

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks LOG BOOK

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crskyhawks.org

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Fokker DR1 Triplane

Photo by John Cox





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Upcoming Events.

Sunday, March 1, 2026, 7:00 PM, General Club Meeting will be at the Hiawatha Library.

RC airplane flying combines engineering, skill, and the thrill of flight, offering a unique sense of accomplishment when a creation takes to the sky.

“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 1, 2026

Todd Davis called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. There were 13 members present.

Jim Doty gave the Treasurer's report. The AMA charter renewal was paid, and the 1st part of the rent for the field was paid. There were 5 membership payments. Currently, there are 20 paid memberships for 2026.

The Secretary's Report from January was reviewed by David Logan. The report briefed the club on the banquet turnout in January.

Old Business

- **ADA Improvements** – The tables, the starting stand, and the leaning posts will be installed in the Spring.
- **Canopy** – It is too late to submit an application for an AMA grant. No information or response has been received from the city regarding whether they will help cover some or all the costs.
- **Rules Changes** – Todd Davis, Steve Wilson, and Wendell Maakestad met to discuss proposed changes to the club rules. David Logan was not able to attend due to a family emergency. There were several rules that were no longer relevant to the club since the new pilot stands were installed, and the field work was accomplished. Also, there were several duplications in the rules. The sub-committee reviewed the rules and came to the meeting with a list of proposed changes. Each rule was covered during the meeting, and proposed changes were discussed. Following a discussion of the rules, and after mark ups were made, a motion was made by Duane Lupia to accept the rules as amended. Steve Wilson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote. A revised copy of the amended rules will be included in the Logbook.

New Business

- **2026 Badges** – The new badges for this year will soon be printed and will be available at the Spring meetings or Todd will have them at the field. If you have a photo you would like to use for your badge, email Todd Davis the file and he will update your badge.
- **New Member Introduction** – Tom Marks was introduced to the club as a new member.

Show N Tell

Craig Martinson brought in a Gee Bee.





Todd Davis brought in his new Kawasaki KI-100. It was built from Zapata plans and is the radial version of the KI-61 Tony. It has a 126" wingspan. Todd has been working on it for 3 years.





Secretary's report submitted 2/14/2026 by David Logan.

Here are the rules as that as voted on at the meeting. If you see something that does not appear correct as we voted and discussed please reach out to me and I'll check into it.

If you were not at the meeting and have a problem with a rule, feel free to attend a meeting and we will discuss it. Rules can be changed with a vote at a meeting.

If you don't understand something about how a rule is worded or have other questions, feel free to ask for clarification at a meeting or if you see me at the field. Todd Davis, President

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks Official Safety Rules Revised 2/1/26

MANDATORY: All AMA, Club and Area rules must be observed.

OPERATIONAL RULES

- You must be a member of the Cedar Rapids Skyhawks and a member of the AMA to fly at this field.
- Guest flying is permitted only with permission of a Skyhawks Officer or Instructor as listed in the club Logbook.
- Use of this facility is limited to flying of model aircraft. The flying of radio control model aircraft has priority, and other types of model aircraft shall not interfere with these activities. Rockets are prohibited.
- Only receivers that meet AMA guidelines can be used at this site. If you do not know if your receiver meets this requirement, you must verify with the manufacturer that it meets the AMA guidelines.
- Flying times start at 8:00 AM and end at sunset.
- Spectators **MUST** stay west of the spectator fence while aircraft are in the pit or in operation.
- **NEVER** test engines in the pits or on the flight line. Never run engines in the pit area.
- When flying on 72MHz pilots will acquire the appropriate pin from the pin box. Pilots are responsible to make sure there are no frequency conflicts.
- When flying, pilots will display their Skyhawks membership badge for the current year.

SAFETY RULES

- Do not fly over agricultural ground adjacent to the flying site while it is being prepared, planted or harvested.

- You are responsible for damage done to crops by your downed aircraft or damage caused while retrieving your downed aircraft.
- All flying must be done east of the line formed by the west edge of runway.
- No flying is permitted more than 1000 feet to the north or to the south of the runway.
- Low pass activity must be announced and made on or east of the runway centerline.
- Aircraft must be started past the North or South end of the pilot safety fence and west of the pilot fence line. In no case should a plane be started behind pilots that are flying. Planes may also be started at the center gap of the pilot safety fence. The center stand can also be used to start aircraft, but not while a pilot is located directly in front of the stand. Electric aircraft motors shall not be run in the pit area.
- Engines may be test ran at the far north or south end of the pit area west of the pilot safety fence line.
- Do not taxi aircraft in the pit area (west of the pilot safety fence line).
- Pilots will stand behind the pilot safety fence while flying. No more than six aircraft will fly at one time unless authorized by a CD at a Flying event.
- Mufflers are required on all engines larger than .074 cubic inches.
- When more than one aircraft is in the air, all aircraft must fly in a rectangular pattern in the same direction.
- All hovering maneuvers, whether helicopter or fixed-wing aircraft, must be conducted east of the runway and its extensions. There shall be NO hovering over the runway when aircraft are in the pattern with the exception of takeoff and landing. If there are no other pilots in any pilot stations, then hovering or 3D maneuvers are permitted over the runway.

Helicopter Rules:

- Helicopter pilots must operate their aircraft in a manner consistent with all of the rules above.
- There is a special designated pit and hovering area for model helicopters. (North side of far north end of spectator fence).
- Helicopters may enter the pattern of fixed wing model aircraft provided they refrain from hovering or using excessively slow speed in the pattern.

Courtesy Rules:

- When other pilots are waiting to fly, limit your flying time to twenty minutes per flight including engine start and adjustments.
- Position your airplane so that the prop wash does not blow on other people or equipment.
- Announce take-offs and landings.
- Announce engine starting and arming of electric aircraft.
- Announce emergencies such as Dead Stick or loss of control.
- Announce (and get permission) to go onto the runway while aircraft are flying. Announce when you are clear.

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.

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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.