

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks
LOG BOOK

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crskyhawks.org

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Wendell's B-17 Landing at WOI

Photo by John Cox



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Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 4, 2025, 7:00 PM, General Club Meeting will be at the Hiawatha Library.

Saturday, July 19, 2025, Electric Fly.

Saturday, August 23, 2025, Warbirds Over Iowa.

“Flying isn’t just about controlling the machine; it’s about understanding and controlling yourself.”

– Amelia Earhart

“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

April 6, 2025

Todd Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 24 members present.

Jim Doty gave the Treasurer's report.

- Current membership payments for 2025 is 32 not including the 9 life members unless they paid dues for 2025 anyway.

David Logan gave the Secretary's report by reading the minutes from the March meeting.

Old Business

- **Membership Badges** – Membership badges are available at the club meetings. If you have paid your 2025 membership dues, please be sure to pick up your badge from Todd Davis at a meeting or at the field when he is there.
- **Sky Hawks User Agreement with Cedar Rapids** – The annual user agreement has been signed by Todd and submitted to the City of Cedar Rapids.
- **ADA Work** – There is still no word if or when the ADA field work will commence.
- **No Dog Walking Sign** – Steve Wilson has made a "No Dog Walking Beyond This Point" sign and will have it posted by the end of the week.

New Business

- **Boy Scout Troop Parking** – The Boy Scouts have asked permission to use our parking area in the next few weeks to facilitate their roadside clean up project. Permission was granted by Todd Davis.
- **Event Dates for 2025**
 - Warbirds Over Iowa – August 23
 - ElectriFly Event – July 19
- **Iowa City Aerohawks Demonstration Day Event Assistance** – Todd Davis brought it to the attention of the club that the Iowa City Aerohawks have asked for our assistance with their annual airshow event. They need the following volunteers to fly. The show is scheduled, so you will need to stage and be ready to fly at the time given. If you have a plane that meets these qualifications and can competently pilot under pressure, please let Todd know if you can participate. It will be based on a first-come, first-serve basis. **The date for the event is July 13, 2025**
 - 1:08 – 1:12 Banner Tow (3 banners total) - 1 more airplane and pilot needed.
 - 1:12 – 1:22 Golden Age of Aviation (Planes from 1919 to 1939) – 2 more planes and pilots needed.
 - 1:22 – 1:30 EDF Military only – 2 more planes and pilots needed.
 - 1:30 – 1:40 Decathlon Aerobatic Routine
 - 2:42 – 2:52 Timber Time / Gaggle – Unlimited number needed.
 - 3:02 – 3:10 Helicopter Fly-by – 1 more helicopter and pilot needed.
 - 3:22 – 3:34 WWII Tribute – 2 more planes and pilots needed.
 - 3:42 – 3:54 3D Demonstration / Gaggle (Slow and low routine) – 3 more needed.
 - * 3:54 – 4:09 Main Event Streamer Cut – Need 1 more tow plane and 2 to 3 chase planes
 - *Warning: The Main Event involves a tow plane pulling an 80-foot streamer and the chase planes try to cut the streamer, all at the same time. It's a lot of fun and the crowd loves it but, you don't want to fly your favorite airplane in this event.

Please do not volunteer to participate if you won't be able to follow through with it.

- **AMA Attendance at Events** – Jerry Mattson suggested we contact the AMA about our warbird event. He has seen on their Facebook page that staff and leadership are making rounds to club events. He suggested we invite them to attend.
- **Infield Work** – Duane Lupia informed the club that he would like to work on the grass infield opposite the runway to make it more useable. He would like to cut down some of the tall grass, weeds, and saplings that are taking root, fill in the gopher holes and mow the grass shorter to possibly make the grass a viable landing spot.

- **Marion Airport Runway to Close** – Duane Lupia suggested that if the Marion airport runway is closed by the City of Marion that we approach the City Manager about letting us possibly use the runway for an extended Warbirds Over Iowa event. There was some discussion about the proposed closing and possible bids that could keep the runway open. It was made as a suggestion for a future event, but no decision was reached, and no motion was made.
- **Drone Activity Report** – Mark Woytassek said there have been over 400, 000 drone complaints made in one area of Arizona. Drone activity and pilot behavior seems to be getting worse.
- **Club Purpose** – Gene Thorn asked to address the club. He shared his experience with the hobby and the enjoyment he has had over the years by participating in modeling clubs. He wanted us to consider what type of club we want. Are we to be a club where we just pay maintenance dues and get permission to fly or should we be more of a social club where members can get together to participate in activities related to aeromodeling outside of just flying events and casual attendance at the airfield.

Todd Davis responded that the general purpose of the club according to our by-laws is “to promote radio control activities and the general development of youth in model aviation.”

This sparked some discussion about ways that we can reach younger members and encourage them to participate in the RC flying hobby. Promotion through scouting programs and junior high and high school STEM programs were mentioned as opportunities.

Mark Woytassek also brought up the issue of how some clubs are dealing with members who are retiring from flying and how they can go about disposing of their RC equipment. He said some clubs are designating members who will list other members flying gear on Ebay.

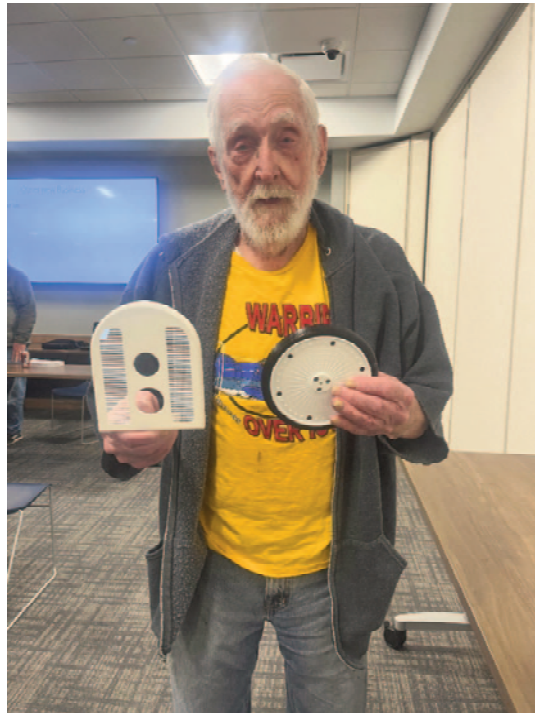
- **Mark Woytassek Flight Log** – Mark shared that he has one plane that he has now logged 1000 flights and it still has its original propeller.
- **Fellowship Award** – Wendell pointed out that the annual Fellowship Award needs to be presented to a worthy member. The executive committee will convene to select this year’s recipient.
- **Identify That Plane** – Todd presented another round of “Name the Owner of that Plane” by showing slides of planes flown in the past by various members of the club. Some of the planes identified were the following:
 - An A-10 flown by Mike Tope
 - A Hurricane flown by Wendell Maakestad
 - Tiny T28 owned by Randall Davis
 - Mamba Biplane owned by Geoff Barrance
 - Icon Float Plane flown by Gary Owen\
 - Mosquito owned by Todd Davis
 - 4 Star 20 – Don Harker
 - Glider – Jim Doty

Show N Tell

Jerry Mattson and Craig Martinson both brought in their newly assembled Horizon Hobby SE5A Bind and Fly planes. They are flown with either a 3S or 4S 2200 mAh battery. Craig said it was difficult to access the electronics when he put it together.



Gene Thorn brought in some 3D printed parts for his SE5A he built from plans. They include a grill and wheels.



The meeting was adjourned a little after 8:00 p.m. 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.

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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.

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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.