



# The Radio Flyer



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## MAIDEN DAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>



Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> is our annual Maiden Voyage Day at Aerohawk Field; a day when we encourage our members to bring their winter build projects or over-winter new-to-you acquisitions to the field for their first of several, "we hope", flights. It's time to see if all those hours spent down in the basement, or in your workshop, are going to pay off. You never know what's going to happen. So plan on attending, whether you have a plane to maiden or not. We of course will be taking pictures and hopefully post all the successful flights.



An added bonus this year is the offering of a pot luck buffet dinner to be served starting at 3 p.m. Food will be available any time after 3p.m. and served until it's gone. Since the Maiden Voyage Day is on the eve of Cinco De Mayo, the potluck will have a Mexican theme and feature Flying Tacos. One of our members has agreed to furnish all the taco meat, so we are asking others to bring items that compliment Mexican cuisine.

### April scheduled club meetings:

#### Monthly General Meeting:

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

(open to all )

Aerohawks Field Clubhouse

3860 Hebl Road

Iowa City, Iowa



#### Monthly Board Meeting:

7:00p.m. Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

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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.

## IMPORTANT CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Airfield Camera

In the past, a surveillance camera had been installed at the clubhouse, primarily so that members could see if anyone else was at the airfield before driving to the field itself. This camera had fallen into dis-use and has been inoperative for some time. A proposal has been made to the Board that this camera be replaced, and the capability to view the airfield by WiFi be re-initiated. This re-installation and upgrade will incur some up front costs as well as a monthly fee for service.

To get the opinion of all interested members, ***the Board requests all members*** be present, either in-person or by Zoom meeting to discuss the issue and make a final decision on the long-term commitment of club funds. Your input is needed. Please join us at the clubhouse on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. to express your opinion on this matter.



### CLUBHOUSE/SHED CLEAN-OUT/CLEAN-UP

In anticipation of the upcoming flying season, members of the Board have conducted a general clean-up of the clubhouse and the new shed. This includes the upstairs portion of the clubhouse, which will be used in the future for various club activities. As a result ...

... please note that the clubhouse is not a place to offload items you no longer want. If you have something you want to donate to the club to sell at the swap meet, please let somebody know and we can handle it that way.

**... Beginning May 31st, any abandoned items in the clubhouse, or in the storage shed will be removed and discarded or sold at the next annual swap meet.**

## MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> GENERAL MEETING OF THE AEROHAWKS

Call the meeting to order 7:00p.m.

### Approval of Minutes

1. Motion to approve minutes from last meeting, Ron and Kyle approve, all agree.
2. Treasurer's Report (Stephen Small) – AMA insurance covered; new fly traps purchased. On track for this time of year. Motion to approve by Ron, second by Katharine.

### Announcements

- Lawn mowing schedule available for sign up through the website.
- May 4th: Maiden Voyage Day and Mexican food potluck day. Rich plans to create a food sign-up.
- Ditch clean up this Saturday, mid 40s; Doughnuts will be provided.
- Ken Morse applied for the AMA grant, should hear back mid-May.
- Lonnie and Bryce rolled the field, could do this again following rain (hail tonight during the meeting).
- New Field News: AMA template for city council presentation received; District VII level interest regarding our loss of field reported.

### Old Business

- Fire extinguishers still pending, Bryce suggests that we obtain 2 certified. Available through Hawkeye, \$95 apiece, annual maintenance fee \$50. No one is opposed.
- Raffle plane for the Airshow; Plan to give free 1 year membership to raffle plane winner. Could give choices to appeal to a broader audience - this is a favored option. Plan to see what is in stock to facilitate multiple options to have available. Plan to purchase a plane ahead of time for the swap meet. Bryce will look into this and report back
- Airshow: Should we distribute tickets? By hand or by mail? Could we save on postage? Rich has sent emails requesting those interested in Airshow participation, please reply to facilitate creation of the schedule for the day and for planning purposes.
- Airshow volunteers:
  - Rich – Air Boss
  - Bryce - Ground Control Manager
  - Bruce is willing to co-chair parking with Mary; requesting we ask the Scouts for help (Ideally 8 volunteers in 2-3 shifts). What contribution would be reasonable?
  - Needs:
    - Advertising manager
    - Concessions (multiple individuals)
    - Photos + Drone
  - T-shirt sales (didn't last year). Current shirts are in a tote in Rich's basement; May need to order certain sizes.
  - Rich has talked to Jen at the dump and has permission for the Airshow
  - Port a-potty - need 3, Will ask Rodger to arrange this through his contact at Blue Moon
- Holiday Party - Do we want to stick with the Morse Community Center? Only 100 for the night, tough to beat. Tentatively planned for the first Saturday in December

### New Business

1. Club camera not working, WiFi not available from dump, current cellular router is attached to the Arlo system which has intermittently worked in the past. Access generally for seeing who is flying; Nest as a possible option? Should we replace system? Text thread option in the meantime.

**Motion To Adjourn** by Bruce, seconded by Lance and Bruce

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. "Meet 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. "Meet 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. "Meet 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 !!!!



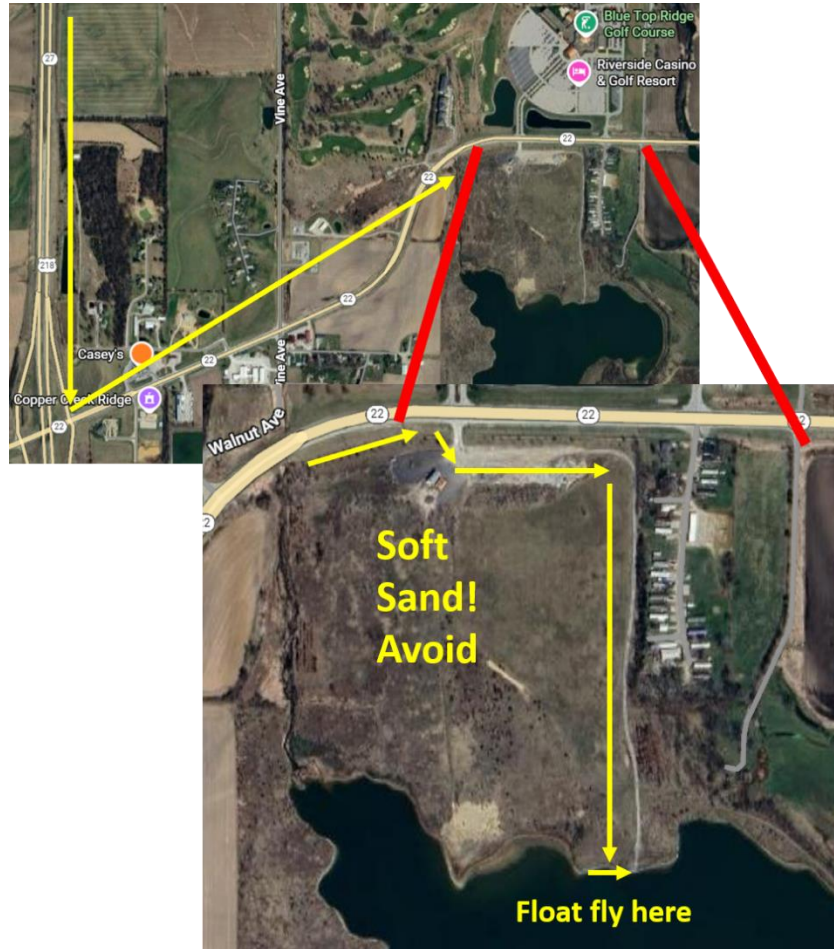
## Club Officers - 2025:

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>



## FLOAT FLY, JUNE 5TH, RIVERSIDE CASINO AREA

The first of three scheduled Float-fly events will occur on June 5<sup>th</sup> across the street from the Riverside Casino. The event commences about 10:00a.m. and continues as long as interest continues. Normally, those remaining in the early evening adjourn to the Casino for a buffet dinner before returning home. All interested members are encouraged to attend, weather permitting. For those new to the club, or existing club members who have not attended previously, directions are below.



- From Hwy 218, southbound, pass the usual Melrose Avenue exit (Exit #92) and continue southbound for 12 miles, leaving Hwy 218 southbound on exit 80 (Riverside exit).
- At stop, turn left on to Iowa Hwy 22 eastbound, drive under the Hwy 218 overpass approximately 3/4<sup>th</sup> mile, passing Casey's General Store, through a gentle left and then right curve to the Riverside Casino entrance traffic light (below).
- Turn right into the work area through the open gate, making an immediate left turn to follow the fence eastbound to a gravel road.



- Follow the gravel road around the right turn, and continue to the float fly area. If you pass the float fly area, you will float, rather than fly!

## LONE TREE FUN FLY, JUNE 13-14 2025

The Lone Tree Flyers R/C Club has invited Aerohawks members to join them in a June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Fun-fly to celebrate the End of spring/Beginning of summer flying season. Interested members are encouraged to pre-register for this event. Below is the pre-registration form for this Fun Fly.

**It's a fun event.**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend.



### REGISTRATION FORM

#### 4th Annual Fun Fly June 13th and 14th

#### 500 N Devoe St, Lone Tree IA



**\$35 Landing Fee includes dinner on Saturday**

Questions: lonetreeflyers5005@gmail.com		
John Biondo, Club President 563-272-8422 Gary Kleinmeyer, Contest Director 319-430-8271		
First Name:	Last Name:	
Address:	City/State/Zip Code:	
Telephone Number:	Email Address:	
AMA Number:	FAA#	Trust Certificate
Tell us about the Aircraft you plan to fly (this information may be used by announcer):		
<b>Event Planning Questions:</b>		
1. On-site Camping permitted (no hook-ups available) June 12-14. Please indicate camping intentions and type of vehicle below. If ground is too wet for camping vehicles, pavement accommodations within 2 blocks will be used. Yes, I will be camping Type of camping vehicle _____		
2. Additional non-registered guest/s* attending _____ *non-registered guests may purchase ticket for Saturday's catered meal for \$15		
<b>Submit <u>Registration</u> form via methods below:</b> 1. Email: lonetreeflyers5005@gmail.com 2. Mail: Lone Tree Flyers PO Box 103 Lone Tree, Iowa 52755		<b>Submit <u>Payment</u> via methods below:</b> 1. Paypal: jpbiondo.business@gmail.com 2. Venmo: @Lisa-Harter-4 (last 4 ph# 2604) 3. Mail: Lone Tree Flyers PO Box 103 Lone Tree, Iowa 52755
<b>Payment Total</b>		
\$ _35_ Landing Fee, includes Saturday dinner \$ _    _ Non-registered guest/s Saturday dinner \$15 (optional) = \$ _    _ TOTAL Submitted		



## 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.