



# The Radio Flyer



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## Upcoming Events



The complete 2025 Schedule of club activities will appear here in the February Newsletter, once it has been finalized at the Board Meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup>

July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Coralville Parade	Meeting location TBD
July 6	#2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Aerohawks Air Show	Flying Field

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### Monthly General Meeting:

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

**Room 3/4**

**North Liberty Community Center**

**520 W Cherry Street**

**North Liberty, Iowa.**



### Monthly Board Meeting:

7:00p.m. Tuesday, Jan 21<sup>st</sup>

(open to all )

**Room 3/4**

**North Liberty Community Center**

**520 W Cherry Street**

**North Liberty, Iowa.**

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.

# Annual Election of Club Officers, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

The annual election for new officers of the club will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Club General Meeting. The newly elected officers is listed below:

## New Club Officers - 2025:

President	<b>Bryce Verreyen</b> <a href="mailto:bryce.verreyen@icloud.net">bryce.verreyen@icloud.net</a>	Secretary	<b>Ian &amp; Katherine Staniforth</b> <a href="mailto:katherine.mary@gmail.com">katherine.mary@gmail.com</a>
Past President	<b>Tom Peters</b> <a href="mailto:thomas-m-peters@uiowa.edu">thomas-m-peters@uiowa.edu</a>	Information Officer	<b>Ken Morse</b> <a href="mailto:kndjmorse@gmail.com">kndjmorse@gmail.com</a>
Vice President	<b>Ron Austin</b> <a href="mailto:Ron.Austin.65@gmail.com">Ron.Austin.65@gmail.com</a>	Safety Officer	<b>Gary Bernabe</b> <a href="mailto:bernabe413@gmail.com">bernabe413@gmail.com</a>
Treasurer	<b>Stephen Small</b> <a href="mailto:stephen.michael.small@gmail.com">stephen.michael.small@gmail.com</a>	Field Marshall	<b>Brett Wagner</b> <a href="mailto:fore-brett@outlook.com">fore-brett@outlook.com</a>

## 2024 Annual Christmas Party

The final planned activity for the year, the club's Annual Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 9th at the Morse Community Center. The event was attended by approximately 65 people, including members, family and guests. It was a fun time of social interaction, good food, and fun entertainment.



The doors opened at 5:00 p.m. followed at 6:15p.m. by a fine buffet provided once again by Craig Ireland and his wife Lisa. There was more than enough to go around, as several attendees were noted making second trips to the buffet serving line!

Following the meal, Master of Ceremonies Rich Vedepo entertained the gathering with his traditional end of year 'roast' in summary of the interesting activities from the past year. This included a showcase of some of the more spectacular flying disasters, there was some discussion of a deer whistle, a drone water retrieval system and a number of other highlights which were accompanied by much audience appreciation (laughter). It appears much thought was required in preparation of this program! Thank you, Rich, for your hard work.



# NEW YEAR'S DAY FUN FLY!!

Low hanging grey clouds greeted the dawn of New Years Day 2025 as the Iowa City Aerohawks prepared to gather at the flying field for the traditional Annual New Year's Day Fun-fly and Chili cook-off. Early arrivals were greeted at 9:30 a.m. with not only a slowly rising overcast sky but also a temperature hovering at a balmy 21 degrees accompanied by winds of 10-12 mph gusting to 20 mph, for a wind chill index of 8 degrees.

As the Aerohawks continued to gather, past President Tom Peters appropriately attired in multiple layers of protective clothing headed out at 10:30 with his Timber Evolution for the first flight of the day. Congratulations, Tom!!



Meanwhile, back at the clubhouse, the food continued to arrive as the collection of chili cook-off entries and accompanying additions continued to arrive, eventually totaling 9 pots of chili/soup!



During this time, the growing crowd was treated to some unscheduled entertainment as Rich Vedepo demonstrated the flying characteristics of his 1/4<sup>th</sup> scale J3 Cub, achieving the dubious distinction of the first unsuccessful return-to-earth of the year. Rich was heard to explain that there was an unexpected wind gust, maybe a solar flare, even a possible bird strike as the cause of this disaster. He adamantly opposed the suggestion that there was any pilot error. Congratulations, Rich!



After the flight demonstrations, the eventual 27 attendees gathered to warm up with chili, and cool off degrees, intermittent flight operations continued into the afternoon, concluding another in the long string of Iowa City Aerohawks' successful New Year's Day Fun-fly and Chili cookoff celebrations!



## MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 GENERAL MEETING OF THE AEROHAWKS

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 by President Tom Peters.

A call was issued for corrections to the November minutes of the Aerohawks. Since none were raised, a motion was made by Ben Yoder and seconded by Bruce Gardner to accept the minutes as recorded in the November newsletter. A vote taken produced acceptance of the minutes.

Roger Schultz presented the financial report in which the monthly expenses and receipts were reviewed. It was noted that there was a slight negative cash flow in November and that income from the recent ditch clean up has been received. Gary Bernabe made a motion to accept the financial report. The motion was given a second by Roger Schultz. The motion was passed.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (formerly known as old business):

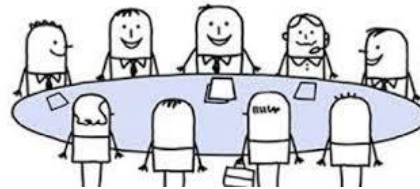
1. The December 7 Christmas Party will be held at the Community Building in Morse, fellowship starting at 5:00 and dinner being served at 6:30. The program will be presented by Rich Vedepo at about 7:30.
2. The New Years Day fun fly will begin about 10:00 AM and continue until it begins to get dark. Final arrangement were made for bringing food and preparing the flying field for use.
3. The indoor winter Sunday afternoon flying has begun in Lone Tree and will continue through March. Club members can still join in by paying a \$25. fee for the season.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. A review of our effort to find a new flying site was presented and then followed reports of recent contacts made to further our cause. Bruce Gardner said that Johnson County Public Works would not grant our request to establish a field on the acreage on the Eastside of Johnson county until the Johnson County Land Management presented a plan for the complete use of this land which they are unable to do in the near future. A suggestion was made by Katherine Staniforth that we check with a realtor experienced with commercial land sales to see if there is knowledge about land currently for sale or rent that we might be able to lease as a flying field. Bruce Fischer who is acquainted with Jeff Edberg volunteered to check with him to find out if he might have suggestions for us.
2. Bruce Fischer reported that plans of the January 25, Swap N/eet are proceeding as expected. The immediate need is to complete the recruitment of volunteers to fill jobs on the day of the swap meet. The list of jobs will be rerun in the next newsletter with a request for volunteers to sign up. Seven more people are needed.
3. The slate of officer for next year as presented in the November newsletter was set before the club for election. Gary Bernabe made a motion to accept the list and Bruce Gardner made the second. The new slate of officers was voted into office.

A motion was made by Bruce Gardner and given a second by Gary Bernabe to adjourn the meeting. A vote of affirmation produced adjournment.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Bruce Fischer





## 2025 Swap Meet Sign-up Opportunities (Updated)

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](mailto: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**

**Phil Eason**

**Ken Morse**

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

**Katherine Staniforth**

**Ian Staniforth**

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)

**Charles Bray**

**Beau Bray**

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..**