



# The Radio Flyer

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## End of the Year Wrap-Up



Is it me or is this years flying season never going to end! This has been the longest flying season that I can remember since joining the Aerohawks...with the October-November weather bringing us 60 degree days that include light winds, it looks like at this pace we will be flying all the way up and into the New Years Chili Fun Fly. And the Aerohawks have been taking advantage of the beautiful weather with over a dozen pilots taking to the air this last weekend...IN NOVEMBER!

With the Holiday Party coming up Wednesday, December 13th..I know that Rich is going to have a great program in store for us that will take a look back at the year, especially those moments that stood out, mainly in a funnier way, so I don't want to take away from any of the stories...but I do need to take time to thank ALL the Aerohawks that came out for our last Ditch-Clean-Up (and everyone that has helped out with the others!)

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU** to all that came out to help in our third and final ditch-clean-up for 2017! Yeah, we did it! The 20 some Aerohawks that were able to make it out, made quick work of the over 3/4 tons of trash (this is just an estimation) that was collected. Over 50 bags of trash and other assorted items were collected last Saturday.

With the mass of the crew showing up by 8:45, donuts in hand, crews were quickly divided into 4 crews...one working east from the corner, one working west from 218 and the other two dividing at the middle working out. This made very quick work of the fairly trash filled ditches. With the turnout we had, guys were out of the ditches roughly 45 min later...some returning to pick up bags lost off the overfilled trailer. This was Rodgers attempt at job security!

I took a peek back at what we have done and the photos of who had helped out, specifically at the ditch clean-ups of years past. This year has brought a greater diversity and number of club members of years past. That speaks volumes to what a amazing club we have. This last ditch clean-up proved that the "more the merrier", making very quick work of something that, well...lets be honest, could find something more entertaining on a Saturday morning!

**THANK YOU AGAIN**, for those who came out to help! So I would be somewhat remiss in the title of this newsletter since the flying season keeps going, its to some extent, hard to call this a "Wrap-up"

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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

### November 1st, 201

Meeting brought to order by President Dave Petsel @ 7:00 PM at the Pizza Ranch in North Liberty.

Treasurers report from Lance Meyer

Motion to accept – Rich VeDepo

2nd – Marc Niehus

Accepted

A big thank you to Chris Roy for the donation to the club.

Secretary Bill Kiesel supplied the minutes.

Dave asked if any changes to the month's minutes.

None seen.

Motion to accept– Marc Niehus

2nd – Rich VeDepo

Accepted

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Dave Petsel mentioned that the irrigation system has been winterized. DO NOT hook the line up to the hydrant.

The club would like to thank Marc Niehus and Bill Kiesel for organizing the Fun Fly. Things went very well. A much larger thank you to Marc Niehus for all of the advanced preparation and organization of the Fun Fly. Thank you MARC !!!

Scott Garrett found a very good deal on a new grill.

Motion to purchase – Marc Niehus

2nd - Scott Garrett

Passed

There will be some changes on how the grill will be used and maintained. Please speak with your board members if you want to know further information regarding this.

Dave mentioned a gentleman, that was brought to his attention, that could use some assistance over the Christmas season with his family. This was mentioned to the club for people that might be interested in helping this family. Please ask Dave for more information. All donations would be directed to our Treasurer, Lance. Lance will collect the funds, and the club will make the gift to them for Christmas. The donation will be a gift certificate for Major Hobbies.

Dave reminded everyone of the Christmas Party on December 13th. \$22.00 per person. If you sign up, you are committed and expected to pay. Gary Bernabe will be at the door collecting money.

Update on the swap meet. We do not need anyone for the concessions. This will be handled in house with the Marriott.

Marc and Rich have a layout established for the event center. Further information will be coming soon. We will need a lot of volunteers to assist with this much larger event.

Please remember that we will be having the New Year's day chili fly again on January 1st. Please make sure you have your dues and AMA paid to fly at it.

The slate of Officers has been posted in the newsletter. Please review this and be ready to vote on it at the next meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A phone tree has been established for the ditch clean up this weekend. Mary Curtis, Roger Schultz, Steve Linn will be calling. Thank you for doing that.

Ditch clean up this weekend. November 11th.

We will be looking at moving the Fun Fly to earlier in the year.

Discussion ensued regarding quadcopter pilots. They will best tested and trained like other pilots in the area. The testing will be completed with a board member. At that point they will be listed as a pilot.

Bruce gave a review of the training program. A big thank you to everyone who has been training new pilots. We understand it takes a lot, and we really do appreciate it.

The board will look at purchasing a raffle prize for the swap meet.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:10 PM

Motion – Marc Niehus

2nd – Roger Schutz

# December 2017

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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## 2017 Event Calendar

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December 13th  
Holiday Party

January 1st  
New Year's Chili Fun Fly

## January 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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Don't forget that the first Tuesday of the month is the General Membership Meeting and the third Tuesday of the month is the Officers Meeting at the **Field Club House!!!**

Club night is every Thursday night..."what is club night?" you may ask...well, its the night we all like to get together fly and grill out at the Club! Bring a dish to share!