

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks
LOG BOOK

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crskyhawks.org

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**Doug Emerson's
Astro Hog on Skis**



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Upcoming Events

Saturday, January 11, 2014, Skyhawks Dinner Party and Meeting at the Longbranch Restaurant. Cash cocktails at 6:00 PM and dinner at 7:00 PM. The Longbranch provides our meeting room free of charge. Show your appreciation by attending this fun event. Details elsewhere in the Logbook.

Fly, dotard, fly!

With thy wise dreams and fables of the sky.

— Alexander Pope, The Odyssey of Homer, book ii.

“The Skyhawks are a great partner and add a wonderful recreational element to our city.”

Daniel Gibbins, ISA
Parks Superintendent
Cedar Rapids Parks & Recreation
Department

Cover photographs needed for the Logbook

We would really appreciate people submitting photos for consideration for use as the Logbook cover. Cover photos need to be in portrait mode, and should be as high a resolution as possible, preferably 2000 by 3000 pixels or more. Furthermore, the top third of the photo should be sky or some other appropriate background so as not to interfere with the banner of the Logbook.

Reminder: You must have your current Skyhawks Membership Card to fly at the field.

Your current Skyhawks membership card must be placed in your frequency pin slot when you have the frequency clip. Everyone must use a frequency clip. Thanks.

Club Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2013

Todd opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with fourteen members and one guest in attendance. Members introduced themselves and told of any projects they were working on.

Treasurer's report:

Randy gave his report.

Secretary's report:

Jim read the minutes from the November meeting.

Old business:

Todd discussed preparations for the March mall show. He will make contact with the mall and will publicize the details.

Todd stated the club needs a safety advisor. Anyone interested in filling the position should contact any board member.

Mark Barnett suggested many improvements to help advance the club. They are a solar powered charging station, a shelter, a heli area, an access gate, and a security camera. Discussion followed. The Board will start working on getting cost estimates and prioritizing field improvements. There was consensus that field security should be emphasized.

New business:

Van made a motion that the nominated club officers be elected by unanimous consent. It was seconded by Mark Barnett. Motion passed. The Club Officers for 2014 are:

PresidentTodd Davis
Vice-PresidentWendell Maakestad
SecretaryJim Buttleman
TreasurerRandy Lepsch

Van stated that he has confirmed with the Longbranch the date of January 11 for the dinner party. He said that the menu will be the same as last year, and the cost will be \$26.00 per person including tax and gratuity. Todd emphasized that the Longbranch provides our meeting room free of charge. We all should show our appreciation to the Longbranch by attending the dinner party. There will be fun activities and door prizes.

Van said we should mark our calendars for the upcoming Quad City Airshow, June 21st and 22nd, 2014.

Show n' tell:

Jim Buttleman brought the Robart nose gear and mount he machined for his 1/4 scale Piper Tri-Pacer.

Meeting closed at 8:00 pm

Skyhawks Secretary, Jim Buttleman

Jim Buttleman's Robart nose gear and mount he machined for his 1/4 scale Piper Tri-Pacer.





JANUARY CLUB PARTY (AND MEETING)

The Annual Skyhawks Dinner Party will be on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at the Longbranch Restaurant, Marion. Cash cocktails at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM. The menu choices will be top sirloin, BBQ ribs, pork chop or roasted chicken breast, for \$26.00 per person including tax and gratuity. Plan to attend this fun event and help show our appreciation to the Longbranch for the meeting room they provide to our club.

There will be fun activities and door prizes.

PLEASE POST

**Mark the date! It's eastern Iowa's
biggest and best, in a GREAT LOCATION!
It's the 11th Annual Iowa City Aerohawks
R/C Swap Meet**

SUNDAY, February 23, 2014

At the **National Guard Armory, Iowa City**

Open at 8 a.m., transactions after 9 a.m., **AUCTION** at noon!

All radio control interests welcome! 120+ tables! Vendors, too!

Easy load/unload. Breakfast & lunch: coffee, donuts,
bagels, soda, pulled pork sandwiches, chips available.

We've rented a HUGE facility with lots of space, and our
members, vendors, and friends will be putting out LOTS
of GREAT stuff from their workshops and home hangars:

PLANES, CARS, TOOLS, HELICOPTERS, BOATS, KITS, ARFs

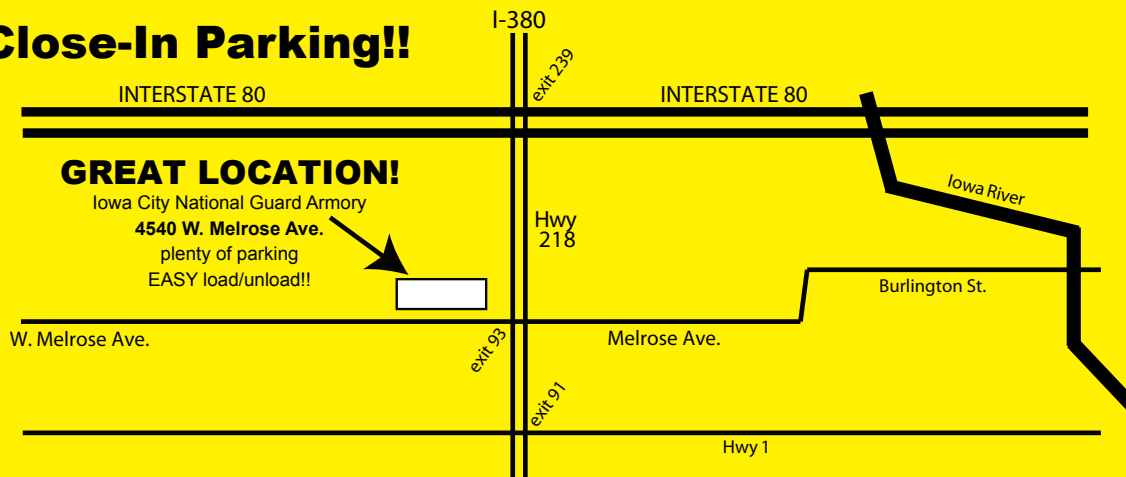
\$5 admission, Kids 12 and under FREE!

\$13 for 6 ft. table w/ chair (includes 1 admission), additional tables \$10

BUT WE SELL OUT SPACES EARLY and YOU MUST RESERVE AHEAD!!

Call Rich at **319-358-8519** or email: **rich.vedepo@gmail.com**

Close-In Parking!!



Iowa City Aerohawks is a radio control flying club. All Aerohawks are also
members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Chapter 824

See photos of past A-Hawk Swap Meets at **www.iowacityaerohawks.com**

Sweet memories of childhood give Iowa City woman a lift

IC pilot, Aero Hawks member builds Berlin Airlift model

By Chris Umscheid
North Liberty Leader

IOWA CITY— Things were tough in West Berlin in the summer of 1948. The Soviets blocked all roads and railroads leading to the three Western-held sectors of Berlin. To provide food and other necessities of life to the stranded people, the U.S. Air Force (USAF) began an aerial supply operation, which became known as the Berlin Airlift. For 462 days, planes flew to Tempelhof Airport in Berlin loaded with food, clothing, even coal. Local children flocked to the fence surrounding the airport to watch the planes land and take off again.

One pilot, Lt. Gail S. Halvorsen, walked out to the fence one day while his plane was being



Marc Niehus and his mother Gerda, pose with Marc's 1/6th scale replica of a USAF C-47 decorated in honor of American pilots who dropped candy to children in Berlin during the Soviet blockade and ensuing Berlin Airlift. Gerda was one of the children who caught candy dropped by Lt. Gail S. Halvorsen AKA "Uncle Wiggly Wings." The candy bombers and Gerda were honored at the Iowa City Aero Hawks 21st Radio Controller Airshow Sunday, Sept. 8. (photo by Chris Umscheid)

unloaded and met some of the children, who asked him for candy. He only had a few pieces of gum on him, which he gave with the promise he would drop them some from his plane on his next trip. He told them they would know it was him because he would "wiggle" his wings.

On his next flight, the pilot wiggled his wings as he approached the runway, and had the flight engineer push three bundles of candy out of the plane. The bundles were attached to homemade parachutes crafted out of handkerchiefs. Halvorsen had no way of knowing if the bundles reached their target or drifted off to parts unknown, until he took off and saw the children waving three handkerchiefs. Lt. Halvorsen continued to drop candy and became known as "Uncle Wiggly Wings" to the children.

Among the growing crowds of children was a young girl named Gerda. Eventually she moved to the United States and had a son named Marc.

Marc Niehus, a resident of Coralville, grew up to become a professional pilot and a member of the Iowa City Aero Hawks, a radio-controlled (RC) model airplane club. Each year the club puts on an airshow for the public, with a candy drop for the children in attendance. However, strong winds scrubbed that flight during their show on Sunday, Sept. 8. The club was also going to pay tribute to the original candy drop, flown by Lt. Halvorsen so many years ago.

Niehus spent a year or so building a 1/6th-scale RC replica of a USAF Military Air Transport Service (MATS) C-47 cargo plane, one of several types of aircraft utilized in the famous airlift. He gave it a custom paint job honoring Halvorsen with teal, red and black striping to coincide with the ribbon airmen were awarded for the humanitarian mission. A special tail decal commemorates the Berlin Airlift with German and American flags, and the name "Rosinenbomber" is spelled-out along the fuselage. Translated, it means "Raisin Bomber," or "sweets (candy) bomber."

With the wind creating a dangerous crosswind-landing

situation for the fragile aircraft, Niehus wasn't able to fly the beast, which features a fully detailed cockpit with pilot and co-pilot and pallets stacked in the cargo area. Instead the plane was wheeled to the center of the main runway and Gerda was brought out from the crowd to stand with Marc and the plane, while Richard VeDepo read the story of the candy bomber. As a round of applause echoed across the wind-swept field, mother and son embraced.

The Aerohawks, not wanting their younger guests denied a sweet treat, hand-tossed the candy that would've been dropped by RC plane around the south end of the field before turning the youngsters loose to scoop up the goodies.

The bottom line: pilots have a sweet spot for kids.



Niehus, of Coralville, built this 1/6th scale radio-controlled replica of a C-47 cargo plane in honor of American pilots who dropped candy to children in Berlin during the famous Berlin Airlift. (photo by Chris Umscheid)

FOR SALE

Hangar 9 Cap 232, 73-inch wingspan, with Saito 180 Engine. \$750.00. Built by Wendell Maakestad. Contact John Spargo, 393-0171 or jspargo@spargoconsulting.com



Cedar Rapids Skyhawks Radio Control Club

Membership Application

Date: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ Email Address: _____ AMA#: _____

Proficiency Level (Circle One): Student Pilot Instructor

Xmitter Frequencies Used: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Active (Circle all that apply): Power Glider Helicopter Other _____

How did you hear about our club? _____

Membership Fees

Family \$78.00	Open \$60.00	Senior Citizen (65 and up) \$42.00	Junior (up to 14) \$12.00	Senior (15 to 18) \$30.00	Associate \$20.00
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All fees paid after October 1st each year will pay for the balance of the current year as well as for the following year.

If you are unable to pay at a club meeting, send your renewal with PROOF OF AMA (Photocopy of your current AMA membership card) to: Cedar Rapids Skyhawks, 129 Meghann Dr., Marion, IA 52302. AMA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED TO FLY MODEL AIRCRAFT. YOU MUST SHOW YOUR CURRENT AMA MEMBERSHIP CARD OR PROVIDE A PHOTOCOPY TO A CLUB OFFICER IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARD. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS WHO DO NOT FLY ARE EXEMPT.

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks

129 Meghann Dr.

Marion, IA 52302

Deadline for submissions is the Tuesday following the Board meeting or the fifteenth of the month, whichever is later.
Consideration for exceptions will be made where the information was not available in time and is of wide interest.