

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks  
**LOG BOOK**

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

OCTOBER, 2023



**Mike Tope's B-24**  
**Photo by John Cox**



## Upcoming Events.

Sunday, November 5, 2023, 7:00 PM, General Club Meeting will be at the Hiawatha Library.

The only time an aircraft has too much fuel on board is when it is on fire.

*~Sir Charles Kingsford Smith*

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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.

## **Cedar Rapids SkyHawks Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2023**

The meeting was held at the Hiawatha Public Library. Todd Davis called the meeting to order just after 7:00 pm with 10 members present.

Jim Doty gave the Treasurer's Report. We currently have 74 paid members.

Todd Davis read the Secretary's Report from the September meeting as the secretary did not attend.

### **Old Business:**

- **Porta Potty:** There was a discussion of the best time to remove the portable toilet for the season. Since we pay by the number of days and not by month, and only need to give them a week or two of notice, Todd Davis volunteered to watch the weather forecast this month and notify Jim Doty when the weather starts to look unfavorable for flying.
- **ADA Upgrades:** Todd Davis reported that he has not heard from the city regarding the plans to modify the field for better accessibility. Todd will contact the city and find out if there are any definite plans and report back. If the city's changes are canceled or on hold we will want to discuss modernizing the pit area as discussed in past meetings, but without the concrete work planned by the city.

### **New Business:**

- **Safety:** Mark Woytassek recommended that we add some reminders of the field rules in the Log Book as he has observed cases in which members are unaware of some of the rules. Todd Davis volunteered to pull excerpts from the field rules for the news letter.
- **Discover Living Demonstration:** The club put on a flying demonstration for Discover Living on Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup> at noon. Todd Davis reported that there were around 20 spectators and good club participation. Todd brought the club T-shirts for sale so that the spectators could buy a souvenir. The event was much appreciated by the spectators.
- **Nominations:** Nominations for club officers are open. Wendell Maakestad motioned and Mark Woytassek seconded that current officers be renominated for their current positions. The motion was accepted unanimously. Anyone willing to serve as a club officer or nominate additional candidates, please email Todd Davis before the next meeting.
- **Banquet:** Last year's dinner at the Starlight Room restaurant went very well and was easy to organize because everyone could order their own meal. If anyone would like to recommend a restaurant for this year's event please contact Todd Davis and he will look into it.
- **Pig Roast:** Gene Thorn passed on a request from his wife to hold a *Gene Thorn appreciation Pig Roast* around June of next year at the SkyHawks field. Gene's family will bring and roast the pig for the club. The date and details will be worked out in future meetings closer to the date.
- **Government Frequency Sales:** Mark Woytassek reported that there is renewed interest in selling frequencies in or near our 2.4 GHz ISM band.

- **Staple Party:** Wendell Maakestad asked if we should add more staples to the runway before winter. Todd Davis said that he will watch the weather and after then next rain when the ground is soft enough to hammer in the staples, he will notify the club. We do have a supply of staples in the garage.

### **Rule Reminder of the Month**

- **Running Engines:** There are a few Skyhawks rules that mention testing engines.
  - Never Test engines in the pits or on the flight line (General Rule)
  - Announce engine starting (Courtesy Rule)
  - Aircraft must be placed at the pilot station and then started. (Club Flying Rules)
- The starting area with our current layout is directly behind a station, in a station, or between the stations. The pits are the area farther back, and no planes should be run in the pits. It's expected that there may be some adjustments or run-ups when you start your plane, but if you have considerable adjustment to do you shouldn't sit at the pilot stations to perform testing. (a consideration when people are flying).
  - Use the area designated for engine testing to test engines. (Club Flying Rules)
- The designated test area is far north or far south. This allows you to run your engine without causing distress to the pilots who are flying.

We plan to go over our rules in the next few months and hope to make this more clear and get rid of some of the repetition in our current rules.



*Matthew Mulbrook and his Hammer 25 with a Saito engine and a three-blade prop for ground clearance featured in Flying Models magazine.*



*Matthew Mulbrook also showed his Sig Ninja slope soarer. The Ninja takes 4 ½ oz of weight in the nose with a total of 28 to 28 oz. Should be good for windy days on Mount Trashmore.*



*Don Harker with his ThermalSpan covered Republic P-47D Thunderbolt. He plans to airbrush it with experimental bright orange colors to make it easy to see in the sky.*



*Gene Thorn and his Piper L-4 Grasshopper restored after being recovered from a tree.*

**Adjourned:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.



## 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.