



# The Radio Flyer



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## BACK TO SEBULA

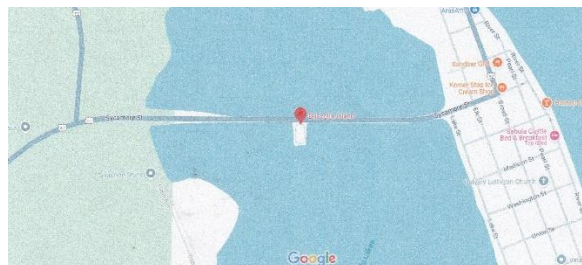


adjacent to the Highway 52 extension of State Route 67 leading into the town of Sebula itself (see map, right).

While the formal activities are scheduled for Saturday, some members may arrive on Friday afternoon/evening and stay in nearby accommodations, as there are no camping facilities on the island itself.

Come and join the fun! Bring a plane (or two, or three) or a radio controlled boat, if you have one. **See you on the island!**

After the great experience of the club's participation in the Sebula Days Festival in August, the club has arranged a follow-up club Fun-Fly for Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, weather permitting. Arrangements have been made for the use of the Driscoll's Island Facility, located in Sebula Lake,



### Monthly General Meeting: **New Location!!!!**

Monthly General Meeting:

7:00 p.m. Tuesday October 1<sup>st</sup>

**RAYO Mexican Bar and Grill**

**125 Zeller Street**

**North Liberty, Iowa**



Monthly Board Meeting:

7:00p.m. Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

(open to all )

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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.

# AMA Hqs and National Model Aviation Museum, Muncie, Indiana

In Early August, I took my grandson to tour the National Museum of the US Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. On our way back to Iowa City, we stopped at the Academy of Model Aeronautics Headquarters Facility outside Muncie, Indiana, in order to tour the National Model Aviation Museum there.



The museum was immediately to the right as we entered the 1,000 acre complex. We learned that in addition to the Headquarters building on our immediate left, the complex consisted of nearly 1,000 acres of grass fields within what appeared to be about 10,000 acres of mature corn! We were fortunate to be there on one of the of the National Control-line finals competition!

We first toured the museum. Though my grandson (age 17) is not a modeler, he was duly impressed with the wide range of historical artifacts contained in the museum. For a long-time modeler, both builder and flyer, I was thrilled to walk down model aviation memory lane. One highlight was to see a finished model of a circa 1953 rubber-powered free-flight Taylorcraft Guillow balsa kit – the first model airplane I ever built! There were literally hundreds of finished airplanes, old kits, gas engines and even some early radio control devices. My grandson was most impressed with the 10-ft B-36 hanging on the wall in a side annex to the building.



The staff was extremely knowledgeable, and very helpful as we perused display after display of model aviation memorabilia. After a huge dose of nostalgia, we ventured to view the six flying fields, all in operation simultaneously.

As a former control-liner myself, I enjoyed some of the speed flying and the stunt flying competitions, but was most impressed by the C/L combat event! As an unfortunate consequence of high speed 'combat flying', we witnessed several crashes. We visited with modelers from the UK, Japan, Germany, Australia and New Zealand while spectating. But my grandson was most impressed with the model helicopter free-style flying competition. This competition was the most well attended of those taking place, with more than 500 people milling around the spectator area.



If you should pass through the Indianapolis, Indiana area, Muncie is only a short hour's drive northeast. I thought the trip worthwhile, especially for anyone with a history of model aviation, and suggest it should be on any serious modeler's bucket list.

Ken Morse, Editor

## MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 GENERAL MEETING OF THE AEROHAWKS

The Meeting was called to order at 6:58 by President Tom Peters.

The minutes of the August meeting as presented by Tom Peters were approved by a vote via a motion made by Roger Schultz and seconded by Gary Bernabe.

The treasurer's report was presented by Roger Schultz. Monthly activity for August was low with all transactions occurring within the framework of the budget. A motion was made by Kyle Schick and seconded by Gary Bernabe to accept the report.

### OLD BUSINESS

- The August 15 "Meat" Your Neighbor event went well.
- The August 24 annual celebration hosted by the Lone Tree club went well.
- Several members presented a static display at the full-scale fly-in that was held at the Iowa City Airport the end of August.
- It was confirmed that we would have a "farewell to summer" flying event and meal on September 22.
- The next float fly will be on Oct. 5 at Subula.
- The application for the 501(c)6 non-profit standing for tax exemption is still on hold.

### NEW BUSINESS

- A review was made to assure that all new members in training have been assigned training pilots.
- The club agreed to purchase a trainer plane for new pilots in training.
- The search for a new flying site received considerable discussion. All leads to date have come to a dead end. Rich Vedepo will try to reconnect with the gentleman representing Johnson County land use. Tom Peters will once again contact one of the Land Fill management to see if any new options may have come our way. This topic will be considered again at the Sept. monthly officers meeting.
- The question was raised about where to hold our winter meetings. This issue will be decided at the September officers meeting.
- We need to begin making preparations for the January 25 swap meet. Bruce Fischer will call AMA to clarify the timeline and charges for the AMA Magazine advertising and report to the officers meeting in two weeks.

The next ditch clean-up is on November 2.

The meeting was adjourned

Submitted by Secretary Bruce Fischer



"These are so accurate that they even come with inedible food that you have to pay extra for."





## Upcoming Events

### Ditch Clean-up, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024

The second ditch clean-up of the year is scheduled for Saturday, November 2nd. Meet at the clubhouse at 9:00 for assignments. The club needs at least 20 members to help to complete this task in less than two hours.

Remember: this income helps to keep our annual dues low. Let's all come out to help!



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### Annual Christmas Party, December 7th, 2024

**Save the date!!**

Our annual Christmas Party will once again be held at the Morse Community Center on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The door will open for registration and an open bar at 5:15 p.m. followed by a buffet style dinner at 6:15, and then the ever-popular after dinner entertainment at 7:15.

An e-Vite will be sent to all members next month. Spouses are encouraged to attend. More details will be provided in next month's Newsletter....

**Don't Miss This!**



### New Year's Day chili (chilly) Cook-off & Fun-Fly

Our traditional New Years Day Fun-Fly will commence mid-morning, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at the clubhouse. Last year there was a bit of snow on the ground, but flying commenced anyway, and there was plenty of food to fuel the pilots.

Members are asked to bring a pot of chili for taste testing, or some other pot-luck contribution to feed hungry (and cold) pilots.

More details forthcoming in a later newsletter.



## Current Club Officers - 2024:

President	Tom Peters	<a href="mailto:thomas-m-peters@uiowa.edu">thomas-m-peters@uiowa.edu</a>	Secretary	Bruce Fischer	<a href="mailto:bwfischer61@gmail.com">bwfischer61@gmail.com</a>
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# October- Transportation and Storage

## Hot and Sharp Objects.

After flying don't forget about the pokey propellers and hot motor, and any dripping fluids from your aircraft.

## Damage to aircraft and transportation.

Fitting as many different models as possible in your trunk will be a great way to find the weakest part of your aircraft and tear up inside your vehicle.

## Forgetting something?

Check around before leaving, some items are set right in front of your eyes and will be a shame to leave behind, drive over, or fall out.

## Contents May Have Shifted.

Simple supports/ties keep most items in your vehicle steady. Thirty seconds to secure aircraft and cargo will save toes and hours of repairs.

