

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks
LOG BOOK

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crskyhawks.org

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Upcoming Events.

Sunday, May 3 2026, 7:00 PM, General Club Meeting will be at the Hiawatha Library.

Saturday, July 18 2026, Electric Fly

Friday and Saturday, August 21-22 2026, Warbirds Over Iowa

The propeller is just a big fan in front of the plane used to keep the pilot cool. When it stops, you can actually watch the pilot start sweating.

“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

April 12, 2026

Todd Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Hiawatha Library. There were 13 members present with one guest attending.

Todd introduced our young guest, from Urbana, named Brandon. He is interested in learning more about the hobby.

Jim Doty gave the Treasurer's report. There are currently 32 members paid for 2026.

David Logan read the minutes from the March meeting.

Old Business

- Leaning Post Installation

Todd Davis contacted the city about what the leaning posts were going to look like, but he only received information back regarding the location and information we had already received. He also is talking to the city about filling in some low spots on the field.

- ADA Port-o-Potty

The city will not be able to extend their pricing to us for the ADA compliant portable restroom but advised us to contact the vendor to see if we can work on a deal with them. The current unit costs \$147 per month. An ADA unit will cost approximately \$30 more per month.

- Canopy Efforts

Todd was able to inquire about getting assistance with funding for the installation of a shade canopy over the picnic area. He was directed to the city landscaper. Todd passed along all the information regarding the cost assessment and research the club has done. The landscaper's response was that he would see what he could do to get it worked into a future project somewhere.

Rule Changes Posted

- The rule changes discussed in the January, February, and March meetings, including the added rule regarding drone use have been published on the club's website and are now the adopted rules.

- 2026 Badges

The badges for 2026 have been printed. You may pick up your badge at the meetings or can see Todd at the field to get your current badge.

- Event Dates

Electrifly – July 18

Warbirds Over Iowa – August 21-22

Duane Lupia has received 3 commitments from vendors for raffle items so far and has several calls out to others. He is waiting to hear back from them but is hopeful of getting more.

Mark Woytassek suggested we pay extra for a longer mention in the AMA magazine event page.

Scout Day – TBD (We will need people with trainer aircraft and buddy boxes)

Theme Day – TBD

New Business

- Field Condition

Todd was at the field recently and found that there are a lot of staples that need to be walked down. He walked down several and noticed that the spacing is too far apart. He also said there are multiple cuts and tears that need to be repaired. Expect a field workday to be announced soon.

Todd ordered 1 box of 9-gauge galvanized steel staples (1000 staples) for \$166.40.
- Silver Leader Club Status Renewed

David Logan recently submitted our club's application and currency notice to renew the Silver Leader Club status with the AMA. The renewal was confirmed by the AMA last week.
- Signage at the Field

Steve Wilson said the sign about aeromodelling being a dangerous activity was damaged during high winds recently and he removed it. He asked if we thought it was necessary, and we advised that the sign was there at the request of the AMA. He said he would fix the sign and repost it. Duane Lupia suggested that we put a "No Trespassing – Leased Property" sign stating that it is property designated for aeromodelling and no one should be present there unless participating or spectating while others are flying.
- FCC and DOW Regulatory Proposals

Mark Woytassek advised those present that the FCC and Department of War are working on developing regulations and activities to allow anti-drone activities such as signal jamming. The FCC is considering reallocating some frequencies as well. It may not affect us now, but we should be paying attention.
- Taxi Procedures Clarified

Jim Wittkamp asked for clarification on the rules for taxiing aircraft with the new field layout. Taxi activities may be conducted on the main sidewalk only between the runway and the front of the pilot fence. Powered taxiing on the sidewalk or to either ends of the pilots' fences is not permitted.
- Threshold Marking

Mark Woytassek suggested that we add a wide threshold marking 25 to 30 feet from each end of the runway. The consensus was that it should be done. Steve Wilson will measure it and paint a stripe across the runway.
- Volunteer Mowing
- Duane Lupia asked if he should plan to continue mowing the pits and the grass on the other side of the runway this year. No one seemed opposed to the idea of having him do it, but it was advised that we should wait and see what the city does. We don't want them to get complacent about getting the mowing done.

- Creek Markers
Jim Wittkamp asked if we could consider putting high visibility stakes in the ground along the banks of the creek to the North end of the field. The grass and weeds grow very tall there and even with area around the footbridge cleared, it still presents a hazard for people that may not be familiar with the field searching for a downed plane.

Planes from the Past

- Tan Waco – Doug Emerson – 2011
- Great Planes Extra – Steve Wilson – 2015
- Great Planes Reactor – Geoff Barrance – 2011
- Vintage Taurus – Randy Cady – 2015
- Big Stud P-47 – Paul Grubich – 2007
- Spitfire with Pacific Theme – Todd Davis – 2018
- Hun Hunter XVI P-47 – Mike Tope
- Dotty Biplane – Larry Brewer – 2011

Show N Tell

Don Harker – Air Force Tanker of the Future – Don brought in a prototype model he has scratch built out of foam with a touch of balsa for support. This model is based on a design the U.S. Air Force is currently designing as the next refueling/cargo tanker. The plane weighs 22 oz with battery and has a wing loading of 10-11 oz. per square foot. He has done taxi tests with it but has not yet gotten airborne with it due to issues with the angle of attack. He has adjusted for it and is waiting for a good day to try again.



Matthew Mulbrook – 1970's Craft Radio

Matthew brought in a very old single plane radio that he has added converter boards to reconfigure it for use as a Spektrum compatible 2.4 GHz transmitter.



The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report Submitted by David Logan 4/16/2026

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.