

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks
LOG BOOK

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crskyhawks.org

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Todd Davis' M346

Photo by Randy Lepsch



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Upcoming Events.

Sunday, April 5 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

“I fly because it releases my mind from the tyranny of petty things.”

– Antoine de Saint-Exupery

“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

March 1, 2026

Todd Davis called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Hiwatha Library. There were 12 members present.

Jim Doty gave the Treasurer's report.

David Logan read the minutes from the February 2026 meeting.

David Logan gave the Secretary's report by reading the minutes of the March meeting.

Old Business

- **Pilot Leaning Posts** – There will be two pilot leaning posts installed by the city. Todd suggested that we need to do some work to mockup the leaning posts with wood or some other material and test out positions to place the posts. Too close to the pilots' fence may block access to the pilot stations and too far from the fence may make it difficult for visibility while flying. Todd will try to get an illustration of what the posts will look like from the city. The city will not place the posts until the locations have been approved by the club. Steve Pershing suggested that we look at something that could be bolted to a concrete pad rather than set in concrete, so that the posts may be relocated or replaced should they corrode. Without a detailed drawing of the posts, that is difficult to commit to since the city may have already fabricated the posts, and the design may not permit that kind of installation.
- **New Rules Posted** - The revised club rules for flight operations have now been posted to the Cedar Rapids Skyhawks website.
- **Drone Usage Rules** – Todd Davis questioned the club whether we should add a rule that prohibits or limits drone usage at the club flying site. Discussion regarding our past experience with drone operators and ideas for permitting them or prohibiting them occurred. Wendell said that Beverly Gardens on the Southwest side of Cedar Rapids is an approved location for drone flights by the City of Cedar Rapids. Following discussion, David Logan motioned that a new rule be adopted in the club rules pertaining to drone usage. The motion was to adopt a new rule to the club rules stating that "Drones are permitted, but their use shall comply with the stated club rules for helicopter operations with the exception that drones may also be used by members for the purpose of locating downed aircraft or for the purpose of aerial photography approved by a club officer." The motion was seconded by Duane Lupia and was passed by a voice vote.
- **New Pin Box** – The new pin box has been mounted to the fence inside the gate closest to the handicap parking pad.
- **2026 Membership Badges** – The membership badges are set to be ready by the April meeting. If you have a particular photo of a plane that you would like to have displayed on your badge, contact Todd Davis about getting him the photo file.

New Business

- **Event Dates** – The Warbirds Over Iowa Event is scheduled for August 22, 2026.
 - Duane Lupia suggested that we consider doing WOI as a two-day event instead of a one-day event and that we consider moving it to earlier in the Summer. The Friday would be open to pilots only and the Saturday would be open to spectators. Duane also said he has many contacts in the RC industry who may be willing to donate raffle items and offer promotional materials for the event. Todd suggested that we do more to utilize the event to promote the hobby to youths in our community. Duane also suggested that any money made from the pilot's day could be used to increase the club's treasury, while the money raised on Saturday would be donated to the charitable organization, which is typically the Honor Flight organization.
 - Duane Lupia moved that we make the Warbirds Over Iowa event a two-day event for pilots only on day 1 and for spectators on Day 2. The motion was seconded by Gary Owen and carried by a voice vote.
 - Electrify Event is scheduled for July 18.
 - Theme Days – We discussed renewing the Theme Days events. If you have any ideas for a theme day activity, let Todd know and we will discuss getting dates scheduled for some fun club events. In the past we have done "Oldest Plane" and "Biplanes" as event themes.
- **Club Promotion for the Scouts** – We had some Scouts of America members assist with parking last year and we promised them an opportunity to buddy box with a pilot to give them an experience flying. Some discussion occurred about whether or not we could get the entire scout council in Cedar Rapids on board with doing a demo day type event with buddy box opportunities for all scouts, not just those who participated in parking cars at last year's event. Some discussion also occurred about whether RC flying could be used toward accomplishment of an aviation merit badge. David Logan will work with his scouting contact to see if we can work something out.
- **Planes from the Past** – Todd showed pictures of planes our members have flown in the past and asked us to identify the pilot/owner of the plane. Those posted this month were:

- Ray Scott with his Hurricane
- Wendell Maakestad with his Sukhoi Aerobat
- Mark Barnett with the Taurus Shark
- David Logan with his Alpha trainer decorated with a U.S. Coast Guard theme.
- Todd Davis with his F-16 with an orange tiger scheme.
- Randall Davis with his L-39 Albatross

Show N Tell

Jim Wittkamp brought in some electric props that he is interested in selling. If you need props, talk to Jim. He may have one you could use.

Gene Thorn brought in a rudder that he assembled from an old kit that was given to him by a club member. He said the kit requires advanced building skills and showed how difficult it was to build just the rudder. “The kit has thousands of parts to it,” he said.



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.