



The Radio Flyer



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DITCH CLEAN-UP, SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH

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. Our scheduled April cleanup is coming soon, and **we need your help!**

Our next clean-up effort is currently scheduled for Saturday, April 6th. The club will gather at 8:15 a.m. for juice and donuts at the clubhouse before heading out in small groups at 9:00a.m. to round up all the wayward trash collecting in the new and improved IVW roadway drainage ditches. The greater the number

of participants, the less exertion each group spends. We really need a minimum of 24 able-bodied people to easily perform this task. **Join us there!**



Monthly General Meeting:

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7:00 p.m. Tuesday April 2nd

Aerohawks Field Clubhouse

3860 Hebl Road

Iowa City, Iowa



Monthly Board Meeting:

7:00p.m. Tuesday, April 16th

(open to all)

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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.

Airfield Upgrades Progress Report

Last Autumn the Board approved three improvement projects for Aerohawks airfield to be completed before the 2024 flying season opening.

First, the former two-part shed was to be demolished, removed, and a new single, up-to-date storage shed was to be constructed. That project has been completed and is now in use.



Second, the uneven runway was to be leveled. That repair has commenced with rolling some higher spots to be more level.

Third, addressing a safety issue, the entrance gate was to be repositioned some thirty feet further toward the club house and additional fencing added to create an entrance corridor, thus allowing vehicles with trailers to pull completely off Hebl Road before opening the gate (red arrow, adjacent). Awaiting our winter thaw, that project has now also begun, to be completed later this month.



????? Editor Requests Reader Assistance ?????

This current newsletter has been published for 31½ years (vol 378/12 months) since 1991. However, the club had apparently been in operation for some time before that. Endeavoring to find information about club activities prior to the first newsletter, I have found several articles that provide hints of our Aerohawks history.

As the newest club Information Officer, I wish to accumulate additional information about the club history, potentially to be used in some of our public relations materials. However, I have only been a member of the club for five years, thus I hope to learn of prior members experiences with the club to fill in blank spaces in my understanding of the club's past.

Thus, I am asking any former and/or current club participants to share their memories of their club experience. You may contact me a kndjmorse@gmail.com and we can go from there.

Ken Morse, Newsletter Editor/Information Officer

Minutes of the March 5, 2024 Aerohawks General Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Peters at 7:00 pm

Rich Vedepo made a motion to accept the minutes of the February General Meeting of the Aerohawks that was given a second by Ben Yoder. The motion was passed.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Roger Schultz. Categories of income were reviewed.

Expenses were minimal. Cash on hand was reported. A motion was made by Lance Meyer and seconded by Ken Morse to accept the report. The vote to accept the report passed.

Officers of the club were each asked if they had any business needing attention. None was raised except by Field Marshall Lance Meyer. It was decided that replacement of the gate and pre flying season attention needed on the runway and field house clean-up will be pursued on the April 6 ditch clean-up day.

The trip to Dynamic Balsa went well, with a number of purchases being made and considerable food consumed. Fun, fun.

The issue of securing a new flying site was reviewed. There is no new news to report.

Gary Bernabe was again successful in securing the Gold Leader designation for our club from the AMA.

Ben Yoder finished the needed electrical work on the new equipment shed.

We set the dates for the three float flies as follows: 1. on June 1 at the Riverside Casino lake. 2.

August 2 - 4 at Sabulla, and 3. October 5 at Sabulla. NOTAM (Notice to Air Mission) with location and dates need to be filed before each float fly event.

The Air Show which will be held on July 7 received attention in the attempt to secure volunteers for each leadership position. Volunteers secured were the following:

- a. Bruce Gardner will be the director of parking,
- b. concession had been filled but is to be kept a secret for now. (???)
- c. Rich Vedepo will devise the program agenda and Bruce will help recruit flying participants.
- d. Joe Sherson and John Young will direct the flight line during the show,
- e. Tom Peters will take care of securing and preparing the raffle planes, Roger Schultz and Charles McCullough will sell raffle tickets,
- f. Rich will make arrangements for participation in the Coralville July 4 parade,
- g. Ken Morse will handle media and advertisement issues. (a radio station that might provide is KCRG),
- h. Bruce Fischer will enquire about TV advertisement from the Cedar Rapids club that has been able to receive such.

The March officers meeting will be held at the airfield clubhouse and the April 2 General Meeting will also be held at the airfield clubhouse.

The meeting was declared adjourned.

Submitted by Secretary Bruce Fischer





2024 Annual Schedule of Events (**updated**)

~~Jan 1~~ ~~New Year's Day Chili Fun Fly~~

~~Jan 27~~ ~~Swap meet~~

~~Feb 17~~ ~~Dynamic Balsa Trip~~

Apr 6 Ditch Cleanup

May 4 Maiden Voyage Day

May 23 Meat the Members (free burgers and dogs)

Jun 1 Float Fly, **Riverside Casino Lake**

Jun 13 Meat the Members (free burgers and dogs)

July 7 Aerohawks Air Show

Aug 2-4 Float Fly @ Sabula Days

Aug/Sep Night Fly TBA

Sep 22 Family Fun Day / Farewell to summer

Oct 5 Float Fly, **Sabula**

Nov 2 Ditch Cleanup

Dec 7 Holiday Party

Current Club Officers - 2024:

President	Tom Peters	thomas-m-peters@uiowa.edu	Secretary	Bruce Fischer	bwfischer61@gmail.com
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Liquid Fuels

Store in appropriate opaque containers away from light, heat sources, and with adequate ventilation.

Keep all containers closed, use any opened containers within a year.

Observe compatible materials.

Not all poly gloves or plastic containers are resistant to alcohol and/or detergents.

Spills on many types of materials like styrofoam will create highly flammable sticky goos similar to napalm.

Old oil and fuels.

Open containers will absorb moisture and degrade performance.

Separation of oil blends, additives, and alcohol settle as quickly as 2 months.

Bacteria growth grows within separation of fuels and can lead to sickness.

