



The Radio Flyer



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SEASON START: MAIDEN DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 3RD

While there may have been some individual flying beforehand, historically, the official Aerohawks flying season begins on the first Sunday in May. This year, that date is May 3rd. The weather is forecast, 5 days ahead of time, to be acceptable with afternoon temperatures in the 60's, partly to mostly cloudy skies, and winds below 15 mph. Official open flying hours are from 2:00 p.m. until dark.

Our last season ended in mid-October, limiting the club's activities to those held indoors. During that time, builders built, buyers bought, and traders traded, meaning many members now have "new to them" aircraft. Hence, on Sunday we celebrate "Maiden Day", not with a bunch of buxom Scottish lassies, but with first flights of these new aircraft.

So, come join us on Sunday afternoon for the club's first open fly day of the new season.

A note for the club record: Open club fly dates are Thursday evenings and Sunday afternoons/evenings throughout the season, which usually lasts until mid-October. However, members are welcome to fly when their schedule permits. Get the club access code from any of the board of directors. (Editor)

May scheduled club meetings:

Note change of venue!!

Monthly General Meeting:

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 5th

(open to all)

[Clubhouse](#)

[3860 Hebl Drive](#)

[Iowa City, Iowa](#)



Monthly Board Meeting:

No May 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.

IMPORTANT CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND NOTICE: Manager of Training: The Board of Directors is seeking a volunteer to organize Flight Training Instruction. With the departure of Bruce Fischer and Bryce Verryen, there is currently no one to match instructor pilots with student pilots. The Manager of Training would provide this administrative role, certifying the student pilot has completed the required reading as outlined in the club's Flight Instruction Program document (Feb 2023) as well as maintaining a list of current certified instructor pilots. Volunteers should contact any one of the Board of Directors (listed herein) for further information.



BSA Flight Training: Reminder that on May 9, 2026, 1:00-4:00p.m. the Aerohawks and Lone Tree Flyers plan to fly at Green Castle Airfield to coincide with the local Cub Scout troop. We will be using the full-scale runway (no full-scale planes will be flying) which has a NW-SE orientation. It's a 25' wide asphalt runway.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

John 319-325-3097

The Iowa City Municipal Airport is considering replacing the F86 Saber Jet that has graced the airport entrance since 1972 with a plaque. The jet was donated to the city by the US Air Force to be used as a memorial to our veterans. Unfortunately, the aircraft has fallen into disrepair and will require an estimated \$12 to \$15,000 to refurbish.

Recently there was a meeting of concerned citizens with the local Airport Commission to discuss the possibility of raising money to keep the Sabre Jet proudly displayed at the airport entrance. Several Aerohawks attended the meeting to weigh whether or not our club might



be willing to join the cause. If and how will be a discussion had by the board and then presented to the membership for consideration. More information about the jet can be found at this link below.

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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.



MINUTES OF THE April 7th, 2026 MEETING OF THE AEROHAWKS

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM.

Approval of minutes

1. Minutes of the February 3rd meeting were approved.
2. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Old Business

1. *New Airfield Search*: Several members met with the County Conservation Board on March 17th. That Board's general outlook was favorable, if private negotiations were successfully completed first. Extensive discussion by club members ensued. If approved, the move would commence in 2028.
2. *April Ditch clean-up*: was cancelled due to wet weather. Will be rescheduled with the landfill. The second clean-up will be held November 7th
3. *University Safety Review*. Tom Peters has students from the University coming out to review the safety policies at Aerohawk Field. Date to be determined.

New Business

1. *Manager of Training*. No volunteers. Temporary assignments were made while the search for a permanent Manager continues.
2. *Spring Field Preparation*. Scheduled for April 25th. Field to rolled, staples checked, grass mowed, clubhouse cleaned, etc.
3. *Airshow 2026*: to be held July 11th from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. A list of preparation requirements was divided among attending members.
4. *Sabula Island Days* to be held August 7th – 8th.
5. *BSA Training*: Green Castle Airfield, Oxford, IA, May 9th, 1-4p.m. Volunteers with planes needed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.. Minutes submitted by Ken Morse.

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



2026 Upcoming Events

Red text indicates new events

~~Apr 4 9:00 a.m. Ditch Cleanup #1~~

~~Apr 7 7:00 p.m. Monthly Members Meeting (Aerohawks Clubhouse)~~

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)**

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 !!!!



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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)
