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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, Sept 27, 2018—7:00 PM – 9:00PM *Standing Bear Lake Park, at 138th and Fort Street...

MEETING PROGRAM: Club updates, bring something to show at the meeting!!

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, Sept 18, 2018-- 7:00PM – 8:30PM *Church of the Cross, 1517 S 114th St.



President's Message!

Fellow Omahawks: The skies cleared, the engines started, the food cooked, the raffle began, Ed talked, the music played and we pulled off another successful Labor Day Airshow!!

Thank you to the many helpers, organizers, workers, crowd controllers, cooks, pilots, parkers, ticket takers and participants! It took the whole club to make our wish come true for Make-A-Wish. We expect to send them a check for almost \$3,800 to help make a child's wish come true. I couldn't be prouder!

Check out the flying events in September and come on out to the field. We plan to add a chili cook off and night fly to the October schedule. If you have a flying event idea let us know!

Happy flying! Rick Sessions

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Omahawks General Meeting, August 31, 2018, CTO 7PM.

CTO 7PM

Rick Sessions, President. Hawk Field.

Newsletter is looking great. Thanks, Joe!

Pattern Contest had 19 entrants. Good contest. F3A level competition. Good weather. Thanks Omahawks for letting us use the field.

Much hard work was done to trim the Cottonwood north of the stands. Luke, Sam and others worked together. Thank You! Jacob, the grass is looking fantastic! Thanks to the Boy Scouts for their efforts as well.

More runway maintenance will be needed. TBA

Dennis can still order shirts if anyone is interested.

Auction is coming up Sept 30 Millard Social Hall.

Membership is 114. Steady. Would like to see more events taking place. Accepting suggestions for easy events.

Air Show. Ed P will Emcee again. Thank You Ed!! Schedule is made up. Need pilots with Red/White/Blue. Scale plane event. Buy Raffle tickets early. Gas turbines will fly again this year. Spectator seating area will be smaller to improve safety. Share canopy tents if you can. 2 Corporate Sponsors will contribute \$750. Pilots please fly from the flying pads near the pits.

New Solo tonight is Nathan Wallace. Congratulations, Nathan!

Adjourn 7:20.

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Omahawks Board Meeting Minutes, August 17, 2018, CTO 7:00 PM.

No meeting notes were provided at the time of sending out the September Newsletter

Need help with a build project? Please contact one of our Technical Advisors.

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Feature Article

I personally been intrigued by history my entire life, and the more I find out about the club in general, the more I would like to compile a written record of the Clubs history. To

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that end I asked Dick Behrens to help me get started, the below submission was provided by him, and compiled from the sources listed at the bottom of this submission.

SUMMARY - SOME OMAHAWK/HAWKFIELD REAL ESTATE HISTORY (28 Feb 2015)
As understood from sources noted at end. Author joined Omahawks in 1990.

The Omahawks club was established in 1953. Their early flying fields were located at: Benson Park at first, others locations was Sunset Speedway (west of Irvington). Also at 156th Street, one block south of Dodge (as a 2nd field Oct 1969) and then 132 Street one mile north of Hwy 36, Tranquility Park (120th south of Fort), 172 and Ida Street (1979-July 1985), various sites around Dam 16 including a smaller part of what is now Hawkfield that was also used some by the Western Flyers during 1979-1986 (in 1986 Western Flyers got the Meade Field location), then Omahawks (their 7th field since 1953).

It appeared the Omaha City made some land available for a public RC field early on (like city base ball parks). Construction of Dam 16, after flooding occurred in 1964 and 65, which resulted in the [loss of seven lives](#), the Corps of Engineers was ordered to study flood control in the Papio Creek Basin. As part of their plan included Dam 16. Before a dam as this could be built it had to have a local sponsor to show congress that the dam was supported locally and the sponsor would provide future operation and maintenance to achieve the authorized purposes.

The City of Omaha agreed to be the local sponsor via a lease agreement with the Corps, Dept of Army No DACW45-1-76-6131. Congress authorized and appropriated federal funds to build the Dam. The authorized purposes were flood protection, recreation, fish and wildlife enhancement and water quality. Construction of the dam began in mid 1972.

The embankment closing the stream flow occurred in Oct 1972. Initial fill of the multipurpose pool occurred in Oct 1977, five years later. Streambed elevation 1060 Spillway crest (top flood pool) 1121, top of Dam 1130
Multipurpose pool top 1104 Max Pool (top surcharge pool) 1127 (max pool to date 1108.6 on Jun 12, 2008).

1986 Happenings. In 1986, the Omahawks RC Flying Club, (having voluntarily left their RC flying field on Ida Street, after a new neighbor's (who moved in Aug 1981) complained of noise (starting in 1982), filed a private \$50,000 nuisance & ordinance lawsuit "[Burgess vs Omahawks](#)", and subsequent Nebraska Supreme Court's ruling on Jan 25, 1985 in club's favor), had a temporary arrangement to use a smaller part of what is now Hawkfield. In search of a more permanent and improved flying field, the club asked the City if the temporary field could be made larger. The City and Corps were both

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open to this and approved the idea but would not provide any funding. The initial management contract between the City and Omahawks was dated Aug 12, 1986. Land acquisition Parcel "B" puzzle, etc. Since the Corps (federal government) does not normally acquire land located above top of dam elevation, they did not buy all the land (hill) where Hawkfield is now located. The Corps acquired land located approximately north of the middle of the now asphalt runway and east and west of the runway (including a Parcel A).

Land between the middle of the runway and south to Fort Street (11 acres-a Parcel B), that had just been put up for sale, was purchased by a group of interested RC people, to provide for safer flight takeoffs and approach landings, improving the field and facilities for a permanent home. This was quickly accomplished before housing could be built where the southern part of Hawkfield is now located. (This was probably around the time that land was sold to the family that eventually built the white house near the Fort Street park entrance.)

This group was formed in the summer 1986, had 46 stockholders and was named "Hawk Land Co Inc.". Stockholders had reasonable assurance they would get their money back. The "Hawk Land Co Inc." paid the land owner (Patricia & Robert Bowen) \$42,027.74 for this 11 acres of land, then leased it to the Omahawks club. The company also had to borrow from a bank (\$28,500 from DCL&T) to come up with \$42,000.

After some time, in order to pay the stockholders back in a timely manner, the City purchased (\$42,500) this land from the Hawk Land Co..... The Land Co was then taken over and owned by the Omahawks. Once Land Co was then allowed to die by not paying the Nebraska Corporative tax for 1988. On Dec 8, 1987, the Omahawks club then contracted with the City to use this land paying an annual so called rental fee of \$3600 for a 12 year period ($\$3600 \times 12 = \$43,200$ & near what the Land Co paid for this 11 acreage). This was paid off by the Omahawks club in 2001. The County Assessor now has the City as the owner of this parcel "B".

Mid Sept to Mid Nov 1986. During this period, the hill was leveled off by heavy equipment from Strategic Air Command (SAC) using their engineers, marine operators and a large grader/ caterpillar from an anonymous contractor using their expert operators. SAC's involvement was part of a training exercise and was arranged by a few club members who were also military men stationed at Offutt. The volunteer grading was at little or no cost to the club and paramount. A sheep foot roller was also rented for one day. This enabled a 40 foot wide by 400 foot long asphalt runway to be installed by mid Nov.

The cost for asphaltting the runway was \$8900 and paid by the club. While the field was shut down for construction, club members were invited to fly at club member Bill

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Durands field on north 84th street.

PARCEL "B" OWNERSHIP PAID ACCESSORS BOOKS (FOR TAXES)

Walter Harder/Douglas Land Co in 1972, Robert and Patricia Bowen in 1986, Hawk Land Co* Paid \$42,027.74 to Bowen's in 1986 Hawk Land Co. City Of Omaha Paid \$42,500 to Land Co in 1987 City (pays no taxes), City of Omaha** Omahawks paid the City.

\$43,200 over 12 year period 1990 thru 2001 as a onetime rental fee.

*Hawk Land Co was allowed to die in 1988.

** Assessor's office said via phone call on Jan 20, 2015 that the City is listed on the books as owner. The major players during this time were both members of the Hawk Land Co and Omahawks. Three of these were the Club president, **Ron Van Oeveren**, newsletter editor, **Olie Olson**, and treasurer, **Air Force Major Wayne Dickey**. A fourth very important player was Omaha City Councilman, Bernie Simon, who was first contacted in 1985 then arranged to get an Ordinance through the City Council(7-0 vote on Feb 18, 1986) that permitted this land to be used for developing a suburban model air plane field. (Sadly, Mr. Simon died in Apr 1988 at age 60, while serving as mayor since Feb 1987, following the recall of Mike Boyle.)

Sources: Some long time Omahawks' members, former members and files that **Larry Quigley** gave me in mid January that included old newsletters (Larry was the secretary of the Hawk Land Co, inc.).

Corps real estate map for Dam 16.

Corps 2011 Annual Omaha District Reservoir Report.

NE Supreme Court findings & verdict Jan 25, 1985.

Feb 28, 2015 Dick Behrens

A huge shout out to Dick on pulling this together!

Past Events

Omaha Pattern Championship

Omahawks Members, On August 11th and 12th your club sponsored the 2018 Omaha Pattern Championships. The weekend had perfect flying weather and there were many participants from the surrounding states, 19 contestants in all participated across 6 classes of skill Level (Sportsman, Intermediate, Advance, Masters, F3A silver and

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F3A). Contestants were from Colorado, Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, Michigan and Nebraska. Bob Wheeler and Mikey Furrow hosted the event with Robert Green supporting behinds the scenes this year. Local flyers were Brian Weeks flying in Sportsman, Mikey and Mike Yearly of Lincoln flying Intermediate as well as Bob flying in Advanced. All in all another great contest which this club has sponsored for over many years and should be very proud of.

No contest works without the support of great help. Thanks to Helen Paasch, Jeff Pinnt, Mandy and Bunny Furrow, Dan Wheeler (my brother filled in for Dennis B cooking) and of course Robert and Mikey who helped to make this a success.

If you want to improve your flying skills and like a little friendly competition let myself, Mikey or Robert know. Contests are fun and you build good friendships with other clubs from around the Midwest.

Sportsman - 1st = Jacob Adler, 2nd = Brian Weeks, 3rd=Lynn Richardson
Intermediate - 1st = Larry Mowrey, 2nd = Mikey Furrow, 3rd = Mike Yearly
Advance - 1st = Brian Dorff, 2nd = Lanny Hansen, 3rd = Bob Wheeler,
Masters = Chuck Shone, 2nd = Jonathan Mowrey, 3rd = Vince Bortone
F3A Joe Pirozzoli, Brenner Sharp, Mark Woytassek

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Bob Wheeler

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Brian Dorff



Mike Yearly

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Mikey Furrow

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Electric Sailplanes August 22nd Hawkfield



We had the perfect flying day for our sailplanes.

Pilots pictured with their planes from left to right. Dick Behrens, Frank Wisniski, Tim Peters, Rick Sessions. Bud Mitchell, Bob Zitzlsperger, Gale Sherman, Tom Egbert, Loren Blinde. (Photo taken by Janet Peters)

Pilots and observers not in photo, Dean Copeland, Jud Bock, Dennis Bender, Ron Pacana, Bob Turner, Tom Floyd, Jack Mechanic, and Dan Cramer,

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Picture of Loren Blinde from Lincoln with his sail plane (132inch wing span)

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Dick B with his plane.

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Bud Mitchell and Bob Zitzlsperger

The next scheduled sail plane event will be held Wednesday Sept. 19th. The Last one for the season.

For this event we are going to include also with the Electric sailplanes, Electric Old Timer planes. They also look for thermals as well.

Frank Wisniski

Upcoming Events

- Breakfast get together every **Tuesday Morning** -- 8:30 AM – approximately 11:00 AM @ **Hy-Vee, 10808 Fort St, Omaha**

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- **September 13, 2018--6:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Training Night - Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake**
- **August 18, 2018--8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Board Meeting - Church of the Cross, 1517 S 114th St.** All Members are encouraged to attend!!
- **August 19, 2018--8:00 AM – 12:00 PM -- Electric Sail Planes Fun fly - Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake**
- **September 20, 2018--6:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Training Night - Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake**
- **September 22, 2018 - 8:30 AM (Electrics) 9:00 AM till 1:00 PM - Float Fly - Standing Bear Lake Dock**
 - **Note Hawk Field Closed to 72 MHZ users during Float Fly..**
- **September 26, 2018--9:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Old timer Fun Fly - Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake**
- **September 27, 2018--6:00 PM – 9:00 PM – Training Night - Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake**
- **September 28, 2018--6:00 PM – 9:00 PM – General Meeting - Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake**
- **September 30, 2018 – Doors open at 6:00 AM, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM - Annual Omahawks RC Auction held at the Millard Social Hall located at: 10508 S 144th Street, Omaha Contact Kevin Hyde for volunteer positions**
- **October 16, 2018--8:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Board Meeting - Church of the Cross, 1517 S 114th St.** All Members are encouraged to attend!!
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