



The Radio Flyer



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“MEAT” THE MEMBERS”



For the past two years, the club has included a Thursday night potluck gathering as a social activity. The club provides the **meat** in the form of burgers and hot dogs while others are asked to bring potluck contributions for the meal. The object is to allow new members and interested guests to **meet** the existing long-term members.

The first of three such scheduled events was held (picture, left) at the clubhouse on May 21st

With overcast skies and typical Iowa gusty winds, flying was minimal, though some pilots did risk their planes.



Turnout was thus light, though attendees were treated to a demonstration flight of a commercial drone (above)

June scheduled club meetings:

Monthly General Meeting:

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

(open to all)

[Clubhouse](#)

[3860 Hebl Drive](#)

[Iowa City, Iowa](#)



Monthly Board Meeting:

No June Board Meeting

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IMPORTANT CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS



HELP WANTED

The airshow parking committee needs your help. If you aren't flying in the show, working the flightline, selling raffle tickets, or serving food we could use your commitment to 2 hours of fun (well maybe work). We provide free training that could lead to a new career. Pay and benefits are as good as any of the other airshow jobs. Please let Mary or Bruce G know of your desire before all the slots in the schedule are filled. (11am -1pm and 1pm-3pm). **THANKS!...**

2026 Annual Coralville Parade

The annual Coralville July 4th parade will once again feature the Aerohawks float with marchers.



Members assistance and at least 20 planes are required for the float. Location to meet will be published at a later date.

and Air Show



The 33rd Annual Aerohawks Airshow will commence at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 12th at Aerohawks Airfield. The program is being set, and volunteers are needed in multiple roles for participation in this annual event.

All members are encouraged to help make this show one of the best ever by volunteering for any of the multiple positions that **MUST** be filled! Contact any Board Member (listed on page 3) for more information.

2026 Sebula Days Float Fly

Sebula's Annual Sebula Days Festival has been scheduled for August 7-8th. The club has once again been invited to participate with a Float-Fly event. While the Saturday (8th) all day event is the premier event for the club, some members arrive Friday afternoon, and some members stay through Sunday afternoon, depending on the weather. Recently, a growing contingent of r/c boats has also been present.



So bring a float plane, an r/c boat, or both and join us for an all day show.

August Meet the Members

The next club "Meet the Members" night is scheduled for Thursday, August 20th, commencing at 6:00p.m. at the clubhouse. Once again, burgers and hot Dogs will be provided by the club while additional food items are requested of club members.





The **Iowa City Airport Pancake Breakfast** is scheduled for Saturday, August 23rd at the Iowa City Airport. Static displays of aircraft and boats have been requested.

R/C Model Boats Corner

On a calm (for Iowa, sunny Sunday afternoon recently, I was invited to observe the activities of an informal sailboat racing group, where I was introduced to the concept of the r/c sailboat regatta. A small group of older men, mostly former r/c airplane pilots, gathered at a Hiawatha pond for an afternoon of fun competition. The boats are approximately 20" long and stand 30" above the water (picture, below). Control requires a two-channel transmitter or larger.



A sailing regatta (Italian for "contest" from Roman Empire usage) requires the sailors to guide their boat through a series of pylons without collision or interference of other sailboats. Being reliant solely on the power of the wind, I was interested to learn that small patches of differential winds exist across the surface of the pond, leaving one boat becalmed with flapping sails while another was moving along at good speed on a 45 degree lean.

In this competition, on this course, there were multiple rounds of competition, resulting in an informal ranking among the sailors.

For those r/c pilots looking for a more sedentary r/c activity for medical or other reasons, this might be the sport for you - Editor

Club officers, 2026

President	Lance Meyer	Secretary	Bill Lee
Past President	Bruce Verreyen	Information Officer	Ken Morse
Vice President	John Young	Safety Officer	Marc Niehus
Treasurer	Tom Peters	Field Marshall	Brett Wagner

MINUTES OF THE May 5th, 2026 MEETING OF THE AEROHAWKS

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval of minutes

1. Minutes of the April 7th meeting were approved.
2. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Old Business

1. *New Airfield Search*: There are more meetings planned for a possible new airfield location.
2. *April Ditch clean-up*: was cancelled due to wet weather. There will be no ditch clean up as of this time.
3. *University Safety Review*. Several good points were brought up and are going to be reviewed by the board. There will possibly be some updates to the rules and bylaws.

New Business

1. *Coralville Parade, July 4th*: Volunteers are needed to walk in the Coralville 4th of July Parade.
2. *Airshow 2026*: Here is the list we have from the April Members Meeting. The following people are looking for volunteers to assist with all of these aspects of the airshow scheduled on July 12 from 1 to 4:30 PM. Contact any of the members listed below. We are in need of many volunteers.
 1. Air Boss/Flightline - John Young/Joe Shurson
 2. Safety & Compliance - Marc Niehus
 3. Ground Ops/Setup lead - Lance Meyer
 4. Pilot Co-Ordinator - Rich VeDepo
 5. Public/Spectator Experience - Ken Morse
 6. Concessions/Hospitality - Mark Lowry
 7. Parking - Bruce Gardner/Mary
 8. Airshow Program - Rich VeDepo
 9. Post Show Cleanup - Tom Villhauer
 10. Marketing/Outreach - Ken Morse
 11. Raffle/Fundraising - NOT ASSIGNED
 12. Clean-up Lead - Tom Villhauer
 13. Coordinate coordinators - Tom Peters
3. *Sabula Island Days to be held August 7th – 8th.*
4. *The Iowa City Airport will have a pancake breakfast on August 23, 2026.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Minutes submitted by Bill Lee.



2026 Upcoming Events

Red text indicates new events

~~May 3 1:00 p.m. Maiden Voyage Day (Flying Field)~~
~~May 5 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)~~
~~May 9 TBD BSA Flight Training Program (Green Castle Airfield)~~
~~May 21 6:00 p.m. "Meat the Members" (free burgers and dogs)(Clubhouse)~~

Jun 2 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)
~~TBD 10:00 a.m. Float Fly (Venue TBD) **Cancelled: No Venue Available**~~
Jun 16 2 day event Lone Tree Invitational Fun Fly, Lone Tree, IA

Jul 4 9:00 a.m. Coralville Annual Parade (Location TBD)
Jul 7 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse; Candy wrap)
Jul 11 9:00 a.m. Airshow prep (Flying Field)
Jul 12 11:00 a.m. Annual Aerohawks Air Show (Flying Field)

Aug 4 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)
Aug 7-8 **TBD** Float Fly @ Sabula Days, Sabula, Iowa
Aug 20 6:00 p.m. "Meat the Members" (free burgers and dogs)(Clubhouse)
Aug 23 8:00 a.m. Iowa City Airport Pancake Breakfast (IC Airport Terminal)

Sep 1 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)
Sep 18-20 **TBD** Float Fly (Driscoll Island, Sebula, IA)
Sep 20 1:00 p.m. Family Fun Day/Farewell to Summer (Flying Field)

Oct 6 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)

Nov 3 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (Venue TBD)
Nov 7 9:00 a.m. Ditch Cleanup #2

Dec 1 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (Venue TBD)
Dec 5 5:30 p.m. Holiday Party (Details TBD)



Happy Holidays !!!!



Tentative 2027 Upcoming Events

Jan 1	10:00 a.m.	Annual New Year Fun Fly and Chili Cookoff (Airfield)
Jan 5	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Members Meeting (Venue TBD)
Jan 19	7:00 p.m.	Monthly Board Meeting (Venue TBD)
Jan 29	11:30a.m.	Swap Meet Set-up (National Guard Armory)
Jan 30	8:00 a.m.	Annual Aerohawks Swap Meet (National Guard Armory)
