

Cedar Rapids Skyhawks LOG BOOK

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Wendell's P47

Photo by Randy Lepsch





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Upcoming Events.

Sunday, October 4, 2026, 7:00 PM, General Club Meeting will be at the Hiawatha Library.

Saturday, September 26, 2026, Swap and Fly, 9:00 AM to Noon. At the Skyhawks Field. See details in the Flyer in this Logbook.

Never let an aircraft take you somewhere your brain did not get to five minutes earlier.

“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, 2026

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

Todd opened the meeting by welcoming two new members to the club. Doug Drown moved here from Oklahoma and is looking to get started in RC airplanes with his two grandchildren.

Grant Remington is a Coe College student from Decorah, IA who is an experienced flyer looking for a place to fly while he is in school.

Jim Doty gave the Treasurer's report. There are currently 50 members paid for 2026, not including the 8 lifetime members.

David Logan read the minutes from the August meeting.

Old Business

- Field Work:
We did field maintenance work on August 19 prior to the Warbirds over Iowa event. Duane Lupia and David Logan brought out their lawn tractor mowers and bagged the clippings. They also went over it with a power rake so there wasn't a lot of manual labor involved with raking the grass clippings. A grass landing strip was cut out to the East side of the runway and several others brought weed eaters and blowers for trimming. The weeds were treated in the driveway and the holes in the gravel were filled.
- Warbirds Over Iowa
This year the event was a 2-day event. We had 20 participants this year. Duane Lupia collected donations from several vendors including SIG Mfg., Dubro, Balsa USA, Gator RC, and others. These items were used for a raffle. A 50-50 raffle was held and raised \$35 for the club. Two boy scouts came to assist with parking. Randy Lepsch made some very nice plaques in the shape of Iowa for the prizes and he made a video that is posted on YouTube. The video is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x9S7RwuZkJc>.
The trash cans were left after the event and were filled up since the event. Someone needs to go out and empty the cans and then they need to be stored in the garage of the house. The tent poles along the fence can be placed back in the garage also. Wendell said he would take care of the tent poles.
- Scout Day
We need to schedule a demonstration day. The scouts who helped last year and this year were promised they would get to fly on buddy box to experience the hobby. One of them is interested in getting started. David Logan has a Graupner radio and receiver set up that would work for a buddy box trainer. If anyone is looking to sell or donate a trainer, it would help a young person get started in the hobby. Let David know if you have anything that might help.
- Swap and Fly
We set a date for a swap and fly event for September 26 at the airfield beginning at 9:00 AM. Bring anything you would like to sell and bring something to fly after the swap.

New Business

- Software for Publishing the Logbook
John Spargo has published the logbook for many years and has done it with no cost to the club. He recently told Wendell the software he uses, Quark Express, has increased substantially in price for the subscription. Wendell made a motion that the club give John a \$100 stipend to defray his cost for publishing the logbook. Mark Woytassek seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- World Aerobatic Championships
Mark Woytassek shared that he was recently at a new pattern contest in Madison, WI and on his way back he was listening to the radio and heard that the World Aerobatic Championships were being held in Mason City, IA. Mark went up there and watched the championship and shared with the club how impressive it was.
- Drone Report
David Logan shared that he was working the Iowa football games the last two weeks and there were two drone incursions during the game that violated the temporary flight restrictions. The FAA was there and confiscated the drones. He shared that he was impressed that they were able to track the drone operator to the exact location it was being flown from.
- Streator Warbird Event
Todd Davis reported that he attended the Streator, IL warbirds and classics event and his KI-100 won the best World War 2 award.

Planes from the Past

Todd prepared another planes from the past presentation.

- FW-190s – Gary Owen and John Wilke
- P-51 Marie – Rich Dean
- Fleet Biplane with a Saito radial engine – Jim Stickley
- Great Planes Easy Sport 40 – Ray Scott
- Waco with 4 stroke engine (2011) – Doug Emerson
- Spitfire with brushless motor (2004) flown at the Unidome - Todd Davis
- LT-40 Trainer (2011) – Jacob Lepsch

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

CEDAR RAPIDS SKYHAWKS

SWAP & FLY

BUY SELL TRADE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:00 AM TO NOON

AT THE SKYHAWKS FIELD

- Bring a table or a blanket or sell from your vehicle.
- Bring radio-control items to buy, sell or trade.
- **Bring something to fly!**

Come swap some gear, visit with fellow fliers and enjoy a morning at the field.

CEDAR RAPIDS SKYHAWKS RADIO CONTROL FLYING CLUB

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.