

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks
LOG BOOK

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crskyhawks.org

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Giant Scale Fokker D7

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Upcoming Events.

Saturday, June 3, 2023, Demo Day.

Sunday, June 4, 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, July 8, 2023, Electri-Fly Event.

Saturday, August 26, 2023, Warbirds Over Iowa.

At the end of our lives, whether they are terribly short or satisfyingly long, the things we will regret are not what we did, but what we did not do, because we were afraid to try. For us, the risk that some people may associate with flying historic aircraft at airshows is offset by the satisfaction and quality it brings to our lives.

~Laird "Lad" Doctor, airshow pilot

“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

May 7, 2023

The meeting was held at the Hiawatha Library. It was called to order shortly after 7:00 p.m. by VP Steve Wilson. There were 12 members present.

Jim Doty gave the Treasurer's Report. There are currently 50 paid members this year, 10 of which are lifetime members. The insurance payment was received by the city of Cedar Rapids and the Port-o-Potty was delivered.

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

Old Business

- **Silver Leader Club Status**
Application for AMA Silver Lead Club status has been submitted to the AMA.
- **Theme Days**
Gene Thorn would like to have theme days at the field to encourage people to come out for club events. He suggested that we could have a cookout or food available and could possibly give a discount on the food for those who bring a plane matching the theme. It would not be limited to flying only those planes that meet the theme criteria. No discussion was held.
- **Fross Park Event for Commemoration of Charles Lindberg Crash in Cedar Rapids**
The time and date for the event has been changed to the Center Point Museum (indoors) on May 21 at 2:00 p.m. Wendell checked with Jim Newman. The Curtiss Jenny will not be available for a static display. The event was mentioned on the May 7th KWVL evening news broadcast.
- **Airfield Condition**
Staples are starting to come up under the overlapping seams of the mat. These were the staples that were put in to hold the edges of the mat down while it was being laid down. Mark Woytassek warned us to beware of this because if your plane hits one, it could take a nasty bounce. He went out and tamped them down.

New Business

- **Suggestion for Maiden Flights on Airplanes**
Mark Woytassek suggested that when working to sort out a new plane at the airfield or when attempting to maiden a plane, we should throw the manuals for our plane and radio in our toolbox or vehicle. That way if there are adjustments that need to be made or questions about setup, the information will be right at your fingertips.
- **Weather Station**
Mike Tope suggested that we have a weather station that could be remotely accessed at the airfield. Mark Woytassek said there is a weather station already at the soccer field,

though it has been off-line for awhile. He suggested we consider supporting the weather station financially or physically by offering to do maintenance on it. www.mesowest.com is the website. Choose Iowa and All Networks to find it. Some discussion occurred regarding possibility of installing solar panels at the site. It would require a large configuration and a fairly large battery configuration. David Logan mentioned that he sometimes has access to 55 Amp Hour batteries that are used.

- **Illegal Dumping of Trash**

Mark Woytassek mentioned he has witnessed people coming out to the field to illegally dump their trash.

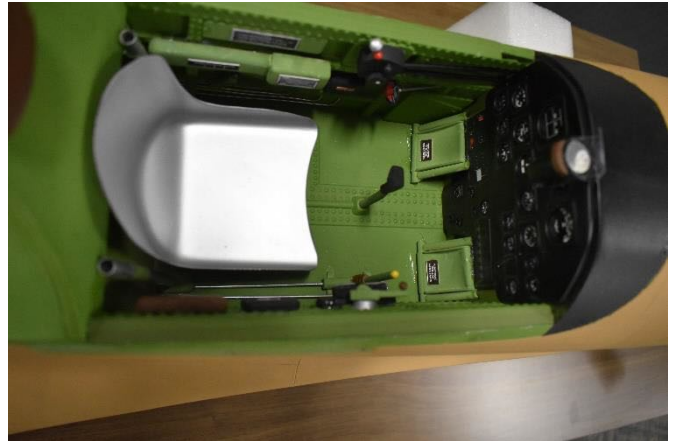
Show and Tell



Wendell Maakestad brought his P-51, formerly Big Beautiful Doll, to show the transformation now that he has had it glassed and painted with a new scheme. Todd Davis assisted him with glassing, panel lines, and painting. He decided to use a scheme from a plane flown by Col. Don Blakeslee, one of the leading aces of WW2. He flew over 500 combat missions in 1,000 hours and did not decorate his plane with kill markings. He was discreet and humble. He led the 4th FG in Europe.



Gene Thorn brought in his “magnum opus.” This is the Grumman Albatross, which he has scratch built for both water and land use. He started it in September, 2022. He still has some trim work to do and to build the landing gear still. He said this is the hardest plane he has ever built due to complex curves and angles. It has a 72” wingspan runs on 2 850 Watt motors using 2 2200mAh 3 cell batteries.



Steve Wilson showed off his Curtiss P-40 K-Model. He built this to model the one flown by Col. Scott of the Flying Tigers. This model is the Top Flite Giant Scale ARF. He has stripped it and glassed it. He is currently detailing the custom cockpit.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by David Logan, Secretary

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.