

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks LOG BOOK

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, August 13, Tri-Hawk Invitational, Blackhawk Field, New Hartford, IA. (See April meeting minutes for details.)

Saturday and Sunday, August 27 and 28, Waterloo Airshow with the “Thunderbirds”

Labor Day Weekend, Stearman Fly-In at Galesburg

Sunday, September 11, 7:00 PM, General Club Meeting at the field (if the weather is bad, the meeting will be held at the Long Branch Supper Club, Marion)

Saturday, September 17, 1:00 PM, Fun Fly

Flying fosters fantasies of childhood, of omnipotence, rapid shifts of being, miraculous moments; it stirs our capacity for dreaming.

— Joyce Carol Oates, 1935

Cover photographs needed for the Logbook

We would really appreciate people submitting photos for consideration for use as the Logbook cover. Very few photos submitted thus far, as beautiful as they may be, meet the necessary criteria for a good cover photo. 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.

Reminder: You must have a current Skyhawks Membership Card to fly at the field.

Your Skyhawks membership card must be placed in your frequency pin slot when you have the frequency clip. Everyone must use a frequency clip. Thanks.

Club Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2011

The meeting was opened at 7:10 pm by president Todd Davis, with 14 members present and one guest. Our guest was Todd's granddaughter.

Treasurer's report:

Geoff was out of town, but submitted the Treasurer's report to the Board prior to the meeting.

Secretary's report:

Jim Buttleman read the minutes from the July meeting.

Old business:

Todd discussed the past Warbird Event, stating that close to \$900.00 was collected overall to be given to Honor Flight. Todd told of his contact with the AMA and the response the club received from it. The Skyhawks club will receive a \$300.00 grant and possible coverage in the AMA magazine.

Todd said there is a video of the Warbird Event on YouTube. Check it out by searching for "Warbirds Over Iowa".

Rich Dean says there are more pictures of the event coming from him and Lloyd and Starla Swanson.

Mark Barnett brought some pictures showing some examples of taxiways at other fields and passed them around for all to see

Todd and Wendell talked with the Cedar Rapids Parks Director while he was attending the Warbird Event along with his family. He was very complimentary about our club, the flying site and the Warbird Event. Todd will be talking with the Parks Superintendent in the near future to discuss renewing our field lease, which is up for renewal this fall.

The Tri-Hawk Event is this coming Saturday, the 13th. We need to make a good showing at this event, so try to attend if at all possible. The event will be held at the BlackHawk RC flying site at New Hartford. This is a fun event at a nice field.

New business:

Todd discussed the needs for more communications with our mowing person. Todd says he lives close by the field and can call when the grass needs mowing, thereby saving a possible wasted trip by the mowing person and having the grass cut when it really doesn't need it.

Mark Barnett brought some pictures of a solar powered battery charging station constructed in a manner similar to our pin box at the field.

Wendell Maakestad made a motion that the club compensate Doug Emerson in the amount of \$60.00 for his work at the field. Doug has rolled the grass and runway mat several times.

The motion was seconded by Jim Stickle, motion passed. Thanks Doug for the help.

The need for and design of more 2.4 ghz pins was discussed.

Todd called for a motion to adjourn, motion made by Jim Buttleman, seconded by Jerry Matson, meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

REMEMBER, THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE SECOND SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER (SEPTEMBER 11TH) DUE TO THE HOLIDAY. This meeting will be at the field at 7:00 pm. If the weather conditions are poor, the meeting will be held at the Long Branch Supper Club, Marion.

Skyhawks Secretary, Jim Buttleman

Warbirds Over Iowa 2011

By Todd Davis, Contest Director

As the sun came up on Saturday the 23rd it was appeared that the clouds would dominate the day. Fears of dangerous heat levels did not come to pass, replaced by scattered showers throughout the day. Despite the sketchy weather, the event went on and provided some great flying for the many spectators who came out. As the contact point, I received quite a few calls from the surrounding area. As I told them the event would be held and the weather looked like it would hold out, I could hear some of the disbelief in their voices. Because of that doubt the pilot count for the day was less than events in the past. The pilots that did come had some spectacular planes and put on a great show.

Steve Forrest and Lyle Vasser came all the way from the Kansas City area to fly their great stable of Warbirds. They brought a pair of Giant Scale Top-flight Mustangs and demonstrated some skillful formation flying. Lyle's was modeled after "Old Crow," and aircraft flown by Bud Anderson in WWII. Steve's Mustang sported the "Kansas City Kitty" scheme from a full size Mustang that still flies today. Both Mustangs were powered by Zenoah G45's and were matched well in flight. The onlookers were impressed as they performed low side-by-side passes down the runway. Steve also brought his impressive 80" P-47 built from a Yellow Aircraft kit. The plane was recently featured on the cover of FLY RC magazine from its visit to "Warbirds Over the Rockies." Unfortunately the Zenoah G45 died on one of the flights at an inopportune location. Steve did all he could to get the plane back on the runway, but some landing gear damage ended its day. Steve claims he'll have it back up in the air soon. Steve also

had an impressive 141" wingspan B-29 modeled after Enola Gay, the plane that dropped the first Atomic Bomb. Instead of the usual gambit of multiple bombs, Steve's B-29 flew over and dropped one large bomb. All that was missing was the mushroom cloud!

Besides the impressive Mustang, Lyle Vasser also brought his Zirolli B-25J Mitchell. The aircraft was very impressive and had exceptional scale detail. Instead of the usual decals, Lyle hand painted all of the graphics. The scale pilots were also exceptional, also made by Lyle. When he was building the plane he searched for 1/8 scale flight crews that would do the aircraft justice, but found none, so he sculpted his own. The response was such that Lyle started his own company called "Best Pilots." Lyle's B-25 did not disappoint in the air, as he put in many great flights. The twin Zenoah G26 gassers have a sound unlike any other as they roar down the runway. Lyle received the Best Scale appearance award for his B-25, and everyone who saw it close up or in flight would have to agree it was much deserved.

With the reduced number of pilots, I felt compelled to fly a bit more than I normally would while trying to keep the show running. I had five flights on my TS-11 Iskra jet so that spectators who stopped in could get a chance to see and hear it fly. The rain would sometimes clear out some of the crowd, only to be replaced by another group soon after. Through one of the rain showers I pulled out my electric Eurofighter. A bit of rain should be no problem for a jet made from foam. Through the day I also flew my 70" wingspan F6F Hellcat, 72" wingspan BF109F, and 73" wingspan Mosquito B.IV Bomber, all built from CMP ARF kits. I got one flight on my Fun Aero Albatros, but for some reason the

YS 1.10 decided to quit and a bit of landing gear damage was the result. Flat bottom airfoils on WW1 biplanes result in the glide slope of a brick.

Some of the other Skyhawks members were also on the pilots list. Don Harker brought his Northrup YB35 flying wing out, but did not find the wind conditions needed to fly the very lightly loaded aircraft. Lloyd Swanson was the alternate CD for the event, but also took some time to fly his Top Flite P39. Wendell Maakestad had his usual, a B-17 bomber. This year his normal olive green bomber was replaced by his latest creation, a gleaming silver replica of EAA's B-17 "Aluminum Overcast." The four Sato .91 four strokes ran great during every flight and allowed him to put in some very realistic bomb drop passes. His smooth and controlled flying style made every flight a step back in time. For his efforts, Wendell received the "Best Flight" award, given to the pilot who exemplified scale realism in flight. The achievement was made even more impressive when I realized he had less than 5 flights on the new bomber!

Despite the threatening weather, some pilots did make the trip from nearby towns. Dr. Mark Taylor is always a welcome sight at any fly-in. He came from Ames with his P-61 Black Widow. The 89" span VQ aircraft is powered by twin OS .91 two strokes and really moves out. Mark got a few impressive flights on "Lady in the Dark," a plane that made the last kill of WWII without firing a shot. Also making the trip from Ottumwa Iowa was Charles Paulk. His 60" P-47 had a bit of trouble with the retracts, but flew great and wowed the crowd with some tumbling maneuvers. Allen Walzer came from Iowa City with his Hanger 9 corsair. Powered by a

Saito 100, it flew well and helped round out the list of notable aircraft present. Noah Butler also made the trip up from Iowa City. He built his large 108" span TBM Avenger from Kellogg plans. The 1/6 scale 50lb plane is powered by a Moki five cylinder radial gas engine. The sound produced by the big radial added a realism to the TBM that made each fly-by a must see. It seems that the pilots present all agreed that Noah built one fantastic aircraft, as it earned him the "Pilot's Choice" award.

Despite the threatening weather there were quite a few breaks in the rain that allowed for some great flying time. The number of spectators was unknown, but all present agreed that it was the best attendance yet seen at the Skyhawks field. The people from Eastern Iowa Honor flight set up a tent and told me the support they got was better than any event they had attended all year. The contributions from spectators and pilots totaled nearly \$900, money that will be used to send veterans to DC to see their memorials. I would like to thank the many Skyhawks members who contributed time to make the event successful. Check out Youtube for the Warbirds Over Iowa 2011 video made with the help of Gary Molle. Starla Swanson and Rich Dean took some incredible photos that I will try to get out to the pilots and others who would like to see them. I think everyone had a good time and enjoyed seeing so many people who appreciate our hobby. Next year I'm sure we can have an even better event with a little cooperation from the weather, so make sure you clear your calendar.



Photography by Starla Swanson



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DOES YOUR TRAINER BEHAVE BADLY?

**DOES TAKING YOUR TRAINER FOR A FLIGHT
LEAVE YOU WHITE KNUCKLED AND WITH
SHAKY KNEES?**

**AFRAID TO FLY YOUR TRAINER IN PUBLIC?
FEAR NOT - HELP IS AVAILABLE AT THE
CEDAR RAPIDS SKYHAWKS FLYING FIELD.**

HOW TO TAME YOUR TRAINER :

**GET HELP WITH YOUR AIRFRAME, POWERPLANT(ELECTRIC,
GLOW OR GAS), RADIO SETUP AND FLIGHT INSTRUCTION.**

**LET'S MEET UP STARTING ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 8, 5:30PM AND
CONTINUE TO TAME THESE TRAINERS THE REST OF THE SUMMER.**

QUESTIONS? CALL RICH DEAN 373-2004

FLYING SITE MAP AT CRSKYHAWKS.ORG

NOTE:

Airplane Training Sessions are offered every Wednesday evening, starting at 5:30 PM.

2011 SKYHAWKS INSTRUCTORS

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(electric only)

DON'T EXPECT the instructor to call you and make an appointment. You should call them; **they are available**. It is best to call and make an appointment rather than go to the field and hope help is there. And...if you want to be an instructor, please contact any Board Member.

* Check Instructor Availability Calendar

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 \$75.00	Open \$60.00	Senior Citizen (65 and up) \$35.00	Junior (up to 14) \$10.00	Senior (15 to 18) \$25.00	Associate \$17.00
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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, 1590 17th Avenue, Marion, IA 52302-2376. 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.