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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, Jan 29, 2020—7:00 PM – 9:00 PM **Call in PC/Phone using APP**
Zoom MEETING PROGRAM: Club updates, bring something to virtually share / show, Zoom Details to follow.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, Dec 15, 2020-- 7:00PM – 8:30PM **Call in PC/Phone using APP**
Zoom MEETING PROGRAM: Club updates, virtual cookies, and committee updates

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!



Luke Hughes

New RC Club's President's Message for December 2020

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I'm thrilled to be appointed the Omahawks RC Club's incoming president.

My enthusiasm to participate in the club has been fueled by its active members and history.

Rick Sessions, our president the last three years, has served our club in an extraordinary fashion. He had strong leadership characteristics and ability to align excited members (and even some unexcited ones), to achieve goals the leaders felt important for continued success.

I'm honored to have been considered and mentored by Rick to fill the presidential position for 2021 and look forward to fulfilling the leadership duties.

Squeeze some flying in somewhere in this mild December weather we have.

Enjoy the holiday season and look forward to more fun in '21!

Luke Hughes

Announcing Our 2021 Board of Directors

President: Luke Hughes

Vice President: Paul Edmunds

Secretary: Rick Sessions

Forever Treasurer: Kevin Hyde

Field Chairman: Cole Meyo

Board Members:

Ron Beauchene

Dennis Bender

Skip Brown

Shaun Brothers

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Dan Fitzgerald

Norris Hoover

All members are welcome to join in on our Zoom business meetings at any time. Just call an officer for the link.

Have a Happy Holiday Season! Rick Sessions

Omahawks General Meeting Minutes: 12/4/20

Called to order by Rick S at the home of Paul and Cindy Edmunds at 7:00 PM. This was a ZOOM Meeting because of COVID-19 restrictions. 37 Members were in attendance.

Rick presented Volunteer Awards to Paul and Cindy Edmunds along with Ron Pacana! (See detailed article in the December 2020 Newsletter.)

First the traveling yearly **Volunteer of the Year award to Paul & Cindy Edmunds** for all there help during this year which was a very trying year for all. A lot of work was still accomplished at the field even though many of the flying functions had to be canceled.

Next a much-deserved **Volunteer of the Decade award went to Ron Pacana** for his many years of service to the club, not just this last year but for his many years of helping many of us. From covering planes for others to his expertise of the engines that power them. Many years of help at the field including the tree/brush removal, runway repair/ replacement, metal shed building and deck expansion. Ron and wife Gracie donated home made egg rolls to sell at the Labor Day event for many years. This is a well-deserved award for Ron. Most all club members have relied on Ron at one time or another for help with their airplane building and/or engine repair.

Old Business

Next Luke H. gave a short talk on some of the Old business that finished the year

New Business

Kevin explained the By-Law change that would allow for the option to expansion of

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the Board members from 4 to 6. This was first put up for discussion. Tom G made a motion to revise the By-Laws and was seconded, voted on and approved by the Members in attendance on the ZOOM Meeting.

Opened up for additional nominees there were no additional nominees

Rick and Kevin explained the Voting Procedure for this year. It will be done on the website and you need to be Logged in to vote. If you have trouble Logging on contact Kevin and he will help you or take your vote verbally.

Short Meeting was Closed at 7:40pm.

Merry Christmas to all!

(These are our last Minutes for this person and glad to be of service to the club.)

Respectively Submitted

Paul & Cindy Edmunds

Omahawks Business Meeting November Minutes

November 17, 2020 at 7:00pm via Zoom

Board Members in attendance: Rick S., Kevin, Luke, Paul, Cole, David H., Tom G., Norris H.

Visitors: Ron B. Dennis B. Shaun B., Skip B., Dan Fitzgerald, Hague H., _____

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

Membership Count: finished with 162

Newsletter Report: (Joe- absent) None Provided

Old Business:

P-51 Raffle: plaque for CAF (Commemorative Air Force) : to be presented at 12/19 luncheon.)

Field Improvements: Luke—shed getting close, more mudding on dry wall then paint, Dennis doing electrical, ceiling to be metal sheeting, workbench being built by Luke.

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Field camera: Keith Kroeker has test camera, still would need mobile service.

Marketing ideas: (Norris) Input needed from Rick and others.

Park Drone ordinance status—none issue for us per Amiee Melton.

New Business:

Training Program assessment: Rick to summarize and work with ad-hoc committee.
A web training page to be assessed.

Norris worked up solo certificates and student information forms. Formal presentation of solo pilots with certificates, include in Newsletter. (Rick to follow-up)

Buy/Sell/Trade: used to sell estate/donated airplanes, raised \$2,800.

Voting process for 12/4 to 12/7 was discussed. It is all set up to do online. Rick will send out candidate slate to all members.

*****Member Meeting:** December 4th, 7pm via Zoom—Annual election online.

Upcoming Events:

Indoor flying at soccer center, SAC event TBD, No Holiday party planned, Building workshop may be one-on-one as needed.

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

Officer Project Alignment/Responsibility for 2021: TBD

Election Slate so Far:

President: Luke H.

V.P.: Paul E.

Secretary: Rick S.

Treasurer: Kevin H.

Field Chairman: Cole

Board: (6 slots, hopefully):

Ron Beauchane David Haney

Dennis Bender Norris Hoover

Shaun Brothers Hague Howey

Skip Brown Newsletter: Joe Hunt

Dan Fitzgerald

Robert Green

Featured Articles

Words of Wisdom

A little something to ponder...

I asked one of my friends who has crossed 70 & is heading to 80 what sort of changes he is feeling in himself?

He sent me the following very interesting lines, which I would like to share with you!

#1 After loving my parents, my siblings, my spouse, my children, my friends, now I have started loving myself.

#2 I just realized that I am not "Atlas". The world does not rest on my shoulders.

#3 I now stopped bargaining with vegetables & fruits vendors. A few pennies more is not going to burn a hole in my pocket but it might help the poor fellow save for his daughter's school fees.

#4 I pay my waitress a big tip. The extra money might bring a smile to her face. She is toiling much harder for a living than me

#5 I stopped telling the elderly that they've already narrated that story many times. The story makes them walk down the memory lane & relive the past.

#6 I have learned not to correct people even when I know they are wrong. The onus of making everyone perfect is not on me. Peace is more precious than perfection.

#7 I give compliments freely & generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer not only for the recipient, but also for me. And a small tip for the recipient of a compliment, never, NEVER turn it down, just say "Thank You"

#8 I have learned not to bother about a crease or a spot on my shirt. Personality speaks louder than appearances.

#9 I walk away from people who don't value me. They might not know my worth, but I do.

#10 I remain cool when someone plays dirty to outrun me in the rat race. I am not a rat & neither am I in any race.

#11 I am learning not to be embarrassed by my emotions. It's my emotions that

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make me human.

#12 I have learned that it's better to drop the ego than to break a relationship. My ego will keep me aloof, whereas with relationships I will never be alone.

#13 I have learned to live each day as if it's the last. After all, it might be the last.

#14 I am doing what makes me happy. I am responsible for my happiness, and I owe it to myself. Happiness is a choice. You can be happy at any time, just choose to be! I decided to send this to all my friends. Why do we have to wait to be 70 or 80, why can't we practice this at any stage and age....

I stole this, I don't know who to credit it to, but thank you all the same!

New Member' Grant Schulte Hobbico AirVista

The old plane was covered in 20 years of dust when I fished it out of my parents' basement earlier this year, but I was sure I could get it to fly. True, I had almost no experience with RC planes, and this half-assembled Hobbico AirVista had never moved an inch on its own power, but how hard could it be?

I've always loved planes. I was thrilled when I got this one as a Christmas present in the late 1990s. But as a high school student back then, I quickly realized that putting this aircraft in the sky wouldn't be easy. It took some time to save up for an engine, propeller, transmitter and receiver, and even more to piece it all together when I wasn't in class. Then came college, which, it turns out, is really expensive and time-consuming, and soon my little project was forgotten.

Years passed. I didn't think about it much until a few months ago, when my mother said, "Will you get that thing out of my basement?"

Intrigued, I hauled it home and started tinkering. I wiped off the dust, removed and reinstalled the engine, reconnected the servos, installed new fuel lines and patched a hole in the wing with shipping tape.

But the engine wouldn't start. I tried, and failed, to figure out what was wrong.

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Frustrated, I sent a Hail Mary email to the Omahawks, asking for help. To my surprise, I got more than half a dozen responses in 12 hours! **Now, that's service!**

Eventually, I met up with Rick Sessions out at Hawk Field. I explained that I had spent five cuss-filled hours trying to start the stupid thing.

Rick nodded sympathetically, then glanced at the engine, tweaked two things in 45 seconds, and got it running on his first try.

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Ever since, I've been amazed at how helpful everyone at the club has been. I've made some amateur mistakes, but I've also discovered how much fun it is to work on planes, and hopefully fly them out at the field next year. I'm still learning the sport, but I'm already thinking about which plane I'll buy next... once I've logged some air time on the AirVista.

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Editors Note: Grant I think you'll find as many ideas of what that next plane should be as there are members in this club.

Story and Pictures credits to Grant Schulte.

Again, Grant, welcome to the club, thanks for the story submission.

Da Bear(cat)

Article and pictures credit to Bernie Baker

I've wrapped up the Beetle Bomb Bearcat. It's been a fun build and I'm looking forward to the maiden flight. Hopefully we'll get a warm spell in the next couple of weeks.

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It looks like it should be a good flyer, but you never know until you get it in the air. It sure will be easy to see with the bright yellow mono-cote. It seems pretty light (guessing around 9 lbs.) and I didn't have to add any weight. I tried my hand at a dummy radial for the first time. (Hopefully it will hold up during my typical "warbird landings")

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I cranked up the OS 75 in the garage yesterday to make sure the fuel-line plumbing was right. It fired right up with lots of power. So now all I need is a warm day.

Bernie

Editor's Note: Bernie thanks for the story submission!!

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In an effort to open the club up to all potential future members regardless of species, we seem to have garnered some strange interest from this unlikely sentinel around 2 PM both Monday and Tuesday (Oct 13th and 14th, 2020) afternoons this week.



Thanks Tim P for the picture!

Tips and Tricks

Building Primer Web Link

<https://modelaviation.com/building-primer-gimlick>

Article Link suggested by Rick Sessions

Lipo Battery Safety

Please check out this worthwhile video on LIPO battery safety. Damon Atwood is an experienced electric pilot with great insights!

LIPO batteries should not be feared, but should be respected and balanced charged with a quality charger. When batteries get old and puffy, they should be recycled at Best Buy, Batteries Plus or other battery outlet.

The three key points are:

1. Use a "smart" charger on balanced LIPO charge.
 2. Use only healthy batteries, recycle old/tired batteries. (Measure cell resistance if in doubt.)
 3. Be in the room (or nearby) when charging.
- BE SMART, CHARGE SMART!**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1207548616074554/permalink/1764712700358140/>

We hope the second entry in the Newsletter will do the trick, can you identify this jet or know who owns it!!

Found RC Jet

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Contact Ron Pacana @ 402-571-8244 if this is your downed aircraft....no survivors found.



Remaining electronics out of found Jet shown above!