shaun)~~
- ~~3. Re-do safety fence netting, too weak, pulls thru zip ties.~~
4. Parking lot stones. (Parks)

### Solo Pilots past year:

1. Water run off issues. (Parks)
- ~~2. Work morning 8/28, 9am-noon to prep for Labor Day.~~

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Rick Kellogg blank

Sam Bergman blank

Nathan Biles blank

Leonard Griffith blank

Sid Singh—June 2021

Jim Boomsma—October 2021

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**~~Strike Thru= certificate & picture done~~**

## **Omahawks Business Meeting October Minutes**

October 19, 2021 at 7:00pm at Oakview and via Zoom

**Board Members: Paul, Shaun, Kevin, Rick, Luke, Cole, Norris, Skip B.**

**Guests: Greg Ruhe, Hague, Grant Schulte, Ron Pacana**

### **Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports:**

**Treasurer Report:** (Kevin) Reviewed and accepted financial reports. The 20<sup>th</sup> auction grossed over \$15,000 for just over 320 items and the club netted \$2,248 that

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included \$518 from the food sales. Nice job Kevin and the food team! (Weeks & Edmunds)

**Membership Count: 185 (final)**

**Newsletter Report:** (Joe) Do biographies, Safety article (Bob Wheeler), solo pilots, events.

**Old Business:**

**Field Improvements:**

Sheds: clean out speakers, TV screen, computers. (Store at Oakview with Omahawks stickers.) Shut down toilet late November. Add another camera? More signs needed to warn against walking across field on south side. Basic tools to be put in RR shed by next spring. Meet with Parks on driveway ruts, runway sealing, wood fence repair.

**Marketing ideas:** (Norris) Video presentation revisit. Meeting with Parks to co-market. SAC event, include Offutt pilot (Ron, Derrick, others?). Ask members for ideas to spruce it up. New initiatives need new club member champions. Use subcommittees for those initiatives (Kevin's idea). Talk with HobbyTown about a "fact sheet" to join Omahawks. ( See attached. Rick to distribute to HobbyTown.) Social platform for club events? (Check it out for next year.)

**Club apparel : Next order opportunity to order will be in Spring.**

**Training program** (Rick): Overall summary email sent to volunteers. Main points were sent in an email to volunteers as follows:

First of all, **THANK YOU** for your dedicated and capable service to the Thursday night training program! We had a great season of training, thanks to your efforts! (I attached an Excel spreadsheet that has tracked the training activity for this season.) We had:

1. Over 500 training flights by both members and guests.
2. We had 84+ guests take at least 1 test flight and 36 members joined us to fly.
3. We have contact information for most of the guests that were captured on tracking cards made by Tom Gulizia and suggested by Harry Perkons. We will stay in touch over the winter.
4. Many training nights we had 20 or more flyers and many spectators. It was common on nice days to have close to 50 people involved!
5. We have had over 20 solo pilots over the past year and a half.
6. It was a **SAFE** flying season! Yes we had a couple of crashes, but no harm was

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done, except to the airplane.

7. We made extensive use of two flight simulators: one in the RR shed and another in the pavilion. Shaun Brothers did a great job manning them and helping to assess guest's flying skills. Thank you Shaun!

8. The **FUN QUOTA** was "off the charts"! We had lots of smiles and giggles from the kids and newbies that flew!

Next Spring, ADD Tuesday night for informal flying and additional practice. (Roll into the evening and night flying.)

**AMA:** incentive program via link on omahawks.org (still active thru 2021)

**Website:** FAA # is needed for new members. (Trust test to be required.)

**StemAHA Day:** Next year looking at 9/24/22. Relocate to Eppley (larger facility) is being evaluated.

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**Auction:** Assessment was that it went well, particularly with 2 auctioneers at the same time. Lots of low cost items, with \$48 average sale. Logistics limited access to viewing items after start of bidding. Need to put items back where they started, once sold. Need a table to queue for upcoming sale items.

**October member meeting 10/29, 7pm at Oakview Mall, EAA80 store front.**

**November member meeting date is 11/19** and will include officer slate. Need to have a job description for Safety Officer (AMA has one).

**Holiday party** survey online to determine interest. Please respond on website by 10/31.

Oakview Mall Halloween party 10/22, 5-8pm.

Volunteer of the Year time.

Get rubber stamp for hand out stuff (Tom G.?)

Eagle Scout dedication of pavilion next Spring.

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**Meeting Adjourned:8:35pm**

**--Motion by: Luke**

**Seconded by: Paul**

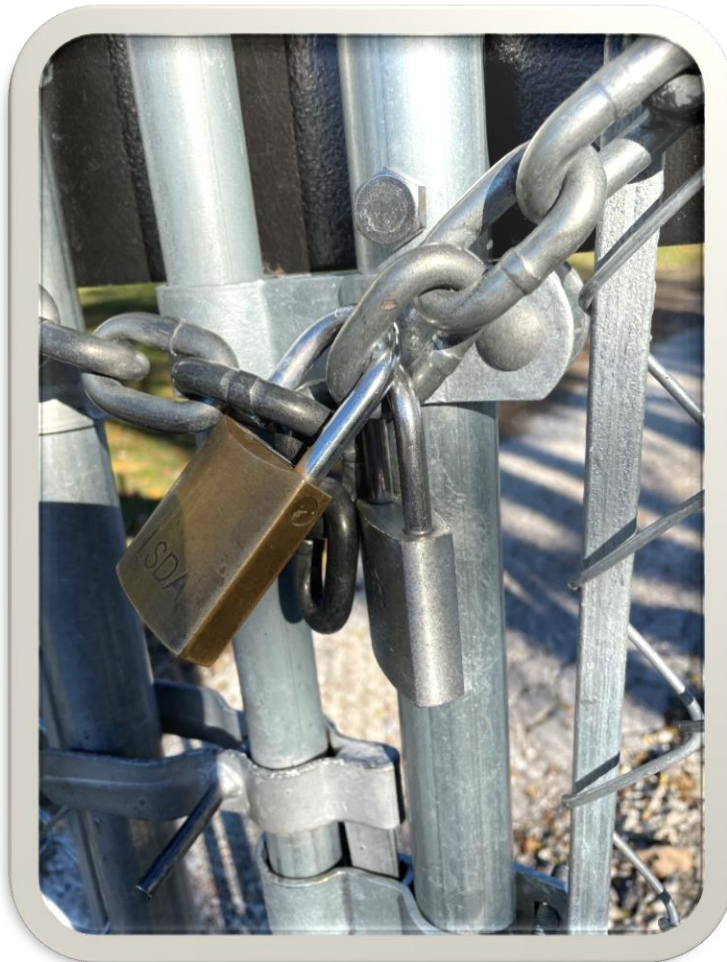
### **Officer Project Alignment/Responsibility for 2021:**

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### **Field Projects:**

1. Pavilion roof shingles need replacing on peek.
2. Parking lot stones. (Parks?)
3. Water run off issues. (Parks)

## **Members Hints**



**What is wrong with this picture?**



## Feature Articles

### Omahawks Winter Balsa/Foam Building Workshop

Omahawks weekly balsa/foam building workshop is "off the ground"! We had ten attendees at our first build workshop that will be held every Thursday, from 5-7pm (except holidays) at Able Ace in Oakview Mall.



(L to R) Greg R, Jim B, Grant S (back), Kris M



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Jim Henley, Skip, and Ron Pacana got tools and supplies organized. Construction began on the electric powered SIG Senior (with ailerons), repair of trainers commenced, Kris Miller worked on his foam jet, Grant Schulte started his balsa build.



(L to R) Iain M (back), Skip B, Ron P (low), Greg R, Jim H, Grant S

Greg Ruhe brought a drill press and we have a Dremel jig saw set up, Ed Paasch delivered 72mgz radio equipment. Iain Marshall assessed what foam board supplies we have and need to get started on **Flite Test** projects.

Supplies are stored in a red rolling tool chest. Kits, props, wheels, balsa, plywood, electronics, engines, motors, partial builds and more trainers are stored in the back storage area.

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**NOTE: if you have a need for any of these parts/supplies/components for your CURRENT project, come and check it out and take what you need! (Just let Rick know so he can keep tabs on the inventory available.)**



(L to R) Skip B, Ron P (low), Greg R, Jim H

Check us out on Thursday from 5-7pm. You can even get dinner there, walk the mall or get some fall clothes at one of the malls stores!

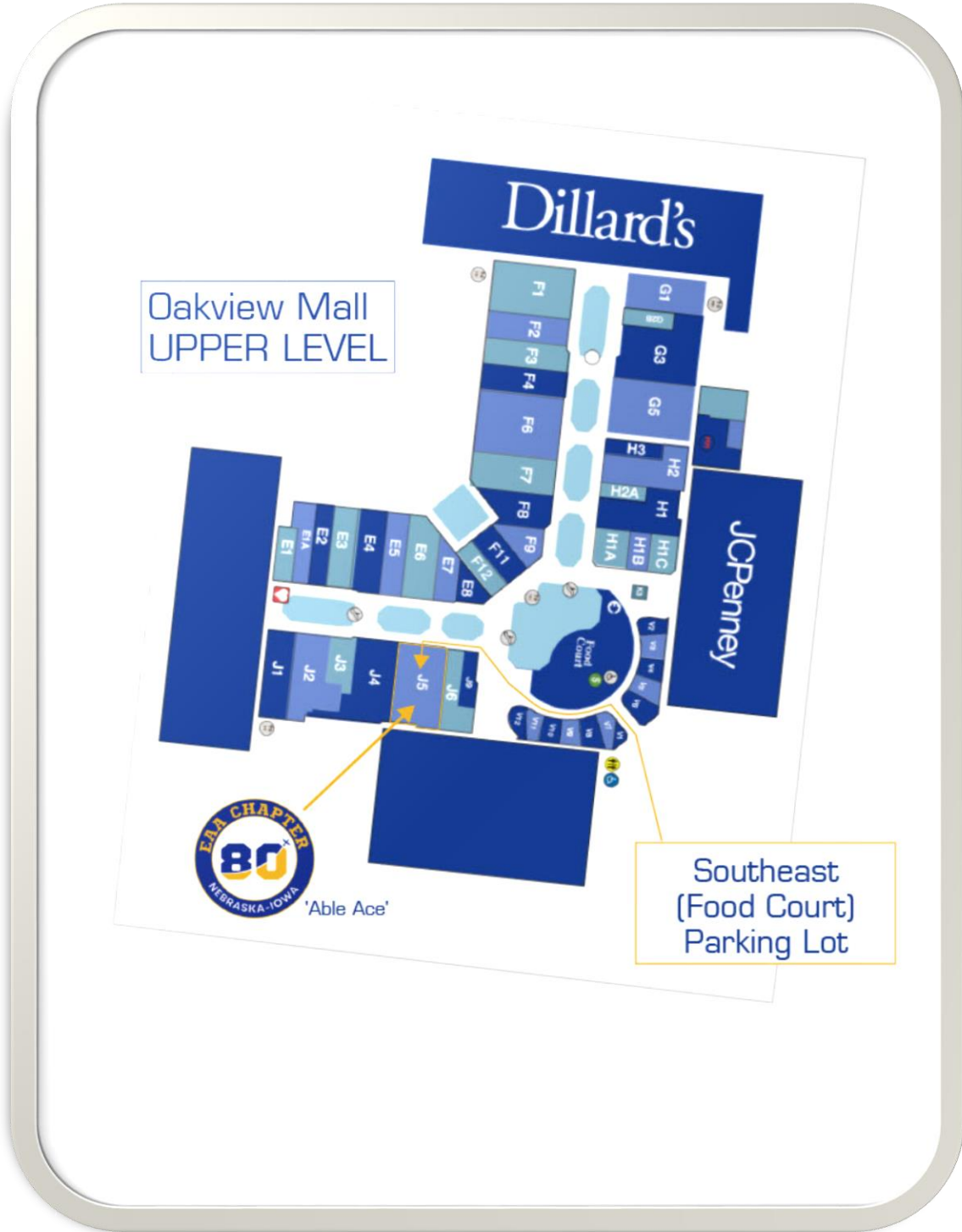
Also starting during the same time will be a group of flyers interested in **Flite Test** type builds led by our own **Iain Marshall**.

So come out to the mall on Thursday Nights for some fun building, flying stories and fellowship as well! Picture of location is below!

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See you soon!

Rick Sessions, Build workshop coordinator, **article author and picture taker!**



**This is the location of the Builds in Oak View Mall!**



## 42ND Annual Omahawks Labor Day Air Show

On September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 the Omahawks RC flying club hosted their 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Labor Day Air Show. The club's annual fundraiser event has benefited Make-A-Wish of Nebraska since 1984. The airshow is truly a labor of love for the club, and volunteers began setting up the event starting around 8 AM, many hours before the show began.



### Ariel Shot of our 42<sup>ND</sup> Labor Day Show

The Omahawks couldn't have ordered better weather for the event. The bright summer sun climbed high into the clear blue Midwestern sky. Temperatures climbed into the high 80s during the airshow, but a light breeze kept the pilots and crowd relatively comfortable. It might have felt a little warm, but the weather was just right for selling ice cold pop and water to the crowd of spectators.

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### Our Spectators

Club secretary Rick Sessions and his concessions crew stocked the picnic shelter with all the best concessions. Ice cold pop and bottled water, hot dogs, pizza, baked goods, and candy were all offered up to keep the public well fed and hydrated.



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Jeff P interview while demonstrating First Person View (FPV) Flying

Helen Paasch and her crew of friends and club volunteers staffed the door prize tent and sold tickets to pilots and spectators hoping to win a prize or two.

**HobbytownUSA** donated a new Eflite Apprentice 15e RTF trainer as the grand prize. Other prizes included a 32" high-definition smart TV, Hobbytown USA gift cards, a slow cooker, a Baby Yoda body pillow, headphones, blue tooth speakers, games, sporting goods, and more.

Tom Gulizia, and Iain Marshall headed up the special raffle table. Working with Commemorative Air Force, the club was raffling off a chance to ride in Larry Lumpkin's "Gunfighter" P-51 Mustang. With a maximum of only 100 tickets being sold, folks were lining up to buy a chance to ride in such a rare and historic aircraft.

Pilot Scott Molk started off the day's festivities promptly at 11:45 AM with a terrific U-Control demonstration from the center of the runway, thrilling the crowd with some truly spectacular aerobatics. An old Chuck Berry tune "Around and Around"



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played over the public address system as Scott demonstrated that control line flying is alive and well.

Dozens of pilots spent the day proudly displaying the thrilling sport of radio control flying to hundreds of onlookers. Robert Green demonstrated the NSRCA Masters' pattern sequence. Fred Wilke thrilled kids and adults alike with his flying Superman model.



Fred W putting Superman through his paces!

Gabriel Sandoval flew his turbine-powered jet to the delight of both spectators and his fellow pilots, demonstrating the true speed and power available to today's elite radio control pilots.

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Gabe and his Turbine Jet wowing the crowd

After a couple of hours of amazing displays of radio control flying, the Omahawks took an intermission to meet a very special young man and his family. Ollie is a nine-year old boy and a Make-A-Wish recipient from Omaha, NE. Ollie and his family talked to the crowd about Make-A-Wish of Nebraska and what a tremendous impact having Ollie's wish granted had on Ollie and his whole family. Nearly a hundred Nebraska families were granted wishes last year thanks to the efforts of donors like the Omahawks RC club and other organizations.

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Our Guest of Honor Ollie!

From there the show continued on with another two hours of terrific flying demonstrations. Dick Behrens led the old timer and electric glider segments with elegant displays of flying. Joe Cole wowed the crowd with his scale Gyro copter model. RC flying legend Dean Copeland was on hand to lead the Military and Civilian scale flying segments. Skip Brown launched waves of model rockets throughout the event. Jeff Pinnt headed up the quad copter segment. Bob Wheeler organized the multi-wing segment for biplanes and tri-planes to fly together. After one last round of electric streamer combat, it was time to land.

The sky above Hawk Field was filling up with the unmistakable sound of an air ambulance coming in to land. Life Net Air Medical Services had been invited out to join the fun at 4 PM to close the show, and they were gracious to oblige. The folks who stayed late were treated to the sight of the helicopter landing at the north end of the flight line. Once the aircraft was secure, the public was invited out to see the helicopter up close and chat with the crew.



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Life Net Air Medical Services

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It was the perfect end to a spectacular afternoon of flying and fun. An estimated crowd of over 900 spectators worked their way through Standing Bear Lake Park that day to enjoy the show. The food and drinks were sold, the door prizes given away, donations were collected, and one lucky winner earned a ride in a P-51 Mustang. With the help of Rotella's Bakery, O'Daniel Honda, Stoysich House of Sausage, and a lot of work from volunteers, with that **Omahawks raised an amazing \$7,100.00 to benefit Make-A-Wish** of Nebraska that day.

**It was a new all-time record for the Omahawks Labor Day Air Show.**

One that all members can be proud of!

*Editors Note: Special Thanks to Ed P for his work leading the Labor day event, this article and the photographs provided! This truly makes my job a lot easier!!*

## **Re-kitting an ARF**

As we as modelers know, accidents happen despite our best efforts. After suffering a fly-a-way by one of my planes, after it was recovered from a neighbors back yard in Hillsboro, what now?

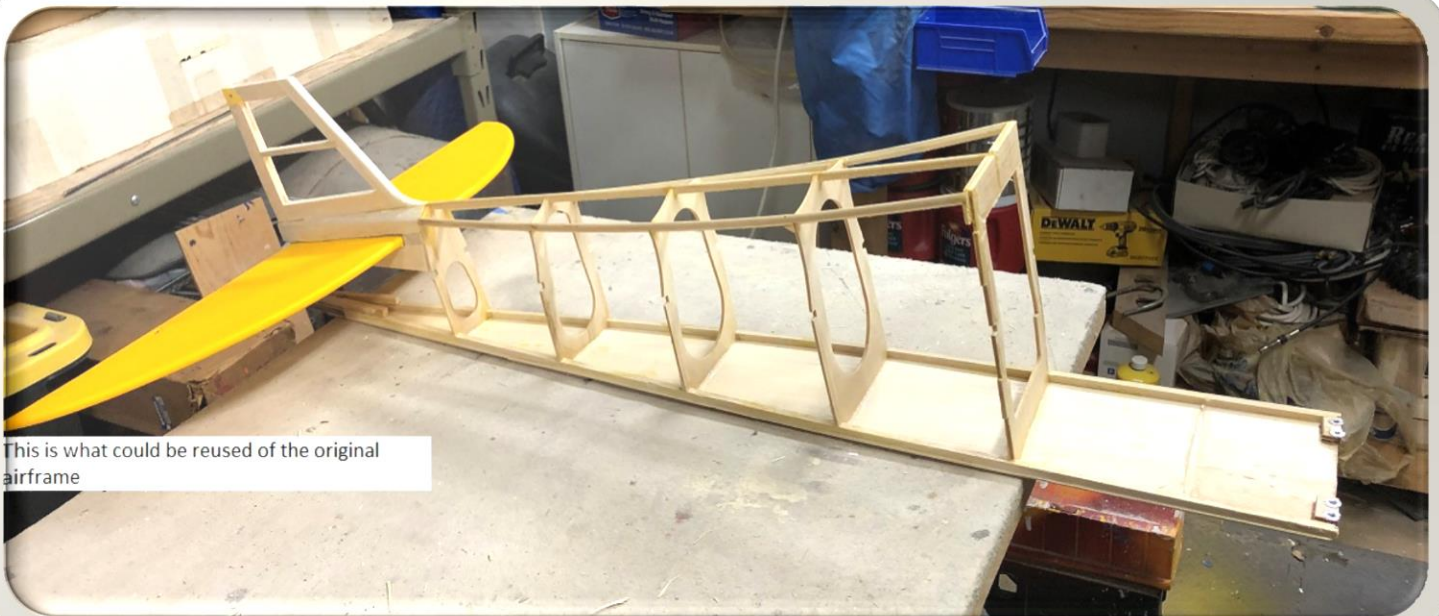


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Fuselage formers and doublers after removal from donor plane

I was able to source another Great Planes Cub that had been crashed and was able to salvage enough from both aircraft to rebuild one.

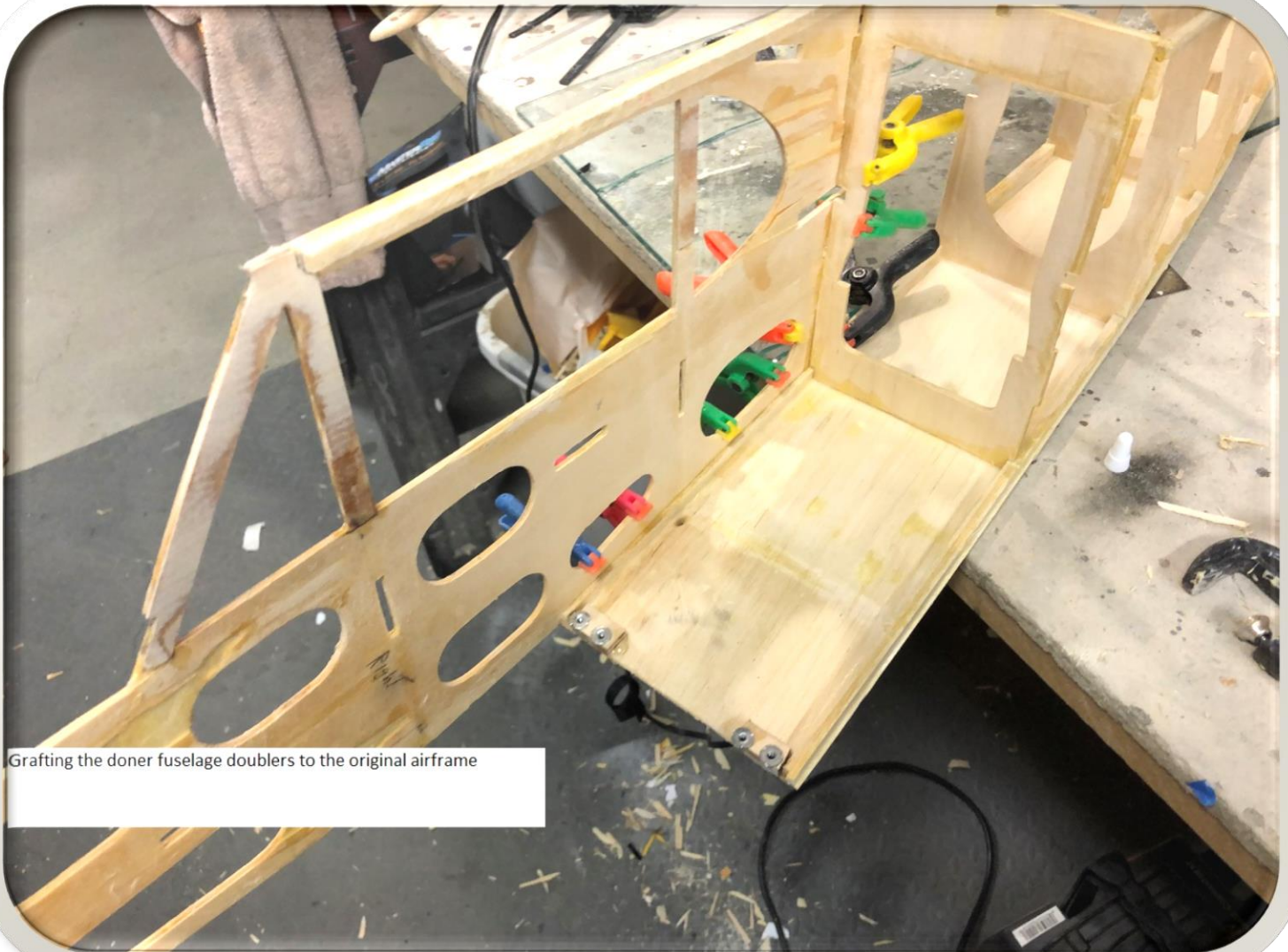


This is what could be reused of the original airframe



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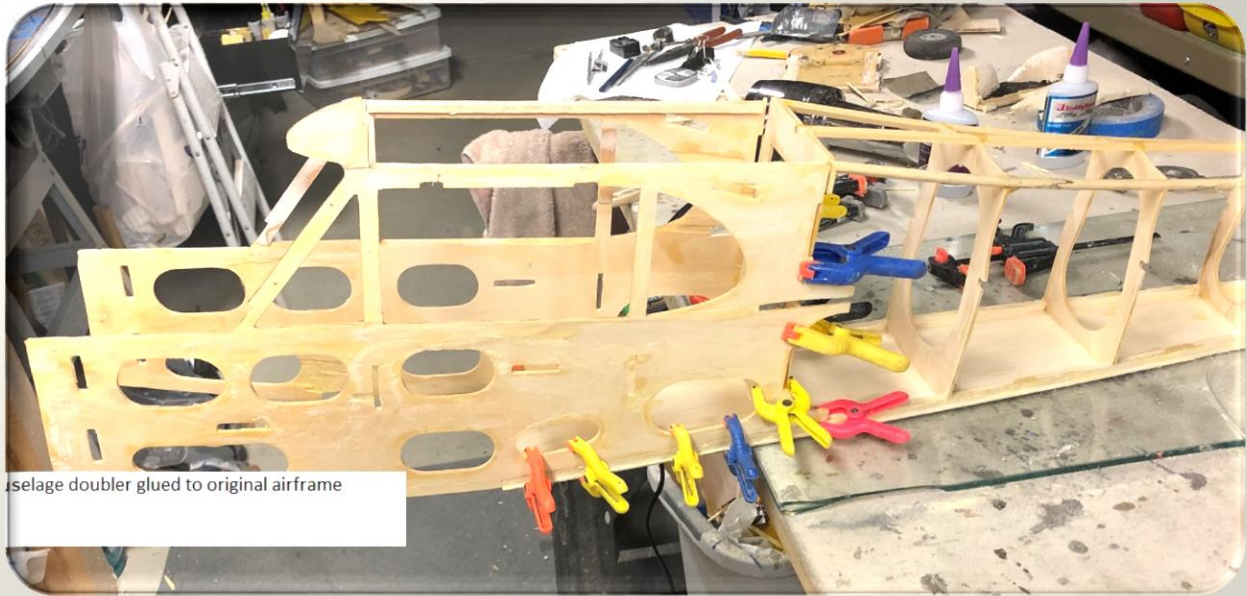
One of the nice things about today's A.R. F's is they are assembled with "hot glue" this makes them fairly easy to take apart. So, I took my Monokote heat gun and heated the parts to separate them. Once I had all the pieces, I took those that were usable / repairable, removed all of the glue, sanded the parts smooth and proceeded to rebuild the fuselage.



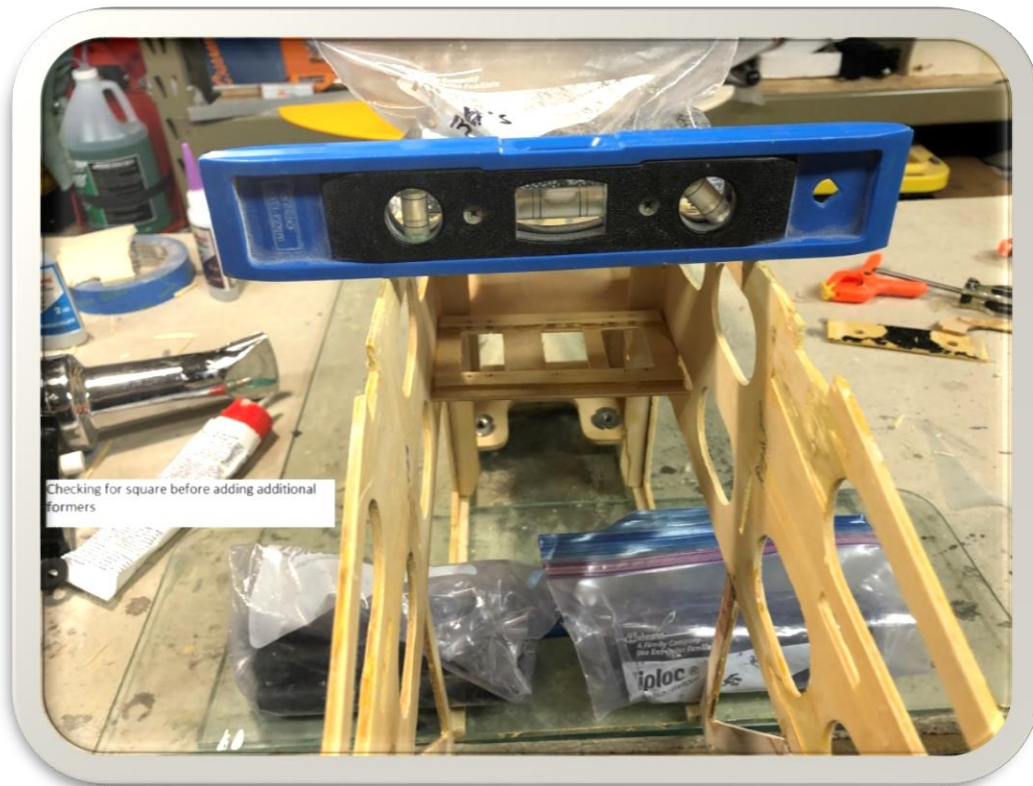
Grafting the doner fuselage doublers to the original airframe

This takes time, but with some patience, I should be able to make one airplane from two crashed models.

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I will continue to document the process and with any luck by next flying season have my Cub back and hopefully this process will inspire some of you to take on rebuilding one of your favorite aircraft.



Article and Pictures courtesy of Jim Henley



## Annual Omahawks RC Auction 2021

Thanks to everyone that helped or participated in the auction last month. It was a big success with a total sale of **\$15,335**. The club takes 10% of that. Including registration from **108 customers**, no sales fees and donation sales the club took in \$2,171. The concessions made \$518 to add to the total. After expenses for printing, mailing and space rental the club ended up **with \$2,348!!**



This was a great effort by a big group of helpers including Bryan & Sharon Weeks taking the lead on concessions with help from Paul and Cindy Edmunds.

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Thanks to Helen and Ed Paasch and Jeff Pinnt for their help with the computers and auctioneering; Harry and Brad Perkons for help in registration; Mikey and Daniel for scribing; other auctioneers Luke Hughes and Fred Wilke.



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I know there was a bunch of people working with staging planes and sales item lead by Iain Marshall. Thanks to everyone involved.

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As you know the funds raised go to supporting the regular club events throughout the year.

***Thanks Kevin! Article and Pictures provided by Kevin H and Grant S!***

## 2022 Club Memberships

As of October 1 2021, the Omahawks will be accepting memberships for the 2022 membership year. A new requirement for membership this year is that an FAA number must be specified in your profile.



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It is important the club members comply with the FAA regulations governing "drone" activity, or as FAA terms UAS (unmanned aircraft systems). The regulation is 14 CFR 107 and is referred to as the Small UAS Rule. That regulation requires that all UAS be registered. If you are not yet registered you can register at <https://FAAdronezone.faa.gov>. It costs \$5 for a registration that's good for 3 years. Our local FAA representative has contacted board members and indicated that they would be frequenting the field to see that we are in compliance with this rule. Including your FAA number on your membership card will assure that you always have that information with you when flying.

When renewing your membership on-line please make sure you have that information available and enter it in the FAA field of your profile. Some members chose to send me a check in the mail when renewing. That is perfectly acceptable and I'll be happy to process the membership but I will need to know your FAA registration number to complete the process.

Another requirement in this rule is that recreational flyers must complete **The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST)**.

You can find a link to this at [www.faa.gov/uas/recreational\\_fliers/](http://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/). You will have the opportunity at the end of the test to print a certificate documenting the completion. You should print this document and keep it with your flight box or transmitter so you have it at the field.

Kevin Hyde

### Upcoming Events

- **\*\* Breakfast get-together every Tuesday Morning @ Hy-Vee, 10808 Fort St, Omaha**

**Every Thursday --10:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Indoor Flying @ Community of Christ Church GYM, 140 Kaneshville Blvd, Council Bluffs, IA 51503.** For further information email Kevin: [ulavenger@yahoo.com](mailto:ulavenger@yahoo.com) **No flying Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Come fly in the gym with us where the weather is always perfect every Thursday!  
Winter Build Workshop

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- **Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Winter Build Workshop @ Oakview Mall,** New meeting place. Enter Mall from south side, go through food court, bare left, 3rd store front on left
- **Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 7:00 PM General Meeting Start @ Oakview Mall,** New meeting place. Enter Mall from south side, go through food court, bare left, 3rd store front on left
- **Nov 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Winter Build Workshop @ Oakview Mall,** New meeting place. Enter Mall from south side, go through food court, bare left, 3rd store front on left
- **Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Winter Build Workshop @ Oakview Mall,** New meeting place. Enter Mall from south side, go through food court, bare left, 3rd store front on left
- **Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 - Christmas Party**
- **Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Winter Build Workshop @ Oakview Mall,** New meeting place. Enter Mall from south side, go through food court, bare left, 3rd store front on left
- **Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Winter Build Workshop @ Oakview Mall,** New meeting place. Enter Mall from south side, go through food court, bare left, 3rd store front on left
- **Dec 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Board Meeting @ Oakview Mall - Enter Mall from south side, go through food court, bare left, 3rd store front on left**  
**All members are encouraged to attend**

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- **Dec 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Winter Build Workshop @ Oakview Mall,**  
New meeting place. Enter Mall from south side, go through food court, bare left,  
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- **Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 – First Flight – 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM** (depending on weather) Start  
without me! **But Take Pictures!**
- **Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Winter Build Workshop @ Oakview Mall,**  
New meeting place. Enter Mall from south side, go through food court, bare left,  
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- **Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Winter Build Workshop @ Oakview Mall,**  
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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)