

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks
LOG BOOK

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Todd Davis Corsair

Photo by John Cox



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Upcoming Events.

Sunday, May 7, 2023, 7:00 PM, General Club Meeting at the Hiawatha Library.

Saturday, June 3, 2023, Demo Day.

Saturday, July 8, 2023, Electri-Fly Event.

Saturday, August 26, 2023, Warbirds Over Iowa.

When once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return.

~Leonardo da Vinci

“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

April 2, 2023

The meeting was held at the Hiawatha Library. It was called to order shortly after 7:00 p.m. by Todd Davis. There were 12 members in attendance.

Jim Doty gave the Treasurer's Report. We currently have 50 members paid for 2023 season. The Port-O-Potty will be ordered this month.

Secretary's Report for March meeting was read by David Logan.

Old Business

- **Fross Park Event**

The Fross Park event in Center Point will be held. We are checking to see if there are some members who might want to do static displays. It was determined that the site won't allow for flying large scale aircraft due to power lines in the vicinity. Wendell said he would talk to Jim Newman about bringing the Curtiss Jenny that Jim Stickley had built. The event is May 21.

- **Airfield Notes**

The parking area for the airfield has been torn up badly due to people driving on it while it was wet and soft. Please make sure the parking area is dry and hard before driving on it. Possibly consider walking equipment in if you want to fly early season. Also, if the parking area is soft, there is a good chance the runway is also too soft and wet to fly on and off of and especially to be walking on it. Please refrain from using the runway if it is soft.

We need to get more gravel on the driveway. The club will make contact with the city to see if they might be able to help us get some more gravel down.

- **Donated Planes**

The planes that were donated have been auctioned.

- You must pass the recreational UAS test.
- Todd discussed this final requirement. You may visit the Pilot Institute website at <https://trust.pilotinstitute.com/login/signup.php> to register and take the TRUST test. It is free and will take about 30 minutes to complete. You will want to print your certificate and place it in a secure location, because your information is deleted from the site once you have completed the test.
- David Logan mentioned that he noticed in the 2022 FAR/AIM book that the FAA Recognized Identification Areas (FRIA) regulations become effective September 22, 2022. He questioned whether we should be looking into getting our site established as FRIA instead of waiting for guidance from the AMA. Todd

mentioned that we have received no information from the AMA about this requirement and we should wait until we get some guidance, but some due diligence may be advisable.

New Business

- **Warbirds Over Iowa**

The event was submitted and received the event sanction by the AMA. It has been submitted as a Show You Care event for publicity, but we have not heard back.

- **Leader Club**

David Logan is working with the AMA to get our Silver Leader Club Status renewed for 2023.

- **Guest Pilots**

A reminder was given regarding having guest pilots at the field. A person must be a member of the AMA to fly at our site. A guest pilot who is not a member of our club must receive permission from one of the club officers prior to flying. Non-members who are trying out flying using a buddy cable with a member pilot is permitted.

- **New Sanction Rules for AMA Events**

The AMA has issued new ceiling requirements for sanctioned events. The AMA allows a 700 foot ceiling for sanctioned events and will permit 1200 feet if requested. The normal ceiling is 400 feet.

- **Van for Sale**

Wendell is trying to sell his Honda van. It is certified to be a good plane hauler. Call him if you are interested in it.

- **Event Ideas**

Gene Thorn suggested we have an ugly plane or a twin engine emphasis day at the airfield. He thought it would be a fun idea to get some different planes and pilots out to fly planes we don't normally see. Discussion followed but no motion or decisions were made.

- **Airspace Updates**

The airspace for model aircraft is still under attack. Corporations are trying to get control of what uncontrolled airspace remains for drone delivery and other such uses. The AMA is doing a good job fighting against this. We should be aware of this because it may come to affect our ability to fly in the future. Also, it was mentioned that there are environmental impact studies being conducted on some sites that have requested FRIA

status. In addition, transponder studies have been conducted on model aircraft and there has been instances where transponder usage caused interference at controlled airports.

- **Landscape on the Infield**

The trees in the infield are starting to get large and need to be removed.

Show and Tell

Jim Buttleman and Jerry Mattson brought in items for show-n-tell. Pictures will be posted in next month's logbook because they were unavailable for publication at the time the minutes were written.

Jim brought his B-2 Stealth Bomber to show the progress he has made. He still needs to add wingtips. He is painting it slate grey. He 3-D printed the servo hatch covers. He also installed a gyro and wiring for strobes and wingtip lights.

Jerry brought in his Radio Master TX16S. This radio has open source programming and he discussed the fun he has had with his experience as an electrical engineer trying to learn to program the radio. It has a touch screen and seems to be a very robust platform for programming mixes and flight modes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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.

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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, 6811 Surrey Drive NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. 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.

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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.