



The Radio Flyer



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FINAL DITCH CLEANUP, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

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 November cleanup is coming up this Saturday, and **we need your help!**

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 small group spends. We really need a minimum of 24 able-bodied people to easily perform this task. **Join us there!**



NEW VENUE!!! Winter scheduled club meetings:

Monthly General Meeting:

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, **Nov 4th**

(open to all)

[Andale Cantina](#)

[780 Community Drive](#)

[Suite 1](#)

[North Liberty, Iowa](#)



Monthly Board Meeting:

7:00p.m. Tuesday, **Nov 18th**

(open to all)

[Andale Cantina](#)

[780 Community Drive](#)

[Suite 1](#)

[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.

News Briefs

New Winter Meeting Venue (from page 1)

The club's new winter meeting venue is the **Andale Cantina** located at **780 Community Drive, Suite 1, North Liberty, Iowa.** (See map below) The Cantina serves a variety of Mexican foods and has a rear meeting area seating up to 28 people. Those wishing to dine prior to our meetings which begin at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month (General Membership Meeting) and the third Tuesday of the month (Board Meeting, open to all members) should plan to arrive by 6:00 p.m to ensure their order is received before the meeting commences.



For those unfamiliar with North Liberty, there are two ways to reach the Cantina.

1. From Highway 965 Northbound, turn left onto Community Drive one block before the Penn Street traffic light, then follow Community Drive around to the entrance to the strip mall, turning right into the mall area, then immediately left to the Cantina parking area. (see blue arrows.)
2. Alternatively, continue north to the Penn Street traffic light, turn left onto Penn Street, then left onto Community Drive, then follow Community drive around to the entrance to the strip mall, turning right into the mall area, then immediately left to the Cantina parking area. (see red arrows.)

Invitation to Participate in Winter-time Indoor Flying

The Lone Tree Flying club has once again invited interested Aerohawks members to join them at their indoor Sunday evening flying event each week from December 1st through March 31st. This activity takes place at the Lone Tree High School Gymnasium (405 Devoe Street South, Lone Tree, IA) each Sunday evening from 6-9 p.m. A one-time cost of \$25 for the season will be charged to help defray the rental cost of the gymnasium. Contact **Rich VeDepo** or **Bruce Gardner** for more information or for additional directions to the gym.



MINUTES OF THE November 7th GENERAL MEETING OF THE AEROHAWKS

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

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes from prior meeting approved without opposition.
2. Treasurer's report reviewed and approved without opposition.

Announcements

Winter meeting location; November-March: Roger suggests Andale's Cantina restaurant in North Liberty. No one opposed. Plan to give it a try.

Swap Meeting; will be 1/31/2026, prices will not change, anticipate renting tables from Big 10. We always sell out tables. Email has gone out, ad with AMA is paid for.

Clubhouse insurance: No updates on insurance despite frequent attempts to contact.

Lone Tree indoor flying; is uncertain, they are raising their rates significantly, we are awaiting clarification.

Officers for 2026: We will be looking for those interested in officer positions for next year. Please consider!

New airfield; We continue the search for a new location. Area near Kicker's is a protected wetland, area East of town off American Legion is being sold by the city, and that sale is pending. Currently waiting to hear back after meeting with the Iowa City manager regarding specific timeline for a move and options for future sites.

Meeting adjourned unopposed.

Submitted by Secretary Ian and Katharine Staniforth



Club Officers – 2025:

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

Upcoming Events:

Annual Election of Club Officers, December 2nd, 2025. Article VIII of the club by-laws require the annual election of club officers on the last scheduled meeting date of General Meetings of the club. There are currently five vacancies to be filled. A slate of candidates must be published in this newsletter in the December issue (next month).

If you are willing to serve as a club officer, contact one of the current board members (listed on page 3). Otherwise, recruiters are out and about!!! Additional nominations, if any, will be accepted prior to the election.

All members are asked to participate in selecting our new leaders for 2025.

The Aerohawks Annual Christmas Celebration will be held again at the Morse Community Center, in Iowa City on Saturday, December 6th, 2025. Costs for members and guests is \$10.00 per person, with spouses, partners and/or significant others **highly encouraged** to attend. The doors will open at 5:15 p.m. for a social time, followed by a buffet dinner, and Rich's always entertaining awards/roast/comedy show. Join in the fun!



New Year Annual Fun Fly and Chili Cook Off, Start the 2026 right with a hearty chili potluck and a wintery fun fly as the club hosts its *New Year Annual Fun Fly and Chili Cook Off*, commencing at 10:00 a.m. on January 1, 2026 at the Flying Field/Clubhouse. The last two years have been snowless, but be prepared. After all, this IS Iowa!!



Annual Aerohawks Swap Meet is scheduled for Saturday, January 31st, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. until clean-up is completed. The National Guard Armory has once again been secured. The doors open to the public from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. A volunteer list has been circulated seeking to fill the numerous positions necessary to make this number one club money-maker possible.



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Swap meet volunteers needed!!

The following Swap Meet positions need to be filled:

Four concession workers; two for each shift (8:00-10:00 and 10:00-12:00)

Three Admission workers: one at table registration from 9-10:30; two to check wristbands at the door (9:00-10:30 and 10:30-12:00)

Two to man the Aerohawks table, selling donated merchandise.

If you can help, contact **Rich VeDepo**. Don't wait for the recruiters to come looking!!

It's that time again!! Annual Dues are due for 2026

Annual membership dues are \$60 and must be renewed prior to or on our general membership meeting on February 3, 2026. An additional general family member or social member who lives at the same address costs an additional \$10.

Beginning February 4, 2026, late dues are \$70 due to the inclusion of a \$10 delinquency fee, per the bylaws. The only active members excluded from paying 2026 dues are new members who joined the club on or after September 1, 2025. Their 2025 dues cover the subsequent year as well.



You can submit your dues to the Aerohawk's 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.

You may also pay your annual dues at our December 6th Christmas event!!!

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



Updated 2025 Upcoming Events

- ~~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)~~

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- Nov 1 9:00 a.m. Ditch Cleanup #2
 - Nov 4 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (**Andale Cantina, North Liberty**)
 - Nov 18 7:00 p.m. Monthly Board Meeting (**Andale Cantina, North Liberty**)

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- Dec 2 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (**Andale Cantina, North Liberty**)
Election of new officers
 - Dec 6 5:30 p.m. Holiday Party (**Morse Community Center, Iowa City**)
 - Dec 16 7:00 p.m. Monthly Board Meeting (**Andale Cantina, North Liberty**)



Happy Holidays !!!!

2026 Upcoming Events

- Jan 1 10:00 a.m. Annual New Year Fun Fly and Chili Cookoff (Airfield)
- Jan 6 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (**Andale Cantina, North Liberty**)
- Jan 20 7:00 p.m. Monthly Board Meeting (**Andale Cantina, North Liberty**)
- Jan 31 8:00 a.m. Annual Aerohawks Swap Meet (National Guard Armory)