

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks  
**LOG BOOK**

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**JULY, 2025**



**Dave Logan's Zero**

**Photo by Randy Lepsch**



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## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, July 19, 2025, Electric Fly.**

**Sunday, August 3, 2025, 7:00 PM,** General Club Meeting will be at the field. In case of inclement weather, we will meet at the Hiawatha Library.

**Saturday, August 23, 2025, Warbirds Over Iowa.**

**“The sky is home to the dreamers of the earth.”**

**– Leonardo da Vinci**

“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

July 13, 2025

Todd Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 15 members present and 1 guest.

Jim Doty gave the Treasurer's report. There are now 53 paid members for the 2025 season.

David Logan read the minutes from the June meeting and the minutes were approved.

## Old Business

**Mowing** – The city has been mowing, but Duane has continued to mow in the pit area.

**Warbirds over Iowa Port-O-Potty** – A second port-o-potty has been ordered for the week of the Warbird over Iowa event.

**Warbirds over Iowa Planning** – The sanction request was submitted to the AMA and was approved. The event should appear in the next issue of the Model Aviation magazine. The event has also been picked up as a KCRG "Show You Care" event, since the proceeds of the event go to the Honor Flight organization. Todd passed out flyers for the event at the Iowa City Aerohawks airshow earlier today. Todd is currently working on a T-shirt design for the event. He mentioned that all club members helping at the event will receive a free T-shirt. He asked for opinions on color. No decision was made but white, light blue, or gray were suggested as they would be cooler. We will discuss volunteer needs and event details in more depth at the next meeting, which will be the last meeting before the event.

**Electric Fly Event** – The Electric Fly event is next weekend (July 19).

**Field Rolling** – Since we've received a good deal of rain recently, a roller was rented over the weekend to roll the field and the grass runway. Todd Davis, Steve Wilson, and Duane Lupia went and got it, rolled the runway, and will return it on Monday.

**Runway Caution** – Please do not walk on the runway when it is very wet. The gravel underneath gets very saturated, and footprints sink into it permanently, causing dangerous divots in the surface.

**Field Improvement Committee Report** – David Logan reported that the Field Improvement Sub-Committee has met and has begun to research some of the proposed ideas.

## New Business

**Unauthorized Partying at the Field** – The week before Independence Day, it was discovered that someone had hosted a party in the driveway leading to the field. The sheds were broken into, and wood was burned in the driveway. Several beer cans were strewn about the area as well. Some have suggested we put a gate up, but we are required to leave the drive open to allow farmers to gain access to their fields.

**Deer Trail in the Sumac** – Steve Wilson said that he has discovered that the deer have made a pretty decent trail through the sumac down to the creek. It begins in the outfield near the white marker pole.

## Show N Tell

Gary Owen shared an experience of powering up his Carbon-Z T-28 from idle to full power quickly and shattering his electric motor. He has gotten it replaced but shared the cautionary tale. He didn't mention at first that he has an overpowered ESC and a three bladed prop on the stock engine but nonetheless be cautious of powering up too quickly.



Don Rosendale brought a couple foam airplanes that he bought from Amazon. He cut the empennage out of one and moved the tail section forward. He employed a method of using steam from boiling water followed by rapid cooling to straighten the bend in the end of the wings. He then installed a receiver and small Flight Test A pack motor. Using a 2 cell lipo, he is able to get 4-5 minutes of flight time.



The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Secretary's report 07/15/2025 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.

### 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 \$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.