

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks  
**LOG BOOK**

Established 1962 - AMA Charter 1007



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

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**Gene Thorn and his  
Electric Antic Bipe**

**Photo by Rich Dean**





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## Upcoming Events.

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

**Sunday, July 9, 2023, 7:00 PM,** General Club Meeting will be at the Skyhawks Field. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be at the Hiawatha Library.

**Saturday, August 26, 2023,** Warbirds Over Iowa.

The brave may not live forever - but the cautious do not live at all!

~ *Sir Richard Branson*

“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

**June 4, 2023**

The meeting was held at the field. Todd Davis called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with 11 members present.

Jim Doty gave the Treasurer's Report.

Secretary's Report from the May meeting was read by David Logan.

## **Old Business**

- **Demo Day**

The annual Demonstration Day was held on June 3. Only a few spectators came out. The weather was not ideal. Todd suggested we move the next Demo Day to a later date when weather is more favorable. He also suggested that someone take on this event as a project, so that it can be well planned and promoted, maybe even have a committee formed to work on it.

- **Airfield Condition**

We will be planning a field maintenance day soon. We have some events that are sanctioned events in one month and need to have the field in good shape for the events.

- **Weather Station**

The weather station availability came up again this month as a topic for discussion. Todd said if there is one over at the soccer park, it should be owned by the city and we shouldn't need to support it. We should be able to access it at no charge. To access nearby weather stations, download the WeatherLink app from Davis Instruments, then search for a station in the Cedar Rapids area. Corteva station is closest to our field. Todd also suggested just using weather.com and entering Robins, IA for the location. It will give hourly weather forecast with wind predictions for speed and direction.

- **Silver Leader Club Status**

David Logan informed the club that the Silver Leader Club status with the AMA has been renewed for 2023.

## **New Business**

- **Club Theme Fly & Cookout**

Gene Thorn brought a detailed proposal for having Club Theme Fly & Cookout events monthly at the field. He suggested themes such as biplanes, WWI, WWII, high wing, jets, etc. be the themes. He proposed making theme days on the third weekend of each month on a Saturday or Sunday depending on the weather. There would be reserved times for the theme planes to fly but would not be exclusive to the themed aircraft. A viewing area would also be set up for the themed aircraft. Lunch or dinner would be provided as part of the event. A theme leader would direct each event and plan for the details regarding food and theme as well as the reserved times.

Some discussion occurred and a vote was taken to see if the club would want to offer these events. The events were approved for July and August of this year. Guests from area clubs would be welcome to join as guests. The same rules apply for inviting guest pilots that apply for general club usage. Contact one of the club officers to get permission for the guest to join us. Gene Thorn will coordinate the first event. A leader will be needed to volunteer for the August event. The Electri-fly event will be held July 8 this year and is an AMA sanctioned event so any AMA member is eligible to participate.

### **Show and Tell**



*David Logan brought a giant scale balancing rig that he built from copying a design he found on-line. It is made from aluminum. It is lightweight and easy to use. He has balanced his Top-Flite P-51 with it and Wendell used it on his P-51 also with good results.*



*Todd Davis brought out his brand-new jet from Hangar 9. It is the Aeromacchi MB-339. He still needs to maiden it once his new batteries arrive. He is planning to take it to Minnesota Jets in a couple of weeks, so a maiden flight is imminent. He is using the turbine from the T-7 he had last year.*



*Gene Thorn brought his SIG Mid-Star 40 that he was given at a swap meet. He installed new servos and a 40 size engine. He had trouble getting the engine to work because of a manufacturing defect. His son 3-D printed a minion pilot for the cockpit. He had a maiden flight on it yesterday.*



The next meeting will be held on July 9 due to the Independence Day holiday. It will be held at the field, weather permitting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by David Logan, Secretary



# 2023 CR Skyhawks

# ELECTRIC FUN FLY

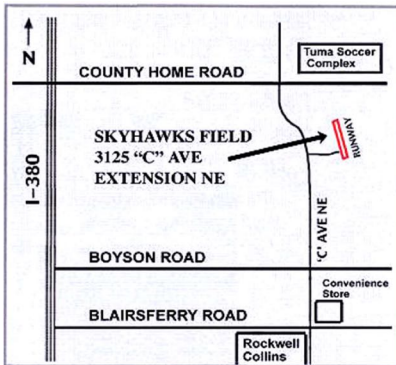
**July 8, (Bad weather date 9TH)**

Details at: [WWW.CRskyhawks.org](http://WWW.CRskyhawks.org)

**Electric  
Generators  
on Site**



## How to get there



**Free Entry For  
Spectators!**

**\$5 Landing Fee – Full AMA required**

**Pilots meeting 10:00, Flying until 5PM**



## 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, 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**  
**6811 Surrey Drive NE**  
**Cedar Rapids, IA 52402**

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.