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ANNUAL R/C SWAP MEET!!

The quiet of the empty National Guard Armory meeting hall was greatly disturbed on the morning of Saturday, January 25th 2025 when the Aerohawks held their annual R/C Swap Meet. With over 100



Before



During



After

tables of 'treasures' to share, and cooperative weather, a large crowd which we estimated to be more than 100 visitors gather more than an hour before opening! Only five hours later, no evidence remained of the mass of participants filling the auditorium, or the various treasures on offer.

Early indications are that the meet was a very successful venture for the club. We can expect more details and a review of successes and failures at the next club meeting (see below)

February scheduled club meetings

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Monthly General Meeting:

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Feb 4th

Room 3/4

North Liberty Community Center

520 W Cherry Street

North Liberty, Iowa.



Monthly Board Meeting:

7:00p.m. Tuesday, Feb 18th

(open to all)

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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.

SWAP Meet - A Note of thanks

The 2025 Swap Meet went very well in my view. Attendance numbers and financial figures will be reported as soon as calculations are available. For now, let me say that we had a very large number of people in attendance, tables were sold out, a lot of stuff was brought in and sold and carried out, and a high percentage of our club membership volunteered to make the event go. A special thanks goes out to those who volunteered for specific jobs early so we could plan effectively. Those volunteers were Ginger Vedepo, Tom Villhauer, Ron Austin, Brent Wagner, Tom Peters, Trish Schultz, Rich Vedepo, Gary Bernabe, John Young, Charles McCullough, Ken Morse, Phil Eason, Katharine Staniforth, Ian Staniforth, Bruce Gardner, Mary Curtis, Louis Seaba, Mark Lowry, Charles Bray, Beau Bray, Steven Small, Jo Shurson, and Roger Schultz. Also thanks to Andy Robbins and Ben Yoder who assumed responsibility upon arriving at the Swap Meet. Finally, thanks to those whose names I do not have who showed up on Friday to help set up the Swap Meet floor space. I hope we will be able to duplicate this event next year.

The only issue that gives me some concern is the number of people who left early. This behavior can ruin a swap meet. The exit began about 11:30 and in response we began to shut down at noon. The reason we hold raffles every hour is to try to keep customers in attendance. Maybe we can do nothing more to improve early exits, but I ask that at least we have a conversation to discuss my concern about early endings to our swap meets. Bruce Fischer

Don't Forget to Pay Your 2025 Dues!

Annual membership dues are \$60 and must be renewed prior to or on our general membership meeting on February 4, 2025. An additional general family member or social member who lives at the same address costs an additional \$10.

Beginning February 5, 2024, late dues are \$70 due to the inclusion of a \$10 delinquency fee, per the bylaws. The only active members excluded from paying 2024 dues are new members who joined the club on or after September 1, 2024. Their 2024 dues cover the subsequent year as well.

You can submit your dues to the Aerohawks Treasurer one of three ways:

1. Mail a check to: Iowa City Aerohawks
PO Box 25
Iowa City, IA 52244
2. Use your online banking BILL PAYER option. Use the PO Box address above to set up Iowa City Aerohawks on your payee/billers' list. Authorize the dues payment and your bank will mail a check to the Iowa City Aerohawks.
3. Bring cash or check to a monthly meeting.

If you have any dues questions, contact Stephen Small at stephen.michael.small@gmail.com.

Aerohawks Electronic Communication News

Aerohawks have a Website. <https://www.iowacityaerohawks.com>



The website has been updated with the latest event schedule for 2025 and contains information for club members and the public. We are committed to getting the site up to date and to maintain timely information for the club and public events. We will continue to monitor and update the website as we try to catch up on the latest information.

To make this site even better, we need you to login and update your profile. To update your website profile, click on the small arrow next to your name in the upper right corner and select "Update My Profile". All the information in your profile is not available for public viewing. Only your name, phone and email are visible to club members after they login and you have the choice to hide those details as well. Only the web administrator can view all the profile information.

Cannot remember your login or password? Reach out to us and we can reset your password or your username. At the bottom of the website, follow the "Contact Us" prompt to reach out for help. Please indicate what you need help with, and we will get back to you quickly.

Once you login, please explore and provide feedback that could improve communication and general use of the website. Click on the "Menu" icon in the upper left corner to view general club information. The public will not have access to all areas of the links provided in the menu.

If you would like to learn more about the website, we have created another document that will be listed in the menu directory. Click on the Menu icon in the upper left and look for the Navigating the Website document under the "Club Members Only" heading. This document will provide information on how to use some of the functions of the website.

The club also maintains a page in Facebook Groups ([Facebook/groups/iowacityaerohawks](https://www.facebook.com/groups/iowacityaerohawks)) :



To access the club's Facebook Page, log in to your Facebook account. Once there, select "groups", then select the "Iowa City Aerohawks" group. Here you can post, chat, read posted files, and enjoy the club's extensive photographic library,

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 7th GENERAL MEETING OF THE AEROHAWKS

Call The Meeting To Order @ 7:01p.m.

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes from the last meeting are accepted and seconded, non opposed
2. Treasurer's Report - Roger Schultz / Stephen Small: The financial statements were reviewed. Club members agree that this is money well spent. Mary Curtis and Tom Peters were removed from the Aerohawks banking account. Bryce Verreyen, president, and Steven Small, treasurer, are going to be added to the account.

Announcements

- Surprise B-day for Terry Edmonds; Jan 12, noon to 4 pm; Second floor KLOW Airport terminal building.

Old Business

1. We had a good turnout at the holiday party. Thank you to Rich who put in amazing amount of effort as usual.
2. Winter flying at Lone Tree: Lots of fun; lots of learning on first night out. Meetings: Sunday evenings from 6 PM to 9 PM, ☐ \$25 for season.
3. Chili fun fly was a huge success. We had the first flight of 2025 and the first crash of 2025 a few hours later.

New Business

1. Officer's meeting will be Jan 21st
2. Great attendance today; suggestion from Rich to review what events are of interest, in the coming year. What to continue, what to scale back?. Votes by majority show of hands.
 - List events from last year:
 - New Years Chili fun fly: Yes
 - Swap Meet: Yes
 - Ditch Clean Up: Yes
 - Maiden Voyage Day: Yes
 - "Meat" the club members: Yes (3rd Thursday of the month)
 - Air show: Lots of work, but also the best way to keep our club in the view of the community. Good for PR! Especially important as we look for a new field. Especially important this year. Consider discussing/advertising that we are looking for a new space. Keep the show catering to every skill level. Consider inviting pilots from other clubs to participate/fly, call it the Aerohawk invitational?
 - Coralville Parade: Yes, primary way to advertise the air show
 - Float fly: Yes
 - Night Fly: Will leave up to Tim
 - Holiday Party: yes
3. New field: We need to set up follow up meeting with Tyler Baird. Rich mentioned a site near a quarry around Solon/Morse. Johnson County GIS is a helpful website. River Products owns quite a bit of land which would be of interest. Email enquiry sent by Rich, no response to date. ☐ rent 'for sale' property;No updates.
4. Trip to Dynamic Balsa, Lenore IL (2.5 hrs away). Sat Feb 22nd, 8am to 5pm ish. Hobby store with hundreds of old and new airplanes. Fun to go and look or buy. Across the street to "Smitties" to discuss the lump sum offer from our club and negotiate a good price. Caravan down
5. Swap meet (Bruce). Jan 25 Armory reserved 9 AM to 1 PM. Please consider helping to set up Friday before @ 12-2PM. ☐ We are in AMA mag. Rich update on tables: Sold out, 2 on the wait list. Food (same menu, same price). Bruce provided a list of volunteers. ☐ Yard signs and flyers. ☐ Yard signs say
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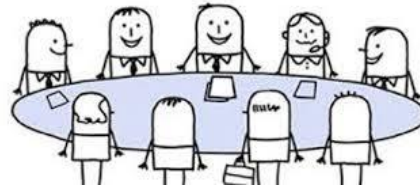
Sunday, need to be corrected to say Saturday and do not specify a specific date. Have we considered advertising that we are looking for a new club location at the swap meet? Describe our dilemma. Mention what we are looking for. ☐ Bill Gates could potentially attend and be looking for opportunities for charitable donation

6. Introduce new officers. Photos have disappeared from the roster on the website. Corrected by Tom. Tom paid membership and doesn't see it on the roster for 2025. Were the list from the holiday party and the list from the New Year's day event. included? o Who can get into the website? Is the club roster accurate regarding dues?
7. New members Mike Bailey and his son Michael (5 th grade). Saw the airshow and came to the chili New Years Day event.
8. Committee Reports (If any): Past Pres – Rich VeDepo. VP – Ron Austin. Treasurer – Roger Schultz. Secretary – Bruce Fischer. Information Officer – Ken Morse.. Safety Officer – Kyle Schick. Field Marshall – Lance Meyer

Motion To Adjourn by Bryce, Seconded by Steven.

Note: Send minutes to (Newsletter Editor) Ken Morse

Submitted by Secretary Ian and Katharine Staniforth



New Club Officers - 2025:

President	Bryce Verreyen bryce.verreyen@icloud.net	Secretary	Ian & Katharine Staniforth katharine.mary@gmail.com
Past President	Tom Peters thomas-m-peters@uiowa.edu	Information Officer	Ken Morse kndjmorse@gmail.com
Vice President	Ron Austin Ron.Austin.65@gmail.com	Safety Officer	Gary Bernabe bernabe413@gmail.com
Treasurer	Stephen Small stephen.michael.small@gmail.com	Field Marshall	Brett Wagner fore-brett@outlook.com



Upcoming Events

~~Jan 1 10:00 a.m. New Year's Day Chili Fun Fly~~
~~Jan 7 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (North Liberty Rec Ctr)~~
~~Jan 21 7:00 p.m. Monthly Board Meeting (North Liberty Rec Ctr)~~
~~Jan 24 12:00 noon Swap Meet setup (Nat'l Guard Armory)~~
~~Jan 25 8:00 a.m. Swap meet (Nat'l Guard Armory)~~

Feb 4 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (North Liberty Rec Ctr)
Feb 22 **TBD** Dynamic Balsa Trip
Feb 18 7:00 p.m. Monthly Board Meeting (North Liberty Rec Ctr)

Mar 4 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (North Liberty Rec Ctr)
Mar 18 7:00 p.m. Monthly Board Meeting (North Liberty Rec Ctr)

Apr 1 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)
Apr 5 9:00a.m. Ditch Cleanup #1
Apr 15 7:00 p.m. Monthly Board Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)

May 4 1:00 p.m. Maiden Voyage Day (Flying Field)
May 6 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)
May 20 7:00 p.m. Monthly Board Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)
May 22 6:00 p.m. "Meat the Members" (free burgers and dogs)(Clubhouse)

Jun 3 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)
Jun 14 10:00 a.m. Float Fly **(Venue TBD)**
Jun 14 2 day event Lone Tree Invitational Fun Fly, Lone Tree, IA
Jun 17 7:00 p.m. Monthly Board Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)

Jul 1 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)
Jul 4 9:00 a.m. Coralville Annual Parade **(Location TBD)**
Jul 12 9:00 a.m. Airshow prep (Flying Field)
Jul 13 11:00 a.m. Annual Aerohawks Air Show (Flying Field)
Jul 15 7:00 p.m. Monthly Board Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)

Aug 2-3 **TBD** Float Fly @ Sabula Days

Aug/Sep?? **TBD** Night Fly (Flying Field)

Aug 5 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)

Aug 17 2:00 p.m. "Beyond the Bleachers" Open House (Flying Field)

Aug 19 7:00 p.m. Monthly Board Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)

Aug 21 6:00 p.m. "Meet the Members" (free burgers and dogs)(Clubhouse)

Sep 2 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)

Sep 16 7:00 p.m. Monthly Board Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)

Oct 5 **TBD** Float Fly **(Venu TBD)**

Oct 7 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)

Oct 16 1:00 p.m. Family Fun Day/Farewell to Summer (Flying Field)

Oct 21 7:00 p.m. Monthly Board Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)

Nov 1 9:00 a.m. Ditch Cleanup #2

Nov 4 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting **(Venu TBD)**

Nov 18 7:00 p.m. Monthly Board Meeting **(Venu TBD)**

Dec 5 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting **(Venu TBD)**

Dec 7 5:30 p.m. Holiday Party **(Details TBD)**

Happy Holidays !!!!

