

## Hawk Talk



President... Luke Hughes

Editor/Publisher

Secretary... Rick Sessions

Vice Pres... Paul Edmunds

Joe Hunt

Treasurer... Kevin Hyde

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Friday, Oct 29, 2021 -7:00 PM - 9:00 PM @ Oakview Mall, New meeting place. Enter Mall from south side, go through food court, bare left, 3rd store front on the left**

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, Oct 19, 2021-- 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 2021

Suddenly our long sunny days are short and overcast. The light breezy afternoons seem windy, the temperature of the air feels chilly and the leaves will be 'flying' more often than you're able to.

This time of year, the flying starts to wind down, but the leadership of the club continues to work behind the scenes to plan for next year. If YOU have

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quietly wanted to become involved with the leadership of the club, speak up and we'll get you plugged in! It's been an incredible year of flying and events. It wouldn't come together without the passion and help of many of you. I look forward to the months ahead planning for our next year's FUN!

Trick or Treat,

Luke

## Omahawks Member Meeting September Minutes

September 24, 2021 at 6:45pm Hawk Field

**Membership Count: 182 (Highest since 2004!)**

**Newsletter Report:** *Send in articles to Joe. Thank you Joe!*

**Old Business:**

**Field Improvements:** Field in awesome shape! RR Shed working great! Need to meet with Omaha Parks to discuss parking lot ruts.

**Field camera: Working great! Thanks Dan, Kevin and team! Very popular.**

**Marketing ideas:** Parks, STEM partners, SAC event, HobbyTown, Air Force Connection, other ideas? Contact Luke or Norris with ideas.

**Club apparel :** next order date? Can do another order if members desire.

**Training program** (Rick) Excellent volunteer participation and good flow of guest flyers (80). Members (50, including pilots and support) are participating too. Over 500 training flights will have been done. Formal presentation of solo pilots with certificates, included in Newsletter. **(see list below, any adds?)**

**The idea of checking into having a food truck at field during Training Night will be explored.**

**Maybe add Tuesday evening/night as another flying night for those interested. Include night flying and be less structured than training night.**

**P-51 Gunfighter ticket sales: A late push resulted in 78 sales and \$3,400 to MAW!**

**FAA# required, \$5 for 3 yrs, put # on all airplanes. TRUST test, link on AMA site.**

**Labor Day Airshow**—Fun day, great weather, good food, awesome flying and \$7,100 donation to MAW! Job well done.

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**Website:** Feedback? Need help logging in? Contact Kevin or Rick.

**New Business:**

**EAA80 Facility at Oakview Mall: Possibilities going forward. Interest in winter build program?**

**Kits and partial builds for members to buy—check out the new shed for kits, old shed for partial builds and larger kits (Skybolt, SIG Senior)**

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**Upcoming Events:**

Sept 25	Sat 8:30am-11am	Float Fly	Mikey
Sept 26	Sun 1pm-4pm	Airplane, motor sale	Clauss
Sept 30	Thurs 6pm-7:15pm	Last Training	Rick/Luke
October 9	Saturday 6pm-9pm	Chili Feed	Mikey
October 17	Sunday 8am -5pm	Auction	Kevin
October 19	Tuesday 7pm-8:30pm	Board Meeting	Luke
October 29	Friday 6pm-9pm	Member Mtg	OAKVIEW MALL
November 19	Friday 6pm-9pm	OFFICER ELECTIONS	Oakview

**Raffle: kits**

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:20pm      **Motion by:** \_\_\_\_\_      **Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Officer Project Alignment/Responsibility for 2021:**

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**Field Projects:**

- ~~1. New electrical outlets in pavilion. Done! (Paul, Ron, Greg)~~
- ~~2. Lower shelves on all start up stands. Done! (Cole & Shaun)~~
- ~~3. Re-do safety fence netting, too weak, pulls thru zip ties.~~
- 4. Parking lot stones. (Parks)
- 5. Water run off issues. (Parks)
- 6. ~~Work morning 8/28, 9am-noon to prep for Labor Day.~~

**Solo Pilots past year:**

Mike Preston September 2020

Derek Schmitz blank

Klayton Schmitz blank

Sam Bergman blank

Nathan Biles blank

Sid Singh—June 2021

**Blank= date TBD**

**~~Strike Thru~~= certificate & picture done**

## **Omahawks Business Meeting September Minutes**

September 21, 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom

**Board Members: Paul, Rick, Norris, Skip, Shaun, Cole, Kevin**

**Visitors: Doug, Hague**

### **Officer/Chairman/Editor Reports:**

**Treasurer Report:** (Kevin) Reviewed and accepted financial reports. Cash inflow up about \$4,200, due to higher membership. Add to runway/maintenance fund? MAW check for \$7,100! P-51 Raffle was \$3,400. Mowing \$2,280 for the year.

**Membership Count:** **182**

**Newsletter Report:** (Joe) Do biographies, **Safety article (Bob Wheeler)**, solo pilots, events

### **Old Business:**

**Field Improvements:** Concern on water ruts near gate area. Meet with Parks. Roof peak shingles.

**Marketing ideas:** (Norris) Video presentation revisit. Meeting with Parks to co-market. SAC event, include Offutt pilot (Ron, Derrick, others?). Ask members for

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ideas to spruce it up. New initiatives need new club member champions. Use subcommittees for those initiatives (Kevin's idea).

**Club apparel : Fall order? If members want one.**

**Training program** (Rick): Overall assessment. Over 500 flights, 25 solo pilots past 2 years, 12 new members from training. Excellent volunteer participation from members.

**P-51 Gunfighter ticket : 78 sold, \$3,400 towards MAW !**

Talk with HobbyTown about a "fact sheet" to join Omahawks. (Rick to distribute to HobbyTown.)

AMA: incentive program via link on omahawks.org (still active thru 2021)

**Website: FAA # is needed for new members. Two more "airplane estates" from website: Beasley, Paul (North Bend). Take photos and link on website, send email to members.**

**StemAHA Day: 9/4, had 2 simulators, sold 6 P-51 tickets. Our assessment? Served 183 plates of pancakes, Husker game conflict, low flying ceiling in AM. Labor day conflicts. Reassess the dates, maybe move back to mid September next year. February StemAHA day likely. Lots of networking among affiliates. Meetings at Oakview during winter, October Board meeting there. Mall show during winter? Lots of affiliates: Boys & Girl scouts, Girls Inc., STEM at Burke, UNO (list sent to leadership). Online calendar is now active for Able Ace. Aviation Mecca of Omaha? Chairs now available now (50+). Link from our website to calendar and STEM website.**

**Labor Day Air Show: Overall assessment. Do different? Do better? Don't do? Food was good! Safe flying. No helicopters this year. P-51 sales went well, thanks Tom Gulizia! Ed Paasch pulled off the normal raffle and netted \$1,000, thanks Ed? Awesome weather! Do VFW earlier and more of them, tie into burger night for P-51 sales. 3 TV stations came out to do interviews and news segments. Scott Voorhees did radio interview with Luke.**

### New Business:

**EAA80 @ Oakview-- discuss possibilities: Board Meetings, Member Meeting during winter, kit build projects, trainer restoration (include kids), Flite Test builds, educational events**

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Board candidates for next year? Desire to have 6 again? Alignment with club initiatives and strategies.

Member involvement strategies and task force use.

More signs needed to warn against walking across field on south side.

Erosion of driveway is getting pretty bad. GeoGrids? (Parks are overloaded from storm damage.)

Basic tools to be put in RR shed by next spring.

Auction on October 17<sup>th</sup> at HobbyTown!

Chuck Inserra is ill. (Bellevue Hillcrest facility.)

Cindy Edmunds is cancer free!

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:10pm --Motion by:Paul      Seconded by: Kevin

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- ~~3. Re-do safety fence netting, too weak, pulls thru zip ties.~~
- ~~4. Storm damage to trees needs cutting and removing.~~
5. Pavilion roof shingles need replacing on peek.
6. Parking lot stones. (Parks?)
7. Water run off issues. (Parks)

## **Feature Articles**

## **Omahawks 2021 Training Review**



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Omahawks' Trainers:

First of all, **THANK YOU** for your dedicated and capable service to the Thursday night training program! We had a great season of training, thanks to your efforts! I have attached the Excel spreadsheet that has tracked the training activity for this season. We had:

1. Over 500 training flights by both members and guests.
2. We had 84+ guests take at least 1 test flight and 36 members joined us to fly.
3. We have contact information for most of the guests that were captured on tracking cards made by Tom Gulizia and suggested by Harry Perkons. We will stay in touch over the winter.
4. Many training nights we had 20 or more flyers and many spectators. It was common on nice days to have close to 50 people involved!
5. We have had over 20 solo pilots over the past year and a half.



Luke H, prepares a Aprentice for flight, while Jack F shows Brooklyn TL a TX  
Joe H looks on in Blue

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6. It was a **SAFE** flying season! `Yes, we had a couple of crashes, but no harm was done, except to the airplane.



Will, and Sam M, Jim and Rick (**yes I can't be sure which twin is which**)

7. We made extensive use of two flight simulators: one in the RR shed and another in the pavilion. Shaun Brothers did a great job manning them and helping to assess guest's flying skills. Thank you, Shaun!



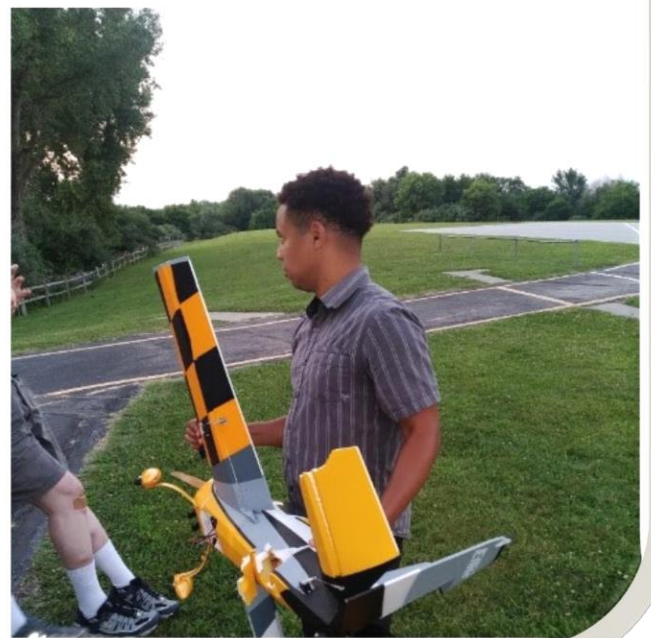
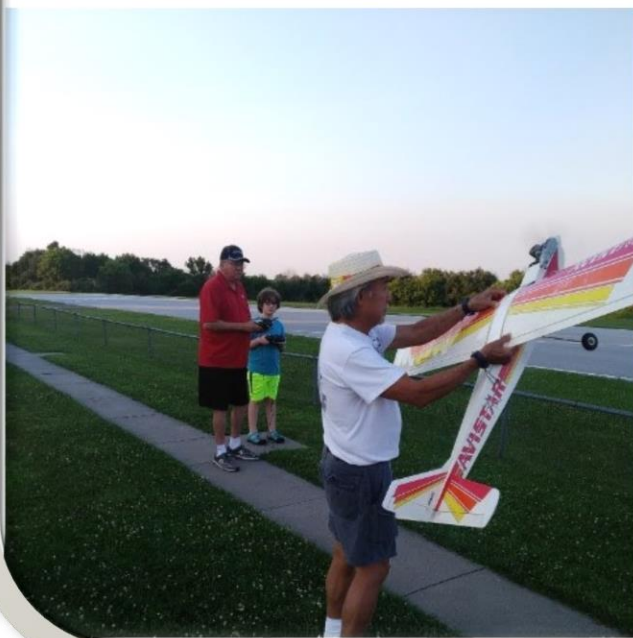
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Every Thursday evening saw a large turnout, a simulator can be seen on far right

8. The **FUN QUOTA** was "off the charts"! We had lots of smiles and giggles from the kids and newbies that flew!

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Training was enjoyable with the occasional mishap

**INPUT PLEASE!** Let me know what you liked and what we can do better next year, while it's fresh in your mind. I'll have a "kick off" meeting next March to get ready for the new season.

**TRAINER REPAIR:** Want to help with getting trainers repaired for next year? Let me know and we will schedule some repair workshops over the winter.



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Thanks much!

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### **Night Flying and Chili Contest**



Many members attended and enjoyed the chili and flying

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Several Planes prepared for flight



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The Furrow Family enjoying the feed!

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Another shot of some of the night's attendees

### 2022 Club Memberships

As of October 1 2021, the Omahawks will be accepting memberships for the 2022 membership year. A new requirement for membership this year is that an FAA number must be specified in your profile.

It is important the club members comply with the FAA regulations governing "drone" activity, or as FAA terms UAS (unmanned aircraft systems). The regulation is 14 CFR 107 and is referred to as the Small UAS Rule. That regulation requires that all UAS be registered. If you are not yet registered you can register at <https://FAAdronezone.faa.gov>. It costs \$5 for a registration that's good for 3 years. Our local FAA representative has contacted board members and indicated that they would be frequenting the field to see that we are in compliance with this rule. Including your FAA number on your membership card will assure that you always



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have that information with you when flying.

When renewing your membership on-line please make sure you have that information available and enter it in the FAA field of your profile. Some members chose to send me a check in the mail when renewing. That is perfectly acceptable and I'll be happy to process the membership but I will need to know your FAA registration number to complete the process.

Another requirement in this rule is that recreational flyers must complete **The Recreational UAS Safety Test (TRUST)**.

You can find a link to this at [www.faa.gov/uas/recreational\\_fliers/](http://www.faa.gov/uas/recreational_fliers/). You will have the opportunity at the end of the test to print a certificate documenting the completion. You should print this document and keep it with your flight box or transmitter so you have it at the field.

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 Kanessville Blvd, Council Bluffs, IA 51503.** For further information email Kevin: [ulavenger@yahoo.com](mailto:ulavenger@yahoo.com) **No flying Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Come fly in the gym with us where the weather is always perfect every Thursday!

- **Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM – Board Meeting Via Zoom** (all members are encouraged to attend) contact Rick S for info!
- **Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 7:00 PM General Meeting Start @ Oakview Mall, New meeting place. Enter Mall from south side, go through food court, bare left, 3rd store front on left**

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)

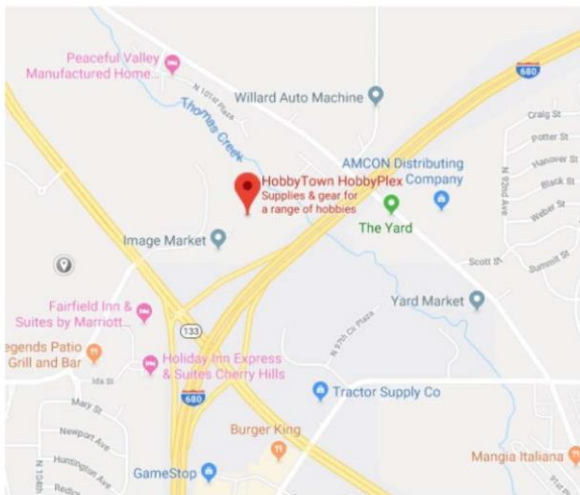
# R / C AUCTION

## OMAHA, NEBRASKA

**HobbyTown HobbyPlex**  
10020 Scott Circle  
Omaha, NE 68122

**Sunday**  
**October 17th**  
**2021**

**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](http://www.omahawks.org)

Or call: Kevin Hyde @ 402 670-8320  
Or email at OmahawksRC@gmail.com

### 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 Omahawks.org / Club events / Auction](http://www.omahawks.org)

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