

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks  
**LOG BOOK**

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

**MARCH, 2021**



**Mark Barnett's Allure Coming  
In For A Landing**

**Photo by Rich Dean**



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## Upcoming Events.

**Sunday, April 11**, 7:00 PM Zoom meeting. Invitation to be sent to all members.

**Saturday, June 5**, Demo Day.

**Saturday, July 10**, Electri-Fly.

**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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What kind of man would live where there is no daring? I don't believe in taking foolish chances, but nothing can be accomplished without taking any chance at all.

*~Charles A. Lindbergh, American aviator*

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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

**March 7, 2021**

The meeting was held via Zoom and was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Todd Davis with 14 people in attendance.

Geoff Barrance gave the Treasurer's Report:

- Checking Account Balance - \$17, 982.41
  - 10 membership payments still to be deposited - \$528.00
  - Pin box repairs reimbursement made to Matt Mullbrook - \$32.32
  - Check to be distributed to Todd Davis for badges - \$51.34
- Savings Account Balance - \$2008.75
  - Increase of \$.01 for February interest earned.
- Current 2021 Membership: 28
  - Life and Honorary Membership not included

David Logan, Secretary, read the minutes from the February 2021 meeting

A report was given by Todd Davis on the progress of the negotiations and dialogue that has continued with the club and the proposed runway contractor, Belief Hardscape. The biggest challenge we are facing is with his no-fault clause in the contract which is worded in such a way that would absolve the contractor of any liability for any accidents or damage that may occur while replacing the runway even a negligent act. We cannot in good faith sign a contract with the clause worded the way it is written.

We also need to be very clear with him what exactly it is that we are expecting him to do and what we will be doing, so there is no confusion as to what we are asking of from him.

Adding tiling to help with drainage has been discussed and may be a possibility. Adding tile may cause issues with needing to give the runway time to settle before opening it for use.

Todd said we also will be looking at approximately 8200 staples that will need to be used which will add about \$900 to the price of the replacement. Wendell may have found a better price.

The Waterloo club replaced their mat and then had to put another mat down on top of it but then couldn't get staples through it. We want to be careful about our planning and preparation, so that this will only need to be done once.

We haven't checked on mat material availability yet. The runway and surrounding area are still very wet and soft right now, so if you are going to the field exercise caution and be careful where and how you drive on the grounds out there.

Wendell gave a brief history about the last time the mat was replaced. We started in April but didn't get the mat down until mid to late July. We put down 100 tons of lime waste which was 6 to 7 dump truck loads.

Todd Davis suggested that if we cannot come to terms with the proposed contractor, we may want to pull the mat up in the Fall, 2021 and to the grading work before snow flies, then come back in the Spring, 2022 to do the mat replacement work.

David Logan asked what work would be necessary if the contractor falls through for the Spring, 2020. Todd replied only rolling would be necessary.

Gene Thorn insisted that we need to put together a written plan and stick to it so that we don't just keep talking about this issue but see some action on it. Todd cautioned that even written plans can change but he would put one together and get it out.

Larry Mullendorf commented that with the amount of snowfall we've had, it will be a mess until the middle of Summer and getting trucks out will likely cause damage. Todd replied that it won't take that long for the field to dry out once warmer weather arrives and expects that by mid-April, the ground will be fine.

### Old Business

- Vice President Replacement – Gary Owen moved away and resigned as Vice President. Our by-laws indicate that the vacancy is to be filled by appointment by the executive committee. If you are interested in serving the club in the capacity of Vice President, please look up the duties and expectations on the club website under the by-laws section and contact Todd Davis via email, if you are willing to serve out Gary's term.
- Badges – Todd will get our badges to us prior to flying season. If you haven't received your badge yet, be patient.

### New Business

- Spring Use of the Field – Please be careful when using the runway and field this Spring. The field will be soft and wet.
- Event Date Reminders
  - Demo Day – June 5
  - Electri-Fly – July 10
  - Warbirds Over Iowa – August 28
  - Fall Swap N Fly – TBD

### Show N Tell

Gene Thorn and Todd Davis shared pictures of current projects. Gene shared work he is doing to restore a Seniorita that was more damaged than expected once he removed the covering and Todd showed the Top RC Corsair that he purchased and repainted.

Next meeting will be on Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. It will not occur on the first Sunday due to the Easter holiday.

Meeting was adjourned.

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.