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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, Oct 28th, 2022 -6:30 PM - 9:00 PM @ 138th and Fort Street, Standing Bear Lake, Omaha, NE 68164

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, Nov 22th, 2022-- 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



Luke Hughes

Club's President's Message for October 2022

I consider the next 4-5 months to be the building/repairing season. I personally enjoy RC building/tinkering almost as much as flying.

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Time flies, so fly a touch less and get your airframes in order for next season. Feel free to reach out to our club members for any help you may need along the way. I've personally been building an aircraft for the last 10 months with the help/advice of Jim Simonitch. I'll speak for him and say we've both enjoyed the process. My wife couldn't care less about CG and the amount of throw on the ailerons. Jim and I talk, text and have an occasional lunch to talk about each other's projects. This is what the Omahawks is all about, so let us know if you have any projects where we could help connect you with others that would love to listen and help along the way.

Luke

Make-a-Wish

NEBRASKA

October 3, 2022

Kevin Hyde
Omahawks R/C Inc.
15442 Seward St
Omaha, NE 68154

Dear Kevin:

Thank you so much for your gift of \$9900.00 and bringing-in the check for the additional \$100.00 bringing the total to \$10,000 this year! What a fantastic outcome. We are so grateful for your continued support of our mission year-after year! Please make sure to share our gratitude with everyone involved. Because of you, a child with a critical illness has been given a spark of hope. Now more than ever, wishes can bring hope, joy and a sense of normalcy back into the lives of wish kids and their families. With hope, a child with a critical illness finds light in the darkness of their current circumstances.

Wish child Graham, age 9, wished for a golden retriever puppy. Graham has been diagnosed with a blood disorder and has been stuck at home for 2 years because of his treatments and Covid. He missed his friends and being around people. When his wish granters visited Graham, he had done his research and knew he wanted his wish to be for a Golden Retriever puppy. He knew he specifically wanted this breed, and wanted him to sleep with, play with and



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watch him play video games. Graham is a huge Star Wars fan and named his new puppy "Luke" after Luke Skywalker in Star Wars!

Wishes have a positive impact on the emotional well-being of wish kids, their families and those involved in a wish. Without your support, we would not be able to provide these types of experiences to so many deserving children and their families, restoring their childhood during the toughest times of their young lives. With a wish, the child's spirit is rejuvenated and they can envision a brighter future. This is the impact your gift has on a child!

Thank you for helping to make every wish come true!

Sincerely,



Brigette Young

President/CEO

Bridgett



Emily Marston

Director of Marketing

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Club Members: I received this note from Luke with October 2022 Presidential input to the newsletter.

Grant and I have been discussing the passing of the torch/newsletter as we wrap up 2022! We'll plan to take on the January 2023 issue and you can certainly be involved as much or little as you'd like. Grant's full-time 'gig' is literally writing/editing (or something like that) for OPPD. So, he should come second nature. We really appreciate all you have done these last few years and look forward to relieving you of the time and hopefully you can replace it with some flying! ~Luke

This is the first and only direct communication from the President and Vice President on the subject, with the exception of something from Mr. Session said some time ago, stating something that they like to get me some help with the newsletter!

It can be a quite heavy slog to come up with enough satisfactory material to present worthwhile reading material to you the Club Members, and more than one past president and board have hinted at making changes to the content and format of the newsletter.

I can't overstate my appreciation of the 15 or so club members that take the time to write an article in support of the newsletter or to just stop me and say thanks for my monthly efforts in producing the newsletter.

Sincerely, Joe Hunt

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Kevin's Corner

Membership

The Omahawks currently have 176 members. That's down 8 members from last year.

Thank you all for your involvement in the club activities. It's member involvement that keeps a club alive and thriving.

This year we required all members to include their FAA registration number in their profile so it could be included on your membership card. That was a struggle for some. The FAA site is not the most straightforward. *Sorry for the inconvenience.*

This registration is good for 3 years so if you registered this year, you should be good for a while.

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Treasurers report

The club till continues to be stable and growing a little from year to year. As of the end of September the club cash assets stand at **\$32 thousand**, about \$7000 more than we started with.

Those dollars will be used to take care of our new runway. It's about time to get it sealed and re-painted to make sure it stays in the great shape it is.

We also have the auction coming up on October 16. Make sure you bring your planes to sell, money to buy some more planes and of course yourself.

The auction takes lots of volunteers to make it go smoothly. I've included the pre-registration again this year and we already have about 40 items ready to sell. You can find pre-registration instructions (and a list of pre-registered items) on the website under club events.

Kevin Hyde, Treasurer

Omahawks Member Meeting September 2022 Minutes

September 30, 2022, 6:30pm @ Hawk Field, Dinner @ 6pm

Membership Count: [176](#)

Newsletter Report: *Send in articles to Joe via new email: HawkTalkEditor@duck.com*

Old Business:

Field Improvements: Fall list being compiled..

New Business:

Safety Initiatives: (Jim Boomsma) Discussion of making passes over runway vs. over grass. The concern voiced is high speed passes close to the safety fence when other

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pilots are flying. The AMA recommends 25 feet away from pilot at a minimum. This would put passes at the middle of the runway. Let's shoot for the far east edge of the runway to allow a little more room for error.

Tom Floyd Memorial Fund has been established. Check out website for photos of top quality airplanes for sale. (contact Rick S. 402-312-6482 with questions.)

Labor Day: Awesome success! Give us your feedback please. Early planning meeting was very beneficial. Research better port-a-potties and shuttle carts from boat dock area. Special events to consider: crash into foam dog house, limbo flying, more/earlier combat events, parachute drops, etc.

P-51 Raffle: Tickets sold raised \$5,100 for MAW! (Winner is donating it to MAW.) Total MAW donation: \$10,000. Larry Lumpkin at CAF will offer this option again!

Flying Event Schedule 2022: See attached and below—almost done, but keep flying!

Master Calendar Link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/19y_SL3b4grtWQ893wvpFOIO_PolcxQtwn6RelAH9kEE/

Elections for leadership positions will be in November. Contact Luke or officer with nominee or interest. Officers, board, events, volunteers etc.

Combined membership discount?

Upcoming Events:

October 5th, Champions Club aviation night 5:30 to dusk (take names for Spring training)

Saturday 10/8 Chili cook off/Night Fly: 6pm-10pm

Sunday 10/16 Auction @ HobbyTown –taking volunteers.

Show and Tell: Jim B. with WWII repainted Russian fighter

Raffle: \$20 HobbyTown, \$35 cash, \$10+ worth of bacon

Meeting Adjourned: 6:50pm Motion by: Seconded by: _____

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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.

Volunteer Opportunities:

1. Events: participants, helpers, leaders

2022 Omahawks Events

Guest Training night 6pm-8pm every Thursday

Every Tuesday evening: Club Open Flying

| | <u>Event</u> | <u>\$ Up to</u> | <u>Coordinator</u> |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Sept 5 | Mon 11am-4pm | LABOR DAY AIRSHOW | |
| Sept 24 | Sat 830-1130 | Float Fly | 30 Tom V & Ron P |
| Sept 14 | Wed 830-1130 | El Sailplanes | 10 TBD |
| Sept 21 | Wed 9am-noon | Old Timers/ lunch | 10 Rick, Dick |

Food

Float Fly

RBS 8/25/22

Omahawks Business Meeting September Minutes

September 20, 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom

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Board Members: Luke, Grant, Paul, Kevin, Shaun, Rick H., Cole, Rick S. Dan F.

Guests: Doug L., Larry M., Hague, Ed P.

Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports:

Treasurer Report: *(Kevin)* Reviewed and accepted financial reports. Details on the \$10,000 donation to MAW ! Big picture, cash flow is a positive \$6,000 for the year. (Runway, fence and parking lot fund?)

Membership Count: 176

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

Old Business:

Field Improvements: (see below) A Fall list of tasks will be compiled.

Marketing ideas: Continue what we have been doing: training, EAA StemAHA, schools, HobbyTown.

Education committee:

Assessment of teen build (next month). 3 of 5 FT Tutors completed. Thanks to Chuck Hull, Ron P., Fred W., Luke, Ethan and Rick S.

Safety initiatives: Jim Boomsma, safety guidelines for events in shed. Safe labor day! Thanks Bob Wheeler and Jim B. and all pilots.!

2022 Events: (See attached and “Master Calendar Link”)

Master Calendar Link:

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Past Events:

Labor Day assessment: good things, improve for next year? (parking).

Charge cards a nice addition!

Concern with port-a-john overuse. Check into Stahla next year.

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P-51 Mustang raffle made \$5,100 (Ride to be donated to MAW.) Jim Boomsma wins the sales competition and Cole was second!

Thank you letters. Cumulative donations to MAW estimated at \$120,000+ !

Larry M. working on unclaimed raffle items. Some to be returned.

Shuttle service next year? (B&D Turf golf carts?)

Boy Scouts did a great job! Streamline the food sales lines. Split the lines to cash and charge. Raffle tickets minimum to \$2, auto fill out forms?

Speakers further north and south and put on podium or have "horn".

More entertaining flying segments (foam house crash, combat, parachute drop, limbo, paint ball, etc.) Preplanning paid off! Full scale RV by EAA80 a big hit!

Photos by Dan F. are great on website!

New Business:

Tom Floyd Memorial Fund for youth: Radios and 2 planes sold, \$1,100+ balance. Looking for premium prices on quality airplanes. Special section at auction, minimum price, advertise and hold firm. (Saito nation on 182 twin.)

Stem AHA set up and participation (Luke, Chuck H)

Fall elections of officers and Board members. New blood? Newsletter editor?

Idea of combined club membership with Western Flyers, Sky Knights and Omahawks at slight discount and done by December. (Luke)

Runway vs. grass passes safety rule discussion. (**Discuss at members meeting.** 25 foot rule by AMA)

Upcoming events:

Thursday evenings, 6-8pm Guest Training Night (just 2 more)

Wednesday 9/21 Old Timer/Sail Planes with Lunch. 8:30 to noon (**CANCELED**: too cool and breezy)

StemAHA 9/24 Millard Airport

Saturday 9/24 rescheduled Float Fly: 8:30-11:30am

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September 30th, Member meeting, 6:30pm (Hawk Field). Dinner of Pancakes, eggs, bacon, drinks and dessert @ 6pm. (Sessions)

October 5th, Champions Club aviation night 5:30 to dusk (take names for Spring training)

Saturday 10/8 Chili cook off/Night Fly: 6pm-10pm

Sunday 10/16 Auction @ HobbyTown

Meeting Adjourned: 8:28pm --Motion by: Kevin Seconded by: Ed

Field Projects:

1. Pavilion roof shingles need replacing on peek. Also old shed. (Aren't you glad the new shed is metal!)
2. TV Mount
3. Parking lot stones. Next step: prepare to meet with Parks Director Matt Kalcevich
4. Water run off issues. (Parks)
5. Paint bleachers, benches, Bender table. Other staining?
6. Runway needs sealing soon.

Volunteer Areas:

1. HobbyTown Rep to stock cards, posters
2. Auction helpers on 10/16. (Iain, others)

Featured Articles



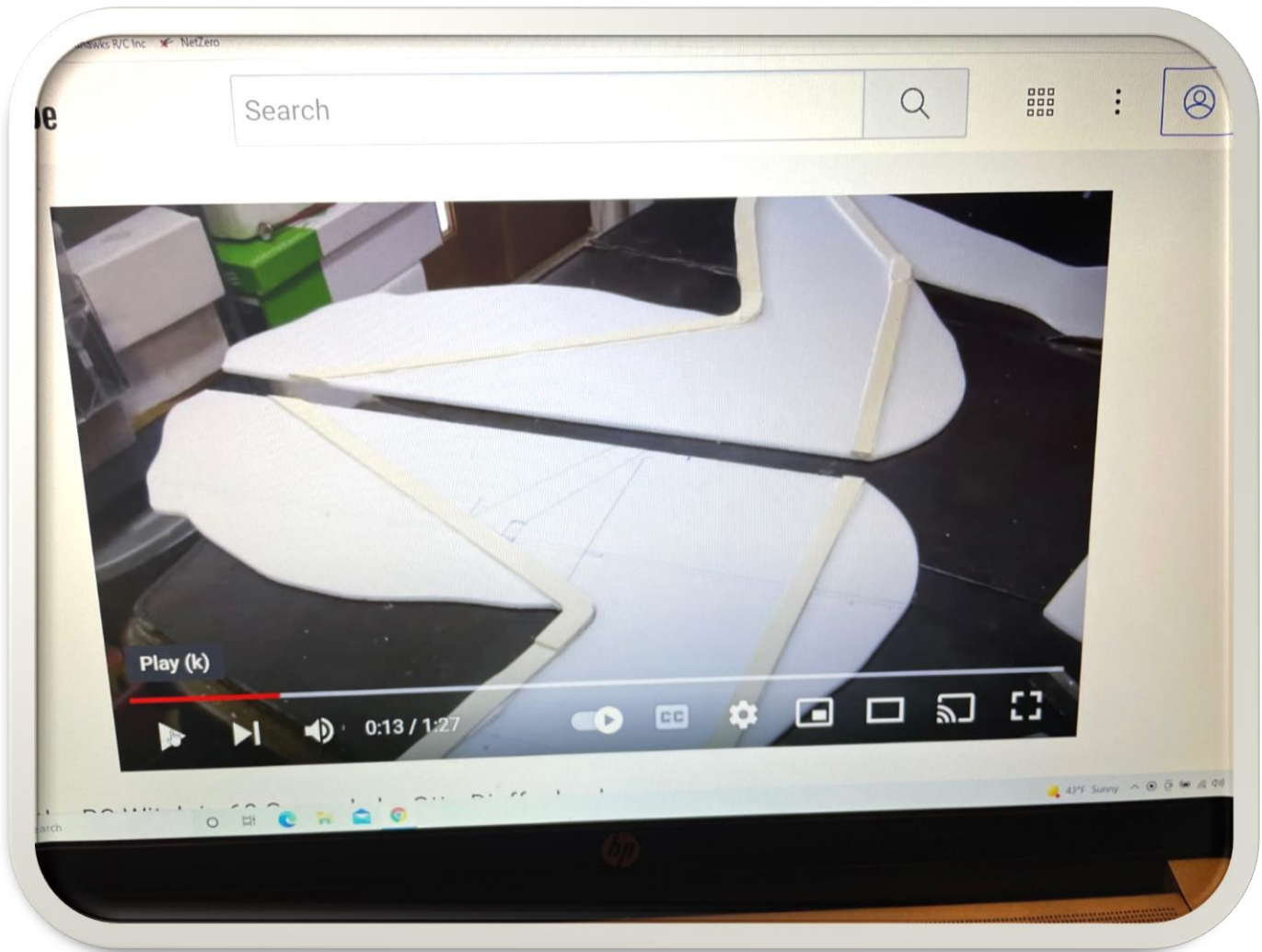
Flying Witch Build

Article and pictures by Fred Wilke

I retired my last flying witch after about seven years of continuous flying in the Omahawks Labor Day Air Show it was bruised and beaten up pretty bad.

I started looking for new plans of the Witch specifically designed by the famous [Otto Dieffenbach](#). I found a site on the internet and youtube.com, and I order his Kit and 35 Sheets of directions. Needless to say, **THIS IS NOT an easy BUILD.**

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youtube video showing assembly steps

I needed to study the plans and then restudy them to understand the details! I reinforced the hinge points with light plywood and also used triangular balsa wood to make all joints stronger being careful to watch the weight.

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youtube video showing more detail steps

The glues I used were first, clear gorilla glue, second, I used both 15- and 30-minute two-part epoxy as well as using some CA in various places.

The power I utilized for this five-pound witch was an e-flight 15 motor coupled with a four cell 2200 mah lipo battery. The battery is position way up front in the broom handle to establish the correct Center of Gravity.

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Painting was another large challenge in order to keep the overall weight down. My paint of choice was Rust-oleum 2X ultra cover and limited use of Acrylic Craft Paint.

The witch is controlled with a rudder on the end of broom and an elevator attach to the rear of the witch's cape. The throw of the controls and the Center of Balance are critical to the successful flying of the model.

Fred goes on to say "hope to test fly it Soon"



Finished Witch awaiting favorable winds and its maiden!

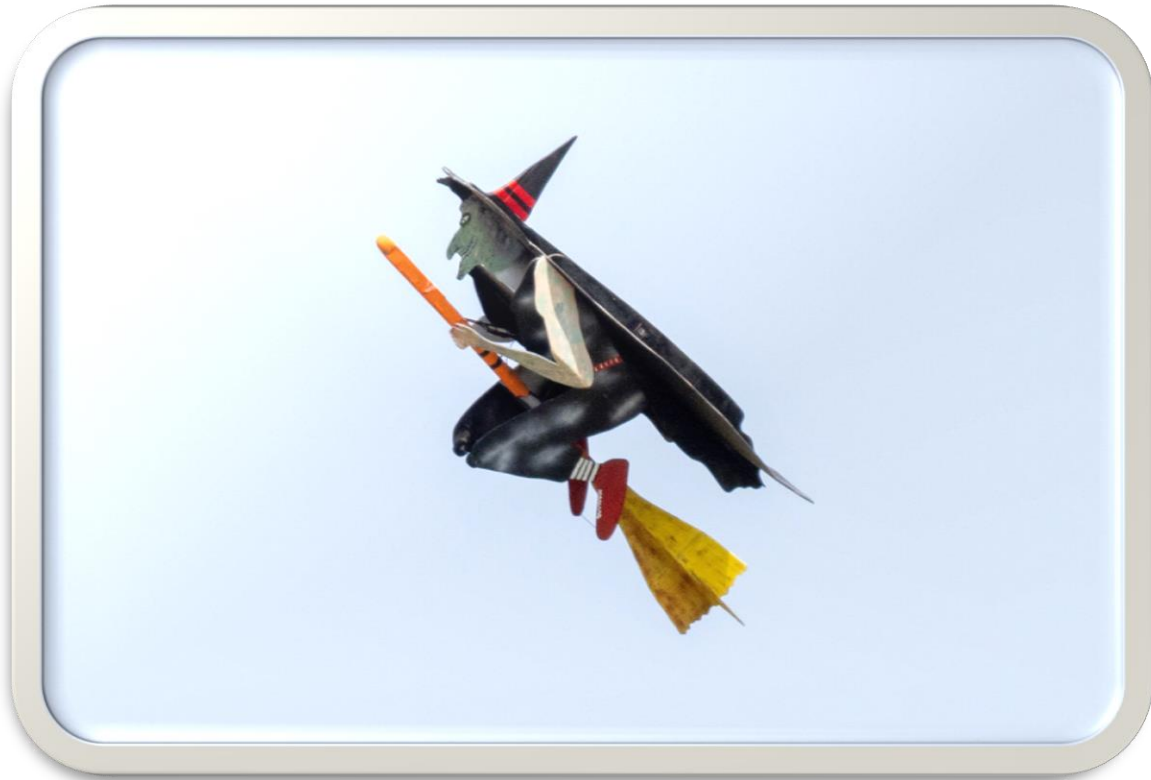
Editor's Note: But since Labor Day has come and gone, we know that the Witch has flown and flew well. I unfortunately had Covid-19 during Labor Day and didn't see it actually fly!

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The witch flying at Labor Day 2022 Air Show





All three above pictures by Dan F

September 14th, 2022 Last Last 2022 Float Fly Event

Submission courtesy of Mr. Dick Behrens and Story by Tom V.

Standing Bear Lake, Omaha

This was our fourth and final Float Fly of the year. This float fly was originally scheduled for the 10th but due to inclement weather, it was move to the 24th. However, the choice to reschedule proved to be an excellent decision because the weather turned out great. There were about 20 people that showed up for this event of which about 14 had float planes. The weather started out a little cool in the morning but by noon we were in the upper 70s. Beginning in the morning the water was very calm with little to no wind. It was so calm you could see the

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reflection of the planes in the water. This next photo is a perfect example of how calm it was!



Light winds picked up a little later on but overall, it was another perfect day for a float fly. I'm not sure but someone said Dick planned the weather for the day. Good job Dick.

Dick Behrens coordinated the event and Tom Virgillito did his usual weed eating and cleanup of the lake front and pit area the night before. The city wasn't much help this year. The lake area was always pretty overgrown. Maybe the city assumed we'd keep cleaning the area up with are float fly events. Either way it's nice to have a clean area for our float fly's. Thanks Tom. Dick brought donuts and bananas. All donuts and bananas were consumed by the end of the float fly. It's nice of Dick to always bring us a little snack the morning of our float fly's.

Thanks Dick for the Snacks & Dan Fitzgerald for the Pictures

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Once again, our club's professional photographer Dan F took excellent photographs of the event. The close-up pictures are fantastic. Thanks Dan. Because I guess you can't fly and take pictures at the same time, Bud being Bud kept asking Dan if he could use his camera to take pictures of Dan's planes when Dan was flying. But discretion prevailed as Dan did not want to risk Bud using his camera. Who knows what would of happen to Dan's camera equipment or what kind of pictures Bud would've taken. Potential disaster averted.

The chase boat was provided by Mikey Farrow. There were nine retrievals. But none of these retrievals involved **Brian Weeks** plane. In fact, on Brian's last flight of the day, he had a picture-perfect smooth landing. The pressure was off. He didn't want to end this year's float fly with a retrieval like he did last year. What a relief for Brian this year, not to have to think about a bad landing all winter.

There are always a large number of electrics that fly. Dan Fitzgerald flew his large-scale Cessna and Albatross. Rick Sessions had an electric Senorita and Loren Blinde had an electric Telemaster. Both very nice planes. Paul Edmunds flew his electric Tidewater with some assistance from Ron Pacana. Cole Meyo got out to his first float fly this year with an electric Timber. Even Joe Hunt our esteemed editor flew an electric Seawind with an assist from Mentor and Friend Fred Wilke.

The Mariner flew for the third time this year. This time it was piloted by Tim Peters. This was Tim's second time behind the sticks of the Mariner. Last time it was piloted by Ron Pacana. For those keeping track, Ron still hasn't brought a float plane out for almost 3 years now. Tim with the experience and knowledge gained from the previous flights was more relaxed. The takeoff, flight, and landing were very smooth.

The final flight of the Mariner this year proved to be his best flight.

Good job Tim!!

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Look forward to seeing it out again next year. It definitely is an eye catcher!



Many Nitro Planes were flown as well. Fred W had a nitro powered Tidewater.

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Dick Behrens flew his seniorita. This time Dick without question was the oldest pilot that flew. He took off, flew, landed, and even taxied back to shore.

This time Dick really **did out do Bud** as the oldest pilot. **Great job Dick.**

Bud attended but did not have a plane and chose to be a spectator this time.



Bert Van Blerk came out with his nitro powered OS 70 Cub. This was Bert's first Float Fly this year. He said he hadn't flown for a while due to recovery from a bike accident, so he had Tom V pilot and trim out his Cub.

It flew great but before Tom could hand over the sticks to Bert someone noticed a strut was broke so it was decided to land the plane as not to risk failure. Tom safely landed the plane. Although Bert did not have an opportunity to fly, he was very pleased with the performance of his plane. He said he will be out next year after he makes repairs to the struts. Looking forward to seeing you out again Bert. Tom V also flew his Saito 65 powered Cub as well.

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So ends another year of Float flying. All the float flies were very successful this year. Glad to see more growth and participation. With the help of Dick B and Tom V, the club will be scheduling next year's Float Fly's.

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Typically, there are four per year. Hopefully we see the participation grow. Maybe some new people, new planes or people and planes we haven't see for a while.

Yes, even **Ron Pacana** has committed to having a Float Plane out next year. With the entire lake as your runway, it's a lot fun taking off and landing on the lake. No one missed the runway this year. Hope to see everyone next year.

402-451-6397 Dick 402-393-3255 Tom 402-571-8244 Ron

Upcoming Events

- **** Breakfast get-together every Tuesday Morning @ Hy-Vee, 10808 Fort St, Omaha**

Every Thursday (closed July 28th) --10:00 AM – 1:00 PM – Indoor Flying @ Community of Christ Church GYM, 140 Kanesville 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, or **drive you're RC Car/ Truck** in the gym with us where the weather is always perfect every Thursday!

- **October 28th, 2022 - 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Monthly Membership Meeting**

- **November 15th, 2022 - 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM Monthly Board Meeting**

- **November 25th, 2022 - 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM Monthly Membership Meeting**

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