



# The Radio Flyer

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## First Family Fun Fly, Favorable!

That might be an understatement. It was more than “favorable” but that was the only synonym I could find for “success” that started with an F, in keeping to the title theme. Our club drum majors (please read the last Radio Flyer for that reference), Kevin and Bill were there hoping to start off the day's events around 1:30 pm. But they were not the first ones there. Rich and Ginger had showed up around 11:30am to get the facilities and the food preparations in order. The intent of the day to share the hobby with family and friends in lieu of the airshow. With 37 confirmed and about 50 people trickling in and out as the day went on, it definitely did what I was supposed to.



The day brought many interesting flights and a couple memorable ones as well. When talking to those of you who were there, I find it interesting that everyone is remembering the stories of dings, nicks and crashes. I could try to tell you about how great Dennis D's Red and White Piper Cub flew and how it flew scale...or how Matt R. put on a 3D routine with his military paint scheme SkyWing ARS...or even Rich's Yak Attack 3D demo...Unfortunately no one could tell me much about all those, I'm sure, great flights that went well. All they could tell me was a lot about those that didn't...in good fun a jest!

With Scott K. starting off the day of memorable incidents and accidents. The day with very favorable conditions, a light breeze and very few clouds in the sky, but Mother Nature was still lurking...according to Scott. With the plane set up on the graceful decent to final, Scott said that a gust of wind had pushed his plane hard into the runway resulting in snapping the gear off. With minor damage and quick fix, we should see it back soon. But not to be outdone, Tom P. left us wondering if he was one of the more skilled pilots or just a lucky one. Im guessing the latter. After having continuing issues with his FourStar engine, Tom elected to go up for another flight. Someone quoted him saying “Ahhh, it will run just fine until it doesn't.” With Tom's dead-stick skills improving daily due to his FourStar's engine, he demonstrated how to use the whole runway to your advantage and show that you can stop it on a dime, in the grass, feet away from hitting the fence. Also demonstrating the “Skill VS Luck” theory was Rich V. After being asked to “Bring it in low.” for a photo pass by Brian D. ...(No fault in this incident can or will be attributed to Brian...he's blame free) ...and according to Rich the “High-Rates were ON.” ...(No fault in this incident can or will be attributed to High-Rates ON...they are blame free)... Rich



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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).



bumped the sticks which resulted in the left wheel hitting the ground just hard enough to snap it and the wheel pants off the plane. Luckily and skillfully this was followed by an uneventful and probably one of Rich's best landings.

There was an addition to our MidAmerican Utilitarian Award trophy that day...and the award goes to John B. for clipping his E-Flight P-51 on the power line during landing. If you missed last year's Holiday Party then you may have missed the introduction to this very illustrious award for individuals that have struck either the power line or pole. The unofficial name is "The Pole Club". After a very close and uneventful flight, John, being new to our runway reference points, did what many had done before him, thought he was past the power lines and pole but in actuality was on the other side only to find out this fact a few seconds later.

Which leads us to the last two events for the day, the meal and the 50/50 raffle. Both are tied together but I will explain that later. HUGE THANKS goes out to Ginger and Rich V. for baking, packaging, purchasing, preparing, setup and distributing the free meal that finished the day's events. Ginger took it upon herself to bake and individually package cookies for everyone. During the service, all were required to sterilize prior to receiving their plates from Ginger who was working the buns and Rich was plating the burgers that Scott G. had grilled. Thanks again Scott for all the cooking you do! This with the individual packaged chips and the limit of 2-3 people being served at a time and then social distancing, truly exemplified how well we can now do an event with food, safely. Thanks again to Ginger and Rich for putting this together! SIDE NOTE: On occasion, Scott has been known to call out to the field and asks that if he stops by Safeway and grabs some pork or steak and potatoes that he's willing to grill on his Egg, wanting to know how many would be interested... even if you have brought out your own food, leave it for another day and RAISE YOUR HAND! Scotty can pick out and grill some of the best food, especially after a great day of flying.



This brings us to the surprisingly coincidental event, the 50/50 raffle. It would be easy to just write the congratulations to Scott K. for winning the 50/50, but there's more than just a congratulation. As you all know, the club picked up the tab for the cost of the food and was hoping to offset it a little by having a 50/50...which it did accomplish. But his year's winner Scott K. decided to donate his winning back to the club while saying "I don't get to help out as much as I would like to, so I would like to donate my winnings back to the club.", which will more than offset the cost of this event. THANK YOU Scott K. for your donation.



It was a truly laid back day with a lot of unfamiliar and familiar faces, including many family members. Talking to members that have been in the club for many years, this type of Family Fun Fly in some form or another had been done in the past but it slowly had gone away because the amount of events on our calendar. With a great turnout of club member's, family and friends, even amid the current situation and that it's an event made and meant just for our close group, we might want to think about making this an annual event. This is a great way our club could give back to members, friends and family for what they do while sharing the hobby.



# A WEATHER VANES VAIN



About a month ago, new club member John Biondo found an old weather vane that use to be on his house. Before disposing of the artifact and with nowhere to put it, he was struck with an idea like a bolt of lightning. Would the Aerohawks like to decorate the club house and take it which ever way the wind blows. Since this would be the highest point of his building career, he knew he had to improve this vanes looks. Grounded in his ability to revamp the old decreitive metal rod, John discharged all the energy he could muster to improve this plane vane vain looks.



Sorry, its late and I'm short on puns! Seriously, John was kind enough to refurbish and donate an old weather vanes of his so that we could adorn it on top of our clubhouse. I was able to hop up on the roof to take a closeup of this piece of art. It is very cool looking and the paint job is perfect not to mention that it swivels like its on ballbearings. GREAT JOB John and THANK YOU!

## 2020 MOWING SCHEDULE

We are very fortunate that our Field Marshal, Charlie Bray was almost able to fill the whole mowing schedule for 2020. This is a quick and easy 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 next months lucky winners!!!

### A Look Ahead...The Next Few Weeks

Aug 2nd - 8th...Scott Garrett	Aug 23rd - Aug 29th...Larry Bailey
Aug 9th - 15th...Charlie & Bo	Aug 30th - Sept 5th...Lonnie Louvar
Aug 16th - Aug 22nd...Eric Roehrle	Sep 6th - Sep12th...OPEN

## AEROHAWK CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

There are still a few dates not shown and that will chance 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. Check FaceBook for current changes in the schedule!

<b>Aug 8...Float Fly @ Riverside</b>	<b>Oct 10...Float Fly @ Kent Park</b>
<b>Aug 27-30...Night Fly</b>	<b>Nov 7...Ditch Cleanup</b>
<b>TBD ... Holiday Party</b>	

# Iowa City Aerohawks General Meeting July 7th, 2020

General meeting brought to order at 7PM  
via zoom by President Lizzie Peters

Mary Curtis brought forth the financial  
report

Motion to accept – Marc Niehus

2nd – Roger Schultz

Passed

Secretary Bill Kiesel supplied meeting  
minutes May

Motion to accept – Rich VeDepo

2nd – Roger Schultz

Passed



## **OLD BUSINESS**

Roger Schultz mentioned that he has not had a chance to finish the inside of the clubhouse yet, but will very soon.

The ditch clean up is still to be determined.

Matt Rosenthal has volunteered to take the training program Director. Please see Matt with any questions you have about learning how to fly.

Reminder that the Airshow is cancelled.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Very in-depth discussion occurred regarding training new pilots on Thursday nights and Sundays. Future discussions will be happening between the Board members and then the general body. Reviewing the By-Laws and reading how this is written.

The night fly is still undetermined. Tim Saylor is heading this up and will be getting in touch with the general body.

Mowing has started to slow down. Maybe just mow the pits as needed. It is getting really dry. Great job on the newsletters Marc. We all have really enjoyed.

The July 12th get together will be a fun day together to fly. Nothing overly organized. Possibly cook out around 4 or 5. More info will be going out on Facebook. The Club will be getting burgers and chips and all the necessities. This is in the budget and will not be a charge.

Thank you very much for the new weather vane. It looks beautiful.

Motion to adjourn- Roger Schultz

2nd – Scott Garrett

Passed

Meeting adjourned @ 7:43 PM