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CLUB PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FEB/MARCH 2025

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Flying season is getting close! As I write this, we just finished a long stretch of frigid weather, but next few weeks is supposed to bring warmer temperatures.

Our pre-season Hawk Field Cleanup Day is approaching fast on March 15 (weather permitting now delayed).

If you haven't already, now is a great time to check your gear. Are your batteries good? Have you logged any simulator time to knock off the rust?

Any last-minute fixes needed for the planes, helicopters and drones in your hangar?

We're going to have an exciting season. Training Nights will begin before too much longer, along with member meetings at the field, special events and random good weather days.

In June, we'll have our first formal EDF Jet event... the Nebraska **eJet Fest**. Stay tuned.

Should be a lot of fun!

Grant

Omahawks Member Meeting February 2025 Minutes

February 28, 2025, 7:00pm @ Oakview (6:30 optional
AED/Tourniquet training)

Snacks, Fun, Fellowship, Learning

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AED/Tourniquet Demo (6:30 p.m.): Jim B. demonstrated for members before regular meeting. Thank you, Jim!

Field Improvements: Field Cleanup Day **Saturday, March 15 @ 9 a.m.** (weather permitting, as always). Bring cleanup tools if you have them! We'll provide leaf bags, donuts. If weather prevents this day, we'll reschedule and announce ASAP. Developing a project list as well.

Marketing/Outreach: YouTube page live! Adding more videos, new and classics. Should be ready to formally launch soon. Need members who are willing to be videoed with their aircraft!

If you've run into anyone interested in the hobby, please remind them about upcoming Training Nights starting in May (soft launch in April, but we generally don't advertise because weather tends to be spotty). Will start ramping up Facebook soon and plan to launch Instagram page. Trainer plane will go to promising student pilot this spring.

Ambassador Program: A place where new club members can get advice, tap experience of longtime members to maximize benefit/satisfaction of their relationship. Also encourage new members to engage, volunteer and become longtime flyers. Rick is the leader and has several great suggestions.

2025 Events/Priorities: Aviation STEM Day now rescheduled for Saturday, March 29. We'll have tables from upstairs, simulator, posters and a few display aircraft. Likely need some business cards. Let Grant and Hague know if you'd like to bring something that looks cool. Space likely to be limited, but we can fit several nice ones. Hague says he could always use volunteers. One suggestion he had for the Omahawks was a signup sheet at STEM Day to promote Training Nights, maybe a special Training Night where we provide hot dogs or some other snack for kids. If you have a cool-looking plane, please consider bringing it but let Grant and Hague know.

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Patrick has completed a flyer advertising the EDF Jet Jam event in June. Looks terrific! We'll publicize as event draws near. Cole noted that one of the Kansas City RC Clubs hold a jet jam event sometime around late June. Grant later checked that club's calendar and they haven't listed a date yet for 2025. Don't anticipate any conflicts and we're far enough away that it shouldn't be an issue, but will monitor. Drone racing, cross country, Member Fun Fly Days. Will try to post ahead of time and advertise on Facebook.

Continuing Education Segment: Jim B. this month with AED/Tourniquet. Electric to glow conversion presentation at March meeting? John P. and Cole will do an electric-to-glow conversion program at the March meeting. Also looking at Monokote covering (Ron P. has agreed to teach this at a spring meeting) and adding lights to your plane (maybe Julian?). Let Grant know if you'd like to do one. Idea is to have educational things about cool things with wide appeal. Another member suggestion is balsa build basics segment.

Kiwanis of West Omaha: Jim H. did a terrific presentation to the Kiwanis of West Omaha. They expressed interest in coming out to our field to watch a Training Night, maybe doing a picnic. Grant mentioned the Food Truck. One Kiwanis member, a pilot, wants to come out and try flying. If anyone is interested in doing a presentation to a local group, reach out to Grant and he can help. Shaun/Luke/Rick have materials and experience as well.

Drone Event: Don D. asked if May 12 around 6 p.m. was an OK time for this year's FPV drone racing event. Grant said that would work, and we've added it to the calendar! May need a few club members present as "monitors" since a few of the visiting drone pilots will be flying as guests.

New Members/Visitors: Welcome new members Mike and Keith! Both interested in FV drones. Mike is interested in aviation, thought about getting his pilot's license and building an RV. Wants to get into FPV drone flying.

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Omahawks Success: Norris has received phone calls from RC pilots in Denver who read the Model Aviation article about the Omahawks. They want him to come out and do a presentation about things the Omahawks have done to succeed as a club. Norris needs a PowerPoint presentation. Grant said he will work with Norris whenever he needs it.

Upcoming events:

Saturday, March 15: Field Cleanup Day (weather permitting)

Saturday, March 29: Aviation STEM Day at Oakview (rescheduled)

Thursdays in April: Training Night Soft Launch (weather dependent, minimal advertising)

SHOW AND TELL:

Larry M. brought a book about Air Force One. He's trying to lighten his personal library and donated it to the club as a raffle prize. Luke asked whether Larry had autographed it.

Jeff P. brought a tiny, microlight indoor biplane that he bought online from Minimum RC. It has a plywood frame that holds the servos and a 1S brushed motor. The ESC and receiver are together and are compatible with Spektrum. Jeff says it was an easy, fun build that went together well with foam glue. He had issues with the first motor and found a replacement, but the replacement is underpowered and only enough to make the plane taxi (the motor also sounds like an electric toothbrush). Jeff is waiting for a new motor from the manufacturer in China, but it's likely to take a few weeks. In the meantime, it will make a good display model.

RAFFLE: Toy-grade RC helicopter, restaurant and Scooters gift cards

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Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 p.m. Motion by: Grant Seconded by:
Shaun

Field Projects:

1. Parking lot stones. (Luke & Jim B. did some stone fill work last fall.)
2. Water run off issues.
3. Shingles on peak of pavilion and old shed.
4. ~~Paint bleachers and benches. Stain where needed. (8/31 @ 9am-11am)~~
DONE
5. ~~Wood fence rail repair. (Eagle Scout project.)~~ DONE
6. Urinal in shed.

Volunteer Areas:

1. 2024 Events: leaders and helpers
2. Training night: Pilots, Spotters, Simulator operator, mechanics, electronic specialists (contact Rick S.)
3. Field maintenance: fall/spring clean up TBD

From Our Honorable Club's Treasurer

Presenting...

Kevin's Corner!!

Article provided by Kevin Hyde

Well, the 2025 membership year is off to a roaring start. As of the end of January the Omahawks' current membership is 116 strong. That's the most members, at the

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end of January, that the club has had since I started keeping records in 1996. This surge in membership may be due to the offering of **2- and 3-year discounted memberships**.

A great idea that was first presented by **Tom Virgillito**. The discounted membership was offered from October to the end of December and afforded the members a \$10 discount per year on memberships. 20 members took advantage of the 2-year membership and 19 paid for 3 years. As a result, we have 39 members who have already signed up for 2026. If you missed it watch for your opportunity for 2026 starting in October.

We also have about 65 members from 2024 that have not yet been renewed. As the weather improves into the summer, we look forward to these members renewing and enjoying the flying season. We also have 40 members from 2023 that have not renewed for various reasons. Luke and Grant are on a mission to contact the “dropped” members in an attempt to bring them back to the club. Their goal is to raise the membership by the end of the year to 200. The last time membership was over 200 was 2002.

I also wanted to remind members that your Omahawks Field Permit is contingent on maintaining your AMA membership current and maintaining a current FAA registration. FAA registration is \$5 and is valid for 3 years. Since a lot of us registered when the requirement was implemented you may find your registration has or is about to expire. Please take a look at your registration card and verify it is current. Our website developer has added a field in your profile to record your registration expiration date and your TRUST number. Please take the time to record that information and I’ll be able to remind you when you need to renew. If you are unable to access your profile (forgot your password?) you can send me a picture of your FAA card and TRUST card, and I’ll add the information for you.

Speaking of pictures, our website also has a directory with pictures of members. If your profile doesn’t have a picture or your picture is out of date, please edit your profile. If you’re having trouble accessing your profile let me know and I’ll help you out!

Omahawks Business Meeting February 2025 Minutes

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025 at 7 p.m. via Zoom

Club Officers

President: Grant Schulte

Vice President: Shaun Brothers

Secretary: Rick Sessions

Treasurer: Kevin Hyde

Board

Patrick Jones

Jim Henley

Luke Hughes

John Petersen

Julian Wrubel

Jim Boomsma

Field Chairman

Cole Meyo

Safety Officer

Jim Boomsma

Guests:

Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports:

Treasurer Report: Current financials.

Membership Count:

Newsletter Report: Editors: Joe/Grant, Safety Column, Jim Boomsma's, Training "Sessions" – Rick Sessions, "Julian's Journal," "Kevin's Corner."

Old Business:

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Field Improvements/Maintenance: For later this year. New extension to the pavilion has supports/beams that are shifting. Cross bracing needed, concrete is solid. Ruts in parking lot, benches/stands/pavilions need paint, stairs repair, landscaping. Toilet in the shed appears to have a slow leak. Annual Spring Clean-up Day will be Saturday, March 15, weather permitting. Kevin proposed setting up a time to talk with Luke and Cole about getting a new toilet service. Luke will research nearby options. Also, Jacob has done a terrific job mowing the field. Kevin proposed giving him a chance to rebid so he can adjust his price for his services.

Marketing: Facebook posts, HobbyTown partnership. Ramping up Facebook posts/videos, more coming as flying season starts. TV monitors at HobbyTown. More photos now showing in member directory, thanks to everyone for adding those! Instagram/YouTube. Old YouTube account with classic videos! Member profiles. We want to revive the Omahawks YouTube channel, is there a way to bring the old classic videos over from the old channel? Grant will contact the current account holder.

New Business:

Mentors/Ambassador Guiding New Members: More to come, developing in the spring. Looking at ambassador program where new club members can get advice, tap the experience of longtime members. Rick wants to keep it as simple and streamlined as possible. Primary objective is to connect with new members, give them a contact person and provide the maximum benefit/satisfaction for their membership. We also want to encourage new members to connect, engage and volunteer, and improve member retention. Rick suggested starting with board members as the new member contact point. Officers are already getting monthly new member reports. Have board members call new members to welcome them, answer questions, learn about them. Give new members a list of club experts, events, field rules, etc.

Luke noted that Kevin is still putting club contact info on membership cards. Also, Facebook messenger is a good resource for people who have questions. He also mentioned how we're putting board member contact info on a bulletin board at the field.

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2025 Events:

Patrick has completed a flyer advertising the EDF Jet Jam event in June. Looks great! We'll publicize as the event draws closer (don't let me forget, Patrick!). Drone racing, cross country. Aviation STEM day has been postponed to March, Hague looking at other dates and will let us know. Member Fun Fly days. Going to try to post about events ahead on Facebook and send reminder emails. **Aviation STEM Day is now scheduled for Saturday, March 29.**

Member Meeting: Great ideas so far for educational programs. Thanks to Luke and Jim for bringing their soldering stations. Jim going to do AED/tourniquet training at February meeting. **That segment will start at 6:30 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 7.** **Anyone who'd be good to lead an electric-to-glow conversion presentation in March?** John P., Cole, Didier W. Or Monokote covering? Adding lights to your plane?

Lincoln Auction: Great job Kevin, Luke, Fred and others for assisting with the Lincoln Sky Knights Auction?

Kiwanis of West Omaha: Jim H. did a terrific presentation to the Kiwanis of West Omaha. They expressed interest in coming out to our field to watch a Training Night, maybe doing a picnic. Grant mentioned the Food Truck. One Kiwanis member, a pilot, wants to come out and try flying.

Other: We'll be changing Port-A-Potty service provider next spring. Luke and Kevin will start shopping for options.

Upcoming Events:

Meeting Adjourned: **8:10 p.m.** Motion by: **Grant** Seconded by: **Shaun**

2025 Committees and Focus

Hawk Field Maintenance and Improvement

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General maintenance and upkeep

Improvement projects, funding and execution

Parks & Rec Communication

Training

Pilots, mechanics, spotters, greeters, field manager, flight line/safety manager

Mentor program for new members

Solo program administration

Events

Champion/coordinator and event manager

Food purchase, prep, grilling

Supplies

Marketing

Social media – Facebook, Instagram, YouTube. Cross post other events

Newsletter – Content and publication

Partner relations – AMA, stemAHA, EAA

Club attire, publications, signage, etc.

Outside event planning (Elementary, Champions, StemAHA, other)

Safety

First aid, AED, other supplies upkeep

Training on basic first aid

Field signage

Technical

Website and photos

Field cam

R/C Airplane Experts!

Do you have a question about your R/C Airplane? Need some expert advice? Here is a list of several experts in most of the skill areas. Feel free to call them to discuss your questions/needs in their area of expertise. If you have any other questions about the hobby, please call either Grant Schulte, Luke Hughes or Rick Sessions and we will find the answers for you.

Enjoy the great hobby of R/C airplanes!

Nitro/Gas	Harry Perkins (402) 201-6761	Ron Pacana (402) 690-9832	Dean Copeland (402) 905-6446
Foam Repair	Tom Gulizia (402) 290-6485	Cole Meyo (402) 639-7838	
Spektrum	Luke Hughes (402) 995-9275		
FrSky	Tom Gulizia (402) 290-6485	Paul Edmunds (402) 572-8467	
Balsa build/repair	Fred Wilke (531) 777-6117	Jim Henley (402) 213-1451	Dean Copeland (402) 905-6446
Trainer Set Up	Dan Fitzgerald (402) 990-3157	Cole Meyo (402) 639-7838	
Monocote	Ron Pacana (402) 690-9832		
Soldering	Fred Wilke (531) 777-6117	Paul Edmunds (402) 572-8467	
Electronics	Robert Green (402) 630-6928	Dan Fitzgerald (402) 990-3157	Rick Sessions (402) 312-6482
Pattern Planes/Flying	Robert Green (402) 630-6928	Bob Wheeler (402) 661-4661	
Maiden Flights	John Peterson	Rick Sessions	

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EDF Jets	Patrick Jones	Steve Taylor	Luke Hughes
	(402) 237-7732		(402) 995-9275
Foam Board build	Jeff Pinnt	David Spargo	Chuck Hull
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Turbine Jets	Dean Copeland	Luke Hughes	
	(402) 905-6446	(402) 995-9275	
Airplane Purchase	Kip Dirkschneider	Rick Sessions	Luke Hughes
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Control Line	Scott Mulk	Chuck Hull	
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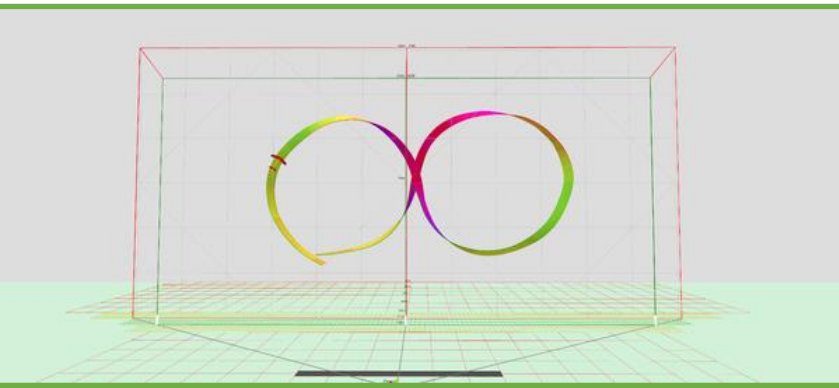
Julian's Junior Journal – February 2025

Flight Coach Technology - Pt. 1

Introduction

At the 2023 NATS, I was shown a bit of new technology for the competitive side of RC flying - A software called [Flight Coach](https://flightcoach.org). (Flightcoach.org) With a small

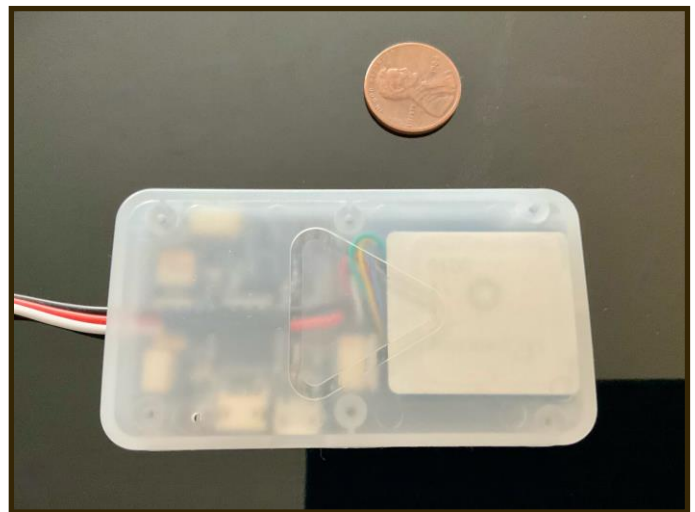
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device inside of your airplane, you can track the position of the flight, and replay every second of it. ([Left](#) - a photo of replaying the flight) In this article, I wanted to introduce pilots to this fun and innovative way of recording flight!

How it Works

There are several variations of the flight recording module that can be put in the plane, all found on flightcoach.org. I use the [Proton Systems Path Finder](#). It includes everything needed to fly, minus a micro-SD card. The actual software, Flight Coach, can be accessed online for free! After a flight has been recorded, it can immediately be downloaded and reviewed if you bring a laptop to the field. I love this feature, as it will allow me to improve each flight after reviewing the previous one, which is something crucial to any pilot, whether you fly pattern, or compete in something else. Because it's cold and windy as I'm writing, I haven't yet had a chance to test out the software with a real flight - although after watching videos and trying out its automatic scoring and flight reviewing features, I'm very excited to get the opportunity to begin using it.



Conclusion

I hope you found this new technology as interesting as I did! Next month, I'll toss in my thoughts of using Flight Coach after I test it, and maybe add a few other neat flight technologies I've seen.

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See you at the field!

Julian Wrubel

Questions, comments, or something you'd like me to write about?

Contact me at:

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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 Cost for the session is \$5.00 includes Coffee and a Donut.

Come fly your small helicopters, fixed wing UMX planes or small drones, or **drive your RC Car/ Truck** in the gym with us where the weather is **always perfect** every Thursday!

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- Omahawks Member Meeting, 7 PM Friday, March 28th, @ Able Ace @ Oakview Mall!

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- Aviation Stem aha @ Oakview, Saturday, March 29.
From 11:00 am till 3:00 pm
- Omahawks Board Meeting, 7:00 PM till 8:00 PM
Tuesday, April 15th @ Zoom Call
- Omahawks Member Meeting, 7 PM Friday, April 25th, @
Able Ace @ Oakview Mall!

Guest Night / Flight Training Starts in May Weather Permitting!

- Omahawks - Member & Guest Training Night
Thursday, May 1st -6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Omahawks - Member & Guest Training Night
Thursday, May 8th -6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Omahawks - Member & Guest Training Night
Thursday, May 15th -6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Also Training on May 22nd, May and May 29th as well

For a complete list of all the Omaha Metro Area upcoming events please follow this link: http://www.metrorcflying.com/metro_schedule.htm



COBRAS RC CLUB

SWAP MEET

MARCH 30, 2025

10AM - 2PM

IOWA WESTERN COMM. COLLEGE

ARTS CENTER

2700 COLLEGE ROAD, COUNCIL BLUFFS

NW CORNER OF CAMPUS

ALL RC RELATED ITEMS ALLOWED

\$20 PER SPACE

LOAD-IN STARTING AT 8AM

CONTACT KEITH CHRISTIE TO RESERVE A TABLE / SPACE

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