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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, Mar 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 -6:30 PM - 9:00 PM @ Oakview Mall--Able Ace**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, Mar 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023-- 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**



## Club's President's Message for February 2023

I'm going to intentionally not talk about February as it's my least favorite month as far as RC flying goes. Good thing February is the shortest month of the year :)

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Annnddd ...March is only a few days away! March 18th is our Spring Cleanup at Hawk Field; **9 am sharp**.

Lots of fun things happening this year. my favorite may be a second field camera being installed so you can check out who's flyin' via a parking lot view. Consider this fair warning if you plan on playing hooky from work or school to fly RC. My suggestion is borrow a friend's car or park behind the south shed out of view.

Looking forward to the 2023 flying fun!

~ Luke Hughes

### **Kevin's H provided the following input!**

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### **Omahawks Member Meeting January Minutes**

January 27th, 2023, 7:00pm @ Oakview Mall

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**Membership Count:** 92

### **Old Business:**

**New Year's Day:** Great attendance, Paul E. was the first to fly at the field in 2023. Ron P. was No. 2, but we're unsure it counts because he used one of Paul's planes. Bob W. was the first to fly a glow plane. Afterward, many went to HyVee the traditional New Year's breakfast.

**Field Improvements:** We're preparing for work on the split-rail fence between the parking lot and field (Joel Wallace Eagle Scout project), the old shed, pavilion, and washouts in the parking lot.

**Web Camera:** Dan F. is testing our new webcam before we install it at the field. It's online now, check the website (Camera 2) if you want to see a great view of Dan's driveway.

**Park Improvements:** No firm dates yet for Float Flies due to the draining of Standing Bear Lake. Dick B. has contacted several local governments to inquire about temporary, alternative sites. The city is clearing trees and brush near the runway's north end.

**Volunteer of the Year Award 2022:** Congrats to Bryan and Sharon Weeks for their many contributions last year! They do a ton behind the scenes (event food, instructing, etc.) and we appreciate all of their work.

**Safety Initiatives:** We're working on obtaining a new AED (defibrillator). Jim B. says we should have it by March 15 for the start of the training season. He'll give a class on how to use it at a future meeting.

### **New Business:**

**2023 Events:** We have a tentative schedule on the club's Google calendar. The only thing still up in the air are the float flies, we'll need to find a temporary new spot due to

the lake draining. We'll have our next member meeting

**Spektrum Workshop:** Feb. 23 at Hobby Town. Learn about Spektrum transmitters/receivers.

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**Automatic Renewal (Kevin):** An easy way to renew your membership automatically each year. Allows Kevin to process more renewals all at once. Kevin says if you've already joined this year, wait until next December to sign up for auto renewals.

**AMA Approved for CBO Status:** The Academy of Model Aeronautics has gotten FAA approval as a Community Based Organization (CBO), which will let them apply for FRIA status (FAA-Recognized Identification Area) on our behalf. Becoming a FRIA site is important because it will let us fly at the field without having to install Remote ID broadcasting equipment (but pilots still need active FAA registration numbers on their planes). Kevin says we've applied for FRIA status. The process could take a year.

**Training Nights:** Kickoff meeting to be held in March. Luke will get more generic business cards for board members/officers to help advertise. **SPRING CLEANUP DAY IS MARCH 18.** Training season begins in April.

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### Upcoming Events:

**Saturday, Feb. 18 – Aviation STEM Day, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. – Come help staff a table, bring a plane to display, promote the club. Event has lots of kids, parents.**

**Thursday, Feb. 23 – Spektrum Radio Workshop with Luke at HobbyTown HobbyPlex, 6-8 p.m.**

**Tuesday, March 14 – Training Kickoff Meeting, 7-8 p.m.**

**Saturday, March 18 – Omahawks Field Spring Cleanup, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.**

**Saturday May 27 – Patriotic Productions is hosting a parade with speakers at an event to honor veterans. P-51 Mustang will be there. Hague has more information.**

### **Show and Tell**

**Shaun B.** is going to be an RC glider pilot! He recently obtained a sharp-looking red glider from a member at the Bellevue club. The member bought a bunch of planes for their motors and didn't want the glider. The glider needs some work, but Shaun

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has been researching what's needed and getting it ready for spring flying. He'll likely need advice from some of our experienced builders on a few specific steps.

**Bob W.** brought his Seagull Models P-47 warbird, showing the progress he has made on the kit since last year. He glassed the fuselage, used exterior house paint to color it. It was an interesting build because it wasn't on a board, there was a bar that goes through the airplane from front to rear, and you piece it together that way. Wings are the same way. Bob is using an electric motor.

**Jim B.** displayed a foam plane he got last year, flew, crashed a few times, and rebuilt. It's a great starter low-wing plane with retracts, and he wanted to pass it along just as it was passed to him. Everything works on it, and he decided to offer it as a raffle prize.

**Fred W.** informed us that he has found Superman after the Man of Steel went AWOL during a flight at the Labor Day Air Show. He installed a new receiver as a precaution. He also successfully recovered a Powerhouse Old Timer plane from a tree.

Recently, Fred went back into "teacher mode" to introduce some elementary school kids to the thrills of aviation. He helped the kids build little foam models and entertained them by flying an indoor RC plane around their classroom.

Fred also showed a balsa wing from a plane he's working to refurbish. Out at the field last year, he found an old, dirty trainer that no one seemed to want. The Monokote was dirty, taped up, and brittle, but it had an engine, receiver, servos and a good battery. Fred managed to strip all the old Monokote off the wing in about 45 minutes. Once refurbished, it should be a nice addition to our training fleet.

**Ethan H.** got a cool new FPV drone set (with goggles!) as a birthday present. It's pretty convenient and easy to use, and the compact carrying case makes it very portable. Ethan likes flying it around a circular area in their house. The only ones who don't like it are Mom and the cat.

**Luke H.** showed a big RC plane engine (a gasser) that looks like it had been at the bottom of Standing Bear Lake for 100 years. Someone found it near the lake, before it was drained. Luke is guessing we may find a few more lost items once the ice melts. He says he's pretty sure he has a jet somewhere at the bottom of the lake;

**Jim B.** says he only ever crashes into trees.

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### Welcome New Members

**Greg Bumpus** joined in May. He and his wife were out at Standing Bear Lake one night, eating dinner, when they happened to drive by and his wife spotted something in the sky. Next thing you know, Greg had his own plane. His wife got him a simulator as a Christmas gift to help him practice.

**David Spargo** recently got a junior club membership as a Christmas gift from his parents. His friend in Columbus built his own airplane, which caught David's interest, so he started his own build project. **Dean C.** has been helping him. David's father (also named **David**) works closely with drone pilots in his job at OPPD and recently helped **Grant S.** obtain his Part 107 (commercial drone) license for OPPD by sending him to a training program at Valmont Industries.

### Raffle

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:50 p.m.      Motion by: **Luke**      Seconded by: **Grant**

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### Field Projects:

1. Parking lot stones. (Luke & Jim B. did some stone fill work.)
2. Water run off issues.
3. TV mount on shed
4. Shingles on peak of pavilion and old shed.
5. Paint bleachers and benches. Stain where needed.
6. Wood fence rail repair.
7. Runway sealing.

## Omahawks Business Meeting January Minutes

January 17, 2023 at 7:00pm via Zoom

## *Hawk Talk*

**Board Members/Officers: Kevin, Dan F., Jim H., Shaun B., Paul E., Cole, Luke, John P., Rick S., Grant**

**Guests: Joel Wallace, Larry M.**

**Comments/corrections from last month's minutes?**

**Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports:**

**Treasurer Report:** *(Kevin)* Review and accept financial reports. Our training program received a \$500 donation from Champions Golf Club as a thank you for giving lessons to some of their kids. Also received \$250 from AMA through its hobby shop pilot program and \$300 from STEMaha.

**Membership Count:** 88, roughly on pace for this early in the year.

**Newsletter Report:** *(Joe, Grant)* Do biographies, Safety articles *(Jim Boomsma)*, Solo pilots, training *(Rick)*

**Old Business:**

**Field Improvements:** Joel Wallace briefed the board on his Eagle Scout project to benefit the club. He plans to rebuild the split-rail fence between the old shed and new shed (separating the parking lot from our flying area). Joel says he has submitted his proposed project to the Scouts' board for approval. Kevin H. noted that we'll need to notify the city and keep them up to date on any work we do, because it's the city's fence. Luke thanked Joel for thinking of us. Joel will update us occasionally on his progress.

In the Treasurer Report, Kevin noted that we have purchased a second web camera to capture a different view of the field and/or parking area. Jim H. said the first camera has proven to be a great addition for both security and showing when other members are out flying. Thanks to Dan F. for handling.

The city is also draining the lake and clearing trees and brush near the field's north end. As the water recedes, keep an eye out for lost airplanes! Luke thinks he might have one down there.

Looking at AMA Field Grants to help cover some upgrade costs, deadline is Feb. 1. Let's also make sure we apply shortly after this year's Labor Day Air Show for "Club Recognition" grants, we could receive up to \$175 for the local news coverage we get every year.

**Safety:** Working on obtaining an AED (if needed, let's buy one B4 season starts)

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**Marketing ideas:** Training, HobbyTown, do some print stuff so he can continue to get some stuff out. Social Media for key events (Grant), Youth Outreach (STEM/Hague), One on One, Oakview, Parks, Champions Run golf course

**Education committee:** (Shaun, Rick, Hague, Fred W., Chuck H., Ron P., Greg R.)

Winter build game plan? We've scheduled a Feb. 23 event at Hobby Town to teach about Spektrum products.

**Safety initiatives:** Jim Boomsma, safety guidelines for events in shed.

**2023 Events:** We have a tentative calendar! Luke drafted a schedule and reviewed it with Rick and Grant a few weeks ago. Will post it to the club's Google calendar. The only thing still up in the air are the float flies, we'll need to find a temporary new spot due to the lake draining.

**Task assignments:** website calendar updates, event schedule (Tom V, ?), update Google calendar (Luke)

**New Year's Day first flight:** Good weather and attendance.

**Christmas Dinner recap:** Overall a great time. Maybe consider a larger space in the future for mingling?

**Tom Floyd memorial fund for youth:** Advertise on our website. Show at monthly member meeting. Send out email to members with details and price minimums.

**Multi Club Membership:**

**Automatic Renewal:** About 5 or 6 people have signed up for automatic payments, Kevin will do more outreach to promote it at member meetings.

**New Business:**

**2023 Events/Priorities:** Most events are now scheduled, Luke will add to calendar. Members can add their own official events, but we encourage them to take ownership of them. The board will support you any way we can.

**Newsletter:** Joe has started training Grant on how to produce the newsletter, they and Luke agree on the need for more automation/changes to make production easier. Joe will continue as editor through September.

**Training Nights:** Kickoff meeting to be held in March. Luke will get more generic business cards for board members/officers to help advertise. **SPRING CLEANUP DAY IS MARCH 18.** Training season begins in April.



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**Priorities for 2023: (discuss and rank)** Events, Training Night, Field, Youth Outreach, New Members, Flying fun, Engaging Families, Education (member, youth)—this can be an initial brief discussion with follow-up in January and February.

### Upcoming events:

**Member Meeting @ Oakview 1/27 @ 7pm**

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:58 p.m. --Motion by: Kevin Seconded by: Grant**

### **Field Projects:**

8. Pavilion roof shingles need replacing on peek. Also old shed. (Aren't you glad the new shed is metal!)
9. TV Mount
10. Parking lot stones. Next step: prepare to meet with Parks Director Matt Kalcevich
11. Water run off issues. (Parks)
12. Paint bleachers, benches, Bender table. Other staining?
13. Wood fence rail repair.
14. Runway sealing.

### **Volunteer Areas:**

1. HobbyTown Rep to stock cards, posters
2. 2023 Events: leaders and helpers
3. See above New Business

## **Omahawks Business Meeting February Minutes**

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 7:00pm via Zoom

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**Board Members:** Luke, Cole, Dan F., Jim H., Kevin H., Rick S., Shaun B., Paul E., Richard G., John P., Luke, Grant

**Guests:** Doug L., Hague

**Comments/corrections from last month's minutes?**

**Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports:**

**Treasurer Report:** (Kevin) Review and accept financial reports

**Membership Count:** 124 (14 junior members, 12 new members). Kevin says we're slightly ahead for this point in the year. Membership tends to jump when flying season begins and more people join/realize they need to renew.

**Newsletter Report:** (Joe) Do biographies, Safety articles (Jim Boomsma), Solo pilots, training (Rick)

**Old Business:**

**Multi-Club Discount:** Among the three participating clubs, 21 Omahawks members took advantage of the multi-club discount. About 11 were new members to Western Flyers, five were new members to the Lincoln Sky Knights. Western Flyers had three members who joined, and two of those three joined all three clubs. Lincoln Sky Knights gained seven members but did not have any members join other clubs.

**Field Improvements:** We have a to-do list of projects, have applied for an AMA Field Improvement Grant to help pay for some of it. Spring Cleanup Day is **MARCH 18**.

**STEMaha Event:** Good attendance at the Feb. 18 event at Oakview Mall. Big thanks to Richard Gibson, who brought his large turbine helicopters for the display club table. They were a hit. Hague says he appreciates the club's support, there was some good traffic around the Omahawks table and lots of kids trying the simulators. Luke estimates a few hundred people attended, at least. Shaun B. filled in as a substitute teacher after the event, talked to some kids who were there. Those kids really enjoyed it. Some parents liked the career exposure some kids got.

**Safety:** Luke says Jim B. will have a first aid kit ready to go by March, also expected to get the AED.

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**Marketing ideas:** Luke says we're doing a great job, we'll continue talking about what's best for our club. Training, HobbyTown, Social Media for key events, Youth Outreach (STEM/Hague), One on One, Oakview, Parks, Champions Run golf course.

### **New Business:**

**2023 Events/Priorities:** Upcoming Spektrum Q&A workshop at HobbyTown on Thursday. Luke and John Peterson will help answer questions, John will show folks how to reprogram. We're also planning two events this year at Champions Golf Club, last year's gathering was a big hit. One will likely be in late April. Western Flyers is going to have a fun fly that morning, Luke will schedule it so they don't conflict and members can attend both.

Also, we're going to do float flies at a lake by Bennington this year. Dick B. has been working hard to arrange a new location while Standing Bear Lake remains drained and unusable.

Luke is going to meet with city parks officials re: the use of Flanagan Lake. May also discuss other needs at Hawk Field.

**FRIA Status and AMA:** Paul shared a video about potential issues ahead of the new Remote ID rules in September. We have applied for FRIA status. Luke talked with an FAA official at the STEMaha event, he said he's working directly with the AMA.

**Training Night:** Our training night meeting is March 14. We're going to put Rick back to work leading the program. We have a few Apprentices and Avistars about ready to go, will also bring out a few simulators and the big screen for outdoor use. Instructors, get your buddy boxes ready. We want to have at least 4-5 electric foamies available for newbies, and the faster/heavier glow-powered Avistars for more advanced students. We might put SAFE receivers on the Avistars to help keep them more manageable for students. Kevin will call to restart trash/toilet service. First training night will be **APRIL 6**. We're going to have a BBQ food truck again for at least the first one.

**New Field Camera:** Dan has purchased one and it's ready to go. Maybe install it after the field cleanup day? Dan wants to make sure we find a spot that minimizes sun exposure/damage. We'll likely have it facing the parking lot to show how many vehicles are there. Do we want to angle it to view the gate? Dan might try to get some sample angles to consider.

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**Website:** The club website has changed a bit, should be a little more presentable on phones. Same happened with the 100-some other clubs nationally that use the same website template.

**Tom Floyd Planes for Sale:** A few of Tom Floyd's high-quality planes are still available for sale, will be available to check out at the member meeting. Rick suggested we put a few out to entice members. Now might be a good time as the flying season nears and people look for new planes.

**Helicopters:** Richard G. wants to get more people in our club into flying helicopters. A few members tried flying some micros at Oakview and had a lot of fun. Luke will bring a few of his own to try at the member meeting. They might seem intimidating, but Richard says new technology and simulator practice has made them easier to learn.

### Upcoming events:

**Spektrum Q & A with Luke @ HobbyTown, 2/23, 6-8 p.m.**

**Member Meeting @ Oakview 2/24 @ 7 p.m.**

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:07 p.m. --Motion by: Luke    Seconded by: Grant**

### **Field Projects:**

15. Pavilion roof shingles need replacing on peek. Also old shed. (Aren't you glad the new shed is metal!)
16. TV Mount
17. Parking lot stones. Next step: prepare to meet with Parks Director Matt Kalcevich
18. Water run off issues. (Parks)
19. Paint bleachers, benches, Bender table. Other staining?
20. Wood fence rail repair.
21. Runway sealing.

### **Volunteer Areas:**

1. HobbyTown Rep to stock cards, posters

2. 2023 Events: leaders and helpers

3. See above New Business

## Featured Articles

The following input can only be described as a

### **BLAST FROM THE PAST**

Info and pictures submitted by Club Historian Dick B



**A photo taken in mid 1990s of three young helpers for the older morning flyers crew and the chain saw brigade. (about 35 years ago)**

Who knew these guys look really really young!!!!

L to R: Kevin Hyde, Tom Egbert, and Fred Wilke

A more current photo below also submitted by Dick



Current Standing Bear Lake drawdown and old boat ramp to be replaced by start of a approximately 150 x 5 foot wide eddy.

Newsletter Article Contest and Giveaway Update

**In Jan 2023 Newsletter Jon Prater featured article  
about his first ever balsa build of the legendary  
“Buzzard Bombshell”**

**AND**

**He has graciously provided us with this update to his build  
via a series of Photos:**

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**Completed Fuselage**





## Great Job getting the Wing Covered

I had the pleasure of meeting Jonathan and his wife Margaret at Hobbyplex this past weekend, they were in town visiting relatives (they live in Colorado normally).

They met with Kip D to see if he could answer some questions about programming a Spektrum DX8E to an original Apprentice S.

I happily passed on Jonathan's **new Cell Meter** that he won as the First Submitter of an Article of 2023.



**Close up of Decals and Pilot**

**Tom V please note the Pilot doesn't pivot,  
but I told Jon about your pivoting pilot**



**Assembled and ready for the maiden, Jon waiting  
for warmer weather!**

Jon shared with me that he is thinking of building a ¼ Scale Cub as his next Project, we are definitely excited to see your progress!

*Article and pictures provided by Jon Prater*

Kevin's Korner / A little History / AMA CHARTER

I was going over some of the old documents related to the Omahawks and the question hit me, What year did the Omahawks first become an AMA charter club?

In my search I found this document naming the OmaHawks R/C Club as an official club of the AMA on **December 15 1955**. Interesting! But when did we become a Charter Club?



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It took some searching through the newsletters but I finally found (in the **June 2006 newsletter**) a record of the vote to become and AMA charter club.

# Omahawks to Become AMA Charter Club

**Vote is overwhelming in support of charter proposal**

**JULY**  
**MEETING**  
**AT HAWK**  
**FIELD**  
**138TH AND FORT**  
Program: Fly and have fun  
Raffle Raffle for Labor Day  
Air Show: Radio/tool Case



Last month Omahawks members were asked to vote on whether our club should purchase a general liability insurance policy locally or become an AMA Chartered R/C Club and utilize the AMA insurance policy. The primary reason this issue was initiated was due to the changing insurance industry and the need for our club to have better liability coverage.

After the Omahawks Board reviewed all the information and the input from club members, the Board recommended to Omahawks members to become an AMA Chartered club. A ballot committee was formed to organize the information to be sent to all members. Thanks goes out to Kevin Hyde, Mike Lollis, Chuck Poore, and Ed Paasch for all their assistance on this committee.

On June 23, Mike Berger, Ralph Brown, Kevin Hyde, Mike Lollis, and I met to count the ballots and record the results. Option #2, to become an AMA Chartered club, carried as the majority decision of the Omahawks membership.

The Board is now reviewing our club rules and by-laws to reflect becoming an AMA Chartered R/C club effective January 1, 2007. At the last Board meeting, on July 5, it was decided to create a committee to review the current Omahawks by-laws. They will then make their recommendations for updates

to the Board for approval. Once the Board approves of these updates they will be submitted to the general membership for approval.

I would like to thank all the Omahawks membership for taking time to review the insurance information, make an educated decision, and for casting your valued vote.

*-Steve Culver  
President*

## The Vote by the Numbers

<b>Ballots Mailed</b>	<b>136</b>
<b>Ballots Returned</b>	<b>104</b>
<b>Votes for Option 1 (Local Insurance)</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Votes for Option 2 (AMA Charter)</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>No Vote or Ab- stain</b>	<b>7</b>

In the September 2006 newsletter I found that Steve Culver was awarded the AMA Distinguished Service Award for his work supporting the club decision to become an AMA charter club and in the handling of the transition to that status. **Steve Culver was the club president in 2006, 2007 and 2011.** Thanks Steve for all of your leadership and help in making that transition. I think it's been good for the club.

# AMA Recognizes Omahawks

On August 23rd, Mark Smith, regional vice president AMA District IX visited the Omahawks for flying and dinner. The purpose of the flying was to have fun, the purpose of the dinner was to recognize some Omahawk members for their contributions and continued support for the R/C community.

Mark had gifts and high praises for Dick Behrens and Ward Neesen for their support of the hobby. Dick was honored for his float flies and Ward was honored for his support of turbine flying through the Missouri Valley Jet Scramble. Both of these men deserve our thanks for their undying support of the hobby.

But after recognizing Dick and Ward, Mark surprised everyone by presenting our president, Steve Culver with an AMA Distinguished Service Award for his leadership and support of the Omahawks' move to join the AMA. Steve was presented with a plaque in recognition of all the hard work he has done, both in support of the clubs decision and in handling the transition to AMA Charter status.

Steve accepted the award, stating that the credit was really due to the efforts of many people, not just him, including the board, the committee who handled the vote, and all of the members who took the time to make such an important decision in the best interests of the club.

- editor



Then I ran into this in the **November 2006 newsletter** confirming that the AMA had approved our charter and assigned us an AMA Charter Club number, 4736.

## IT'S OFFICIAL - AMA CHARTER APPROVED

It's official. Omahawks R/C Flying Club, Inc. is now an AMA charter club. The charter application has been approved. This was verified by Steve Culver last week. Our charter number is 4736 and we will be receiving our charter certificate soon.

In other AMA news, Ward Neeson has been named the AMA Associate Vice President for the State of Nebraska. Congratulations, Ward!

-editor

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Then in April 2007 came the news that I would take on a temporary work assignment for 18 months in Atlanta GA and would relinquish my Treasurer duties to Ed Paasch who did a great job filling in the "gap years". And as promised I did return in 2009.

**Editors Note: Ed P is keen to say that he was indeed happy to relinquish his Treasurer duties!!**

# KEVIN SAYS: I'LL BE BACK!

## Longtime Club Treasurer Accepts Temporary Posting to Atlanta

April Meeting at  
Make-A-Wish  
Foundation  
Friday, April 27

Friday's Program:  
Big Ed's Video Show

### RAFFLE

Hobbico Twinstar ARF



As many of you know, I have been the Treasurer for Omahawks R/C Inc since 1992. My predecessor was required to move due to work related demands and I was asked to run for the position. Little did I know what satisfaction I would derive from the experience. I've seen boards led by Roger Brodd, Skip Brown, Larry Brown, Steve Culver, Rusty Dose, Tom Egbert, John Feneck, Mike Kempf, Ward Neesen, Steve Peck, Brad Shaink, Dan Walz, Claude Weimer, and Ron Williams (Can you put them in order by year, or name their vice presidents?)

I've been through the endless discussions over the yellow post in the taxiway, the replacement of the radio impound, addition of the wind sock (who was the first to hit it?) brush removal and countless field clean-up campaigns and who's turn is it to mow.

I've seen Make-A-Wish donations totaling over \$31,000 and auction sales of \$330,000, winterfest queens; pretty ones and, well Frederica was in a class of "her" own. I've helped to address statements like, "we're over budget," "under budget," and "where's the budget?" "Safety First!" "We're all accountable!" "The Boards accountable," "No! we're all accountable to each other, or to the board or to the City."

Membership years as high as 250 in 1997 to 164 last year. Why is that? Loss of new members? Lack of young members? The Economy? Who knows? Maybe the ARF and electrics will revive the hobby. Are you an active participant

or do you just want to fly? What can you do the help revive the membership?

Well, enough of the nostalgia; the fact of the matter is I have been offered a temporary position lasting 18 months in Atlanta GA. This new position will start in May. My family will stay in Omaha so I will be back for the weekend every 2 to 3 weeks. As a result I will be resigning my position as Treasurer.

I have enjoyed the years and I'd love to continue to "handle your money" (as Ralph would say) when I come back in 2009. The Board of Directors will be looking for someone to take over the position in the next month or so. Please consider if you have the time, skills or desire to help the club through this transition. I would like to spend some time transferring computer files and discussing the procedures associated with membership records so don't take too long.

- Kevin Hyde

**New Training**  
**Program**  
**Hotline**  
**Details Pg. 7**

Well, I could go on with more history but I'll save that for another time.

Next time I'll talk about what's changed since 2009.

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) **Cost for the Session is \$5.00 includes Coffee and a Donut.**

Come fly, or **drive you're RC Car/ Truck** in the gym with us where the weather is always perfect every Thursday!

- **March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023 - 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM Monthly Membership Meeting @ Oakview Mall--Able Ace**
- **March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Cobras Swap Meet – 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM - IOWA WESTERN COMM. COLLEGE – Contact [keith.christie@cox.net](mailto:keith.christie@cox.net) / 712-323-0296**
- **March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 - 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM Monthly Board Meeting**

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)





COBRAS RC CLUB

# SWAP-MEET

MARCH 19, 2023 10AM 2PM

IOWA WESTERN COMM. COLLEGE  
ARTS CENTER'S BLACK BOX  
2700 COLLEGE ROAD, COUNCIL BLUFFS NW  
CORNER OF CAMPUS FOLLOW SIGNS

ALL RC RELATED ITEMS  
ALLOWED \$20 PER TABLE

**CONTACT KEITH CHRISTIE TO RESERVE A TABLE.**

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