

# Hawk Talk



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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:** Friday, Dec 4, 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, Nov 17, 2020-- 7:00PM – 8:30PM **Call in PC/Phone using APP Zoom**

**MEETING PROGRAM:** Club updates, virtual cookies, and committee updates

The Hawk Talk Newsletter is honored to Recognized all of our Members that are Veterans, as well as your friends and family members some who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of this country!

**Happy Veterans Day!**



## November 2020 President's Message

Fellow Omahawks:

Time to reflect on the past flying season.....

To say it has been a crazy year, is an understatement! However, despite everything, including the nasty Covid virus, we have had a fun and successful year!

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### **Here are the summary points:**

1. Membership increased from 148 to 162.
2. We have welcomed 37 new members.
3. The Thursday evening training program was as busy and exciting as I can remember. We had from 12 to 26 students each night!
4. Terrific improvements have been made at the field including the new steel shed and restroom, 16' X 16' pavilion deck expansion (Eagle Scout Nathan), new LED night light and more!
5. While we cancelled the Labor Day Air Show, we conducted the P-51 Gunfighter Raffle that raised \$4,611 for Make-A-Wish!
6. Fun flying events continued: Float flies, Combat event, old timers, sailplanes, drone event and biplanes.
7. While we postponed the annual auction, we were given three significant batches of airplanes to sell, netting more than \$2,800 to replace the auction funds.
8. We replaced our old website with an awesome, new look, full featured, user friendly, up to date Omahawks.org site! Our FaceBook presence was significantly enhanced too!
9. The grass around the new runway has grown in very well, despite scant rain and the flying field looks great! Thanks Jacob Brown and team! **(Yes, Dick, the long grass was mowed too....)**

So, what do we have to look forward to next year? Lots of fun flying, an even more active training night, much camaraderie and significant outreach to young kids and the community!

Come, fly with us!

Rick Sessions

## **Omahawks Member Meeting October Minutes**

**October 30, 2020 6:00pm Hawk Field**

The meeting was called to order by Rick S. and members were finishing their dinner served by Dennis Bender.

We began with the privilege of presenting Emily Marsten a check for \$4,611 for Make-A-Wish from the raffle ticket sales and corporate sponsorships. **Thank you, Larry McChesney,** for obtaining the corporate sponsorships!

Luke spoke about the two remaining projects that are being wrapped up soon: the metal shed and the pavilion expansion. They will be great additions to our flying field experience. The shed will include a storage cabinet, chemical toilet, work bench for trainer charging, a “plaque wall”, lost and found spot, metal ceiling to hang trainers from and lots of lighting. The door has a combo lock and locking deadbolt inside. The new deck area is 16’x 16’ with a great view of the field. **Thank you Nathan Wallace** for making that your Eagle Scout project! Additionally, Luke got an LED night light and installed it! Thank you Luke!

Mikey spoke about the Boy Scout Jubilee on 10/17 attended by 2000+ scouts. We have about 300 scouts stop at our “booth” to try the simulator and find out about model airplanes. We will contact several of them to assess their interest.

Ideas for next year? Let the officers/board know what you think! What did you like? What to enhance or change?

**Club elections will be online starting 12/4/20 at and ending 12/7/20.** Be watching for details on the slate of candidates and how to vote by going to [omahawks.org](http://omahawks.org). We will vote on the officers (President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer) plus 6 Board members (pending By-Law change).

Norris commented on talking with HobbyTown about displaying our club “story” on a display monitor. We are creating a marketing presentation to help tell people about our sport/hobby.

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**Next Member Meeting via Zoom: December 4, 2020 and voting starts!**

Luke Barker showed us his helicopter with lights.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

### **Omahawks Business Meeting October**

10/20/2020 at 7:03 PM

Meeting called to order by Rick S

Attending via Zoom meeting were Dan F, Rick S, Norris H, Cole M, Luke H, David H, Tom G, Hague H, and Paul E

Reviewed Treasures Report and approved. Club is in good financial shape coming up on end of year.

Motion was made and approved to give a plaque to the Crew of the "Gunfighter" in appreciation of their donation of a ride in the P-51 Mustang plane.

Luke gave a short presentation on the 2 projects that are going on at the field. #1:

The RRC building and #2: the Deck expansion being done by Nathan and the Boy Scouts. Both Projects should be finalized by the end October.

Norris gave a short report on the Task Force working on the PowerPoint presentation and video about the Club that we will be able to use at presentations (Rotary, Salvation Army, STEM, Schools, etc.), meetings and HobbyTown store to help stimulate growth and awareness of the Club. On that subject, Rick gave a short talk on the Training night and how that has led to the club growth as well. Norris is

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working on a certificate to be given out to New Soloed Pilots at the completion of their flight training.

There was little to discuss about the City ordinance regarding no Drone flying at City Parks. Our friend/representative, Amiee Melton, who was at the City Council meeting, is helping to clarify that Standing Bear/ Hawk Field needs to be excluded from the ordinance.

The Long Grass on the east and south of the field has been cut. We will likely need to do some more brush clearing in the spring,

The Buy sell Trade function of the web page as so far brought in about \$2,800 more than offsetting the loss of income from our cancelled Club Auction that has been postponed until spring.

Thanks, were given to Paul and Cindy for storing the planes, picking them up, pricing them, taking pictures and meeting buyers at their hanger!

**Also, the election of 2021 Officers is coming up at the November General Meeting on November 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm via Zoom.**

At this time, we have the following candidates for next year: Luke H. for President, Paul E for VP, Rick S.: Secretary, returning for Treasure will be Kevin H., Field Chair: Cole Meyo, Safety Officer: Dennis B. and Newsletter: Joe Hunt.

There are 4 positions to be elected to the Board. On that subject since we will probably not be able to have a regular in person meeting, we will be planning on allowing 48 hrs. after the end of the November 27<sup>th</sup> Club meeting for people to vote online or contact KEVIN H with their vote.

Anyone that would like to nominate additional candidates, should contact a current officer to get the name on the ballot

Motion made @7:45 to adjourn the meeting made by Tom G and seconded by Dan F

Respectively submitted,  
Paul & Cindy Edmunds

**Officer and Board Election—12/4/2020**  
**Club Voting Procedures**

And you thought elections were over.....

We have a FUN election coming up in early December. Here is how it will work:

1. We will have an ALL member Zoom meeting on Friday 12/4/2020 at 7:00pm. (A Zoom link will be emailed to all members by late November.)
2. Final nominations will be accepted at the 12/4-member meeting.
3. Kevin Hyde will update the Officer/Board slate of candidates that same evening.
4. Go to Omahawks.org and click on the “Club Election” notice to enter the ONLINE voting ballot.
5. Choose your officers and 6 Board members by clicking on each one of them. DONE!
6. If you don’t want to vote online, call Kevin Hyde 402-670-8320 and he will enter your vote for you.

How easy is that!

The Board

P.S. During November, we will email you the list of candidates and a brief introduction of them and why they want to be elected to serve you.

**Omahawks By-Law Change Proposed--# of Board Members**  
**Increased**

Fellow Omahawks,

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Our annual election of officers is coming up on **12/4/20**.

We normally have 4 Board positions to fill. This year we have 9 nominees so far to run for the Board slots. We would like to increase the number of Board members to 6 for the coming year. That requires a By-Law change be approved by you, the members. The changes to enable an increase to 6 Board members (11 total voting positions including 4 officers and Field Chairman), is shown in the attached document.

**You are receiving this notice of proposed By-Law change to be voted on by membership at the 12/4/20, Zoom meeting. (We will start the online voting that same day and continue for 3 days. More details on that to come.)**

Your current leaders believe expanding the number of Board members will be a beneficial change for next year for the following reasons:

1. We have plenty of work to spread around to 6 Board members.
2. Getting new, energetic and enthusiastic leaders is always a good thing.
3. We do not believe the increase will cause any administrative concerns.
4. We look forward to getting new faces, ideas and energy to the leadership team.
5. Each Board member brings a unique set of experiences and knowledge to the table and we see that as a good thing!

Please call an officer if you have comments or questions on this matter.

Sincerely,  
Your Board

### **Featured Articles**

### **Saw it in the Want Ads**

Consider this a plug for the good things that can happen when you check out the Buy/Sell/Trade section of our amazing club web site.

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A couple months ago, I did that very thing and found my latest thrill, a ¼ scale Great Planes ARF SpaceWalker.

Rick, Paul and Cindy were kind enough to meet me at the hangar and close the deal.

Seeing some of the toys in Paul's hangar was worth the trip alone. I was barely able to control myself and leave with just one plane.

The original owner (and donor to the club) had glow-powered this beauty. I repaired the gaping cylinder head hole in the cowl and fitted a Cobra electric motor.

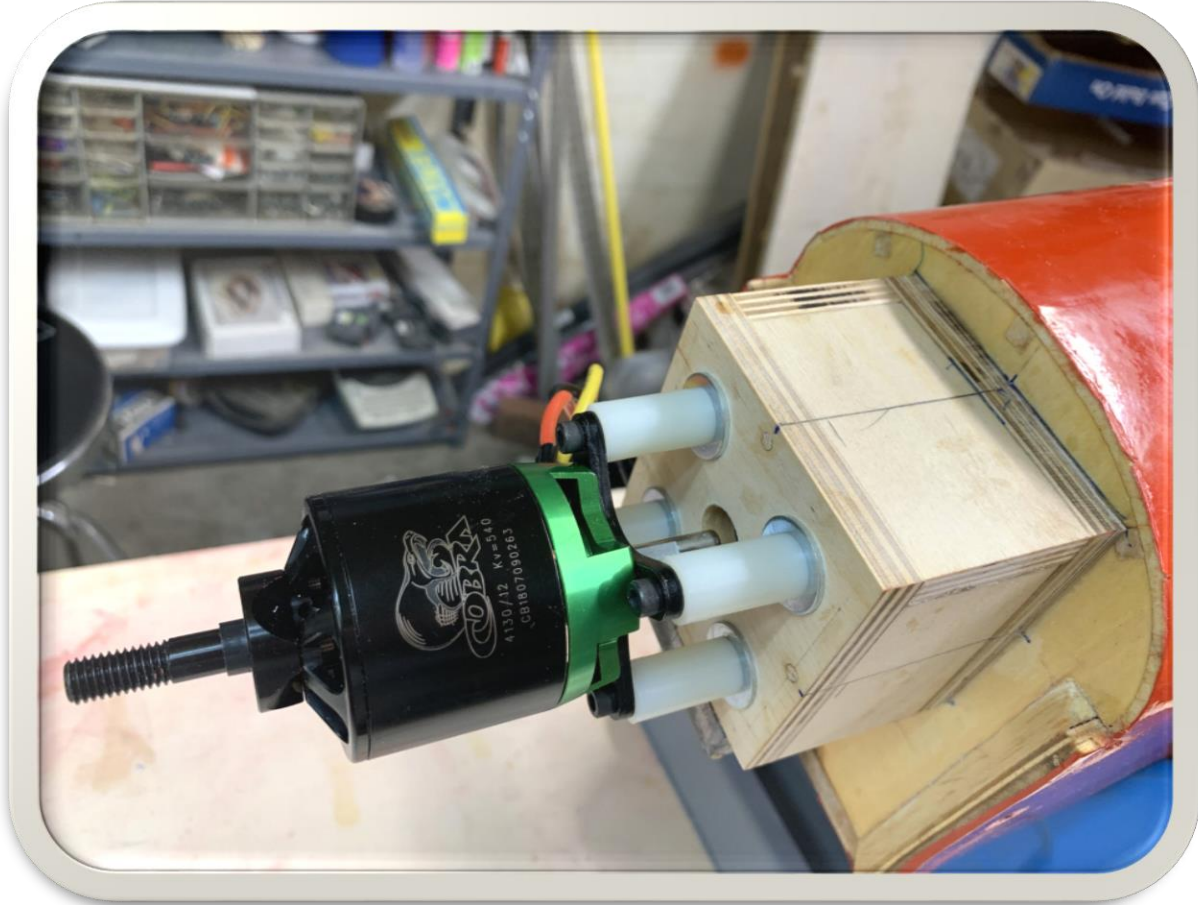


The money you save on a Cobra motor <https://innov8tivedesigns.com/> could be spent on even more Omahawk's want ad planes.



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If you're wondering about the motor mount in the pic, those nylon spacers can be found at your local hardware store. For you inquiring electric minds, it's a 4130/12, 540 Kv, 75A ESC, 6S 3300 battery, 13 x 6.5 APC prop.



The result is a perfect every day plane, content to just cruise around or even do mild aerobatics if the urge strikes. There is a Fly Baby in the want ads as well, a great subject for a similar project.

But the SpaceWalker in the Fly Baby picture background is already spoken for ... 😊

Picture and Article provided by Loren Blinde

## **Paul Edmonds new Old Timer called "Cloud King"**

The photo is of Paul Edmonds and his new Old Timer plane he built and flew this past year. The plane is a Cloud King designed in 1937 or Kloud King designed in 1938

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for free flight (that is with no motor or engine).

He uses an electric motor for power. It can be flown very slow.....At one time, some of you might not know that Paul also flew full size planes.



## **Cloud King**

## **A Solo Bunny!**

Congratulations to Bunny Furrow for completing her solo flight certification on the Apprentice trainer! Bunny is a very calm, but enthusiastic R/C pilot! She has listened and followed instructions very well. We hope to see her at the field regularly this coming year. Congrats Bunny!





**Make-A-Wish a BIG Winner!**

We were pleased to be able to donate \$4,611 to Make-A-Wish Foundation (MAW) at the October member meeting. Tom Gulizia made the check presentation to Emily

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of MAW.

We want to thank our Labor Day/ P-51 Raffle Sponsors for their donations to Make-A-Wish:

O'Daniel Honda--**Gold Sponsor**

Larry McChesney--**Bronze Sponsor**

RTG Medical (Fremont)--**Bronze Sponsor**

It was with your kind support that we were able to donate \$4,611 to Make-A-Wish Foundation for their use to make a wish come true for a young child! Thank you very much!!

**Thank you to Larry McChesney** for coordinating the sponsor donations again this year!!

As you know, we were not able to safely conduct our annual Labor Day Air Show due to Covid-19. That didn't stop our creative club members! Tom Gulizia approached Larry Lumpkin of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) in Council Bluffs. Larry and the CAF graciously gave us one free ride on the P-51 Mustang to raffle off to obtain funds to donate to MAW. Lots of effort to sell the raffle tickets ensued and we raised \$3,611 to add to the corporate sponsorships. Way to go Omahawks Team!!

P.S. George Poullos won the P-51 ride but promptly donated it to Make-A-Wish for their use! **Thank you, George!**

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### **Tips and Tricks**

### **ESC Calibration Procedure**

The following two Tips were submitted by our club President Rick S. for your consideration. First one is for setting up your Electric Powered RC Electronic Speed Controls Throttle Channel. Follow the link to YouTube for the complete procedure:

[ESC Calibration](#)

### **Lipo Battery Safety**

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

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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/>

### **Found RC Jet**



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