

Omaha Soaring Club

Blair Executive Airport – Board of Directors Meeting



Flight Statistics



Established in **1985**, the Omaha Soaring Club began flight operations at KBTA in **1992**. In the past **32 years at KBTA**, the Club has flown **11,084 glider flights** and purchased approximately **26,900** gallons of AV gas for our Piper Pawnee tow plane.



NOTE: The overall count of flight operations at KBTA, as per the FAA's counting methodology (where each take-off and landing of the tow plane and glider is recorded separately), surpasses a total of **44,400 flight operations**.

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Even though we were unable to fly last April and May, the club flew the fourth highest number of sorties over the past eleven years.

Year	L23	Russia's	1-26's	Grob's	2-22	Discus	Jonkers	All Others	Total Flights by Year	Total Flight Days	Cap Ops
2024	447	2	13	31	5	2	9	0	509	44	86 flights
2023	605	4	31	25	35	6		0	706	44	68 flights
2022	517	8	14		23			7	569	38	46 flights
2021	500	20	29					15	564	42	130 flights
2020	220	13	14					30	277	26	
2019	268	14						18	300	39	
2018	191	4						19	214	25	
2017	283	15						41	339	46	
2016	172	40						26	238	32	
2015	218	61						50	333	25	
2014	300	67						8	375	32	
Totals:	3721	248	101	56	63	8	9	214	4424	393	330 flights

Club Census

Member Count:

Year	Full Members	Associate Members	Youths	Total
2024	27	5	4	36
2023	21	5	6	32
2022	24	5	5	34
2021	22	4	2	28
2020	20	3	2	25

Aircraft:

Aircraft Type	Seats	Ownership
Piper Pawnee PA-25	1	Omaha Soaring Club
LET L-23 Super Blanik	2	Omaha Soaring Club
Grob 102 Astir	1	Omaha Soaring Club
Grob 102 Astir CS77	1	Private Owner
Schwiezer 2-22E	2	Private Owner
Schwiezer 1-26B	1	Private Owner
Schweizer 1-26E	1	Private Owner
Russia AC-4	1	Private Owner
Jonkers JS-3	1	Private Owner
Total:	<u>11</u>	

Flight Accomplishments



- Members who earned their Private Pilot (Glider):
 - Ryan Kelly
- Members who earned other Glider ratings:
 - Jeff Friend (Commercial)
 - Dave Leslie (Commercial)
- Members who earned SSA Badges:
 - Jeff Friend (Bronze Badge)
 - Steve Rasmussen (C Badge)

NOTE: In the past four years, twelve club members have earned their Private Pilot (Glider) Certificate or their Commercial Glider rating.



Notable Events



Offutt AFB – Defenders of Freedom Airshow

Jeff and Tom attended the two-day air show at Offutt AFB and spoke with hundreds of people who stopped by to look at the Omaha Soaring Club's display.



Club Cookout

The 3rd annual club cookout was held at KBTA in late September. This is a nice event, and the food was awesome. Don't miss this in 2025!



Storage Room Renovation

Most of the demolition is complete. Once it's all complete, we can plan what needs to be done to make the room a usable space.



Our Future Plans

Grob 103 Twin Astir



Continue the Restoration of
the Piper Pawnee Tow Plane



Soaring Simulator



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Congrats to all for a great 2024 Soaring Season!
Here's to looking forward to an even better year in 2025!