

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks LOG BOOK

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Dawn Patrol at the Skyhawks field

Photo by John Cox



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Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 5, 2025, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Skyhawks Swap Meet at the Hiawatha Public Library.

Sunday, October 5, 2025, 7:00 PM, General Club Meeting will be at the Hiawatha Library.

To invent an airplane is nothing. To build one is something. To fly is everything

~Otto Lilienthal

“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

September 7, 2025

Todd Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 18 members present.

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

There were expenditures for the August Port-o-Potty and the rental Porto-o-Potty used at Warbirds Over Iowa.

Gas money for mowing was reimbursed to a member who has been mowing the pit area.

David Logan read the minutes from the August meeting.

Old Business

- **Warbirds over Iowa Planning**
 1. There were 19 registered pilots
 2. There were 26 volunteer shirts given out
 3. \$60 was collected for Honor Flight. The remaining \$15 from the pilot's entry fees not used for shirts was also donated to Honor Flight.
- **ADA Work Has Started** – The ADA work we have been discussing over the last year was started during the first week of September. A review of what is involved in the scope of work was given by Todd Davis. The city's contractors also poured the footings for the large canopy that we discussed in meetings last year. It will be nice to have these poured already should we decide to proceed with installing a canopy for shade. Todd Davis mentioned that with the significant investment that the city is making with these field improvements, it should help solidify the security of the lease agreement into the future. Wendell mentioned that the purpose of this project is to make the field accessible to club members and spectators with disabilities. The club should use this as an ongoing opportunity to promote the hobby to these people. The pin box was removed and will be relocated near the Lippisch Field boulder at the entrance to the field. A smaller pin box will be installed for the few who still need to use pins.
- **Options for Future Pilots' Stations** – Todd presented two options he has researched for providing the two 30' sections for pilot stations. The plan is to use a piloting line instead of individual stations with two sections, one on each end of the runway. This will enable pilots to stand closer together and should improve communication on the flight line.
 1. Two 33' sections of tennis netting with two poles on each end of the nets. We would pour concrete around setting tubes which would allow the posts and nets to be removed each year during the winter. Todd shared the benefits and drawbacks of this proposal. The main advantages were visibility for spectators and less damage to planes that may hit it. The main disadvantages were the possibility of the net being easily stolen and planes that hit the net could cut it. The cost would be approximately \$1200.
 2. Four 8' sections of vinyl fencing with vertical rails for each pilot fence. These would also be set in concrete. The main advantages were the sturdiness of the fence, and it would be more difficult to steal. The main disadvantages are that it would more likely cause damage to planes that hit it, and it would block the view of spectators somewhat. There is also a longer lead time to get the materials. The cost would also be around \$1200.
- Kevin Gordon asked if we had considered using a chain linked fence. Some discussion occurred as to whether 3' sections of chain link could be purchased and what kind of fence we would use – coated or galvanized – and whether we would install bottom rails. Following the discussion, Kevin Gordon made a motion to use chain linked fencing with top and bottom rails preferably black vinyl coated fence, if available, otherwise, galvanized, for the two 30-foot sections for pilot fencing. Mike Tope seconded. A vote was held and passed without objection. We will purchase and install the fences ourselves.

New Business

- **Youth in Aviation Day at CID** – The Cedar Rapids Airport will be hosting a youth day on Saturday, September 20, 2025. We were asked if we would like to participate by having planes placed on static display in the Signature Aviation Hangar. Todd is coordinating our participation. If you would like to display a plane (or planes) or if you have a simulator on a laptop computer you could bring, please contact Todd and let him know you are available. There were a few who spoke up at the meeting that they would be available to participate.
- **Swap Meet** – There have been some asking if we plan to host a swap and fly event this year. With the airfield being torn up right now it might be difficult to host a flying event. David Logan made a motion that we hold a swap meet at the Hiawatha Library on October 5th from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. prior to the October Skyhawks meeting. Steve Wilson seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion carried without objection.
- **Fuel Capture When Fueling Airplanes** – Since the pit area is mowed shorter this year, brown spots have been appearing on the grass where gasoline has been spilled during fueling operations. It is the best practice if you are using gasoline engines to

recapture your fuel when your tank is full. This can be done by attaching a hose to the vent line and connecting it back to the fuel can where the overflow goes back into the gas can and not onto the ground.

Planes from the Past

Todd presented another slide show where members tried to guess the owner of various planes from past years. Those presented this time were:

- Randall Davis – Albatross Electric Jet
- Gregg Koeppen – Yellow Nitro Trainer
- Kyle Smart – L4 Grasshopper on floats
- Gene Thorn – Fokker Eindecker
- Mike Tope – Electric B24
- John Wilke – FW 190
- Geoff Barrance – Great Planes Reactor
- Rich Dean – 1/6 Scale Sopwith Pup

Show N Tell

Don Rosendale brought in his Sig Hog Bipe with an O.S. 70 engine on it. He hasn't flown it for about 7 years and the wing covering was delaminating. He recovered it with Oracote and flew it the day of the meeting with good results. The engine was boiled in antifreeze to loosen the gummed up nitro fuel in it. He said he was pleased with its performance earlier in the day.



The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Secretary's report submitted on 9/9/2025 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.

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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.