

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks  
**LOG BOOK**

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**Logan Zero**

**Photo by John Cox**



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## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, March 2, 2025, 7:00 PM**, General Club Meeting will be at the Hiawatha Library.

**“The wonder of flight never ceases to amaze me. The reality of soaring above the clouds is a constant reminder of human ingenuity.”**

**– Elon Musk, Twitter post (2020)**

“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 2, 2025

Todd Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 12 members present.

Jim Doty gave the Treasurer's report. 1 family membership was received, and the AMA charter and insurance was paid.

We currently have 27 paid members for 2025 including 9 life members.

David Logan read the minutes from the December meeting.

## Old Business

- **Banquet** – The annual banquet was held on January 11, 2025 at the Starlite Lounge in Cedar Rapids. It was well attended, and all attending seemed to have a good time discussing current projects and past flying experiences.
- **Membership Badges** – The membership badges have been prepared for 2025 and will soon be printed. Some of the pictures that were used for the badges were those taken on the photo day that we had last Fall.
- **ADA Work** – We still have no word from the city on the ADA work or when they plan to start it. Our old contact with the City of Cedar Rapids has left her post and we do not yet know who our new contact is or will be.
- **Iowa City Aerohawks Swap Meet** – Some club members attended the swap meet in Coralville recently. It looked like they had a good turnout.

## New Business

- **Warbirds over Iowa** – The date for Warbirds over Iowa has been set for Saturday, August 23, 2025.
- **Electric Fly** – We plan to host an Electric Fly event. The tentative date is July 19, 2025. This will not be a sanctioned AMA event, and it hasn't been well attended in the past.
- **New Path Mowed at Airfield** – Randy Lepsch was out at the field recently and noticed that a path has been mowed down just West of the pit area going East to West along the tree line that borders the house and sheds. We have no idea for what purpose this has been done, but it is suspected that the city may be planning a controlled burn of the area. Steve Wilson commented that he had noticed that the grass has been mowed down along the entire perimeter of the field.
- **Drone Activity Report** – Mark Woytassek mentioned that a drone hit a Canadian firefighting aircraft that was battling the recent LA wildfires. The drone damaged the wing of the plane and took it out of commission for any further firefighting. The drone weighed less than 250 grams, so it was exempt from the FAA registration requirements. The person flying the drone has been apprehended.
- **Cedar Rapids Dog Park (A.K.A. Cedar Rapids Skyhawks-Lippisch Field)** – Mark mentioned that he has seen a several people who are using the airfield property as a place to let their dogs off the leash to run and exercise. We discourage this behavior due to the liability and because we lease the property, and this has not been approved by the club.
- **Name That Plane** – Todd Davis presented several pictures of model aircraft from the past that our club members have flown, and we were asked to identify the owner of the plane. All were recognized and identified correctly by individuals in the group.

### Show N Tell

Matthew Mulbrook brought in his fluorescent red Sig Something Extra that he purchased at the Ankeny Swap Meet before Christmas last year. The plane weighs about 5 pounds and is equipped with an O.S. .46 AX nitro engine.



Todd Davis brought his C&C Aermacchi M346 turbine jet model he recently finished. He used the same turbine that he had in his F80 that sadly was lost last year. He sent the engine in to the manufacturer and they looked it over and gave it the thumbs up for his use. The turbine is a Jest Central Cheetah 160 with 36 pounds of thrust. It has a 77 inch wingspan and is 90” in length. It weighs about 33.5 pounds. He also installed the light kit.



David Logan brought in a handy sanding tool he purchased at Menards for about \$10. It is a foam sander and works great for sanding countours and fillets.

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

Secretary’s report submitted 2/4/2025 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.

## 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 \$91.00	Open \$70.00	Senior Citizen (65 and up) \$49.00	Junior (up to 14) \$14.00	Senior (15 to 18) \$35.00	Associate \$23.00
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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**  
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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.