



The Radio Flyer



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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

Yes, it is that time of year again! The season of end-of-year celebrations is here! Everyone should have had a chance to RSVP to the Evite sent in Late October. As a reminder, specific details are listed to the right.



Aerohawks Annual Christmas Party

December 7th 2024

Morse Community Club

2542 Putnam St NE

Iowa City, IA 52240

Cost per person - \$10.00 each

Social hour starts at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner commences at 6:15 p.m.



Monthly General Meeting:

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Dec 3rd

Room 3/4

North Liberty Community Center

520 W Cherry Street

North Liberty, Iowa.



Monthly Board Meeting:

7:00p.m. Tuesday, Dec 17th

(open to all)

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North Liberty Community Center

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North Liberty, Iowa.

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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.

Annual Election of Club Officers, December 3rd, 2024

The annual election for new officers of the club will be held on December 3rd at the Club General Meeting. The new slate of officers is listed below:

Position	Filled By In 2024	Running 2025
Past President	Rich Vedepo	Tom Peters
President	Tom Peters	Bryce Verreyen
Vice President	Ron Austin	Ron Austin
Treasurer	Roger Schultz	Stephen Small
Secretary	Bruce Fischer	Katherine and Ian Staniforth
Safety Officer	Kyle Schick	Gary Bernabe
Field Marshall	Lance Meyer	Brett Wagner
Information Officer	Ken Morse	Ken Morse

Additional nominations, if any, will be accepted prior to the election. All members are asked to participate in selecting our new leaders for 2025.

Invitation to Participate in Winter-time Indoor Flying

The Lone Tree Flying club has invited interested Aerohawks members to join them at their indoor Sunday evening flying event each week from December 1st through March 31st. This activity takes place at the Lone Tree High School Gymnasium (405 Devoe Street South, Lone Tree, IA) each Sunday evening from 6-9 p.m. A one-time cost of \$25 for the season will be charged to help defray the rental cost of the gymnasium. Contact Rich VeDepo rich.vedepo@gmail.com for more information, or Bruce Gardner for additional directions to the gym.



Current Club Officers - 2024:

President	Tom Peters	thomas-m-peters@uiowa.edu	Secretary	Bruce Fischer	bwfischer61@gmail.com
Past President	Rich Vedepo	rich.vedepo@gmail.com	Information Officer	Ken Morse	kndjmorse@gmail.com
Vice President	Ron Austin	Ron.Austin.65@gmail.com	Safety Officer	Kyle Schick	schick.kyle17@gmail.com
Treasurer	Roger Schultz	rogerschultz@southslope.net	Field Marshall	Lance Meyer	lmeyer2@msn.com

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL MEETING OF THE AEROHAWKS

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. by President Tom Peters

There was a call for a review, of the minutes. No corrections were required so Roger Schultz made a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter. The motion was given a second by Gary Bernabe, and the motion was passed by a favorable vote.

Roger Schultz presented the Treasurer's report. Minimal financial activity was reported in October. No discussion was needed. Rich Vedepo made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Gary Bernabe made a second and a vote of approval followed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1 The recent ditch cleanup went well with a light amount of work and a light turnout.
2. President Tom Peters and next year's President Bryce Vereyen visited with the Land Fill manager to determine the future status of our flying field. Funds have been approved for the reconstruction and enlargement of the landfill to begin in 2029. We will be given a one year warning before we have to vacate the Land Fill. New construction will take out the complete north end of our runway and a new road will be built right through our whole flying site. No new area will be available. It was suggested that we contact Pam Saydell-Johnson of Iowa City Parks and Recreation to see if they might be able to help in our search. Bruce Gardener will help with the contact process. The Isaac Walton League and several other places in that area located south of Iowa City were suggested as places to search for a flying site, but all suggestions were too small or were in the airport flyway. As an aside, we are now disconnected from the landfill watering supply. An additional remark was offered by Charlie Bray the we check into the possibility that Peckman Creek Delta, might be an area that could be used as a new Aerohawks flying site. The search goes on.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The January 25th Swap Meet is moving along well. We have secured the Armory as the site for the swap. Additional tables have been secured through Big Ten Rental. Ginger Vedepo and Tom Villhauer have agreed to be coordinator and assistant coordinator respectively of the concession stand. Rich Vedepo reported that 68 of our 130 tables have been rented and that all wall tables have been rented. Bruce Fischer passed around a list of jobs still need volunteers on which a number signed their names to work. The list will be sent out in the next newsletter for additional people to register their volunteer assistance.
2. Our club members have been invited to participate in the winter indoor flying to be held from the first of December through the end of March at the new gym at the south end of Lone Tree. The cost will be \$25 for the season. There is a size limit of 24 inch wingspan on the electric planes used and they should be slow flyers the likes of a Night Vapor. Thanks to the Lone Tree flying club for extending this offer.
3. The December 7th Christmas Party has been set for Morse Community Center again this year. As with last year the dinner tickets will be \$10, and the club will pick up excess expenses. A raffle will be held for a Night Vapor that can be used at the winter indoor flying site.
4. Nervous about the possibility of not being able to find a new flying field, some members are concerned about what we should do with our savings if we should have to disband our club. The first answer is that we WILL find a new flying field. Our present By-Laws indicate that surplus club funds should go to the National AMA. Some are not at ease with this answer. We seemed to arrive at the consensus that we need to clarify the process to be used if we ever determine the need to disband.
5. A list of nominees for officers of the 2025 Aerohawks was reviewed and will be set before the December Members Meeting. That list will be included in the next newsletter

A motion was made to adjourn and it was so.

Submitted by Secretary Bruce Fischer

2025 Swap Meet Sign-up Opportunities

Preparations are moving along in preparation for the Jan 25th Swap Meet. Now is the time to enlist you in a volunteer position. Please review the volunteer commitment list below and sign up for a position you would be willing to fill. Contact me at 319-337-3166 or at bwfischer61@gmail.com to let me know how you are willing to help.

CONCESSION STAND

Chair **Ginger Vedepo**

Vice Chair **Tom Villhauer**

Shift One ((7 to 10)

Ron Austin

Maureen Austin

Shift 2 (10 to 1)

Brett Wagner

Tom Peters

Trish Schultz

FRONT DOOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Table Registration, Shift One (7 to 9)

Rich Vedepo

Gary Bernabe

Table Registration, Shift One (9 to 10:30 to 9)

X

Sell Admission Tickets, Shift One (8 to 10)

Charles McCullough

Ken Morse

Sell Admission Tickets, Shift Two (10 to 12:30)

X

X

Check Wrist Bands at Door, Shift One (9-10:30)

Bruce Gardner

Check Wrist Bands at Door, Shift Two (10:30 to 12:00)

Mary Curtis

SET UP AND OPERATE SOUND SYSTEM

Louis Seuba

ATTEND CLUB TABLE (Advertise and sell Raffle Tickets and Announce hourly winners and sell items))

Shift One (8 to 10:30)

X

X

Shift Two (10:30 to 1:00)

X

X

TRANSPORT TABLES TO AND FROM BIG TEN RENTAL

Bruce Gardner

ADVERTISE TO AREA CLUBS

Ken Morse

RECORD TABLE RESERVATIONS AND MAKE GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rich Vedepo..



Upcoming Events



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

Our traditional New Years Day Fun-Fly will commence mid-morning, January 1st, 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 the next newsletter.