

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks  
**LOG BOOK**

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Gary Owen's F22

Photo by Rich Dean





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## Upcoming Events.

**Sunday, January 10, 7:00 PM** Zoom meeting. Invitation to be sent to all members.

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  
Former Parks Superintendent  
Cedar Rapids Parks & Recreation Department

**All club members must read and follow the safety rules. They are available on the website.**

**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 or Ham band, 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.

# SkyHawks Meeting Minutes

## December, 2020

The meeting was held virtually on Sunday, December 6, 2020 via Zoom. Todd Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 12 members in attendance.

Geoff Barrance submitted an electronic Treasurer's Report which was read by Todd Davis.

- Treasurer collected 2 membership fees which have not yet been deposited.
- Checking account balance: \$17,958.57
- Saving's account balance: \$2,008.72. \$0.01 was added for October interest earned.
- 2020 membership stands at 78 members, including honorary and life memberships.
- 2021 memberships – 5
- No disbursements were recorded for the month.
- A summary of last four year's expenditures was included:
  - 2016 - \$2,242.07
  - 2017 – \$2,366.11
  - 2018 - \$2,584.26
  - 2019 - \$2,893.44

David Logan read the minutes from the November 1, 2020 meeting.

### **Old Business**

- **Runway Replacement**

A review of the discussion from the November meeting regarding postponing the runway replacement was given by Todd Davis. Generally, the consensus of the club at the last meeting was that, due to the lateness of the season and the amount of research and preliminary preparation of the surface that will be required, the replacement of the runway should be delayed until Spring, 2022. Research into the matter has been conducted by Todd Davis and Wendell Maakestad. Wendell mentioned that Stetson Building Products of Cedar Rapids is the supplier of the mat material and it is currently priced at \$475 per roll. Wendell has discussed the needs for equipment with Kip Haverly, who has discussed the replacement with Doug Wilson. Doug has helped us with runway repairs in the past and has heavy equipment that he may be able to make available to us for ground preparation. Kyle Chapman also inquired about what equipment may be needed as he has resources for possibly obtaining some heavy equipment.

Todd reported that proceeding with the planned runway replacement next season would delay opening the field for flying activities until well into the Summer, 2021. Discussion ensued and a general consensus was obtained that we would all rather fly on-time next season and use the time to effectively plan for runway replacement in the Fall, 2021 – Spring, 2022 time frame. This would require the runway to be closed earlier than normal for the Fall, 2021. He also reiterated that the amount of time it takes to replace the runway will be dependent upon the amount of volunteer turnout of membership to help with the process. "Many hands make light work" as the saying goes.

Todd Davis offered a motion to carry over the runway replacement to the spring of 2022. The motion was seconded by Craig Mueggenberg. The motion carried unanimously.

- **Election of Club Officers for 2021**

No new nominations were received since the November meeting.

Don Rosendale moved to accept the slate of officer nominations for 2021 from the November meeting.

Kyle Chapman seconded the motion

Motion carried by vote

#### 2021 Club Officers

President – Todd Davis

Vice President – Gary Owen

Treasurer – Geoff Barrance

Secretary – David Logan

- **Banquet Cancellation Reminder**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and concerns over at risk population in our membership, the annual banquet has been cancelled for January. In lieu of the meeting at the banquet, a Zoom club meeting will be held.

#### New Business

- **Frequency Pin Box Repair**

An inquiry was made regarding the status of the frequency pin box repair. It was damaged in the August 10 Iowa derecho.

There are 3 frequency pins missing and damage to the back and inside of the pin box. Discussion occurred regarding the method of replacing the missing pins and how to replace the nice graphic on the outside of the box. The graphic designer is still local and in business so he will be contacted about recreating the graphic decal. Kyle Chapman and Mathew Mulbrook were authorized by the club to assess the damage, determine a method of repair, and complete the repairs. Anyone interested in helping out should contact one of them to see what help may be needed.

- **Derecho Recovery**

Wendell Maakestad mentioned the volunteer efforts of Kip Haverly, who has worked to clear brush and debris from the flying site. Kip also used the wood from damaged picnic tables to build a bridge over the creek which will aid in preventing soaked pants and broken ankles during crash recovery activities. Thank you, Kip. Your efforts are appreciated.

Kyle Chapman shared that the two replacement starting stands have been built and placed in service at the field. Thank you, Kyle, for taking on this important and necessary work on behalf of the club.

#### Show N Tell

Todd Davis showed his customized cockpit cover for his new Hangar 9 D7. It includes instrumentation and dials from Iflytailies.com. He used thin vinyl with threaded stitching to model the cockpit combing. He used his DLE-61 in it. We are looking forward to see the entire plane in person next spring.

David Logan inquired of the members present a detail of what each person is currently working on. Due to audio glitches, not all of the projects could be identified and recorded, but those that were understood are recorded below. If yours is not listed, please contact David and he will amend the report to include your project in the list that follows.

- Don Rosendale – CH-701 fuselage
- Don Harker – another flying wing project – Pram 229
- Wendell Maakestad – Thinking about glassing his giant scale P-51.
- Gene Thorn – showed his biplane with a 3D printed dummy motor with homemade wire wheels. Also he mentioned he is building a 75” WS Skyraider.
- Marion Payne – Buzzard Bombshell with an electric motor of the same design that was built last season by the club’s building group.
- Gary Owen – Gary was stumped for a while deciding which of his unfinished projects to work on but has settled on getting his Extra 330 ready that he purchased earlier this year. He sent in the carb for repair and replaced the ignition. He has added a smoke system to it also.

- Matthew Mulbrook – Working on a 1970's era pattern plane called a Daddy Rabbit. Plans to put in a four-stroke O.S. 91 engine.
- Craig Mueggenberg – an old G-Trix (?) 90 sized aerobatics plane
- Kyle Chapman – 1970's era Sig Kiwi using 1970's era balsa wood and a Great Planes Super Decathlon that he is building from scratch.
- David Logan – 1/5<sup>th</sup> Scale 100" WS Ziroli SBD-3 Dauntless dive bomber from plans.
- Todd Davis – What isn't Todd working on? Finished his Top RC Zero, finished a ¼ scale Fokker D-7, adding wing tanks to his F-80, starting a Ziroli F9 Panther. All of them should be ready to fly by next season.

***The next meeting was set for Sunday, January 10 at 7:00 pm.*** It will be held via Zoom call. An invite will be sent to the club with details and links to connect to the meeting. This was moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of January to accommodate the previous holiday weekend.

Secretary's report submitted 12/11/2020 by David Logan

## Todd Davis' customized cockpit cover



# **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.

## **Airplane Instructors**

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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**  
1590 17th Avenue  
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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.