



# The Radio Flyer



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## DITCH CLEAN-UP, SATURDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>



Each year, the club picks up trash on a 2 mile stretch along the IVW roadway. We have an agreement with Landfill Management to perform two deep-clean pickups yearly, one in April and the other in November. *These two fundraisers are an important part of keeping our annual dues as low as they are!* Our scheduled April cleanup is coming up very soon, and **we need your help!**

Our next clean-up effort is currently scheduled for Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. The club will gather at 8:15 a.m. for juice and donuts at the clubhouse before heading out in small groups at 8:45a.m. to be in place by 9:00a.m., so we can round up all the wayward trash collecting in

the drainage ditches. The greater the number of participants, the less exertion each group spends. We really need a minimum of 24 able-bodied people to easily perform this task. **Join us there!**



April scheduled club meetings:

**Note change of venue!!**

### Monthly General Meeting:

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

(open to all )

**Aerohawks Field Clubhouse**

**3860 Hebl Road**

**Iowa City, Iowa**



### Monthly Board Meeting:

7:00p.m. Tuesday, Apr 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.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS (PARTICIPATION NEEDED!)

### CORALVILLE PARADE (JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> )

Each year the club float rolls along the Coralville Parade route while Aerohawks marchers hand out more than 4,000 individual invitations to the club's annual Air Show, our most important form of Air Show advertising. Marchers will be needed as well as a number of differing planes to install on the float. Information about time and place to meet will be available soon. Hope to see you there



### 32<sup>ND</sup> AEROHAWKS ANNUAL AIR SHOW (JULY 13<sup>TH</sup> )



The club's Annual Airshow follows the Coralville Parade. This is an "ALL HANDS" activity. Calls for scheduled event suggestions have already been sent, and shortly requests for participants will be issued. The Air Show is our most visible community activity, and has a very positive reputation with our local community. Mark this date on your calendar, and volunteer for some of the many activities that make this show popular with our neighbors.

### SABULA ISLAND DAYS ANNUAL FLOAT FLY (AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> ,2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> )

For the third year in a row, the club has been invited to participate in the Sabula Island Days weekend celebration by showcasing the club's R/C float-flying skills. Bring a plane or two, and come for a few hours, for a day, or camp overnight in the nearby campground. It's a warm, sunny fun time flying off the water. R/C boats are also welcome. More details will be provided later this summer.



### CLUB COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE (AUG 17<sup>TH</sup> )



As a follow-up to the annual Air Show, and as a recruiting tool for new members, this year the club will open its flying field to the local community by inviting them to an open house at the Aerohawks Flying field. Planned activities include pit tours, static displays, Real Flight simulators and perhaps hands on trials using our pilot training buddy box system. The goal is to provide a more in depth look at the club and the hobby/sport in celebration of National Model Aviation Day. Look for additional information as it becomes available.

## MINUTES OF THE MARCH 4th GENERAL MEETING OF THE AEROHAWKS

Call The Meeting To Order 6:58p.m.

### Approval of Minutes

1. Motion to approve minutes from last meeting, approved by consensus.
2. Treasurer's Report (Stephen Small) – minimal Activity during February. - by Tom, seconded by George.

### Announcements

- Invited to provide a static display of aircraft at Iowa City Optimist Club on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Do we want to do it again? Attendance was poor last year, but club is interested in continuing. Can bring anything R/C, good advertisement for club. Decision made by group consensus to continue this year.
- Removal of email addresses from newsletter necessary to minimize scam emails to club officers.
- Iowa City Aerohawks have been a non-profit in Iowa City since 1983. This is specific to Iowa City. Do we have a goal of being a federal non-profit? Not necessarily. We have an EIN (Employee Identification Number).

### Old Business

1. New Airfield Search. Contacted AMA as they have a Field Location Assistance Department. Club's best bet is to attend a City Council meeting. But before we do that, we need to gather some information so that we can "sell ourselves", frame it as a loss to the city if we leave.
  - \* Pull numbers regarding our events: rough attendance, vendors, approximate income. How much money we have spent on improving the land at the Landfill. Did Iowa City ask the Aerohawks to move to the Landfill site so the city could repurpose the land for public use? It was a joint agreement, as the prior location was at the airport.
  - \* Make a list of community impacts. (Send to Bryce). STEM events, Museum donations/involvement, community involvement in the future if nothing interrupts the club.
  - \* Come up with some other ideas we might add, i.e. Scouts merit badge for aviation? others?
  - \* City Council Meeting: Start by contact a district rep or their staff; don't just show up at a meeting and blind sell the idea.
  - \* Get someone to make a list of district reps and their contacts. Once we get (all) this information gathered, the AMA rep will help us compose a rundown/presentation before we contact them (City Council).
2. Field Maintenance. Have we contacted Lance to get the info to set up Google Doc for 2025? May 4<sup>th</sup> is Maiden day. Schedule field and runway maintenance prior to roller rental to smooth the field. Plan to coordinate the rental of the large size roller to smooth the field. **Caution!** Until the runway is ready, any fliers should exercise caution to avoid the staples, to avoid creating divots in the ground.
3. Fire extinguishers in the clubhouse: 3 brought in for inspection. 1 has been recalled, 2 others have expired due to tank age. They are not refillable. Hawkeye extinguishers can offer and service extinguishers @ \$95/year; can purchase new extinguishers for \$50-\$95. Joh Young has provided club extinguishers in the past.

### New Business

1. Start meeting at the field clubhouse April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Motion To Adjourn** by Bryce, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom

Submitted by Secretary Ian and Katharine

Staniforth





## **Updated** 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)~~  
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~~Feb 4 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (North Liberty Rec Ctr)~~  
~~Feb 22 XXXX Dynamic Balsa Trip~~  
~~Feb 18 7:00 p.m. Monthly Board Meeting (North Liberty Rec Ctr)~~  
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~~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)~~  
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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)  
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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)  
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Jun 2 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)  
Jun 5 10:00 a.m. Float Fly, **Riverside Casino, Riverside, IA**  
Jun 13-14 2 day event Lone Tree Fun Fly, Lone Tree, IA  
Jun 17 7:00 p.m. Monthly Board Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)  
Jun 19 6:00 p.m. "Meat the Members" (free burgers and dogs) (Clubhouse)  
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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)  
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Aug 1, 2, 3 **TBD** Float Fly @ Sabula Days, Sabula, IA  
 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. "Meat the Members" (free burgers and dogs) (Clubhouse)  
**Aug 24 9:00 a.m. Iowa City Optimist Club Static Display, Iowa City Airport**

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 Sep 2 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)  
 Sep 16 7:00 p.m. Monthly Board Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)  
 Sep 21 1:00 p.m. Family Fun Day/Farewell to Summer (Flying Field)  
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Oct 5 **TBD** Float Fly **(Venu TBD)**  
 Oct 7 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)  
 Oct 21 7:00 p.m. Monthly Board Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)  
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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)**  
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Dec 2 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting **(Venu TBD)**  
 Dec 7 5:30 p.m. Holiday Party **(Details TBD)**  
 Dec 16 7:00 p.m. Monthly Board Meeting **(Venu TBD)**

Happy Holidays !!!!



## Club Officers - 2025:

President	<b>Bryce Verreyen</b>	Secretary	<b>Ian &amp; Katharine Staniforth</b>
Past President	<b>Tom Peters</b>	Information Officer	<b>Ken Morse</b>
Vice President	<b>Ron Austin</b>	Safety Officer	<b>Gary Bernabe</b>
Treasurer	<b>Stephen Small</b>	Field Marshall	<b>Brett Wagner</b>