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Upcoming Events

Saturday, August 18, 2012, Eastern Iowa Soaring Society event at Seminole Valley Park, hosted by Cedar Rapids Quiet Flyers. See details on next page.

Saturday and Sunday, September 8-9, 2012, Central Iowa Aeromodelers Multi-Engine Fun Fly, Ames, Iowa.

Sunday, September 9, 2012, 7:00 PM, General Club Meeting at the Long Branch Supper Club. Note: This is one week later than the usual date, due to the Labor Day weekend.

I thought I would keep it on the ground until I became familiar with it, but on account of the wind, I unexpectedly took to the air, and the first thing I knew, I was flying.

— *Arthur Pratt Warner, Beloit, Wisconsin.*
Warner was the first individual in the U.S. to purchase an aeroplane, a Curtiss biplane, that assembled himself. He had only intended to taxi when he made what was Wisconsin's first flight, 4 November 1909.

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.

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

Your 2012 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 5, 2012

Todd opened the “brief” meeting at the field at 7:00 pm with 12 members present.

Old business: The Warbird Event was discussed, noting that event was very successful, and the photo DVD’s are in the works, and will be sent out soon.

The Tri-Hawk Event was discussed. Many thanks to Doug Emerson and his wife for preparing the meal. It was a real treat in spite of the nasty winds and horizontal rains. Thanks to all that helped make this event happen. Please work on weather control, (contact Martin for advice on this). If you attended you will understand. If you didn’t, you missed a great event with plenty of fun, flying and a great meal. Thanks go out to the Aerohawks and the Blackhawks for coming to enjoy the

event with us. You’re all welcome at the Skyhawk field anytime. Doug Emerson brought the left over meat from the event meal, nicely divided in 1# plastic zip lock bags, and gave it to those that wanted it.

New business: Don Harker mentioned that there will be an E.I.S.S. (Eastern Iowa Soaring Society) event August 18th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at Seminole Valley. Rain date will be Sunday, August 19th.

Motion to adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Don Harker and seconded by Wendell. Meeting closed at 7:30 pm.

Skyhawks Secretary,
Jim Buttleman

Show and Tell: Maybe some more flying.....

Warbirds Over Iowa Report – by Todd Davis, Contest Director

The ninth annual Warbirds Over Iowa military scale fly-in provided some nice flying weather that allowed the pilots to get in many excellent flights throughout the weekend. This is the first year where the event was held over two days, and even though some pilots only stayed for one day there was a wide variety of warbirds seen both days.

Lyle Vasser and Steve Forrest made the trip up from the Kansas City area and didn't waste any time getting their aircraft into the sky. They both had Giant Scale Top Flite P-51 Mustangs that allowed them to put on some impressive formation flying. The routine featured many scale maneuvers and low passes down the runway where both planes appeared to be just a couple of feet apart. The crowd appreciated the show, as did the judges who gave Lyle and Steve the "Best Flight" award. This is the first time the award has been given to a team, not just a single pilot. Steve also brought out his 140" wingspan B-29 bomber "Fi-Fi." He had some nosewheel problems, but he still managed to get in multiple flights where he would open the bomb bay doors to drop the big one. Lyle also brought his impressive B-25J Mitchell. With a wingspan of 101" the aircraft was built from Ziroli plans by Lyle's dad Bob. When Lyle went looking for scale pilots for the B-25, he could not find anything in 1/8 scale that fit his needs. That caused him to mold his own, and led to the start-up of "Best Pilots." Now Lyle sells his impressive pilot figures all over the world and they can be seen in some of the best Top Gun aircraft. Lyle's artistic ability was also evident in the scale details that have been applied to his B-25. As impressive as it appears on the ground, it also looked great in the air as Lyle performed many scale passes, and one that impressed everyone, the Doolittle take-off. Once he burned off some fuel, Lyle would land and perform a full power take off that had the wheels in the air after only a few feet of roll out. The impressive flights and scale appearance allowed Lyle to win the Pilot's Choice award for his B-25J.

Skyhawks member Wendell Maakestad is well known for his excellent B-17 bombers, and he brought his "Man O War II" out once again. Warbirds Over Iowa wouldn't be the same without a squadron of B-17's, and this year was no exception as Wendell was joined by Mark Taylor and Dwayne Fosseen. The three bombers flew multiple missions and gave the spectators a good idea of what it must have looked like over the skies of Europe during WWII. The crowd on hand always delighted in watching the bombs drop as the pilots tried to put them on target (the announcer claimed he would pay \$10 to the pilot who could set one directly on the centerline of the runway). Dwayne's B-17 looked especially good both on the ground and in the air. The Veterans on hand to watch the show must have liked what they saw, because they awarded Dwayne the "Best WWII Aircraft" award.

There was no shortage of large P-51 mustangs at this year's event. In addition to the pair flown by Lyle and Steve there was a large and in charge quarter scale Ziroli model flown by Mike Kaas, as well as a couple of Top Flite models flown by John Biondo and Terry Peterson. Terry's Green nose Mustang had an impressive flight that drew comments from the crowd with low inverted passes and high speed runs. An engine out land-

ing caused him to damage his prop and put an end to his flying much to the dismay of the spectators. John had some bad luck with his Mustang and a Byron T-6 that he brought out, but put plenty of flights on his PT-17 Steerman. P-47 Thunderbolts were also well represented at the event. Dennis Johnson brought his 96 inch wingspan Ziroli model "Mary Lou" on Sunday as well as a Byron P-47 brought by Bill Mausser and flown beautifully by Chris Kramer from Epworth. Chris has won awards at past events and always does a great job on the sticks. Some P-47's that were part of Saturday's action included Bob Ligrand's Hanger 9 model and Wayne Messner's built from a Top Flite kit.

There were plenty of biplanes in the air at this year's event as well. There was one instance on Saturday where I grabbed my Albatros DIII and took to the sky with four other biplanes. Skyhawks member Geoff Barrance had his Flair ¼ scale Tiger Moth in the air, and every time up it looked great with realistic slow speed passes that only a large biplane can provide. Also in the air with me was a couple of Great Planes PT-17 Stearmans including one from Randy Lepsch. His model was powered by an OS 1.20 four stroke that provided realistic sound and power. Another nice German WWI aircraft at the field and Saturday was flown by Dennis Goodrich. Dennis' Fokker DVII was built from a flair kit and may have been responsible for a lack of Sopwith pups at this year's event. Jim Stickley's five cylinder radial engine gave his Fleet Bipe a sound all its own. On Sunday Dennis Johnson's 1/3 scale Fokker DVII was a site to behold. The 118" wingspan aircraft was built from a Balsa USA kit and featured an 80cc ZDZ gas engine. When Dennis brought it in for a smooth touch-down in the grass, you almost felt like you were back in 1918 during the war. The realism of Dennis' Biplane both in the air and on the ground allowed him to win the Best Scale appearance award.

Even though I was busy through both days trying to keep things running I got plenty of planes into the air. I brought my 86" Don Smith Ki-61 out and had a great time chasing a Mustang or two. My BF-109 even got to chase Mark Taylor's P-38 around for a while, although it was tough to stay on Mark's tail as he decided to take some radical evasive maneuvers at one point. My TS-11 Iskra jet was in the air a few times and is always a joy to fly. My Fly Eagle Jets F-15 is not such a joy, but always exciting. I got it up and down a couple times each day without the need for repairs indicating the landings were acceptable.

Although I tended to concentrate on the flight line action, I did notice a steady stream of spectators present though the event as well as a lot of interest at the Honor Flight booth and the Trainer information booth. The special trainer demonstration seemed to be appreciated by the spectators and gave them some insight into how to get into the hobby. The food provided by Hy-vee was good and some say they used half a bird on the chicken sandwiches they were serving. With good flying weather both days and no shortage of impressive aircraft this year's Warbirds Over Iowa was a great success. Next year will be the 10th year, so we'll have to pull out all the stops to make it even better. I am already working new trophy awards that anyone would be proud to display and provide a draw for some of the best aircraft and pilots in the area. Mark July 20th down on next year's calendar and don't miss it.

Warbirds Over Iowa, photos by Rich Dean







Guys,

Saturday, August 18, 9AM - 5PM, the Cedar Rapids Quiet Flyers will be hosting the “Eastern Iowa Soaring Society”, at Seminole Vally Park, for a soaring event. This will be a thermal duration and spot landing contest. If you have not seen this kind of RC soaring, then you are in for a real treat.

I am also asking for a few volunteers to help them with this event. We need a volunteer to do a “food run” and a few people to do timing that will get directly involved in the competition. Perhaps a few simple tasks and helping with line retrieval.

It will be held at the main soccer/cricket field and NOT at our electric field. We ask that all flying at our electric field be suspended for this day so as to not have any frequency issues.

This is a great opportunity to show support for a fellow club, learn about an exciting facet of our hobby and see some kool sailplanes. Please support this event by showing up and cheering these guys on.

I believe there is a rain date of August 19th for this event.

I would to thank the Cedar Rapids Kings, part of the Heartland Cricket League, for allowing us to use their field for our event.

See you there!

Kerry Lawrence, President, CRQF

2 Planes For Sale. Contact John Spargo at 393-0171 or email jspargo@spargoconsulting.com

Phoenix VI Pattern Plane, with O.S. 61SF Engine, Retracts. Painted by Bill Basler. \$600.00



Hangar 9 Cap 232, with Saito 180 Engine. \$800.00



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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 \$78.00	Open \$60.00	Senior Citizen (65 and up) \$42.00	Junior (up to 14) \$12.00	Senior (15 to 18) \$30.00	Associate \$20.00
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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.