



The Radio Flyer

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Lot's Changed Since We Last Spoke

Well...Sooooooo...what's been going on with you guys??? I know that might be a little contrived sentiment towards the current situation but trying to think of something to write about other than what's going on is hard, so I apologize ahead of time as you read this newsletter. I will work to keep it about our hobby and club...cause that's what this newsletter is about.

YES, the majority of articles will be about the way we are changing and modifying how we do business, but no worries. I will mention how the club is still OPEN, but we might not have food to grill or how to limit your time in the clubhouse, but no worries. I will even mention how many events may have been canceled or postponed, but no worries, for now the health and wellbeing of ALL or club members, and everyone in general, is in the forefront.

But this is a SOCIAL CLUB! That's its purpose...is to bring people together for a common goal. In today's times this might be hard, but not impossible. The time spent together/ alongside each other is now limited to 6 feet, but this does not say we can't be social. As I write this today, the government and reporters are starting to change it from "Social Separation" to "Physical Separation". So, with the above for-mentioned....YES, the club is open. Please be respectful to ALL club members and their space. You might think that everyone is "cool" with being in the club house together or you looming over their back as you fasten your wing bolt on...guess what, they're NOT! PLEASE, respect each others space.

OK, so for the next few months, one of the biggest changes in the way we do business is that the Membership Meeting and Board Members meeting are going to be on ZOOM teleconferencing (no more Pizza Ranch). We will be posting on our FaceBook page the access information for the up and coming meetings or events. As a test (and just for fun) V.P. Tom Peters has created a "Aerohawk Campfire" for tomorrow night, March 31st at 7pm. This would be a great way to catch up on what club members are up to and make sure you know how to use ZOOM. You don't need a logon and no need to load an app, all you need to do is click on the FaceBook link <https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/208665266> and follow the prompts.

Also, as you can surmise from the rant above, the grill and burger/hot dog supplies will not be available for the next few months to help with the 6 foot "Physical Separation" (remember, we can still be SOCIAL). But YES, the club is OPEN! I also regret to inform the membership that the very well anticipated Ditch Clean-Up this coming weekend, April 4th, has been cancelled. I know this is something we have had on our calendars for some time and been looking forward to, but unfortunate is postponed for now.

Going forward, the club is OPEN. For some of us, we have a little extra, unexpected time on our hands, so if the weather looks good, head out to the field and relive some stress. This will hopefully be over sooner than later, so until that happens, enjoy the hobby and share what your up to via **FaceBook / ZOOM / text / phone** with your fellow clubmembers!

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Spectators are welcome at the Aerohawks' flying field and clubhouse on Hebl Avenue, west on Melrose, west of HWY 218, on manicured, reclaimed land near the entrance to the Landfill. New members are welcome at any time, at any level of skill.

The Club has an active, free instructional program for beginners. Membership is \$60 annually, and the Club also requires that members volunteer help with work projects from time to time. Members must also join the Academy of Model Aeronautics, (the Iowa City Aerohawks are Chapter 824).

Iowa City Aerohawks General Meeting March 3rd, 2020

Meeting brought to order by President Lizzie Peters @ 7:00 PM at the Pizza Ranch in Iowa City.

Treasurers report from Mary Curtis

Motion to accept – Scott Garrett

2nd – Roger Schultz.....Accepted

Lizzie asked if any changes seen to the minutes

Motion to accept Minutes – Roger Schultz

2nd – Scott Garrett.....Accepted

OLD BUSINESS

Ditch clean up is coming April 4th. Please mark your calendars. A phone tree is set up. Scott Garrett and Charlie Bray will be calling.

The first Float Fly is June 20th. Exact location is till to be determined.

Charlie brought up the mowing schedule. See Charlie early to make sure you get the times you want.

Air show committee update:

Bruce Fischer handed around a list of volunteer items. He's asking for members to look and see if anything else needs to be added. Please let Bruce know if so. Next month, emails will be sent out for sign up.

NEW BUSINESS

BIG REMINDER !!! – Do not walk on the runway at this time. Spring thaw has started and it is very, very, soft.

Roger has proposed fixing up the inside of the clubhouse. He has proposed a materials list for replacing the wood work on the bottom of the walls. We will also be repairing drywall damage inside the clubhouse.

Motion made to spend \$ 350.00 for repairs – Scott Garrett

2nd – Lance Meyers.....Accepted

Bruce Fischer mentioned that there was a gentleman that is looking to liquidate his aircraft materials. We will be scanning the lists and sending out to the members.

Mary spoke with Dave Petzel in regards to the website, and mentioned that if anyone sends items to him, he will be happy to post. Also, if anyone is interested in being an assistant admin. for the website, please let him know.

Roger Schultz mentioned that someone brought to his attention of installing new landscaping block over in front of the door. The board will be discussing.

Rich mentioned a new technical device to install in our sound system to adjust the volume levels when speaking in a microphone. The board will discuss. Cost is approximately 200 dollars.

There was a very nice article in the AMA magazine. Make sure you read it.

Motion to adjourn– Larry Bailey

2nd – Scott Garrett.....Accepted

Meeting adjourned @ 7:35 PM

AEROHAWK CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

Well, as you can imagine, this section of the Newsletter is going to be changing as things change with the current health situation. We will be postponing some events and outright cancelling others. For the most current information, PLEASE view our FaceBook page. There are still a few dates not shown and that will change as we see how the rest of the year pans out. For instance, the Fun Fly tends to be later in the year when the organizer has time. Also, you will see the Holiday Party is not listed cause we cannot book the restaurant out this far in advance but it usually falls on the 1st or 2nd Wednesday of December. Remember to check FaceBook for current changes in the schedule and links to ZOOM meetings!

Apr 4...~~Ditch Cleanup~~ **postponed**

Apr 26...~~Maiden Voyage Day~~ **postponed**

Jun 20...Float Fly @ Riverside

Jul 12...Air Show

Aug 8...Float Fly @ Riverside

Aug 27-30...Night Fly

Oct 10...Float Fly @ Kent Park

Nov 7...Ditch Cleanup

2020 MOWING SCHEDULE

It's springtime in Iowa. Springtime brings with it the birds chirping, the flowers blooming and GRASS! Yep, time wake up ol' JD (John Deere) and get him out of the shed.

We are very fortunate that our Field Marshal, Charlie Bray was able to almost fill the whole mowing schedule for 2020. But there are a few spots open and if you feel like sitting on a mower for about an hour and a half, cruising around the field on a kush tractor, listening to tunes on your very own, self-supplied headset, then this is a job for you. Seriously though, this is a quick and easy way to help out the club. Regardless of Rich and Dion's quality standards, it doesn't need to be perfect and if you have a hard time making the Ditch Clean up or any other event, this is a GREAT WAY to help out the club.

Charlie will have the list posted on the bulletin board out at the field, you can just jot your name in any of the open weeks to help out the club. Thanks!!! Below is the current list as of today.

Week Starting.....

April 19th...Rich Vedepo (tentative)

April 26th...Roger Schultz

May 3rd...Eric Roehrle

May 10th...Brett Lenz

May 17th...Bruce Fischer

May 21st...Scott Garrett

May 31st...Tom Peters

June 7th...Rich Vedepo

June 14th...Gary Kleinmeyer

June 21st...**OPEN**

June 28th...Gary Bernabe

July 5th...Dion Daubenmier

July 12th...Dion Daubenmier

July 19th...**OPEN**

July 26th...Kevin Malamphy

August 2nd...Scott Garrett

August 9th...Charlie, Bo

August 16th...Eric Roehrle

August 23rd...Larry Bailey

August 30th...Charlie, Bo

September 6th...**OPEN**

September 13th...**OPEN**

September 20th...**OPEN**

September 27th...**OPEN**

October 4th...**OPEN**

October 11th...**OPEN**

October 18th...**OPEN**

2020 AIRSHOW UPDATE

The Aerohawks Airshow Committee (better known as the AAC) has been working very hard and drinking many beers preparing this years list of events and pilots. Below is the current list of events and those who have signed up. If you have any suggestions or changes, please let Bruce Fisher or one of the committee know. Thank You.

Announcer

- Rich VeDepo

Banner tow

- Aerohawk flag:
Tim Saylor
- American flag:
Matthew Rosendahl
- Pork Producers flag:
Marc Niehus
- Wind sock:
Charlie Bray

Parade of flight

(2 flights; 1 nitro, 1 electric)

- Bruce Fischer
- Eric Roehrl
- Gary Bernabe
- Gary Kleinmeyer
- John Fordice
- Marc Niehus
- Mike Tansey
- Scott Kruger
- Charlie and Bo Bray
- Gary Kleinmeyer
- Marc Niehus
- Scott Kruger

WW1 tribute

- Bruce Fischer
- Marc Shelstrom
- Steve Braudt
- Tom Peters
- Mike VeDepo
- Brian Burcar (Dynamic Balsa)

Golden age tribute

- Bruce Fischer
- Gary Kleinmeyer
- Marc Niehus
- Marc Shelstrom?
- Roger Schultz
- Tim Saylor
- Tom Peters

Giant WWII tribute

- Gary Kleinmeyer
 - Marc Niehus
 - Roger Schultz
 - Tim Saylor
 - Tom Villhauer
 - Mike VeDepo
 - Lance Meyer?
 - Tony Mineart
- Candy drop
- Marc Niehus
 - Roger Schultz

EDF flyby

- Gary Bernabe
- Lonnie Louvar
- Marc Niehus
- Matthew Rosendahl
- Scott Kruger
- Tim Saylor
- Mike VeDepo
- Kevin Malamphy

Gaggle demonstration

- Marc Niehus
- Matthew Rosendahl
- Tim Saylor
- Tony Mineart
- (Dion, Scott Mefferd, others?)

Helicopter review

- Ryan Sams

Limbo contest

- Charlie and Bo Bray
- Lizzie Peters
- Marc Niehus
- Eric Roehl

Sailplane Demo

- Marc Niehus

Turbine flyby

- Chappy ?
- Marc Niehus
- Tim Saylor
- Mike VeDepo

Comic act

Main Event

- Lonnie Louvar
(Streamer tow)
- Kevin Malamphy
(Streamer tow)
- Gary K.
(Streamer tow)
- Eric Roehrl
- Gary Bernabe
- Gary Kleinmeyer
- Lizzie Peters
- Marc Niehus
- Matthew Rosendahl
- Scott Kruger
- Steve Braudt
- Tim Saylor
- Mike VeDepo
- Tony Mineart