

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks
LOG BOOK

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Geoff Barrance and his Fazer braving the elements



Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 4, 2016, 1 PM to 3 PM. Skyhawks Demonstration Day.

Sunday, June 5, 2016, 7:00 PM, General Club Meeting. NOTE: The meeting will be at the Skyhawks Field. In case of adverse weather, we will meet at the Hiawatha Library.

Saturday July 23, 2016, Warbirds Over Iowa. Rain date July 24th.

August 12-14, 2016, Owatonna Warbirds.

August 18-20, 2016, Fond du Lac Warbirds and Classics.

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It's not your mistake that matters, but
it's how you recover that counts.

*~Bill Cherwin, Retired flight lead of
the Lima Lima Flight Team*

“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

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

Your current Skyhawks identification badge must be worn when you participate in a flying activity. If you are flying on a 72 MHz frequency, you must use a frequency clip. Thanks.

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.

Club Meeting Report

May 1, 2016

Meeting was opened at 7:00 pm with fourteen members in attendance.

Treasurer's report:

Geoff read his report.

Secretary's report:

Jim read the minutes from the April meeting.

Old business:

There was discussion about the past Skyhawk show at the Hiawatha Library.

Todd informed the group the Porta-Potty should be delivered to the field soon.

Discussion on the seeding of the areas where the old buildings were removed. The city has since seeded these areas with the hydro spray method.

New business:

Geoff Barrance commented the spectator fence is looking poorly, discussion about the fence condition and a motion made by Mark Woytassek to install new end posts, the motion was seconded by Mark Barnett. A work group was formed to remove the old posts and install new ones.

Geoff Barrance commented on the current status of the FAA plane registration process.

A photography club will be present at the club's Demo Day event on June 4th, with a possible photo contest. There was further discussion about the coming Demo Day event. Todd will send out an email update in prepara-

tion for the event.

The club meetings for the months of June, July and August will be held at the field (weather permitting). If the weather is adverse, the meetings will be at the Hiawatha Library.

Be sure to check the Skyhawks website for new picture additions.

Show n' tell:

Walt Taylor brought a Polaris Ultra that he gave to Wendell.

Morgan Hamer brought his DJI drone, a very technical flying platform.

Mark Barnett brought his Utter Chaos 60 wing that he has built. Mark Woytassek will be building the fuselage for the airplane. It will be powered by a .61 O.S. FX.

Kevin Gordon brought several planes to give away. He said he's reducing his inventory.

Wendell brought his Top Flight P-51 that is powered by a DLE 55 and has Robart retracts. Wendell has made several modifications to the airplane.

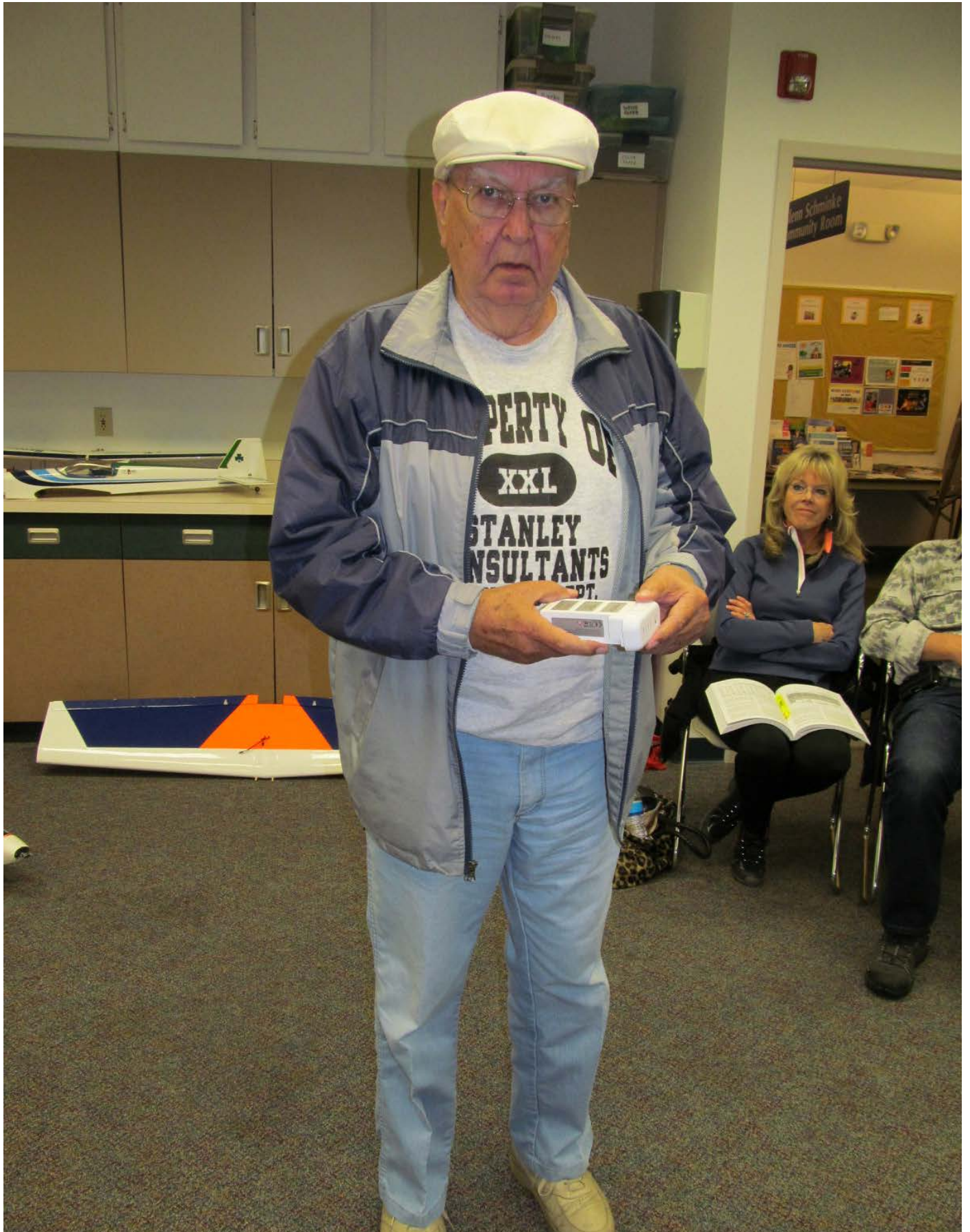
Gary Owen brought his Top Flight 85" P-47 powered by a DLE 55. Gary highly modified and completely changed the original trim scheme.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Skyhawks Secretary,

Jim Buttleman

Morgan Hamer



Morgan Hamer's DJI Drone



Mark Barnett's Utter Chaos Wing



Kevin's planes to give away



Wendell's Top Flight P-51



Gary's P-47



Special Rule for Model Aircraft Looks Favorable in the House

The FAA Modernization and Reform Act with the Special Rule for Model Aircraft was passed into law in 2012, but this year the act is up for renewal. Since last year we have been active on the Hill making our case to protect and preserve the Special Rule for Model Aircraft. We explained the strengths of the special rule and proposed some language to further enhance it.

These efforts include face-to-face meetings with legislators on Capitol Hill. We are also using a successful law and lobbying firm in DC to help with the House and Senate revision of the bill.

As a result we now have a House version titled the Aviation Innovation, Reform, and Reauthorization (AIRR) Act, which preserves our voluntary, community-based approach to managing the model aviation community. The House bill also provided a clear definition of a community-based organization (CBO) and tasks the FAA with developing a process for recognizing CBOs, both long-overdue tasks for the agency. In addition, the bill expands protections to allow model aircraft to be used as a teaching tool for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), as well as aeronautics.

The Senate version, SB 2568, also keeps the Special Rule for Model Aircraft generally intact, but included additional provisions that could detrimentally impact our community. Fortunately many issues we resolved in earlier drafts or through manager's amendments. One particular onerous provision was a 400-foot altitude limit that initially applied to everyone, but we successfully worked to secure an exemption for AMA members.

While we are thankful for the Senate to address many of our concerns, there is still language in the Senate version that could have a negative impact on our hobby. The Senate proposed unnecessary regulations on modelers who scratch build or kit bash. The bill also puts many flying sites near airports in jeopardy and could require all modelers to take an online FAA safety test.

On April 12 we asked our members to write the Senate to express these concerns. In just a few days nearly 30,100 letters were sent to the Senate asking for support of an amendment that would lessen the negative impact on the model aircraft community. Just like in 2011, we again thank you for your prompt action. The call to action was shared by hobby shops, on forums, through social media, and in club meetings. And just like in 2011, the results may be slow and we may not see the immediate fruits from our April writing campaign for months.

While at times frustrating, progress can be slow when working with Congress. This is by design. For a quick history lesson, when our country was laying the groundwork for a Federal government, there was a strong case to establish a slow-moving legislative body. Our newly formed country was hesitant to create a swift moving government that could rush through legislation. As a result, there are processes in Congress to keep the law writing process at a slower pace to allow for review, amendments, and citizen engagement.

We will continue to work with Congress as the more favorable House version to go to a floor vote. Once the House and Senate versions are passed, the bills go to a Conference Committee. In the Conference Committee, the bill will undergo a new round of revisions and changes. Eventually the bill goes to another vote in the House and Senate and then gets signed into law by the President. This process could transpire over the next couple months. Considering this is a heated Presidential election year, it is also likely the process may stall until 2017.

Below is a graphic that demonstrates our progress at this moment. We have a long road ahead and at any of these stages we may ask you to make your voice heard again. Please continue to monitor www.modelaircraft.org/gov and your email.

As always, thank you for your support of the AMA during this long process and your efforts to protect our community.

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks Instructors

We want you to have a positive experience learning to fly. The more successful you are starting out determines if you will enjoy the hobby. The most important first step is to find an instructor to help you get off to a good start. The best way to contact an instructor is to call and make an appointment. There is also an Instructor Availability Calendar on the Skyhawks Website.

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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, 1590 17th Avenue, 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

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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.