

Iowa City Aerohawks

Flight Instruction Program

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Overview

The Iowa City Aerohawks offer an instructor-led student pilot program for Club members in good standing. The intent of the flight instruction program is to train the beginning pilot in the safe operation and maintenance of radio controlled aircraft. Due to the amount of time required to train students, we must limit our training to students who intend to remain active in the Aerohawks organization after their training has been completed. Our goal is to strengthen our organization by increasing the number of active "sport flyers."

All student pilots must be paid-up members of the Iowa City Aerohawks and members of the AMA before they can participate in any club training activities. An AMA membership card must be presented to a club officer or flight instructor to certify membership status. Student must acknowledge in writing that they have received a copy of, read, and understand: the Club By-Laws, Flying Rules for Members and Visitors, and the Flight instruction Program. Any student fifteen (15) years of age or younger, must have a parent or guardian actively involved in the training process, and the parent or guardian must be present during all the "hands on" flying sessions. Model aircraft can be dangerous if not handled safely; for this reason, we strongly encourage parental involvement with the younger student pilots.

Computer Simulator Use.

It has been proven that flight simulators can accelerate the learning process of most pilots. Use by new students may dramatically reduce the time needed at the field in Hands-On Instruction. We strongly encourage the use of a simulator if you have access to one. Contact a flight instructor for a recommendation of a flight simulator software.

Hands-On Instruction

A club flight instructor will conduct Hands-On-Instruction. The instructors are a group of volunteers who have been approved by the Iowa City Aerohawks Board of Directors. A list of approved flight instructors will be provided to the prospective student, along with their phone numbers. These instructors have agreed to work with new students on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to availability.

It is the responsibility of the student to secure an instructor from the approved list. The student must coordinate the date and time of each training session with the instructor. If for any reason a student cannot make the scheduled training session, he/she must contact the instructor by phone and reschedule. While it is preferred the student work with the same instructor throughout the training period, there may be times when this is not possible. While the intent of the Club is to provide instruction for all new students, there is no contractual obligation to do so. A flight instructor can refuse to take on students at any time. All pilots at the flight line must agree to the training before it commences. Mowing of the runway has precedence over flight instruction. The flight instructor should coordinate with the person scheduled to mow before committing to a time with the student. Flight training officially runs from May 1 through September 30 each year. It is totally at the instructor's discretion if he/she chooses to instruct outside of these guidelines.

Under no circumstances is the instructor responsible for damages that may occur to a student's aircraft or equipment during the training period, regardless of who may have caused the damage. The student is responsible for all repairs and maintenance to his or her aircraft.

The hands-on training will continue until the student can successfully complete the following maneuvers without physical or verbal assistance from an instructor or other pilots.

These maneuvers consist of taking off, performing a loop, figure 8, and landing on the runway. This solo flight must be observed by a minimum of two club-approved flight instructors or club officers.

After successfully completing the instructor-led student program, the student will be recognized as a Sport Flyer in the category(s) of equipment the student was trained on i.e. electric, glow, or gas powered aircraft -and allowed to fly unsupervised. If the said pilot decides to also fly in one of the other areas, they must be checked out by the Chief Flight Inspector before they are allowed to fly in the other category unsupervised. The Sport Flyer will be given the combination to the security locks at the flying site upon achieving Sport Flyer status.

Instruction Fees

There presently is no charge for flight instruction in the Iowa City Aerohawks Club. The organization has numerous fundraising activities throughout the year requiring Club member participation. This is an excellent way for students to contribute back to the Club. *It is expected that all students participate in these activities* so we can continue to offer flight instruction on a no-charge basis. *It is everyone's responsibility* to know when these fundraising activities take place. Activities and dates are published in the *Monthly Information Bulletin* months in advance to help our members arrange their schedules. Consult an instructor or check your *Radio Flyer Monthly Information Bulletin* for a list of activities, dates, and times.

Disclaimer Notice

The Iowa City Aerohawks Club is under no obligation to offer or complete training to new or existing students. The flight instruction program can be discontinued without notice. The flight instruction program is contingent upon the availability of willing and qualified instructors. By accepting instruction, students agree to and accept the rules, principles, and understandings set forth herein.

Before Flight instruction can start!!

You must sign the Flight Instruction portion of Guest/Training book kept in clubhouse acknowledging that you have received a copy of, read, and understand: the Club By-Laws, Flying Rules for Members and Visitors, and this Flight instruction Program.