

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks
LOG BOOK

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crskyhawks.org

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Dave Logan's TF P47

Photo by Randy Lepsch



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Upcoming Events.

Sunday, November 8 2026, 7:00 PM, General Club Meeting will be at the Hiawatha Library.

Saturday, January 30, 2027, 8 AM to 1 PM, 24th Annual Iowa City Aerohawks R/C Swap Meet. See details later in this Logbook.

Flying is the second greatest thrill known to man. Landing is the first.

“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

October, 2026

Todd Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Hiawatha Library. Meeting was held outside due to a mix-up in getting the key. There were 12 members present.

Jim Doty gave the Treasurer's report. There are currently 50 members paid for 2026, not including the 8 lifetime members.

In David Logan's absence Todd read the minutes from the September meeting.

Old Business

- Field Issues:
The garbage cans have been removed and emptied by Steve Wilson. Also the poles for the canopy have been put back into the garage for now by Wendell Maakestad.

Due to the large amount of rain the grass is quite long at the field. There is a shortage of mowing employees at the Tuma complex, so they don't get it mowed as often as we would like. Please bear with us as we go through some periods of long grass.
- Swap and Fly meet
A quick report on the Swap and Fly held on September 26th was provided by those that attended. The weather was not conducive to flying, but it sounds like it was a worthwhile event. Going forward we may need to move it up a bit so that we have better weather leading to a better turnout.

New Business

- Parks Department 10 year plan
The Cedar Rapids Parks department held round table discussions about future needs. Todd Davis was invited, but out of town. In his absence Wendell Maakestad attended. Wendell presented some of the future needs the Skyhawks would like to see addressed.
He mentioned that we would like to see a longer lease. This may be difficult, since the city has a policy to do all leases on a year by year basis.
The communication with the parks department is often difficult. Wendell said that others had the same concern due to the changing staff. He presented our concerns and a hope that we can have a consistent point of contact going forward.
The need for a shade was presented. It was explained that the ADA work created a large concrete slab that does not work well with pop up canopies, creating a need for more permanent shade.
At this time they are just taking inputs, so there were no responses indicating what the city will be doing going forward.

There is a Parks and Recreation Open House where anyone can meet with the Parks and Recreation Staff, learn about projects, and share feedback and ideas. It will be held on November 12 from 4:30-6:30 PM, at the Busse Library, 1845 Sandberg Lane, Cedar Rapids Iowa.
- Unauthorized activity at the field
Mark Woytassek mentioned that he has observed people parking at the end of our lot for unknown reasons, and has even seen a camper there.

There was also a report that someone launched a fix wing drone at our field and proceeded to fly it outside the line of site. It seems likely this was a non-member, since all members know that this is not allowed. To make things worse they put it down somewhere far outside our field area. This can be problematic. If someone crashes an aircraft in the wrong place it could lead to us losing the field. It's made worse if the aircraft was flown by a non-member.

If you see something going on at the field that we should address, you can contact Todd Davis at 319-361-2513. If Todd is available, he can be there in 5 minutes and approach the people to let them know they shouldn't be there.

- Field Rules

Some people have reported that we are getting a bit lax on following the rules we have set for the field. After some discussion it was determined we need to do a better job of outlining the rules and etiquette procedures at the fields to new members. We will also post a laminated copy of the rules at the field so they can be easily reviewed.

If someone reminds a member of a rule the expectation is they will take the feedback with respect. If anyone has a problem with a rule feel free to bring it up for discussion at a meeting or talk to Todd Davis about it.

- Runway issues

It was reported that there is a fairly large hole in the material under the mat on the near north side. We will need to address any under mat washout issues in the spring along with make any repairs to the mat. Remember, if you put a tear in the mat you can repair it with the materials in the box at the field. If you don't know how to do the repair you can get help or mention it to a Skyhawks officer.

- Porta Potty

We will have the Porta Potty removed in the next couple of weeks. As the good flying days get farther apart, we have it removed.

- Officer Nominations

Nominations for officers are open during the October and November meetings. If needed, and election will be held during the December meeting.

Wendell Maakestad nominated the existing officers for their current positions. The motion was seconded by Don Rosendale. The vote passed. No further nominations were presented.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

PLEASE POST

Mark the date! It's an Eastern Iowa
BIG EVENT, in a GREAT LOCATION!
It's the 24th Annual Iowa City Aerohawks
R/C Swap Meet

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2027

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

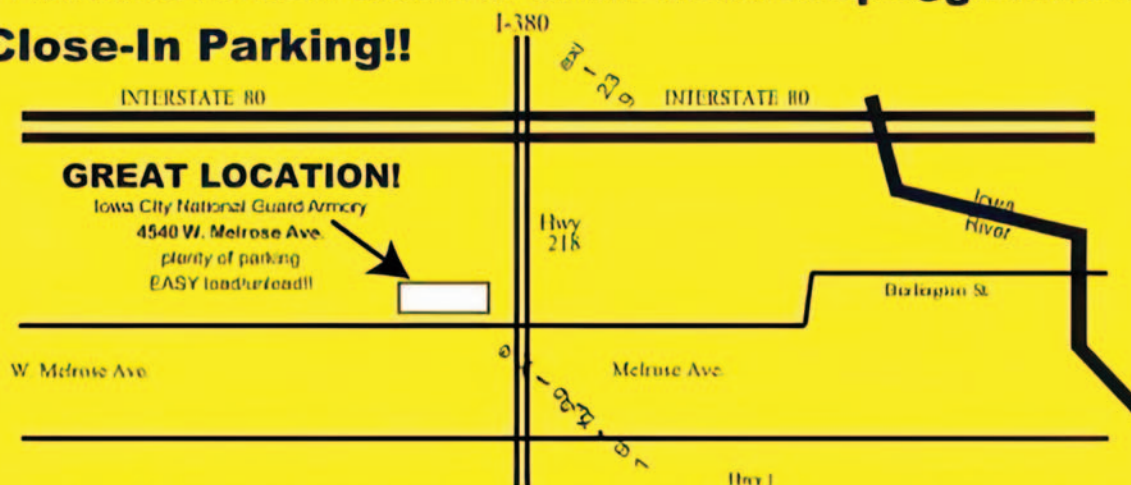
\$6 admission, Kids 12 and under FREE! **NO SALES BEFORE 9 am**

Prepays \$20 for 6 ft. table, wall tables prepaid \$25 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
6811 Surrey Drive NE
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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.