

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks LOG BOOK

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Wendell's P-47

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Upcoming Events

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

Saturday, January 31, 2026, Aerohawks Swap Meet. Flyer in this Logbook.

“There is no such thing as a small miracle in aviation.”

– Mark Twain

“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 November Meeting Minutes 11-2-2025

Secretary Dave Logan absent. Notes taken by Steven Wilson

16 members present.

Todd Davis called the meeting to order.

Jim gave the treasurer's report. \$3144.66 in the checking account. \$2011.36 in savings. Total members paid for 2025 are 55.

Secretaries report for the last meeting given by Todd Davis. Items covered were:

- Fieldwork progress

- The proposed canopy

- Swap Meet

- Officer nominations. All present officers were re-nominated

- Quiet Fliers

- Update of the operating rules to reflect changes to the flying field

- There were no items for show and tell at the last meeting

- Correction that the grant percentage is not 10% but 25%

Old Business

ADA work is nearing completion. Two picnic tables, handicap starting stand, and two leaning posts are all that is yet to be completed.

Pilot Station Fence has been installed

Canopy discussion. So far \$4025 has been pledged for the new canopy. Todd mentioned that he plans to contact the City to see if we can get some help funding the canopy. We will try those options before trying to get donations.

Rules Meeting. The metal box will be located on the concrete pad. A work party will be formed to install the sign. Two, four foot holes will need to be dug. Then there was a lengthy discussion on the pin box. The discussion focused on where the pin box would be located. Mike Tope made a motion that a new pin box be fabricated and it was seconded by Gene Thorn. The motion carried.

Officer nominations. There were no new officer nominations.

New Business

Jim Wittkamp's letter and Todd Davis' response were discussed. The letter and notes from the discussion are shown below.

Gentlemen

Unfortunately I will not be at the next few months meetings due to other plans with my family.

I have a few items that I believe that need to be brought up to **ALL** members of the Cedar Rapids Skyhawks and would like to have someone bring these to everyone's attention at the meetings on my behalf and report this in the next club Log book so everyone can read it so they may have other items to bring up or how to make the club grow.

1. I have seen the handicap parking spaces on the new concrete parking lot being used by people that do not have handicap placards or handicap license plates. This has to stop because someone will get a fine from the police. Yes it is convenient to use but against the law.

2. I have read the by-laws and it was brought up a few months ago to have NO DOGS allowed on the field but it is still happening, If we are going to have rules let's follow rules or not have them. Plus it was brought up at last month's meeting NOT TO TAXI on the walkway. But people are doing it. Let's follow the rules or have no rules. AND where is the fire extinguisher ???

3. I have read most of the past 10-13- yrs of log books from the club. It seems to me the current club members of the club have been in their position for many years 10+ years in some positions and are in need of change so the club can grow to gain new members. Please institute term limits to all members of the board of 2 yrs maximum. **effective the next voting year in 2026.** We need new blood in the club to make it grow.

4. I have heard that the club has been approached by another local club to merge with the Sky Hawks and was turned down without discussion or voting on this with the members of the club. If we have another club that wants to join the club or merge with us LET'S all Discuss this instead of saying NO. IT may be beneficial financially to have some other club or company to help us grow.

5 I believe we need to have a NEW member list made up so we have an accurate number of members IF they are dead they should not be on the roster of current members. If they no longer are flying, ask them in an email or letter to see if they want to be on the roster. If they do want to be on the roster they need to pay the years dues so we can have a current list of income for planning purposes.

6. I was flying a week or 2 ago and the man brought his 2 young boys out. They asked how to get involved with the sport of flying RC models I told them we had a facebook page and go to the local hobby shop to look at the planes they have or go online to research the hobby but that is all we have I believe we need someone to be a point person for potential new members to help the club grow PLUS there is no contact info on the sign for this purpose I would suggest to have a name of the point person(s) on the sign that still need to be reinstalled. Maybe have all the club board members info on

the sign.?? (as in if info is needed contact this person) IF someone comes out, invite them onto the field to show them the plane etc and talk to them instead of talking among yourselves.

7. Since I have been with the SkyHawks (approx 1 1/2 yrs) I believe I am the last new member. I may be wrong on this SO we need some more activities for the public to come and watch and learn to fly to make the club grow. We need something every month or every other month, just not 1 event in the year. Let's have some fun flys, free fly days or something. Invite the Boy/Girl Scouts out get their Aviation badges or to grow the club and maybe gain a few new members

I may be barking up the wrong tree here but I see the current club is failing. It will never grow unless something changes in the near future.

Thanks, Jim

Information on each item from discussion during the meeting. Be aware that our Logbook is a synopsis of what was said at the meeting, and all of the points of any discussion are not always found in the minutes of the Logbook.

1. Everyone seemed to agree that there is no reason to park in the handicap spots unless you have a handicap badge. Members know that a fine could be possible if caught in one of those spaces.
2. Dogs have not been prohibited, but we did put up a sign to stop non-members from bringing dogs out and not cleaning up the mess. Reminder that it is expected any dog a member brings will be on a leash and be the responsibility of the member. Fire extinguisher is in the metal box (not required by rule). The box needs to be relocated to its new position on the cement pad at the center of the fence line. Rules do need to be updated, and we should have new rules to present in the next couple of months to reflect the changes to our field.
3. Discussion was held about term limits. Limits on the secretary and treasurer were not thought of as wise, since those positions are hard to fill and require quite a bit of training. Some discussion was held that indicated if we did do term limits, we'd have it longer than 2 years. After the discussion nobody present made a motion to change the current situation on officer term limits.
4. Discussion was held. Mark Woytassek provided some clarity. He was a member of the Collins Model Aviators back when the incident happened, and he stated that there was never a merger proposed. It was more about the CMA providing some money to the Skyhawks field. At the time the CMA didn't have a field and was sending members to the Skyhawks. In any case, there was never a proposal to merge according to Mark.
5. The Secretary spoke on the current list of members, and said that it is up to date. We do plan on doing a better job of removing any old "life" members from the list that are no longer active.

6. Discussion was held. It's a good idea to get someone to be a contact for new members. Everyone agreed that we need to be better at welcoming visitors, and talking to them about how they could get into the hobby.
 7. Having a demonstration event every month or so was thought to be too much. Even so, we can do better at promoting our club. Some things brought up that we need to do: Have a Boy Scout day in conjunction with the area council that could provide a lot of participation. During the WOI event, make sure we have a tent to introduce the hobby. Have it manned by Skyhawks members who can answer questions. We've done that in the past, but didn't have it the last two years.
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AMA dues were discussed and it appears dues will be raised \$4 and there will be a surcharge applied if you use a credit card to pay for your dues. The new amounts take effect on Jan. 1, so pay early to miss the increase.

Mark Woytassek suggested we request more picnic tables from the city. It was discussed that there are two handicap tables that will be installed (one inside fence, one outside). Also it was discussed that it would be nice if there some trees planted along the west side of the parking lot. Todd mentioned he would discuss it with the city.

Don Harker mentioned that the Aerohawks are losing their flying field. He suggested that we extend our help and hospitality to them as they go through this transition.

Mark Woytassek suggested we put some flags near the curb that exists for the disabled flying spot. He felt this was a tripping hazard.

The annual banquet is planning for the 2nd or 3rd week in January at the Starlight Room.

Mark Woytassek gave a report on the World Championship for Pattern Flying. He also discussed open source radios and how one should be very careful with them. Also he mentioned that he had found some burned out batteries in the parking lot.

There were two new people at the meeting. They introduced themselves and were greeted cordially. One was a non-member thinking about joining, the other a member who has not attended meetings very often.

Show and Tell

Gene Thorn brought two aircraft. The first a scratch built SE-5A biplane. Gene showed that the engine and fuel tank came out as a single unit. He also showed his all spruce Sopwith Camel that he built from a BK kit.

Todd Davis brought the fuselage of his 1:3.75 scale Kawasaki KI-100-I. It had a DLE-130 twin cylinder engine and will have a wingspan of 126"



PLEASE POST

**Mark the date! It's an Eastern Iowa
BIG EVENT, in a GREAT LOCATION!
It's the 23rd Annual Iowa City Aerohawks
R/C Swap Meet**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026

At the **National Guard Armory, Iowa City**

Table set up at 8 am, doors open 9 am until 1 pm. All RC
control interests welcome! 100+ tables! **Vendors, too!**

Easy load/unload. Breakfast & lunch: coffee, donuts,
soda, hot-dogs and all the fixings! We've rented a HUGE
facility with lots of space, and our members, vendors, and friends
will be putting out LOTS of GREAT stuff from
their workshops and home hangars.

PLANES, CARS, TOOLS, HELICOPTERS, BOATS, KITS, ARFs

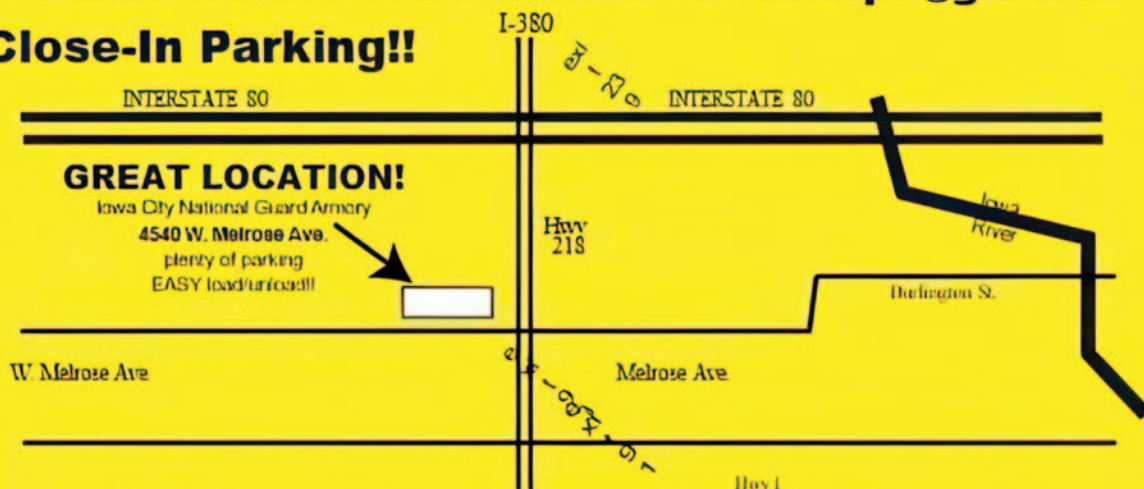
\$6 admission, Kids 12 and under FREE! **NO SALES BEFORE 9 am**

Prepays \$17 for 6 ft. table, wall tables prepaid \$22 each. (includes 1 admission),

Add \$5 per table if pay at door. Pay Pal or checks accepted. WE SELL OUT
SPACES EARLY so YOU MUST RESERVE AHEAD!!

Call Rich at **319-321-3902** or email: **richvedepo@gmail.com**

Close-In Parking!!



Iowa City Aerohawks is a radio control flying club located in Iowa City,
Iowa. All Aerohawks are also members of the Academy of Model
Aeronautics, Chapter 824

Visit our public FB page, Iowa City Aerohawks

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.

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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.