



The Radio Flyer



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SABULA ISLAND DAYS, 2026

The Aerohawks were first invited to participate in the Sebula Island Days Festival in August, 2024. This year, our fourth consecutive year, saw the largest contingent of members, planes, boats and oddities yet. A video gallery is posted on page 2.

A few members arrived early, on Friday evening, and participated in the Fireman's parade. This year's theme was "Pirates of pool 13". Members of the Aerohawks participated, and the community appreciation was mentioned on their social media (Facebook Page).

New this year was a streamer cutting exercise, and while no one cut the streamer, Tom Peters was noted as being very close several times.



The weather was very cooperative, with a light haze in a very blue, sunny sky, with little wind to hinder either planes or boats. For those who missed this year, plan now for next year's participation.

Next Sabula Float Fly October 2-4 @ Driscoll Island

September scheduled club meetings:

Monthly General Meeting:

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, **Sept 1st**

(open to all)

[Clubhouse](#)

[3860 Hebl Drive](#)

[Iowa City, Iowa](#)



Monthly Board Meeting:

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, **Sept 15th**

(open to all)

[Clubhouse](#)

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[Iowa City, Iowa](#)

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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.

SABULA ISLAND DAYS, 2026 (CONTINUED)

Members



North End View



South End View

Planes



Streamer Tow Plane



Plane launch and retrieve



Helicopter Model

Boats



Jet Boat Model



A close call



Tug Boat Model

Oddities



Sea Monster (Goose)



Alligator (model) boat



Smallest Free Floater



Rescue Boat (real)



Speed Boat (Mode)



Continuous Maintenance

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

According to the Club By-Laws, the members must elect a new Board of Directors at the December Member's Meeting (December 1st, 2026), successful candidates to serve beginning January 1st, 2027. To that end, a proposed slate of candidates must be published in this Newsletter in the October edition (next month).

There is an upcoming vacancy for the position of Club Secretary which has yet to be filled. The secretary keeps minutes of Member Meetings, attends called Board Meetings, and distributes correspondence as necessary.

If you are willing to assist in the smooth operation of our club administration, please contact Lance Meyer, or any of the board members listed on page 6 of this newsletter.

OPTOMIST CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The **Iowa City Airport Optomist Club Pancake Breakfast** was held on Saturday, August 23rd at the Iowa City Airport. Several Aerohawks provided planes and boats for static display. The weather was nearly perfect, and many discussions with visitors kept the Aerohawks volunteers busy all morning. Thank you, on the club's behalf, to those who represented the club to the Iowa City community.



“MEAT” THE MEMBERS (AUG 20TH).

This program of a sponsored pot luck meal along with normal flying activity is designed to give new members an opportunity to fly with the club and to socialize with established club members. This time, there were only 13 participants, one of whom was a new member. The meat for the meal was provided by the club, while members were asked to contribute an accompanying food.

Bill Lee demonstrated his skill as a grill master, and there was much discussion of the canned beans. While the flying weather was good, it was disappointing that there were so few participants.

MINUTES OF THE August 4th, 2026 MEETING OF THE AEROHAWKS

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.

Approval of minutes

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

Old Business

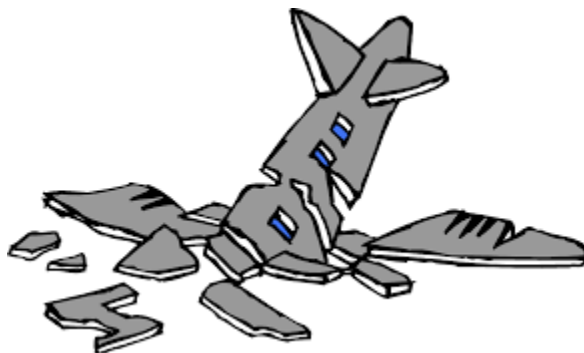
1. *Final recap of the Air Show.* Financial statistics were shared.

New Business

1. *New flying site update.* Lance indicated that there is a verbal agreement for the new Air Field. Lance will be working on written contracts after the Sabula Float Fly.
2. *Determine whether the board* should be granted authority to oversee all sales of club assets or if a club member needs to be appointed to oversee the sales efforts.
3. *There was discussion* of the current leash requirement for dogs at the airfield, whether changes are needed, including member expectations regarding dogs in the pits, flight line, and common areas. Do the By-Laws possibly need to be changed or do the rules need to be enforced.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Bill Lee.





2026 Upcoming Events

Red text indicates new events

~~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. "Meet 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 20 1:00 p.m. Family Fun Day/Farewell to Summer (Flying Field)

Oct 2-4 **TBD Float Fly (Driscoll Island, Sebula, IA)**
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)

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