

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks LOG BOOK

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crskyhawks.org

DECEMBER, 2025



Gary Owen's Spad

Photo by John Cox



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Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 10, 2026, 6:00 PM, Annual Skyhawks Dinner Party. Flyer in this Logbook.

Saturday, January 31, 2026, Aerohawks Swap Meet. Flyer in this Logbook.

“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

December 7, 2025

Todd Davis called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. There were 11 members present.

Jim Doty gave the Treasurer's report. There are currently 55 members with 7 paid for next year.

David Logan read the minutes from the November meeting, and the minutes were approved.

Old Business

- **ADA Improvements** – The ADA improvements to the field are mostly completed. The starting stand, leaning posts and 2 picnic tables are still not installed. Todd Davis will be in contact with the city to discuss the location of these items. Regarding the ADA compliant portable toilet, we were hoping to get the city to pay the monthly rental at their rate and then we would reimburse them for the cost. Todd said that the city administrator indicated this would not be possible.
- **Canopy** – No progress has been made regarding the acquisition of a canopy for the concrete pad. Todd Davis still plans to contact the city to see if they may have funds available to help purchase the canopy. Wendell suggested that if the city could pay for it, we could get it sales tax exempt. There is currently \$4025 that has been pledged toward the purchase of a canopy.
- **Rules Meeting** – Todd Davis will schedule a meeting for the rules subcommittee to meet to propose revisions to the current rules for flying at the field. Anyone interested in helping should contact Todd Davis. He hopes to meet before the holidays.
- **Sky Hawks Sign** – The Sky Hawks sign and old pin box was installed at the South end of the field. Thanks to all who helped with the installation.
- **New Pin Box** – A new, smaller pin box will be installed close to the pit area for those who are still using 72 MHz radios. Todd purchased an outdoor electrical box and pin clips to place inside for the various frequency pins.



- **Annual Banquet** – The annual banquet for the club is scheduled for Saturday, January 10, 2026 at the Starlite Room in Cedar Rapids.
- **Trees** – Mike Tope inquired about having trees planted on the West side of the parking area. It was briefly discussed. There was some concern expressed about trees creating turbulence while others felt it would

provide some shade. No further discussion occurred, and no decision was made. The sumac was cleared by the city in the Fall.

New Business

- **Iowa City Swap Meet** – The Iowa City Swap Meet is January 31, 2026 at the Iowa City National Guard Armory. There is a flyer in the Logbook.
- **Officer Elections** – Elections for next year's officers was held. The nominations received for officers were:
 - President – Todd Davis
 - Vice President – Steve Wilson
 - Secretary – David Logan
 - Treasurer – Jim Doty

Wendell Maakestad moved that the officers be approved as nominated. Jerry Mattson seconded the motion. All officers were approved by voice vote.

Show N Tell



Diego brought in his Electric Seagull Models Giant Scale Spitfire. This is Diego's first giant scale warbird. He plans to use a 1.60 Rim Fire motor with a 12S battery setup.



Todd Davis brought his canopy for the Aermacchi M246 jet he recently finished. He reworked the cockpit and the pilot figure to give a more realistic look.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Secretary's report submitted 12/13/2025 by David Logan.



JANUARY CLUB PARTY

The Annual Skyhawks Dinner Party will be on Saturday, January 10th, at the Starlite Room at 3300 1st Ave NE, Cedar Rapids.

Social Hour 6:00 to 7:00. Dinner at 7:00 PM

Food and drinks will be ordered from the menu with separate checks.

We will be seated in a private room.

Don't miss this chance to enjoy the good food and fellowship with Skyhawks members and their guests!



"Home of the Original Half-Pound Super Burger"

PLEASE POST

**Mark the date! It's an Eastern Iowa
BIG EVENT, in a GREAT LOCATION!
It's the 23rd Annual Iowa City Aerohawks
R/C Swap Meet**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026

At the **National Guard Armory, Iowa City**

Table set up at 8 am, doors open 9 am until 1 pm. All RC
control interests welcome! 100+ tables! **Vendors, too!**

Easy load/unload. Breakfast & lunch: coffee, donuts,
soda, hot-dogs and all the fixings! We've rented a HUGE
facility with lots of space, and our members, vendors, and friends
will be putting out LOTS of GREAT stuff from
their workshops and home hangars.

PLANES, CARS, TOOLS, HELICOPTERS, BOATS, KITS, ARFs

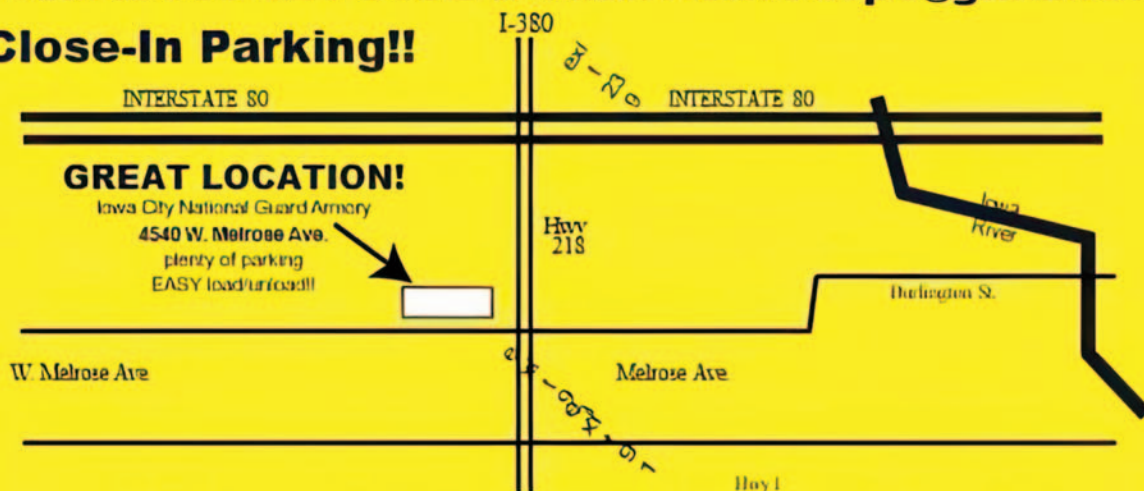
\$6 admission, Kids 12 and under FREE! **NO SALES BEFORE 9 am**

Prepays \$17 for 6 ft. table, wall tables prepaid \$22 each. (includes 1 admission),

Add \$5 per table if pay at door. Pay Pal or checks accepted. WE SELL OUT
SPACES EARLY so YOU MUST RESERVE AHEAD!!

Call Rich at **319-321-3902** or email: **richvedepo@gmail.com**

Close-In Parking!!



Iowa City Aerohawks is a radio control flying club located in Iowa City,
Iowa. All Aerohawks are also members of the Academy of Model
Aeronautics, Chapter 824

Visit our public FB page, 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.

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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.

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks
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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.