

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks
LOG BOOK

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crskyhawks.org

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Duane Lupia's 1/4 Scale Sopwith Pup
Photo by Randy Lepsch



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Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 13, 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, July 19, 2025, Electric Fly.

Saturday, August 23, 2025, Warbirds Over Iowa.

“To most people, the sky is the limit. To those who love aviation, the sky is home.”

– Jerry Crawford

“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

June 1, 2025

Todd Davis called the meeting at the airfield to order at 7:03 pm. There were 14 members present.

Todd Davis gave the Treasurer's Report in Jim Doty's absence.

- Current membership payments for 2025 is 49.

David Logan read Minutes from the May 2025 meeting.

There was one correction to the Minutes as read mentioned by Todd Davis. Where the Minutes stated, "any permanent structures or utilities would have to remain if we ever ended the lease or had it terminated by the city" should be stricken from the record and replaced with the statement, "any structures or utilities constructed or provided by the club shall be removed by the club at the termination of the lease."

Old Business

- **Mowing** – Todd Davis said he would contact the city in the next week to determine whether they will continue mowing for us. Wendell Makestaad said that if we do it, the city may think that we are now doing the mowing instead of them and may discontinue mowing. While many mentioned that the pit area is looking good thanks to Duane Lupia coming out to cut the grass in the city's absence, it was stated it would be in the club's best interest to let the city take care of it.
- **Membership Badges** – If you have paid your dues, be sure to pick up your 2025 membership badge from Todd.
- **Lone Tree Fun Fly** – Lone Tree will be hosting a Fun Fly on June 12-13. AMA membership and TRUST certificate is required to fly. Lone Tree club is located not too far from the Riverside Casino.
- **AMA Altitude Restrictions** – Randy Lepsch clarified that though the AMA has increased our altitude limitations from 400' to 700' in cooperation with the FAA, the club is required to get a letter of approval from the AMA to do so. Todd Davis said he has received that letter and will forward it to Jim Doty, Treasurer, for filing with other important club records.

New Business

- **Drone Incursions** – Mark Woytassek stated that drone incursions still are occurring though they are not being published. Some state and local authorities are cracking down on illegal drone use. He stated that there are some really nice and expensive drones being confiscated at our National Parks where it is illegal to use drones.
- **Woytassek Flight Log** – Mark also shared that as of the date of the meeting he has already logged 984 minutes of flight time. He had hoped to hit 1000 minutes by now but fell a little short.
- **Flyers for Events** – Randy Lepsch said if we have flyers for the upcoming events, he can publish them on the Skyhawks website. Todd Davis stated that he would make flyers for the Warbirds Over Iowa event to pass out at the upcoming Aerohawks Demonstration Day in Iowa City. He mentioned that David Logan has a printer on which we could print some nice flyers and would reimburse him for paper and ink.
- **First Aid Kit** – David Logan mentioned that our first aid kit and supplies need to be updated and replenished. He said he would take care of it.
- **Unauthorized Access to the Field** – Mark Woytassek shared that he has notice an increase in the number of vehicles that are coming to the field, locking up the brakes and leaving once noticing that someone is present.
- **Donations Left at the Field** – Please do not leave items on the picnic tables or anywhere else at the field that you wish to "donate" to the club. While you may think it may be useful to someone in the club, and it gets it out of your garage, the club then must dispose of it should no one take it. This is a financial burden we do not need. If you have items you wish to give away, it is better to post their availability through the Skyhawks Facebook page.
- **Runway Maintenance** – If the right conditions present themselves, we will rent a roller to smooth out the runway. It is getting a little bumpy and could use the work if it is not too soft or hard to get good results. Todd said we would keep an eye on things and act in a timely manner if the proper conditions are there. He also mentioned that we will be having a field maintenance day sometime before Warbirds Over Iowa.
- **Warbirds Over Iowa** – Wendell asked if we were planning to do plaques or trophies for WOI as we have in the past. Todd said he would look into getting awards that look nice but don't cost much. We typically give awards for best flight, pilot's choice, etc. Todd said he has submitted the Warbirds Over Iowa event for recognition as a "Show You Care" event for KCRG. He also said he will be submitting the AMA sanctioned event request this month.

Show N Tell

There were no items brought to the meeting for Show N Tell.

The next meeting will be held at the airfield on July 13 at 7:00 p.m. The location in the event of inclement weather will be the Hiawatha Library.

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.