

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks  
**LOG BOOK**

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**MAY, 2025**



**Wendell's B-17 Overhead at WOI**

**Photo by John Cox**



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## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, June 1, 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.

**“The airplane stays up because it doesn’t have the time to fall.”**

**– Orville Wright**

“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

May 4, 2025

Todd Davis called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. There were 14 members present.

Jim Doty gave the Treasurer's report.

- Current membership payments for 2025 is 45.

David Logan gave the Secretary's report by reading the minutes from the April 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. However, because there is a new contact at the city, we were required to complete another one and resend it.
- **ADA Work** – The last word from the city is that the job is out for bid and they hope to commence work at some time in 2025.
- **Event Dates** – A reminder of upcoming events was given:
  - Electric Fly – July 19
  - Warbirds over Iowa – August 23
- **Aerohawks Demo Day** – As of the date of the meeting, no one has expressed to Todd an interest in participating. If you would like to participate, please review the list of events in last month's log book and contact Todd Davis.
- **Fellowship Award** – The Fellowship Award for 2025 was awarded to Todd Davis. Todd has been the club president since 2011 and has never been a recipient of this award. The Fellowship Award has been given annually by this club to a deserving member since 1967.



## New Business

- **Field Work** – The club wishes to acknowledge and thank Duane Lupia for getting out with his mower and chainsaw to do some mowing and brush clearing in the outfield area. Steve Wilson also noted that while out canvassing the area, he found the carcass of a P-51 that had been stripped and left out there. This led to a reminder that if you crash a plane, you are responsible for finding it and clearing it from the field, especially if the plane is located in the farmer's fields. We do not want to be liable for straining an aircraft through his combine come Fall. That would not help us build goodwill with our neighbors.
- **Electricity at the Field** – Jim Wittkamp asked if we had ever considered getting electrical service activated at the field. Todd Davis said that we have investigated in the past and it was very expensive, especially since the utility services to the house have been permanently removed. Jim suggested that it would be beneficial to club members to have power out there and we should look for ways to fund it. This led to a lengthy discussion regarding field improvements in general and our limitations due to low club funds and the fact that we do not own the property; we only lease it and any permanent structures or utilities would have to remain if we ever ended the lease or had it terminated by the city. After some discussion, Mark Woytassek made a motion that we develop an 8-year master plan for the development of the field to possibly upgrade facilities and utilities following the completion of the ADA work. The motion was seconded by Gene Thorn. The motion carried unanimously.

Following the vote, David Logan asked for volunteers to form an ad hoc committee to develop the plan. Those that volunteered to serve were:

- Steve Wilson
- David Logan
- Mark Woytassek
- Jim Wittkamp
- Gene Thorn

If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact David Logan and he will email information regarding when we will be meeting.

- **Mat Repairs** – Mark Woytassek stated that following the Warbirds over Iowa event last Summer, we never had a day to repair the damages that were caused to the runway mat. There were several prop strikes and gouges put into the mat between then and now, and he suggested we have a day to repair the damage. He also suggested that we do this work immediately following WOI this year, so that the mat does not sit all winter without being repaired and thus exacerbate the damage. This led to another standard operating procedure for handling your aircraft mishaps. If you damage the mat, please don't just leave it. Please call one of the club officers to let them know if a repair needs to be made.
- **AMA Guidance on Altitude** – The AMA has negotiated with the FAA to let us move the altitude restriction from 400' to 700' in class G airspace. Due to the active Marion Airport runway, our location barely falls within the radius of protected airspace from the Marion runway. If the Marion runway should permanently close and be removed from active aeronautical charts, our limit would expand to 1200'.
- **Lone Tree Fun Fly** – The Lone Tree club will host a fun fly event on June 12-13. You will need an active AMA membership and your TRUST certificate to participate.
- **Next Meeting Location** – The club meetings will return to the airfield beginning in June. We will still reserve the library and meet there in the event of inclement weather.
- **Port-o-Johnny** – The portable toilet will be ordered this month and should be delivered to the field soon.
- **Name the Plane Activity** – Todd brought another set of slides to see who could identify the owner of planes that have been photographed at the field.
  - Ugly Stick – Randy Cady
  - SPAD – Ray Scott
  - Big Stud P47 – Paul Grubich (2007)
  - Giant Scale Glow Powered Spitfire – John Thomas (2010)
  - P-51 Profile – Martin Miller
  - Great Planes FW190 .40 Size Glow Powered – Gary Owen
  - Prop Jet F16 – Todd Davis (2007)
  - Flying Wing- (Need we guess?) – Don Harker
  - PT17 Stearman – Randy Lepsch (2013)



### Show N Tell

David Logan brought in his new Phoenix .46-.55 sized Corsair. He put an electric Cobra 3525/14 motor with a 70 Amp Cobra ESC. He said it seemed underpowered with the 3 bladed propeller he installed. He intends to get a larger 2 bladed propeller to get more wattage out of the motor. Overall, he said the plane was somewhat difficult to assemble considering its size. The servo holes were too small for standard size Futaba servos, the pushrods that came with the kit were flimsy (he upgraded to 2-56 size), and the landing gear was broken when he received it. It uses mechanical retracts and one of them is missing an e-clip that holds the strut in place. The plane is also very tail heavy with the electric installation. It also weighs in quite heavy for a plane its size at 8.25 pounds.



Gene Thorn brought in a set of 3D printed machine guns.



The meeting was adjourned following the Show N Tell. Tim Snodgrass had also brought in some items to donate to the club. It was mostly old radios and engines from estate sales. The members present picked through any items they wanted to take home.

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.

### 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**  
6811 Surrey Drive NE  
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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.