

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks  
**LOG BOOK**

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Gary Owen's FW190 lines up with  
Randy's P51 at Warbirds Over Iowa 2017

Photo by Rich Dean





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## Upcoming Events

**August 17-19, 2017**, Fond du Lac Warbirds and Classics Over the Midwest. Details at: [www.midwestwarbirds.com](http://www.midwestwarbirds.com)

**August 24-27, 2017**, Ottumwa-AMA Foundation Jet Rally. Details at: <http://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amafoundation/jetral-ly/>

**Sunday, September 10, 2017**, 7:00 PM, General Club Meeting at the Hiawatha Library.

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You can always tell when a man has lost his soul to flying. The poor bastard is hopelessly committed to stopping whatever he is doing long enough to look up and make sure the aircraft purring overhead continues on course and does not suddenly fall out of the sky. It is also his bound duty to watch every aircraft within view take off and land.

*~Ernest K. Gann, 'Fate is the Hunter'*

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**“The Skyhawks are a great partner and add a wonderful recreational element to our city.”**

Daniel Gibbins, ISA  
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 Report**

## **August 6, 2017**

The meeting held at the field was called to order at 7:00 pm with eleven members and one guest in attendance. Chuck Whipple, our guest and a past member, is planning to rejoin and get back into the hobby.

### **Treasurer's report**

Geoff gave his report.

### **Secretary's report**

Jim read the minutes of the July meeting.

### **Old business**

A short discussion by Todd of Warbirds Over Iowa, and he mentioned that he can get full photos of any that were taken during the event if you find any you like. Todd extended a thank you to the 26 volunteers who helped with the event.

Thanks to Todd and the excellent publicity he acquired for the event. The club received \$175.00 from the AMA.

The Honor Flight received \$375.00 in donations.

### **New business**

The club meeting will be the second Sunday at the Hiawatha Library on September 10th due to the Labor Day holiday

The club received a nice thank you card from Neils at Hobbytown, thanking the club for letting them be part of Warbirds Over Iowa. Hobbytown donated two planes that were raffled off. The Skyhawks thank Neils and Hobbytown for their support of the Warbird event.

In case you haven't noticed, the areas south of the runway and west of the parking area are being returned to natural habitat/wildflower areas by the Parks Department.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Skyhawks Secretary,

Jim Buttleman

## Warbirds Over Iowa 2017 Report

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual event was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July. The winds were very low, but a cloudy sky and hot humid temps made it a bit uncomfortable. The runway was soggy after a heavy rain the night before. There were 27 registered pilots and almost 50 aircraft.

The bomber turn-out was weak last year, but this year they came out in force. Three of the pilots from the Des-Moines area joined up with Wendell to get four B-17's into the air at one point. It was great to see the four B-17's flying around, dropping bombs, and giving a realistic show to the pilots and spectators in attendance. Our event has always been special due to the number of bombers we get, and this year was no exception.



### B-17's form up for another mission

A contingent of pilots turnout out from down in Missouri once again. Steve Forest and Lyle Vasser demonstrated some excellent formation flying with their P-51's. They were joined by Mark Butrum's FW-190 who seemed to always end up smoking at the end of the flight (by design). Another treat was when they formed up with their B-24 and B-25 to do some tight passes. Steve Forest's B-24 is impressive with a 146" wingspan. He recently converted it from the four glow engines to DLE-20 gassers, and they seemed to work fine as he turned on his smoker system that put out four smoke trails. Steve's B-24 impressed the spectators and pilots alike, and he earned the Pilot's choice award for his efforts.



Steve Forest's B-24 earned the Pilot's Choice award

Once again Terry Peterson made the trip up from Elk Horn Iowa. He Flew his big Corsair and Top Flite Mustang in the usual fashion, upside down! He had a few great flights with his newest plane, an 80" Spitfire that earned him the Best Flight award. Terry has a few of those trophies that attest to his piloting skill.

The Cedar Rapids skyhawks turned out in force as well. Geoff Barrance flew his Tiger Moth, and Jim Stickley brought his 9.5' Wingspan Curiss Jenny. Don Harker had one of the most unusual planes of the event, a flying wing that he modified to represent the Horten 229 Flying wing from WW2. Gary Owen had his P-47 and FW-190 giant scale fighters on hand and flew often. Randy Lepsch had quite a few giant scale fighters. He spent the winter stripping and glassing his Top Flite P-51, the "Hawk eye Owan." He flew it well and earned the award for Best Mustang, a framed poster with 50 Mustang profiles on it.



Randy Lepsch brings the “Hawk Eye Owan” in for another smooth landing

Chris Krammer and son also made the trip, and had some great flights. Chris took the sticks on Robert E-Ciquard’s Zirolu Bearcat and made some impressive flights. The Bearcat earned the award for best scale appearance. Late in the day it fell victim to the soft runway and nosed over, a fate shared by many as the drag caused by the wet runway was not easy to handle for the tail dragger aircraft.

Special thanks to all of the Skyhawks who chipped in to help with the event. Without the 26 volunteers the event could not happen. Additional thanks to Mark Woytassek and Kevin Gordon for running the flight line smoothly and safely. Dave Logan did a great job organizing the parking, a behind the scenes task that is very important when we get a good spectator turn-out. Jim Irvine showed up early and handled the sign-up booth as well as a multitude of other tasks we couldn’t have done without. Harvey Hop manned the microphone and kept the spectators informed and entertained throughout the day. Rich Dean took some great photos despite the less than Ideal sunlight through the day. Stay tuned to see them all on the Skyhawks website.

Todd Davis, President Cedar Rapids Skyhawks, CD Warbirds Over Iowa.

**Reminder: This is not an open fun fly. It is a spectator-only event.**



**Free Admission  
Free Parking**

Come and enjoy the fun of  
radio control aircraft!  
Streamer cuts, Candy Drops,  
Warbirds, Aerobatics,  
Tributes, Comedy

# AIRSHOW

Thrills & Chills! Noise! Music & Fun!

Food and  
Beverages  
Available

THE AEROHAWKS  
FIELD IS: West  
on Melrose Ave.  
Beyond the  
218 interchange  
then left towards  
the landfill.  
Just follow the signs.

# 2017

August 20th  
1-4 PM

GATES OPEN @ 11 AM  
PLENTY OF PARKING



**FREE**

## 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. There is also an Instructor Availability Calendar on the Skyhawks Website.

## **Airplane Instructors**

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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 \$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. 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**  
1590 17th Avenue  
Marion, IA 52302

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.