

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks
LOG BOOK

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Upcoming Events.

Sunday, March 5, 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.

It's Bernoulli not Marconi that flies the airplane.

~Ralph Royce, Airshow boss

"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

February 5, 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 21 members present

Jim Doty gave the Treasurer's Report.

Current membership for 2023 stands at 18 paid members. The charter was renewed with the AMA and the first installment of the rent for the field lease was paid. Todd Davis was reimbursed for the expense of renewing the website domain name and for the engraving for the Fellowship Trophy.

The Secretary's Report from the December, 2022 meeting was read by David Logan and Todd Davis summarized the report he submitted to the log book regarding the January banquet at the Starlight. Geoff Barrance was presented the Fellowship Trophy for 2022.

Old Business

- **FRIA Status**

The AMA is now taking applications for the FAA Recognized Identification Areas (a.k.a. FRIA). Todd Davis is our club's point of contact. Our FRIA application was submitted to the AMA who will shepherd it through to the FAA. At this time, there is no further action required on our part.

- **Membership Badges**

Membership badges for 2023 season will be available at the March meeting.

- **Runway Condition Report**

The staples have been getting pushed up lately and could pose a problem if a high wind event was to occur. Todd Davis was able to go out and push down staples along the edges to prevent the mat from getting blown up again.

The runway is very soft and should not be walked on for any reason at this time. The pit area and parking area are also very soft. Please do not drive into the pits or parking area while it is soaked because it will leave ruts.

- **Website Renewal**

The website domain name has been renewed for another 5 years. At the end of the 5 years, we will review and evaluate whether the website remains the best way to communicate club news and presence.

- **Aerohawks Swap Meet**

The Iowa City club's swap meet was briefly discussed. Steve Wilson went and said there were a good number of vendors present and it seemed well attended.

- **Upcoming Events**

The events for 2023 were reviewed. The proposed Swap-N-Fly event remains TBA but most likely will be slated for September.

- **City Grant for Field Improvements**

A question was raised if there has been any update regarding the proposed field improvements that the City of Cedar Rapids has proposed. No updates have been received but the last update received said that work would begin sometime in 2024.

New Business

- **Harvey Hop**

Friend of the club, Harvey Hop, passed away on December 26, 2022. Discussion was held regarding a means for memorializing Harvey. We discussed ways we could honor Harvey and have his family involved. Todd Davis suggested we dedicate Demo Day to him. Others suggested doing something special for him during our annual Warbirds Over Iowa event, since Harvey served several years as the announcer for the event. No decision was made and no motions were received.

- **100th Anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's Crash in Cedar Rapids**

100 years ago this year, Charles Lindbergh crashed his Curtiss Jenny North of Cedar Rapids probably near Robins. David Wendell, a Cedar Rapids historian, is planning an event in Center Point at Fross Park to commemorate this event at 1:30 p.m. on May 21st. Mr. Wendell has asked our club to consider participating by offering a static display of aircraft and possibly a flying demonstration. The park has 4 soccer fields with a bleacher area. Members present who are familiar with the park believe it would definitely be large enough to take off and land aircraft there.

- **Other New Business**

- **Ducted Fan Event**

Mike Tope mentioned he has 22 ducted fan aircraft and was interested to know if the club would consider hosting an event solely for ducted fan aircraft or a jet only event. Discussion ensued. Some at the meeting believe that we only get a few good flying days as it is and to dedicate an entire day to such a limited focus would possibly take out a day of flying for those who do not fly ducted fans or jets. Others suggested making a ducted fan event part of a larger event such as the Electri-Fly event that we hold annually. Other discussion was held, but in the end, it was agreed to table the topic to a future meeting.

- **Plane Donations to the Club**

Dick Raddatz donated 4 planes to the club. The details regarding the planes will be posted to the club and the planes will be put up for auction as we have done in the past.

Show and Tell

There were several items brought in for Show-N-Tell. If you bring an item in and would like more information published in the Logbook, please email your information prior to the meeting to the secretary.



Figure 1-Mike Tope brought in his Motion RC Freewing Spitfire and showed off his modifications.



Figure 2-Gene Thorn brought in a wing from his Grumman Albatross which will weigh less than 4 pounds when completed. He gave a short history of the full scale plane.

Figure 3-Gary Owen showed off his MIG-29 Red Star which is identical to his other one except for the paint scheme.





Figure 4-JimButtleman brought in a scratch built B-2 Bomber he started back in 2011. It is 70" tip to tip. He discussed all the modifications he has made to it since he has started it including small servo mounts that he has 3D printed to insert into the wings. The servo mount is pictured below

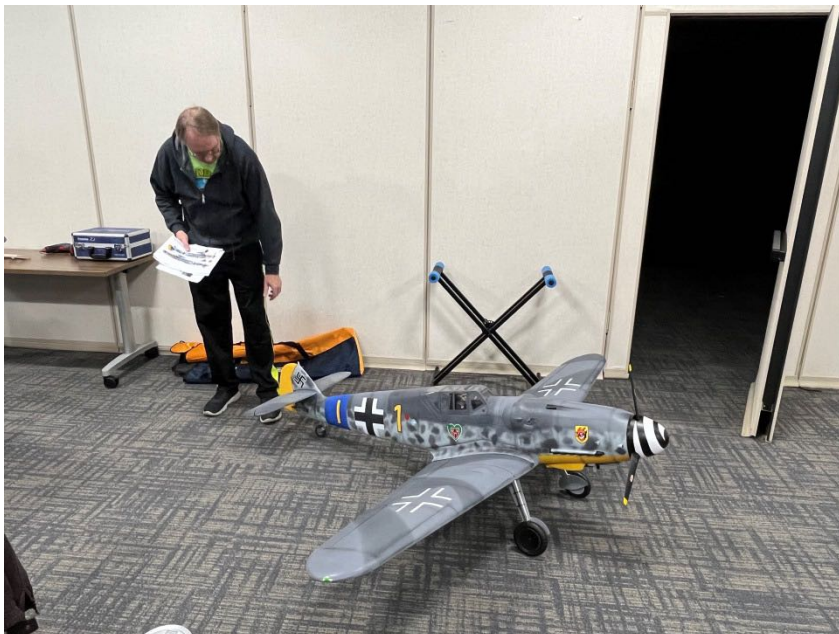


Figure 4- Todd Davis showed his ESM BF-109. It has a fiberglass fuselage and is equipped with a VVRC 60cc engine. He did the panel lines and rivets. It has a full cockpit kit and weighs in at about 30 pounds. He used Valspar latex paint on it and Callie Graphics for the squadron insignias. He made a starter crank on the starboard side that also serves as his pin switch for turning on the receiver.

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.