



# The Radio Flyer



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## SABULA ISLAND DAYS ANNUAL FLOAT FLY – IN REVIEW

The Sabula Float fly was held over the weekend of Friday thru Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> with the formal air demonstration on Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The crowd began to arrive early, and rotated viewers throughout the morning and early afternoon. The wide range of float planes and over-water flying activity was appreciated by all.



This year, the show also included many radio control boats, from a small 11 inch speedboat to a large gas engine powered cruiser. The highlight was the miniature rescue tug, which was called on to actually rescue a disabled airplane.

### September scheduled club meetings:

**Monthly General Meeting:**

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, **Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>**

(open to all )

**Aerohawks Field Clubhouse**

**3860 Hebl Road**

**Iowa City, Iowa**



**Monthly Board Meeting:**

7:00p.m. Tuesday, **Sept 16<sup>th</sup>**

(open to all )

**Aerohawks Field Clubhouse**

**3860 Hebl Road**

**Iowa City, 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.

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

Our first Community Open House was held on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The club offered interested members of the community an educational opportunity to see and feel the actual operation of a radio controlled model airplane. The program included static displays (right) of transmitters, power systems (Fuel, Electric and Electric Ducted Fan) and start-up requirements and costs.

Visitors were also offered an opportunity to try their hand at the Real Flight Simulator (below),



especially appealing to younger potential members of the community.



Also offered were opportunities for 'Buddy-Box flights, to get the feel of an actual model airplane in flight. (below)



Unfortunately, weather conditions including a 97 degree temperature, a 105 heat index, and gusting winds limited community attendance. Regardless, the club gained three new adult flying members and two youth members, a key goal of the exercise.

The club wishes to acknowledge with thanks both the advertising and financial support of Academy of Model Aeronautics in this community outreach endeavor.

### News Briefs:

*"Meat" the members (Aug 21<sup>st</sup>)*. This program of a sponsored pot luck meal along with normal flying activity is designed to give new members an opportunity to fly with the club and to socialize with established club members. This time, there were at least 15 participants, at least one of whom was a new member. The meat for the meal was provided by the club, while members were asked to contribute an accompanying food. No one left hungry

*Iowa City Optimist Club Static Display, Iowa City Airport (Aug 24<sup>th</sup>)*. This static display program, sponsored by the Iowa City Optimist Club and held at the Iowa City Airport offers organizations throughout the area an opportunity to present themselves to the public. The Aerohawks have participated for several years, displaying various model airplanes, and recently model boats. Several members participated, answering questions about the club and the hobby as visitors perused the various displays.

MINUTES OF THE Aug 5th GENERAL MEETING OF THE AEROHAWKS

Call the meeting to order 7:01p.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

1. Minutes reviewed and approved unanimously.
2. Treasurer’s Report: Air Show, very profitable, top year to date for concessions, raffle is second only to 2016, total income is second only to 2014.  
 CD renewed at 4.09%  
 Insurance for the club house continues to be a challenge, Bob is not responding.  
 Working to figure out how to pay sales tax on the airshow income. Steve plans to call the State of Iowa, has not received the document that was previously requested.  
 Report was unanimously approved

**Announcements**

*Airshow Report:* Estimate attendance about 1,000; Audience began leaving around 2 PM, heat thought to be the primary reason.  
 Outhouses were great, 3 was the perfect number.  
 Raffle table was insufficiently marked, plan for improved signage next year.  
 Requests for credit card sales at concessions, about 25 people turned away.  
 Volunteers should receive a free meal, we were giving away food at the end.  
 Condiment’s table should be monitored.

*Beyond the Bleachers:* August 17th, 2-5PM

Second Aeroscout to be prepped tonight, going to change tail fin colors to delineate.  
 4600 invites passed out at parade and airshow, expect approximately 50.  
 Please come help to demonstrate and discuss!  
 Should be a great time and a nice opportunity to recruit members.

*Three new members,* a 5 year old, and a 7 year old and his mom.

*Next “Meat” the members* is August 21st

**Meeting adjourned** by acclimation.

Submitted by Secretary Ian and Katharine Staniforth



**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>



## Updated Upcoming Events

~~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~~

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)

Oct 4-5 10:00 a.m. Float Fly (Driscoll's Island, Sebula, IA)  
Oct 7 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)  
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 2 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (Venu TBD)  
Dec 6 5:30 p.m. Holiday Party (Details TBD)  
Dec 16 7:00 p.m. Monthly Board Meeting (Venu TBD)



Happy Holidays !!!!