

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks  
**LOG BOOK**

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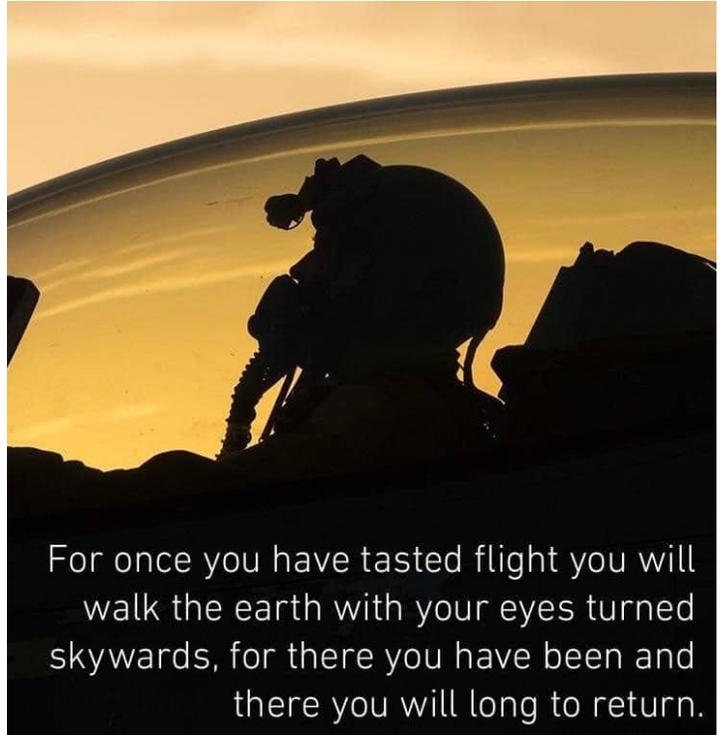
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## Upcoming Events..

**Sunday, May 5, 2024, 7:00 PM, General Club Meeting at the Hiawatha Library.**

**Saturday, August 24, 2024, Warbirds Over Iowa.**



For once you have tasted flight you will walk the earth with your eyes turned skywards, for there you have been and there you will long to return.

“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.

# Skyhawks Meeting Minutes

**April 7, 2024**

The meeting was held at the Hiawatha Library. It was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Todd Davis. There were 18 members in attendance.

Jim Doty gave the Treasurer's Report. We currently have 56 members paid for 2024 season.

Secretary's Report for March meeting was read by David Logan.

## **Old Business**

- **ADA Runway Work Update**

The city is in the process of getting bids for the work. A review was given regarding the work which has been approved. The sidewalk will be at the center of the runway now. The fence line will only be parallel to the runway from the center of the runway South to the end of the field. This was a correction to the minutes from the March meeting which stated that the fence would run parallel to the runway.

- **Shade Structure**

Discussion was held regarding possibilities for obtaining funding for a shade structure that is city approved. Steve Wilson downloaded a grant application guidebook from DePaul University and was wanting to try to apply for some grants. This was discouraged, because some at the meeting felt it would be a waste of time and would take too long to get approved, if we could find any organizations even willing to donate funds.

Mark Woytassek moved that we withdraw our grant request from the AMA. Wendell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

- **AMA Roundtable**

Geoff Barrance reported that during the recent AMA roundtable, the AMA said clubs may petition for a ceiling extension up to 1200 feet for sanctioned events.

- **Demo Day**

No Demo Day is being planned for this year. June weather is usually too unpredictable to plan an event that is promoted to the public. We may put together an ad hoc demonstration for groups if we are asked.

## New Business

- **Drone Report**

Mark Woytassek mentioned that there were a couple of drone strikes with full size aircraft at the San Francisco Airport. The drones were apparently quad copters. There has also been increased drone incursions at the Southern border.

- **Petal Pushers**

The Petal Pushers gardening club has left several messages with Mark Woytassek saying they've had several meetings with the city trying to get them to convert the farm house to a pavilion for their club. We have discouraged this because they want to put a walking path below the flight path of our aircraft.

- **Arizona Club Rule Changes**

Mark also mentioned that new rules are being implemented at a club where he flies in Arizona. They have pilot's stations like we will have after the ADA work is completed. They have implemented a rule that you may not taxi back towards the flight line.

- **Silver Club Status**

David Logan mentioned that it is time to apply for a renewal of our Silver Club status.

- **Port-O-John**

Jim Doty was asking when we should order the Port-O-John for the flying site. Todd said he would check with the lady at the city office to see about getting on their account.

## Show and Tell

Todd Davis brought in a portable electric mini drill available on Amazon.



Gene Thorn brought in several items.

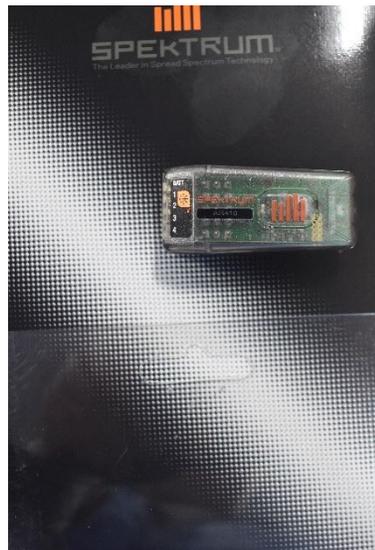


His son, Bradford, printed several items on a 3D printer. He made the vintage wheels. They weigh only 4 ounces. The ones Dubro sell weigh 7 ounces and cost \$59.

He printed a dummy radial engine and two Vickers machine guns. One is 1/5 scale and the other, 1/6 scale.

The propeller pictured is a Xoar electric wooden propeller that Gene purchased for his Sopwith Triplane he hopes to maiden at the end of the month on his birthday.

Geoff Barrance brought in a 4 channel sport receiver made by Spektrum, the SPMAR410. It has no external antennas and has telemetry. He bought it from Horizon for \$35.



Don Harker brought his Japanese Kyushu J7W Shinden, also known as Magnificent Lightning, that he is working on with Rich Dean. It will probably be under 4 pounds when it is finished. The Japanese built these planes near the end of WW2 to reach the altitudes that B-29s flew. It was a pusher plane. Bob Thacker originally designed the plans which were in an issue of RCM back in the 1980s.



Don also has a 72 MHz Futaba 6 channel transmitter he was given. It is available to anyone who would like to have it.



The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary's Report submitted by David Logan.

## 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	Open	Senior Citizen (65 and up)	Junior (up to 14)	Senior (15 to 18)	Associate
\$91.00	\$70.00	\$49.00	\$14.00	\$35.00	\$23.00

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.