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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, Sept 27, 2019—7:00 PM – 9:00 PM **Church of the Cross, 1517 S114th
MEETING PROGRAM: Club updates, indoor flying, cookies, raffle, bring something to show at the meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, Sept 10, 2019-- 7:00PM – 8:30PM **Church of the Cross, 1517 S 114th St.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND BOARD MEETINGS



President's Message

Fellow Omahawks,

Wow! It's September already! Watch for good flying days ahead and take advantage of them, but the season is going fast!

Our field re-dedication fun fly event was an exciting day, with the City Parks Department supporting the efforts just like they have all spring with the new runway! Thank you, Luke and his team, for all your hard work on the flying field improvements!

We had an awesome Labor Day Air Show! The 3-plane combat event was a BIG hit, literally! Luke and his Apprentice took on Scott with his Stick and Mikey with a low wing speedster. Only Luke came down in one piece, but with a chunk of Mikey's wing lodged in his fuselage! The Medevac helicopter arranged by Dennis Bender

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emptied the stands at the end of the show! Thanks Dennis! We will be **donating \$4,000 plus to Make-A-Wish** again this year! Thank you, Steve Farner and Tiffany Vohnout, for a successful raffle!

Training continues to be very busy with 17 students last week and lots of young kids giving it a try! Thank you to all the able instructors who are giving their time, skills and expertise.

Check the calendar of events and “come fly with us”!

See you at the field!

Rick Sessions

Editor's note: I add these minutes in the next monthly newsletter as I receive them.

Omahawks Member Meeting Minutes

August 30, 2019

Old Business:

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Horizon/AMA Flight School—potential tie in to local training TBD.

Field courtesy rules: no nitro/gas in or near pavilion, keep off picnic tables and concrete.

Auction: October 13 (HobbyTown)—Pre registration available on our website and recommended this year. Fill out sale item forms ahead of auction and mail into Kevin!

Upcoming Events:

LABOR DAY: 9/2 11:45am-4pm

Tuesday b’fast at Hy Vee

Volunteers Needed:

1. Winter Monthly meeting program coordinators ??

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2. Labor Day Sponsors: Larry McChesney
3. Field Radio Signal monitoring: Keith Kroeker
4. Advertising/community notices: ??
5. Event coordinators: Larry M. Luke: July 27th TAG, Luke: August 17th AMA event, Ed P. Labor Day.
6. Field maintenance.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45

Omahawks Business Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2019

Board Members in attendance: **Kevin, Rick H., Dennis, Cole, Rick S., Luke, Kip**

Visitors: **Hague, Joe H., Bob W., Ed P.**

Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports:

Treasurer Report: (Kevin) presented.

Membership Count: **145**

Newsletter Report: (Joe) no update requested.

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Training program assessment, next meeting

Article for AMA re: Field upgrade—Luke?

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Electric Sailplanes: 8/21

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Past events

2019 Omaha Pattern Championships

The Omahawks RC Inc Club hosted the 2019 Omaha Pattern Championships on **August 10th an 11th**. The contest attracted 21 pilots from across eight Midwest states (Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Colorado, and Nebraska). This contest saw a good mix of pilots from F3A through Sportsman class. A good number of contestants came in a day early to practice and build on good friendships. To their surprise and landing pleasure the Omahawks Runway was replaced this year by the Omaha City Parks Department. A new asphalt runway provided plenty of smooth runway for take offs and landings as well allowing to flight two lines.

Saturday was an excellent day for flying allowing all the pilots an opportunity to show off their skills. There were some close races throughout the day making the contest very interesting. Sunday morning brought unexpected Rain which ended the contest a little early. Pilots were served lunch and awards were presented to the First through Third Place winners in each class.

Rick Sessions, Brian Weeks, Mikey Furrow, Robert Green and myself all participated.

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Brian Weeks took 1st Place in Intermediate, Mikey took 2nd Place in Intermediate, Robert took 3rd Place in Masters. All in all, a very good contest despite the rain.

The Omahawks club would like to thank all the pilots who travel from far away to attending the contest. All the contestants were great and provided plenty of positive remarks about the Omaha facility. The Omahawks would also like to thank the Omaha Parks Department for the great work they led with the Runway renovations. This is a good example of how RC clubs can partner with their City to make positive change and improve flying sites.

One last note of thanks goes out to the club members and their spouses and children who helped with the event. We all know the support they provide allows the contest to run smoothly, keeping everyone in line, fed and happy. Thank you to all (Dennis, Ed, Helen, Mandy, Bunny and the rest of the Furrows) for the help and support. Another big thanks to the club members who worked together to make this happen (Robert Green and Mikey Furrow).

Comments from a couple of the Contestants who were kind enough to send feedback.

"First, great contest. You guys are great hosts and have great facility, even before the recent improvements. Your club and its members are always welcoming and hospitable before and during the event. We usually arrive Thursday evening and fly all day Friday, and your members are always very congenial. As you know, we brought 4 folks from Colorado, 3 of which were from Arvada."

"Congratulations! And, on behalf of myself and the Arvada Associated Modelers, please share with the City of Omaha our sincere thanks and appreciation for not only improving the Omahawks field, but for also continuing to value the important partnership which exists to support this wonderful facility and our great hobby"

"I attended your contest last year. Your runway had some very big cracks and was hard on aircraft. I almost didn't come this year because of that. Removing the trees to the East was a big improvement also. With the new surface the word is already spreading around here in Colorado. You will probably see more of us next year from

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these parts. You have an excellent flying site now. Something for the Omahawks and the City Parks Department to be very proud of!!"

"This was my first pattern contest and it could have not been a better experience for me as my first contest. Bob and Robert did an exceptional job in making sure all the pilots needs were taken care of. The flying field was exceptional and the landing strip was unbelievable. It is by far the best landing strip that I have flown on and Omaha should be very proud of the field they have provided Omahawks club. Thanks again."



L to R, Mikey F, Bob W, and Bunny F

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Shirts any one?



Planes awaiting their turn to participate

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Mikey F with his Integral

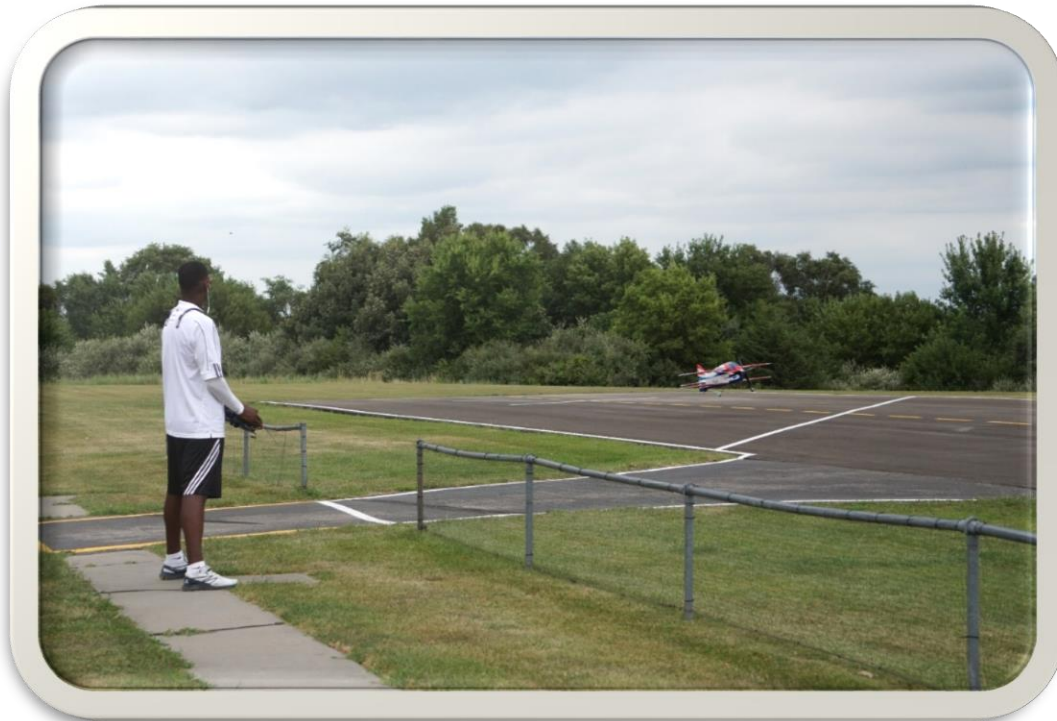


2019 Pattern Champions' Contestants

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Rick S (Yellow Shirt) calling for Brian W



Robert greases another landing with his Andes Biplane!
Sincere thanks to **Bob W** for submitting the above Article and Pictures!

40th Year - Omahawks Make-A-Wish Air Show 2019

A lot of credit needs to go out to the **whole club and other outside participants** that made the 2019 Air Show a tremendous success. I have seen estimates that we raised in excess of \$4,000.00, more the 85,000 in our 40 year history . We should all be proud of this effort and our continuous yearly support of the Make-A-Wish Organization!

Our voice of the Air Show Mr. Ed P, and some assistance from Luke kept the schedule moving along for the most part, entertaining the public that attended while Cole manned the Audio Control Box and did an excellent job in my opinion.

Rick S manned the Food area, as well as Ticketing, but there was plenty of help through-out the day where ever you looked. Paul and Cindy helped here as well, among a host of others

I'll offer my apologies if I don't name everyone but we know you did help and I for one am proud to say I can be included in such a Tremendous Team effort.

Steve ran the Prize booth along with a lot of help, from both members, members spouses and children too.

Tom and Ron were there from a support capacity, moving Trash or running many different errands. Harry and his wife worked the ticket both in the Morning, relieved at approximately 1:00 PM by Paul, and myself.

There was a significant TV presence this year with three stations sending out reporters and camera operators. Among those that attended were KETV Channel 7, reporter Niyah Gonzalez who wrote and posted a short piece on the Air Show interviewing Rick S, Jack F and our birthday boy Dean Copeland on his 82nd Birthday, follow [this link to the story](#) on the web.

We have to again give credit to our leadership for pressing on this year with the

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Runway Replacement Project, and general field upgrades, there were many positive remarks from our Visiting Public and fellow surrounding RC club's flyers attesting to our superb facilities. **Thanks Luke, and Tom and others!**

The day was not without mishaps, but I am happy to say that in my opinion there were no safety related incidents with members of the public; I remember stories from the past where we might have scared our visitors. So, another noteworthy accomplishment.

From a personal perspective my favorite events were: Dean's Turbine flights and the Combat event near the end of the show, pictures are below.



Look closely, what your seeing is Mikey Wing Tip sticking out of Luke's Apprentice fuselage!

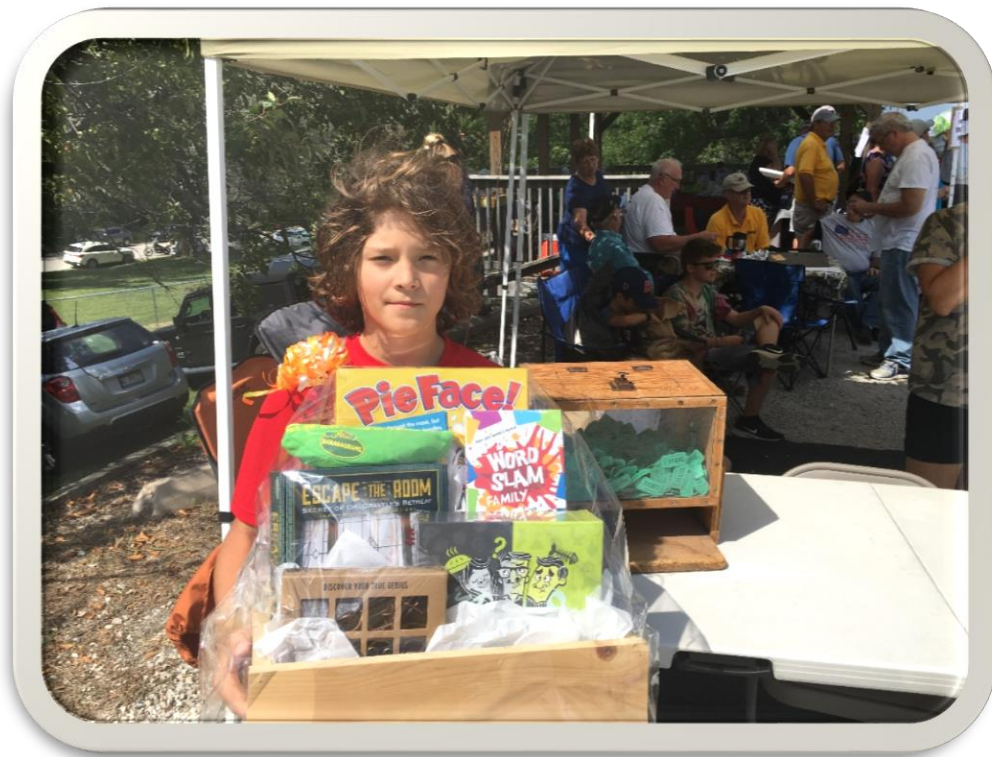
WOW, pictures, PICTURES, and more Pictures, I received more the 500 pictures submissions from this year's event. Big shout out to all the picture submitters, including, Bill A, Steve F, Luke H,

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Paul and Cindy, Rick S, Helen P. and Joe H.

The photos listed are just my selections of some representative photos. Look below for URL Web Links to the entire Picture Library's so you can review all the pictures that were taken.

Here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yy6gth5r> Patience is required as link takes a considerable time to pull pictures.



Congratulations to Brennan Fullner.
Brennan was the winner of the game basket.

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Congratulations to our Grand Prize Winner Joel Wallace. Joel won a brand new Apprentice courtesy of Hobby Town, and also a 1-year membership to Omahawks to learn to fly!

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40th Annual Make-A-Wish Air Show (aerial pic from Luke)



Rick S, Ron P putting up the Make-A-Wish Banner

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Our participants preparing their planes for flight



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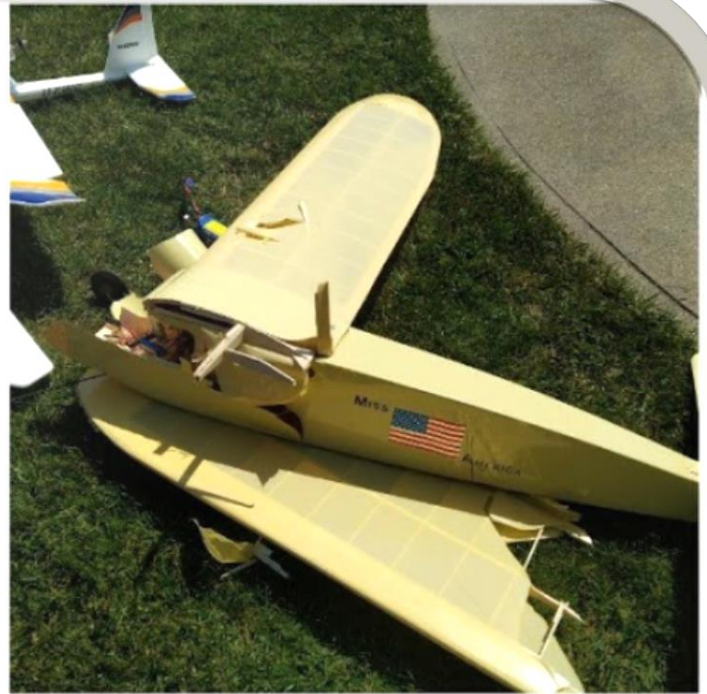


Prize booth manned and collecting donations



Food Ready for Customers, come and get it!

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Left Side, many of the participants and visiting public
Right Side, Dennis' old timer with broke wing, and with a group of Cub Scouts

Featured Article

Where-O-Where is the Plane

submission made by Joe Hunt

When I decided to re-start my hobby efforts, I contemplated the different facets of the RC Hobby, as so much had changed in that 19 years of life which got in the way from 1997 till, until my re-introduction in 2016. I was intrigued by the significant changes in the hobby technology, and advances that had occurred during my absence. My thoughts were of new 2.4GHz precision RC Radios, more advanced electronics, miniatures servos and of course SAFE/ 3 Axis Flight Systems. So many advances were made that one could now teach themselves with equipment that we only dreamed about back in the 1990's.

Also apparent was the change in Primary Building Materials such as Foam for Aircraft Building. While I had some exposure to building in Balsa those 20 years hence, I do remember it to be a quite intensive process, those talents were at best fleeting, and the effort was quite laborious. When the build was completed after weeks of building, covering, electronics and other details, you've become quite attached to your *baby creation* so to speak (Aircraft).

One can't rightly be prepared for the time when you experience the total loss of an aircraft/ drone or what have you. After weeks of building, setup and adjustment you bound to get to anxious to get the plane maiden completed. Most likely you'll throw caution to the wind, convincing yourself that the weather conditions are fine for this quick little flight, this sounds very familiar.

I do commend the Omahawks Flight Training Program this year and years in the past! But a newbie pilot doesn't get to experience the aircraft loss (that's probably a good thing) and your flight training never quite prepares you for it either. Although I have heard many of stories about other experienced members losing their airplanes, I thought it just couldn't happen to me! **But I was wrong!!**

I have had numerous aircraft mishaps, breaking various planes up upon crashes,

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one Glassair Sportsman S+ crashed and broke into five pieces which was the worst one yet. But I went home with all the pieces and those aircraft still fly to this day.

I had been exposed to getting an airplane stuck in a tree as well which is somewhat different in that my plane couldn't be retrieved immediately. It was so high in the tree that it was not reachable, I could visit it as often as I wanted, and did for the first three days, until a strong storm blew it down, with just minor damage, and it also went back together easily and flies well to this day.

Just seven days prior to this event I had just completed my Solo Training Flight Requirements, and was signed off by two separate Trainers. Those airplanes were all ARF Foam Electric Trainers flown in ideal conditions, I know now that did not prepare me for Nitro Flight that day!

After the loss of my plane, many folks told me about electronic devices they used to track their vehicles when they lose them. Beepers, cellular, Bluetooth devices and some with Telemetry built into their brands receivers. I am not sure if I wasn't listening, as I never recall anyone telling me about such devices prior to the loss of my Nitro powered Sig Seniorita.

So far, I looked for my airplane on five different occasions, the last day that I looked I was successful in finding an airplane. Albeit someone else's plane stuck in a tree behind the line of trees to the east, near the paved path. They were quite grateful but I still miss that plane I lost, and will continue to wonder where-o-where is my plane.

I have experienced the full range of emotions from the loss of this aircraft, some I understand but others I find interesting. For instance: I am angry at myself for flying that day, did I forget to check some important factor before allowing the airplane to fly!!

Since the loss of this aircraft, I heard numerous stories of air vehicles going down in the woods surrounding the Hawk Field. I also recently heard of plane balsa remnants that were found in the hobos fire pits near the field. I heard from some

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that stated their aircraft just flew away, never to be seen again. I'd love to hear your story as well!

But I guess if we allow one aircraft loss to deter us from this hobby, we would all have quit long ago.

So, for those who haven't had it happen to them yet, be prepared for it, research those electronic devices that help you track your plane; be it by GPS or beepers that allow you to hear it when its lost. Maybe you have receiver that uses Telemetry indicating its flight path, or FPV DVR that shows the line of flight to its final location.

It will happen, and I will continue to look for my Sig Seniorita till I am able to re-unite with her!

Upcoming Events

- Breakfast get together every Tuesday Morning @ Hy-Vee, 10808 Fort St, Omaha
- Sept 18th, 2019 --8:30 AM – 11:30 AM – Electric Sailplane Fun Fly @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, Omaha
- Sept 19th, 2019 --6:00 PM – Dusk – Flight Training @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, Omaha
- Sept 25th, 2019 --8:30 AM – 11:30 AM – Old Timers @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, Omaha (Lunch provided – donation requested)
- Sept 26th, 2019 -- 6:00 PM – Dusk – Last Flight Training for Year @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, Omaha
- Oct 2nd, 2019 – Wed 9:00 AM - Noon Fun Fly Any Plane/lunch @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, Omaha

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- Oct 12th, 2019 --6:00 PM – Dusk – Chili Cookoff and Night Flying @ Hawk Field, Standing Bear Lake, Omaha
- **Oct 13th, 2019** – Save this date for our Omahawks Annual Auction now **at Hobby Plex facility!** Kevin providing some new additions this year including Pre-Registrations... see poster below for more info!

R / C AUCTION

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

HobbyTown HobbyPlex
10020 Scott Circle
Omaha, NE 68122

Sunday
October 13th
2019

Radio Controlled Aircraft-Kits -Radios-Engine-Supplies



DOORS OPEN
7:00 AM
AUCTION STARTS
10:00 AM

\$5.00 ADMISSION
No charge for children under 14

MORE INFORMATION?
www.omahawks.org
Or call: Kevin Hyde @ 402 670-8320

AUCTION RULES

Items will be sold in the order received. Seller may protect himself by designating a minimum selling price. Seller will be assessed a 10% fee (\$2.50 minimum) on all items sold and a \$3.00 fee for each unsold item. The minimum bid is \$15.00. Group your small items. **Items may not be grouped or combined at the time of sale.** Payment by cash or check (**No credit cards**). Buyers are responsible for removing items from the premises upon completion of the auction.

—NEW— **Pre-registration is available. See <http://old.omahawks.net/pdf/auctionInstruction.pdf> for additional information.**

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

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