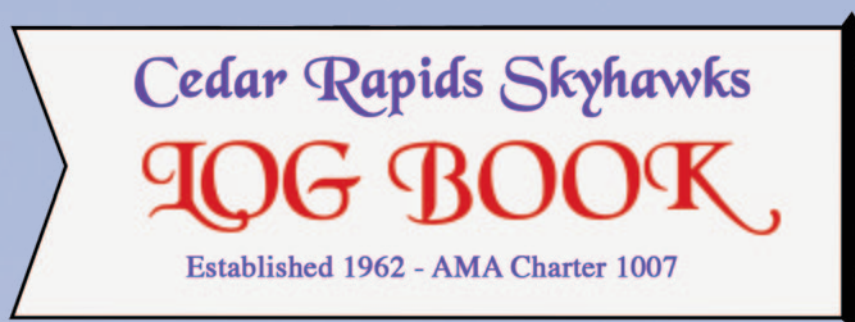




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Todd Davis

B-1B Lancer

Photo by John Cox



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Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 2 2025, 7:00 PM, General Club Meeting will be at the Hiawatha Library.

“The fascination of flight can’t be expressed with words. But it really lies beyond the capabilities of human endeavor.”

– Sir Richard Branson

“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

October 5, 2025

Todd Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 12 members present.

Jim Doty gave the Treasurer's report. There are now 55 paid members for the 2025 season.

David Logan read the minutes from the September meeting. The minutes were accepted as read.

Old Business

- **ADA Work Progress Report**

The work is progressing on the airfield. At the time of this update, the entire parking area has been graveled with packed limestone gravel, the driveway has also been filled in with an extra layer of gravel. The new spectator fence line has been installed with the South section being parallel to the runway. The parking area was extended at the North end as well. A sidewalk from the parking area to the runway has been installed with an apron to the North for an ADA stand and an apron with a raised curb for a wheelchair accessible pilot station. A large concrete pad has been installed with pier footings poured for a future permanent canopy structure just inside the spectator fence line in the pit area. The fence has several large gates that swing both ways. They still need to install the pilot leaning posts, repair a damaged portion of the concrete picnic area, and some grading work. We will be responsible for completing the pilot station fencing.

- **Pilot Stations** – During the September meeting, a resolution was passed that we would install 3' chain link fence for the pilot's stations with a top and bottom rail. Todd Davis checked on pricing and found that, at Lowes and Home Depot, the materials would cost us about \$1,300. He also called some fence companies and discovered that Cook Fence Company could completely install both sections of pilot station fencing for \$1320. He placed a deposit to guarantee parts availability. Randy Lepsch moved that we secure Cook Fence Company to do a complete installation of the two pilot stations fences for the quoted \$1320. Don Rosendale seconded the motion, and a vote was held in which the motion carried unanimously.

- **Disposition of the Existing Pin Box** – After some discussion regarding what to do with the original pin box and Sky Hawks sign, it was decided that the box will be located near the Lippisch Rock at the South end of the property. It will be utilized as a pin box for those using 72 MHz radio equipment. It will be placed such that pilots coming to the field may stop at the box on the way to the parking area to grab the appropriate frequency pin. We will ask Cook Fence Company to dig the post holes with their auger while they are installing the pilot station fences. This setup will be utilized in lieu of building a separate, smaller box near the ADA sidewalk.

- **Canopy Discussion** – We want to explore ways we may fund the installation of a city approved canopy structure. The price for such a structure has increased to just over \$11,000. The AMA has raised their field improvement grant program to 10% up to \$3000 for such projects. The deadline to apply for a 2026 grant would be February 1, 2026, and winners are announced in May 2026. We are not guaranteed we will get a grant, but with the improvements already made, we could make a good case for it. We are looking for ideas to raise the remaining \$8000.

- **Youth in Aviation Day at CID** – We had several people participate in this event at the airport last month. David Decker brought a flight simulator which attracted attendees. Todd Davis, Wendell Maakestad, Tommy Villalta, and Diego and his boys all brought items to display. The event was well attended.

- **Swap Meet Library Charge** – When we voted to host the swap meet last month at the Hiawatha Library, we were not aware there was a \$200 charge since we would be selling items. Steve Wilson paid the fee when he reserved the room. Rather than argue with the library staff regarding the event not really being a sales event, we decided to pay the fee and avoid ill will with the library staff since they have been accommodating us for the last couple of years. We will consider it a donation.

New Business

- **Quiet Flyers Swap Meet** – Don Rosendale wanted us to mention that the Quiet Flyers Club is hosting a swap meet at Seminole Valley on Saturday, October 11 beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- **2026 Officer Nominations** – Nominations for 2026 officers are taken during the October and November meetings. Wendell Maakestad nominated the current slate of officers.

President – Todd Davis

Vice President – Steve Wilson

Treasurer – Jim Doty

Secretary – David Logan

The nominations were seconded by Don Rosendale. A vote was held on the nominations and all were accepted. Steve Wilson was absent but had indicated to Todd Davis that he would accept a nomination to continue as Vice President.

- **Club Flying Field Rules Revision** – The current field rules need to be revised to reflect the new field configuration. A committee has been established to review and revise these rules. The current members will be contacted to see if they wish to continue and any new volunteers will be accepted. Let Todd Davis know via email if you are interested in participating in the review. A revised slate of rules will be presented at a future meeting for possible adoption by the club.

Show N Tell

There were no items brought.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Secretary's report submitted on 10/6/2025 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.

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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.