



The Radio Flyer



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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 6TH

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 VENUE!!! Winter scheduled club meetings:

Monthly General Meeting:

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, Dec 2nd

(open to all)

[Andale Cantina](#)

[780 Community Drive](#)

[Suite 1](#)

[North Liberty, Iowa](#)



Monthly Board Meeting:

No December Board Meeting

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.

Upcoming Events

Election of 2026 Officers, Dec 2nd 7:00 pm, Andale Cantina 780 Community Drive, Suite 1, North Liberty, Iowa.

Proposed Officers, 2026

President **Lance Meyer**
Past President **Bruce Verryen**
Vice President **John Young**
Treasurer **Tom Peters**

Secretary **Bill Lee**
Information Officer Ken Morse
Safety Officer Marc Niehus
Field Marshall Brett Wagner

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.



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.



MINUTES OF THE November 4th GENERAL MEETING OF THE AEROHAWKS

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

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes from prior meeting approved by acclimation.
2. Treasurer's report: minimal activity. Report approved by acclimation.

Announcements

New airfield Search; Formal meeting with County DNR. Suggested formal lease for current airfield, pending any move be negotiated. AMA contact, some options available if needed.

Officers for 2026: Slate of officers discussed. To be published in the December Newsletter per by-laws (2023 edition)

Ditch Clean-up: went well, 19 people showed up. Not a lot of trash, done in less than an hour.

Lone Tree indoor flying; remains as in 2024. No changes.

Swap Meet; 73 tables sold, 8 additional reserved for club. Three vendors confirmed.

Announcement to nearby clubs to be sent mid-November; still need admissions, door, concessions volunteers. Also volunteers to move club offerings from Rich's garage

Holiday Party: 50/50 raffle plane and two batteries obtained, two \$50 gift cards donated by Morse Community Center, cash prize for ugliest Christmas sweater, 9a.m. set-up that day

.Meeting adjourned 7:34p.m. unopposed.

Submitted by Information Officer Ken Morse

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

- ~~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 5:15 p.m. Holiday Party (**Morse Community Center, Iowa City**)



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)