



The Radio Flyer



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NEW ENTRY GATE CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED



The board-approved replacement of our Hebl Road entrance gate has been completed in time for the start of the 2024 flying season. The former gate had been deemed a safety hazard for anyone trying to open the gate during landfill working hours. The former gate has been replaced with a sturdy farm gate, which has been moved a further 20 feet away from the work-day busy Hebl Road. Additionally, fencing has been installed to enclose the extra space created by the gate move. This construction will allow larger vehicles towing airplane trailers to safely exit the road before reaching the gate.

Thanks are due to Lance Meyer and Bruce Gardner for obtaining the materials and doing the work involved in changing the gate and its location.

NOTE: Though the gate location has moved, the gate combination **has not changed**.

Monthly General Meeting:

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7:00 p.m. Tuesday May 7th

Aerohawks Field Clubhouse

3860 Hebl Road

Iowa City, Iowa



Monthly Board Meeting:

7:00p.m. Tuesday, May 21st

(open to all)

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The Radio Flyer is published monthly by the Iowa City Aerohawks, a radio control flying club, and distributed free to members, by e-mail and USPS mail. Non-members may receive the newsletter by e-mail as a PDF file, by request. Spectators are welcome at the Aerohawks' flying field and clubhouse at 3860 Hebl Avenue, west on Melrose Avenue, west of HWY 218. The field lies on reclaimed land near the entrance to the Iowa City Landfill. New members are welcome at any time, regardless of level of skill.

Club Membership is \$60 annually. The Club requires that members volunteer to help with work projects from time to time.

Members must also join the Academy of Model Aeronautics, (the Iowa City Aerohawks are AMA Chapter 824). Flying members must also have a valid FAA UAS Registration Certificate, and must complete the AMA TRUST Certification process. The Club has an active, free instructional program for beginners. Contact the club for more information.

In case you missed it!!

(Extracted from Model Aviation, March 2024, page14)

AMA AND GROUPER

By Kenny Cassidy. AMA Acquisition and Member Benefits Manager: kennethc@modelaircraft.org

BY TEAMING UP with Grouper (www.hellogrouper.com), AMA is taking a proactive approach toward promoting the health and wellness of its members. Grouper is a program dedicated to promoting active engagement in hobbies and interests for **Medicare Advantage** and **Medicare Supplement** plan holders. By covering membership costs, Grouper encourages individuals to stay involved in their favorite activities, fostering a sense of community and enhancing social fitness. Following are the top three questions that members have asked since this partnership was launched on November 29, 2023.

1. *Why did AMA partner with Grouper?*

The partnership with Grouper allows eligible enrollees to receive a complementary yearly membership for staying active and engaged in their passion for flying. Grouper is allowed to do this through partnerships and the belief in the power of socialization and engagement.

2. *How do I get my membership dues covered?*

If you maintain both an eligible health plan and an active AMA membership, Grouper will reimburse your dues annually. This ensures that as long as you keep your AMA membership current and log your activities, you'll continue to enjoy this benefit. After enrolling, Grouper will contact you within three to five business days to let you know if you are eligible. During this time, Grouper will check your health plan for eligibility and confirm that you are a current member of AMA. After Grouper verifies this information, it will request some additional information via email and send you a check covering the cost of membership within 45 days.

3. *How do I know if I'm eligible?*

During the online registration process with Grouper, you'll be prompted to provide your health plan information and AMA number to cross-reference activity. This information is solely used for eligibility verification with the health plan. After this information is reviewed, whether you're eligible or not, you'll receive an email notification within three to five business days.

AMA recognizes the importance of supporting its members beyond simply flying model aircraft. By partnering with Grouper, AMA is offering an additional avenue for enthusiasts to engage in activities that promote a balanced and healthy lifestyle.

Visit www.modelaircraft.org/membership/benefits/exclusive-offers to see if you are eligible to participate today!



MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2024 AEROHAWKS GENERAL MEETING

The Meeting was called to order by Tom Peters at 7:00 pm.

A motion was made to approve the March minutes by Mark Niehus and a second was offered by Gary Bernabe. The vote to approve the minutes was affirmative.

The financial report was given by Roger Schultz. Expenses and account holdings were reviewed. We still need to find an agency to provide insurance on our field buildings. A motion was made by Marc Niehus and given a second by Beau Bray to accept the financial report. The motion was passed.

Bruce Fischer called attention to a recent AMA Magazine article announcing the willingness of some medical insurance companies to pay AMA club dues as a health benefit. Check with your health insurance provider to see if you might be eligible for that benefit. (*See article, previous page: Editor*)

Field Officer Lance Meyer reviewed work that will be done at the field on April 6. The day begins at 8:30 with donuts and orange juice. Ditch clean up begins at 9:00. After the ditch clean up a new safer entrance gate will be installed, the field house will receive maintenance, and necessary runway repairs will be made. Gary Bernabe volunteered to make reminder phone calls to members to attend.

Lance Meyer announced a forthcoming mowing schedule and asked for volunteers to sign up for the week each member is willing to mow.

A thank you was extended to Charlie Bray for applying fertilizer to our field.

Information Officer Ken Morse initiated conversation about ideas for carrying out some of his responsibilities. His job charges him to advertise the Aerohawk Club, and to that end he shared a prototype of a new brochure which was well received. Ken also raised the need for orientation materials to provide to prospective new members. Lance Meyer found a supply of documents that used to be available at the field house. Since Bruce Fischer used to keep those materials on display he took the supply of older materials to check them against current documents held in the club Drop Box and make a new supply of copies to be made available in the club house. Ken will then review current materials to see if other introductory resources might be created to inform new members about how our club culture operates.

There is nothing new to report about the search for a new flying site.

Gary Bernabe has secured Gold Member Club status for our club from the AMA.

Our web site needs several updates. Marc Niehus was asked for assistance in this matter.

Tom Peters discussed the air show raffle plane. The winner of the raffle will be able to select from three choices: 1) a Turbo Timber electric plane, 2) a S. Cub electric with radio, or 3) \$250 in cash.

Rich Vedepo introduced a possible agenda for the July Air Show.

Bruce Fischer agreed to reserve the National Guard Armory for Jan. 25, 2025 Swap Meet.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Secretary Bruce Fischer





2024 Annual Schedule of Events (**updated**)

~~Jan 1~~ ~~New Year's Day Chili Fun Fly~~

~~Jan 27~~ ~~Swap meet~~

~~Feb 17~~ ~~Dynamic Balsa Trip~~

~~Apr 6~~ ~~Ditch Cleanup~~

May 4 Maiden Voyage Day

May 23 Meat the Members (free burgers and dogs)

Jun 1 Float Fly, Riverside Casino Lake

Jun 13 Meat the Members (free burgers and dogs)

July 7 Aerohawks Air Show

Aug 2-4 Float Fly @ Sabula Days

Aug/Sep Night Fly TBA

Sep 22 Family Fun Day / Farewell to summer

Oct 5 Float Fly, Sabula

Nov 2 Ditch Cleanup

Dec 7 Holiday Party

Current Club Officers - 2024:

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Preflight, Preflight, Preflight. Double check, you, your plane, and everyone/thing around you.

- Check Battery Voltage - Is your battery fully charged?
- Check Transmitter Power - Is your battery low?
- Check Surfaces - Are they loose? Check pushrods, linkages, clevises and hinges.
- Check Control Direction - check direction.
- Check Airframe - are there any noticeable issues with loose wings/tail/motor mounts etc?
- Check Propeller - Is it tightly attached?
- Check Landing gear - (if applicable) check wheels are free to move and gear doesn't wobble.
- Check Motor - does it spin freely?
- Check Servos - do they move freely?
- Check Center of Gravity - check balance of the aircraft with the battery installed
- Check for people - Make sure there will be no people under your flight.
- Check wind direction - Also check for areas where wind may be turbulent or unpredictable.
- Plan climb out and pattern - Think about direction of takeoff and your general flight pattern (if applicable).
- Plan landing - Think about which direction you will approach from and where you will land.

