

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks LOG BOOK

Established 1962 - AMA Charter 1007

crskyhawks.org

JULY, 2026



Todd Davis M346

Photo by Randy Lepsch



Officers:

President

Todd Davis319-295-7311
tjdavis510@gmail.com

Vice President

Steve Wilson319-447-0929
srwilson4444@gmail.com

Secretary

David Logan319-310-2915
dalogan1967@gmail.com

Treasurer

Jim Doty319-521-3422
jhdoty@gmail.com

Senior Advisor

Wendell Maakestad319-366-2650
wmaakestad@imonmail.com

Appointed:

Safety Coordinator/Publicity

Todd Davis319-295-7311
tjdavis510@gmail.com

Newsletter Editor

John Spargo319-393-0171
jspargo@spargoconsulting.com

Webmaster

Randy Lepsch319-447-0422
rnsiowa@msn.com

Field Coordinator

Jim Buttleman319-364-7333
tanyabear933@msn.com

<http://www.crskyhawks.org>

Upcoming Events.

Saturday, July 18, 2026, Electric Fly

Sunday, August 2, 2026, 7:00 PM, General Club Meeting will be at the field. In case of inclement weather, we will meet at the Hiawatha Library.

Saturday and Sunday, August 8-9, 2026, Hazel Sig-Hester Memorial Fun Fly. Sponsored by Marshalltown RC Flyers.

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

“Pilots are a rare kind of human. They leave the ordinary surface of the world, to purify their soul in the sky, and they come down to earth, only after receiving the communion of the infinite.”

– Jose Maria Velasco Ibarra

“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

July 12, 2026

Todd Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. There were 10 members present and 1 guest.

Jim Doty gave the Treasurer's report. There are now 41 paid members for the 2026 season.

David Logan read the minutes from the June meeting and the minutes were approved.

Our guest, Brandon Jaquette, decided to join the club and purchased membership during the meeting. Welcome, Brandon.

Old Business

- **Warbirds Over Iowa**

- Hy-Vee will come out on Saturday to sell food but not on Friday. Since Hy-Vee won't be available, Todd suggested that someone may want to bring a grill and some drinks and chips to make food for sale during the Friday event. Steve Wilson accepted the challenge and said he would organize the food preparation and sales. If anyone would like to help, please contact Steve to let him know.
- KCRG has accepted WOI as a Show You Care event
- Duane Lupia is working on getting vendors to donate items for a raffle on Friday. The proceeds from the Friday raffle will benefit the club, since Friday is not designated as a charity event.
- Todd is working on a design for the WOI shirts for this year. He is trying to keep the cost down and will probably go with a lighter colored shirt, maybe even white. Typically, the profit for shirt sales has been donated to Honor Flight. We may, in the future, use the proceeds from shirt sales to benefit the club and collect donations for Honor Flight. They are happy to have the exposure our event provides them.
- During the August meeting we will discuss the need for volunteers and look to fill the vacant slots. We will also schedule our preparation and field workdays at the meeting.
- We will have an information tent or other venue to promote getting started in the hobby.

- **Events**

- The Electrify event is scheduled for Saturday, July 15 at the Skyhawks Field. Wendell and Kraig attended the Ames Fun Fly event last week. They reported that many of the warbird pilots there preferred to take off and land in the grass. They asked if we were planning on grooming the East side of the runway so that it could be used as a grass runway for Warbirds Over Iowa. Duane Lupia has been working to mow this area and get it into a condition good enough for use as a runway option. David Logan will follow up with him to see if he can get this work done before WOI in August.

- **First Aid Kit** – A new first aid kit with updated supplies has been placed in the steel cabinet near the fence on the concrete patio.

New Business

- **Creek Work** – The city has begun work on a wetland restoration for indicator species project that involves extensive earth moving activities. They are piling dirt up on the South side of the driveway which may cause issues for parking during our upcoming events. Hopefully, the city will have this graded and cleaned up in time for our event in August.
- **Mowing**– Todd will contact the city groundskeeper about mowing. The grass in the pit area at the time of the meeting was quite high.
- **Property Stored in the House** – All of our property stored in the house has been removed. The tent poles have been placed along the fence. We need to find a home for them.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm. Secretary's report submitted on 07/15/2026 by David Logan.



At the Cedar Rapids Skyhawk's R/C Airfield 500' x 70' Petromat runway

**On-site refreshments, great fellowship and lots of flying.
More info available at CRSKYHAWKS.ORG**

\$25.00 Flying Fee, \$15 for one day

**Spectators Free. Proceeds Saturday Benefit HONOR FLIGHT
AMA Membership Required**

Aircraft must be real warbird replicas, (no modified Extras etc.)

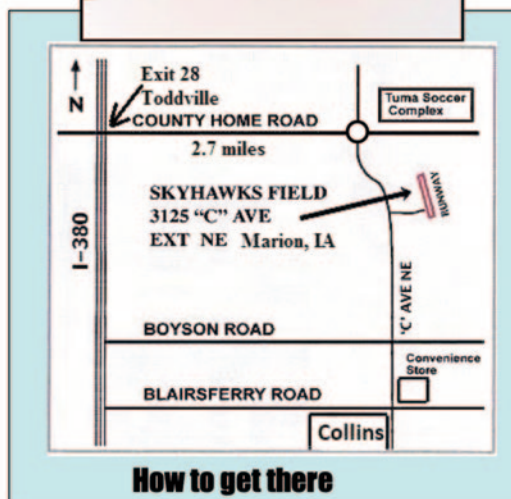
No Park Flyer type aircraft (under 2lb). Classics before 1950 allowed.

Flying on Friday & Saturday, Saturday is Spectator & Honor Flight day

For more information contact: Todd Davis, CD, at 319-361-2513

Details

- Food and refreshments will be available on site. 500' x 70' Petromat runway with adjacent grass runway, Now with Disability accessible runway.
- Grass pit area. Designated area for engine testing. Gas station, convenience store, motels and shopping are just minutes away. There are city and county parks in the area with campgrounds, fishing, hiking, swimming and bike trails to keep the family entertained.
- All applicable AMA, FCC and Skyhawks regulations governing the pilot, his aircraft, and equipment will be enforced. Pilots must show a valid AMA card when they check in at the flying site.
- Consideration for the safety of spectators, flight line personnel, and other flyers is of the utmost importance.
- Each pilot will be required to have a spotter with them at all times while on the flight line.
- Maximum aircraft weight with fuel: 55 lbs. unless appropriate LMA documentation is provided at registration.



Cedar Rapids Skyhawks
Todd Davis, CD
tjdavis510@gmail.com
319-361-2513

Directions to site:

The airfield is located north of Cedar Rapids. Take Interstate 380 or Highway 13 (for those approaching from the East) to the County Home Road Exit or Intersection. Take County Home Road to C Avenue Ext (Round About) and turn South. Continue 1/4 mile south to entrance at 3125 C Avenue Ext, Marion Ia. 52302 (42.089, -91.646)

Hazel Sig-Hester Memorial Fun Fly



RC and
Control Line
Flying

Night Flying!



\$20 Landing Fee

Hazel Sig-Hester Memorial Fun Fly

- August 8 & 9, 2026
- Event Director: Scott Vandewalle, sdvandewalle@gmail.com
- Current AMA Membership required
- Control Line fliers welcome. Dedicated Control Line circles available.



Join the Marshalltown RC Flyers in honoring Hazel Sig-Hester, a pioneer in aviation. She started a company supplying balsa and Radio Control parts to modelers. Hazel was a full-scale pilot, and received numerous awards in modeling and full-scale aviation.



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

NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
Gregg Koeppen	319-360-8509	gfkoeppen@gmail.com
Duane Lupia	319-654-2251	dlupia@maierusa.us
Todd Davis	319-361-2513	tjdavis510@gmail.com
Wendell Maakestad	319-366-2650	wmaakestad@imonmail.com

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
-------------------	-----------------	---------------------------------------	------------------------------	------------------------------	----------------------

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
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

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.