

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks  
**LOG BOOK**

Established 1962 - AMA Charter 1007

[crskyhawks.org](http://crskyhawks.org)

JULY, 2021



**Geoff Barrance Mamba**

**Photo by John Cox**



## Upcoming Events.

**Sunday, August 1**, 7:00 PM at the Skyhawks Field.

**Saturday and Sunday, August 21 and 22**, Iowa Pattern Championships.

**Saturday, August 28**, Warbirds Over Iowa.

**TBD**, Fall Swap N Fly.

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When asked by someone how much money flying takes: **Why, all of it!**

~ Gordon Baxter

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**“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

**July 11, 2021**

The meeting at the airfield was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Todd Davis with 9 members present.

Geoff Barrance gave the Treasurer's Report. We currently have 67 members.

Secretary's Report was read by David Logan.

## **Old Business**

### **Runway Replacement**

Todd gave an update on the runway replacement project. We were able to verify that Koelker Excavating has the \$1 Million liability and worker's compensation insurance that is required by our lease with the city. We still need to review the terms of their contract to make sure they meet our requirements also. The time frame is still to be determined, but the plan is to do the excavating work this Fall and replace the mat in the Spring. We may be able to do the mat work in the Fall also, but that may cause some settling and we may have to pull it back up in the Spring to fix spots. Todd will check into how much more it would cost if Koelker needed to come back to do work in the Spring. Wendell also suggested that we talk to Koelker to make sure they provide a smooth transition from the grass edges onto the mat. The current mat was rolled earlier this season, but it seems we have some spots that are bumpy again. We suspect there may be gophers or other varmints that are causing issues.

### **Warbirds Over Iowa**

Hy-Vee was contacted and will be coming out again this year to provide lunch.

### **Storage Garage**

The garage door on the house has had a new padlock put on it. We were able to verify that all of our property is still there. Wendell and Todd have the keys.

## **New Business**

### **Communication**

Gene Thorn suggested we work to improve our communication to members especially regarding events. There was some confusion regarding the recent Electri-Fly event as to whether we were having it or not due to poor weather. There was some confusion about the time of the event as well because the website had a different time posted than what had been communicated by the contest director. One person mentioned that he did not

receive the cancellation email, also.

It was mentioned that the details of any AMA sanctioned event that we host will appear in your AMA magazine and that the Contest Director's name will be listed there. It is the responsibility of the Contest Director to communicate regarding the status of the event. If you are not receiving emails from the club regarding events and regular communications such as the Logbook, please be sure to check your junk or spam folders in your email application and/or verify with Todd Davis or Geoff Barrance that we have your correct email address.

### **On-Site Grill**

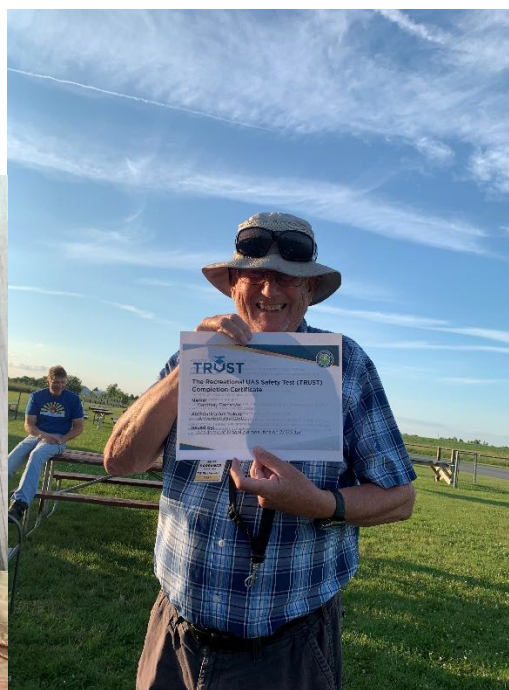
Mike Tope suggested at a previous meeting that we look at getting a permanent grill installed at the site. We would need permission from the city to do this. Some felt it would likely get vandalized if we had one and that members could bring out their own grills for the few times it would probably get used. No formal motion was entertained.

### **FAA Test**

Geoff Barrance mentioned that he recently took the FAA test. He said it took about 20 minutes and it is designed in such a way that you cannot fail it. He said it was tedious and there is a lot of reading to do before each question. The FAA certification is not yet a requirement.

### **Show and Tell**

Geoff Barrance showed his FAA certificate and some new batteries he purchased from Amazon. They were under \$30 for the pair. They are 2200 mAh, 35C, 3S LiPO batteries.



Gene Thorn showed off his new trainer plane that is designed to be configured 4 different ways. It is called a Pandora and sells at MotionRC for \$215. It is plug-n-play. It can be configured as a high wing tail dragger, a low wing tail dragger, a high wing with tricycle gear, or a low wing with tricycle gear.



The meeting was adjourned at 7:47

Secretary's Report submitted by David Logan.

# 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**  
**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.