

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks
LOG BOOK

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Hangar 9 Valiant 10cc ARF

Photo by John Cox



Upcoming Events.

Saturday, January 6, 2024, 6:00 PM, January Club Party at the Starlite Room. See Flyer in this Logbook.

Saturday, January 27, 2024, Aerohawks Swap Meet. See Flyer in this Logbook.

Sunday, February 4, 2024, 7:00 PM, General Club Meeting at the Hiawatha Library.

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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.

Skyhawks Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2023

The meeting was held at the Hiawatha Public Library. Todd Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 23 members in attendance.

Jim Doty gave the treasurer's report.

David Logan read the minutes from the November meeting.

Old Business

- **Lease Renewal**

The lease agreement with the city was turned in by Todd. While he was there, Todd inquired about the changes to the site that were proposed to the city by the Petal Pushers garden club. He said the city had accommodated the club to hear their proposals but did not think we would have anything to worry about regarding any changes to our flying site that would affect our operations.

- **Annual Club Party**

The annual club party will be held at the Starlite Room. The event is scheduled for January 6 at 6:00 p.m. We have reserved the back room. Each person will order and pay his own check separately.

- **Mall Show**

The last Lindale Mall show that we did was in 2019. Todd raised the question if we should consider doing another static display of our models at the mall in 2024. There was some discussion about the pros and cons of doing a mall show. Wendell finally proposed that we check with the mall management to see if they would be receptive to the idea, what it would cost, and where they would put us. When we have that information, we can decide as a club whether to proceed.

- **Club Safety Rules**

As discussed in earlier meetings, our club safety rules need to be revised. There are some duplicated rules and some that could be clarified. He asked for members to volunteer to join the 2024 officers on a safety rules revision committee. Wendell Maakestad and Gene Thorn volunteered.

- **ADA Modifications at the Flying Site**

Mike Tope called Todd recently and said an individual was at the field taking measurements. Later, Gene Thorn found out that it was an architect from the firm that the city has engaged to plan the ADA modifications to the field. Todd has made some inquiries with the city about these changes. Todd presented a proposal of how we would rearrange our flying stations should this change actually take place.

The proposed changes would replace our individual flying stations with a two short (30") fences with netting that would align parallel with the runway between 20-25 feet from the runway. The fences would have gaps that would allow planes to enter and exit the runway in three places. Designated starting areas would be behind the fence and between the gaps in the fences and at the ends of the fences. Pilots would stand behind the fence to fly. A paved sidewalk would be provided by the city to the flying stations from the parking area for ADA compliances.

There are still some questions to resolve with the city:

1. If the city paves to the porta-potty, will we be required to provide a handicap rated porta potty?
2. Can they improve the driveway as part of the ADA improvement project?
3. Will the city improve the spectator fence line since it will require some changes to provide the ADA access to the flight line?

There are also some questions we need to answer as a club:

1. Do we want to pave all the way to the runway essentially creating a concrete taxiway?
Some discussion occurred regarding this with the consensus being that we would prefer to leave it grass, because of possible frost heave that would create uneven entry and exit to and from the runway, and the possibility of runaway aircraft that could not stop once rolling on concrete given the lack of resistance grass provides.
2. Do we want all the pilot area paved or just the area designated as an ADA accommodated pilot location?

- **Future Special Demonstration Days**

Geoff Barrance requested that we notify him should the opportunity occur again in the future to do a special demonstration day for an organization such as the one we did with the Discovery Living group. He would like to invite members of the community where he lives to participate.

New Business

- **Increased Club Dues**

Todd reported that the current annual membership dues of \$60 has not been revised for quite some time. An increase in dues can be done by a simple majority vote at a regular club meeting. Discussion occurred regarding a proposal Todd Davis made to increase the dues to \$70 per year. Jim Doty said that our current trend is to have about a \$700 increase per year in our account. Since our lease payment has been raised and the cost of porta-potty rental has increased, our required periodic expenditures have also increased. With the replacement of the runway last year, our coffers are quite low for handling any unforeseen or emergency expenses. A suggestion was made to consider revoking lifetime memberships that were granted to cover excess expenses in the past, as they have more than received fair compensation for the years they have flown under this membership. However, it was generally considered to be a sign of bad faith to revoke such privileges. Another suggestion was made to charge a special pro-rated special assessment to all members of the club should an emergency expense be needed, but there may be problems with a violation of by-laws as this provision is not defined in the by-laws.

In the end a motion was made by Gene Thorn and seconded by Steve Wilson to raise the current open membership to \$70 per year effective February 1, 2024. Any dues for 2024 paid prior to this date will be accepted at the current rate. The motion carried by a majority voice vote. The other membership classifications will also be adjusted by the percentages allocated in the by-laws:

Current Rate Classification	% of Full-Rate	Old Rate	New Rate
Family	130%	\$78	\$91
Open	100%	\$60	\$70
Senior Citizen (65 and up)	70%	\$42	\$49
Senior (15-18)	50%	\$30	\$35
Junior (up to 14)	20%	\$12	\$14
Associate Member	33.3%	\$20	\$23

- **Element 3 Health Plans Notices**

Geoff Barrance said that members of a certain age may have received an email regarding an Element 3 Health Plan that offered to pay AMA membership dues in exchange for personal health information. He inquired with the AMA about what this involved and what the AMA was getting in return. The person he spoke with at the AMA said this is a legitimate offer and the only thing the AMA is receiving is a potential for increased membership and engagement.

- **2024 Officer Election**

The only club office contested was for President between Jerry Mattison and Todd Davis. A secret ballot was cast and Todd Davis received a majority of votes.

The slate of officers for the 2024 term are:

Todd Davis – President
 Steve Wilson – Vice-President
 Jim Doty – Treasurer
 David Logan - Secretary

Show N Tell



Figure 1-Geoff Barrance won an Xtreme Sport 3D EPP at a Quiet Flyers event. It came with everything supplied except a receiver. It uses a 3-Cell, 1800 mAH battery. Dancing Wings Hobbies sells this for \$109.00.



Figure 2-Don Rosendale showed a plane called the Funder and Lightning. It is being built as a club project with the Quiet Flyers. The plans are available on RC Groups. He is using a 2213 KV motor with a 1300 mAh battery and a 40 Amp speed controller.



Figure 3-Don Rosendale brought in a homemade foam hot wire cutter. He used feathercut wire. He purchased a power supply on Amazon that can control voltage and current.

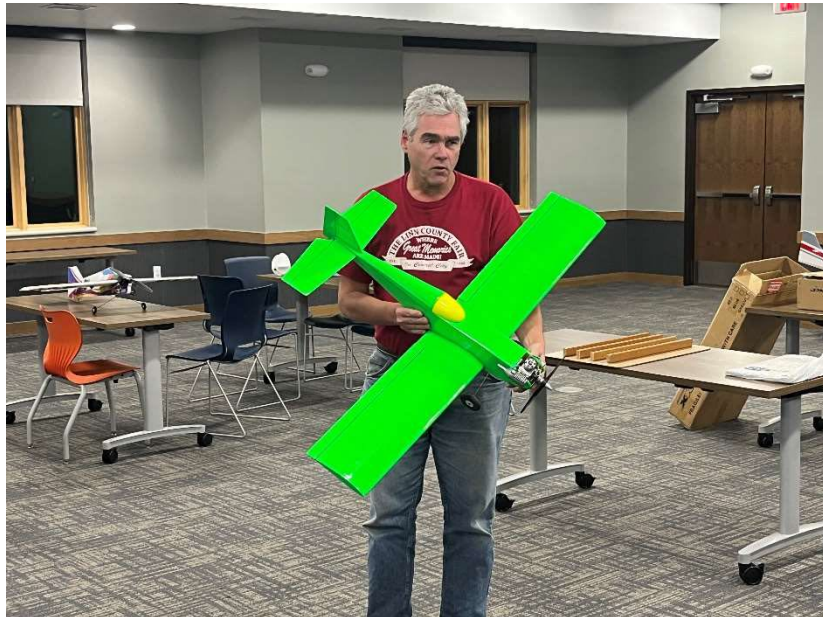


Figure 4-Matthew Mullbrook brought in his recently finished Wicked Wanda designed for a .10 size motor. He put a Super Tiger S15 on it. He got the short kit from Balsa Workbench out of Missouri.

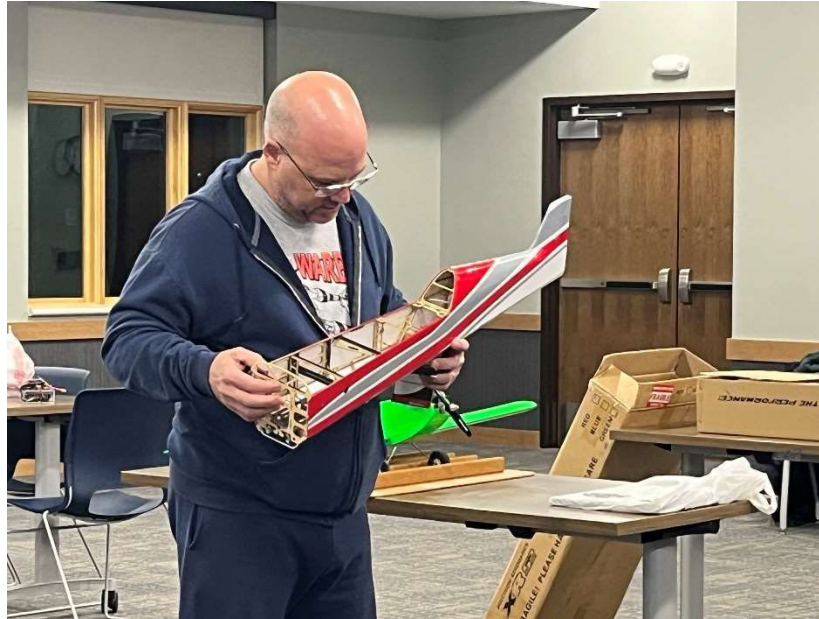


Figure 5-Diego Villalta brought in his Precision Aerobatics XR52 that he bought to replace a plane he recently bought and made a mandatory landing with. It is available for \$279.00



Figure 6-Todd Davis brought in the DLE 130 engine that he is going to use in the KI-100 plane that he is building. The plane he is putting it in is pictured above.

Figure 7-Jim Buttleman brought in a Purple Heart commendation for a naval aviator who was killed in action during World War 2. His name was Oliver J. Rapps and he was the brother to his mother's husband.

Oliver served as Staff Sergeant and right waist gunner on B-17G "Shadie Sadie" # 43-38369, 548th Bomber Squadron, 385th Bomber Group, Heavy, U.S. Army Air Forces.

Returning to England from a bombing mission to Kiel, Germany another B-17 with battle damage collided with Oliver's plane, both B-17's crashed into the North Sea.



The next formal meeting will be held at the Hiawatha Library on February 4, 2024.

Secretary's report submitted 12/6/2023 by David Logan.



JANUARY CLUB PARTY

The Annual Skyhawks Dinner Party will be on Saturday, January 6th, at the Starlite Room at 3300 1st Ave NE Cedar Rapids.

Social Hour 6:00 to 7:00. Dinner at 7:00 PM.

Food and drinks will be ordered from the menu with separate checks.

We will be seated in a private room.

Don't miss this chance to enjoy the good food and fellowship with Skyhawks members and their guests!



"Home of the Original Half-Pound Super Burger"

PLEASE POST

Mark the date! It's an eastern Iowa
BIG EVENT, in a GREAT LOCATION!
It's the 21st Annual Iowa City Aerohawks
R/C Swap Meet

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

At the **National Guard Armory, Iowa City**

Table set up at 8 am, doors open 9 am until 1 pm. All RC control interests welcome! 125 tables! **Vendors, too!**

Easy load/unload. Breakfast & lunch: coffee, donuts, soda, hot-dogs and all the fixings! We've rented a HUGE facility with lots of space, and our members, vendors, and friends will be putting out LOTS of GREAT stuff from their workshops and home hangars.

PLANES, CARS, TOOLS, HELICOPTERS, BOATS, KITS, ARFs

\$6 admission, Kids 12 and under FREE! **NO SALES BEFORE 9 am**

Prepays \$15 for 6 ft. table (includes 1 admission), Wall tables available at \$20 each. **Add \$5 per table if pay at door.** Pay Pal or checks accepted. WE SELL OUT SPACES EARLY so, YOU MUST RESERVE AHEAD!!

Call Rich at **319-358-8519** or email: **richvedepo@gmail.com**

Close-In Parking!!



Iowa City Aerohawks is a radio control flying club located in Iowa City, Iowa. All Aerohawks are also members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, Chapter 824

Visit our public FB page, Iowa City Aerohawks

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	Open	Senior Citizen (65 and up)	Junior (up to 14)	Senior (15 to 18)	Associate
\$78.00	\$60.00	\$42.00	\$12.00	\$30.00	\$20.00

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.

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.