

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks
LOG BOOK

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crskyhawks.org

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Gene Thorn's Biplane

Photo by John Cox



Upcoming Events.

Sunday, December 10, 2023, 7:00 PM, General Club Meeting will be at the Hiawatha Library. The meeting will be on the second Sunday due to issues getting the library reserved. Vote for election of officers at this meeting.



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<http://www.crskyhawks.org>

“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

November 5, 2023

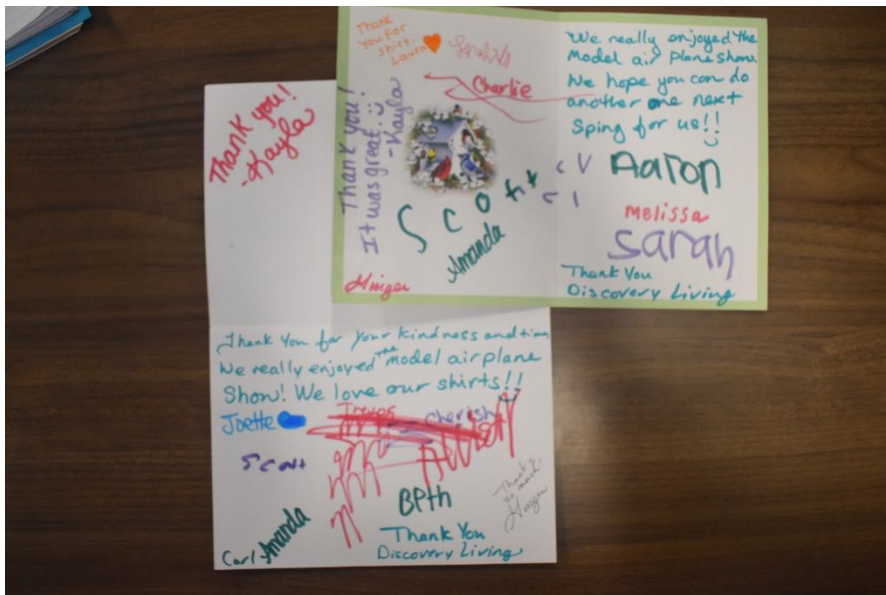
Todd Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 11 members present.

Jim Doty gave the Treasurer's report. There are currently 75 members paid up for the 2023 season.

David Logan read the minutes from the October 2023 meeting.

Old Business

- Todd Davis tried to contact the city regarding the planned ADA work but has not gotten a reply from them. He said regardless of what the city does or does not do, we may plan to modify the setup of our current flight stations to create more of a flight line.
- The annual banquet will be held during the January meeting time at the Starlite Room located at 3300 1st Ave. NE in Cedar Rapids. The schedule date is January 7, 2024.
- Nominations for officers was held at the last meeting and will be taken later during this meeting. The current slate of officers was nominated during the last meeting.
- There was a demonstration day held recently for the residents of Discovery Living. Wendell reported that Ginger, our contact person, said they really enjoyed the outing and would like to do one again in the Spring. We received a thank you card from the group. It is pictured below.



- Todd Davis, Craig Martinson, and Jim Doty went out earlier in the day and added staples to the mat, since the ground was now soft enough and the weather was cooperative. There was an all-call made via email and Facebook early this morning, but since there was such short notice, the help we got from these three was much appreciated.
- New nominations were received for club officers for the 2024 term. Jerry Mattson nominated himself for President and was seconded by Mark Woytassek. Wendell Maakestad made a motion to close nominations and was seconded by Jim Buttleman. The motion carried by voice vote.

New Business

- The Skyhawk club rules need to be reviewed and modified. There are a lot of duplications and possibly outdated rules. Todd said we should expect to see a Rules Committee formed. The committee will propose revisions to the club which will then be voted on by the club.
- The lease agreement with the city has been signed and will be returned by Todd to the City, Monday following this meeting. The lease cost has gone up from \$230 per acre to \$250 per acre, which amounts to an increase of \$94 over last year. The new lease agreement is for \$1175 per year.
- Mark Woytassek was out at the field awhile back and talked to a lady from the Petal Pushers club who was meeting with the city at our location to discuss uses for the current abandoned farmhouse or possibly demolition of it. They want to make a gazebo park there. Mark took her and showed her our setup and tried to explain to her why this would be impractical for us as it would create safety hazards for flying due to a walking trail they want to add leading to the creek.
- Mark also brought our attention to the fact that there is an individual flying an RC aircraft at Noelridge Park in Cedar Rapids. He also noted there have been sightings of someone flying near the Hiawatha Fareway store. The Cedar Rapids Recreation department expressly forbids all RC flight in parks other than the Skyhawks location and Seminole Valley. We discussed the danger of this affecting our reputation in the community should a mishap occur.

Show N Tell

Mark Woytassek recently purchased a SeeSii battery spot welder on Amazon. It can be used for welding battery cells together to make his own battery packs.



Gene Thorn brought in his newly repaired Cub converted to an L-4. It spent some time sleeping in a tree and he endeavored to rebuild it at no additional cost other than materials he had on hand. The first photo is after the crash, the second one, after the repair.



Jim Buttleman recently found and purchased a hardly flown Top Flite B-25 ARF. It has a 3-piece wing section. The stab and rudders may be removed for transportation. It has only had 3 flights on it. It is equipped with 2 Saito 72 Golden Knight engines. It has an 88.5" wingspan which amounts to a 1/9th scale. He modified the plumbing and replaced the control rods. He replaced the servo extensions leading to the tail section with continuous servo wire. It uses Robart retracts. While doing fuselage repairs, he cut in a bomb bay and is working on bomb bay doors, and he even 3-D printed hinges for the doors.



Todd Davis purchased a Peter Goldsmith edition Hangar 9 CAP 232G while at the Fon Du Lac, WI Warbirds & Classics event. He got a steal on it, picking it up for only \$60. He even had Peter Goldsmith autograph it, since Peter was at the event as a participant.



Jerry Mattson displayed his SR-71 Blackbird from Horizon Hobby. It is a twin 400mm electric ducted fan model that retails for around \$250. It is a bind-n-fly version. He has 2 flights on it and says it will get very small very fast. It weighs 21 ounces without a battery. All four control surfaces on the model are elevons. He gets about 4 minutes per flight.



Secretary's report submitted 11/16/2023 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	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.

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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.