

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks  
**LOG BOOK**

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**MAY, 2026**



**Todd Davis' Stuka**

**Photo by Randy Lepsch**



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## Upcoming Events.

**Sunday, June 7 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, July 18 2026, Electric Fly**

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

**When asked by someone how much money flying takes: Why, all of it!**

*~ Gordon Baxter*

“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

May 3, 2026

Todd Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There were 14 members present.

Jim Doty gave the Treasurer's report.  
There are 36 current paid members for 2026

The Secretary's Report from April was read by David Logan.

## Old Business

- **ADA Improvements** – The ADA workbench has been delivered to the field and set up on the concrete pad for the ADA workstation. Todd is checking to see if the city plans to coat it. If not, we will prime it and paint it to protect it from the weather. We are still waiting for the ADA picnic tables and the leaning posts to be installed. Todd painted the curb at the front of the wheelchair flying station because it was causing people to trip. It is now bright yellow. We are thinking of putting pilot leaning posts at each end of the pilots' fences.
- **Field Workday** – A field workday event was held at the flying site on May 2. Additional staples were added to the mat and threshold markers were painted on the ends of the runway. The holes and tears in the runway were patched also. Warning signs regarding the drop off near the creek were added. Someone has placed concrete pads under the remaining startup stands. It also looks like someone sprayed weed killer along the sides of the runway. We never want to put roundup or other grass killer along the edge of the mat.

## New Business

- **Weed Eating** – Jim Wittkamp volunteered to go out to the field with a weed trimmer and keep the grass short around the fences.
- **Windsock** – Mark Woytassek inquired about having the windsock greased. Todd said that we are looking to replace the windsock. We need to get an accurate measurement of the hoop size.
- **Warbirds Over Iowa** – The WOI sanction was submitted and approved.
- **Summer Meetings** – The meetings for June, July, and August will be held at the airfield, weather permitting.
- **Tick Warning** – Beware of the presence of ticks while at the airfield. They seem to be prevalent this year.
- **City Work Around the House** – Mark Woytassek mentioned that the city crews have been out working to clear trees and debris. They took the old picnic tables, and the head of Parks and Recreation was there also.

## Planes from the Past

Todd brought in some more slides of various models that club members have flown in the past:

- Hangar 9 Meridian from 2018 Electrify event belonging to Kipp Haverly
- A homemade model built by Bradford Thorn
- A scale helicopter from 2011 flown by David Sheema
- An L4 Grasshopper from 2014 flown by Joel and Kyle Smart
- Jacky's Revenge P-47 from 2018 flown by Gary Owen
- OV-10 Bronco from 2018 Electrify event flown by Mike Tope
- B-17 Bomber flown by Wendell Maakestad at the WOI in 2011

## Show N Tell

Steve Pershing brought in a kit his dad had from 1959. It is a Thunderbird kit. He also brought a homemade balancing stand he made so he could balance his  $\frac{1}{4}$  scale Sopwith Pup.



Wendell Maakestad brought in his Top Flite giant scale ARF P-47 that started life as a Tarheel Hal. He acquired it from Dave Rodgers. He stripped it and had it glassed and detailed by Todd Davis in the Wicked Wabbit. He replaced the electric retracts with pneumatic retracts. The full-scale version of this replica plane is in a museum in Tennessee. The original version of the plane flown in World War II was razorback.



## 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                   |
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| Gregg Koeppen     | 319-360-8509 | gfkoeppen@gmail.com     |
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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<br>\$91.00 | Open<br>\$70.00 | Senior Citizen (65 and up)<br>\$49.00 | Junior (up to 14)<br>\$14.00 | Senior (15 to 18)<br>\$35.00 | Associate<br>\$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.