



The Radio Flyer

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2020 Season Starts

It's always a good sign to see about 30+ club members, friends and family make they're way out to airfield to watch a few great pilots fight the cold and wind just for the title of "First Flight, 2020". That award would go to Rich VeDepo, witnessed by your truly (It's Marc typing this...if your wondering). Rich was flying his slightly modified high wing trainer into 15mph+ winds with the temperature at that time slowly climbing from 25C, peeking around 2pm at 43C. The morning defiantly brought on a thick layer of frost, but unfortunately there was no snow to be found.

The days events were to have started around 9am, but after news got out that Rich was First Flight 2020 at 8:30 that morning, the majority of those in attendance strolled in from 10am to the noon hour. I can only attribute this to the fact that hours leading up, we had created another "Aerohawk Buffet" that could have feed a small Army. There were four main Chili dishes with a Mac-&-Cheese casserole in crockpots that defiantly tested our power supply. Not to mention the home made desserts and other sides.



With that many in attendance but only about a half dozen pilots willing to brave the cold and windy weather, this was defiantly one of those more social/eating events. Luckily, no planes were damaged during the days event.

An obvious thanks goes out to the, let me make sure I get the title of their group correct, "The Readiness Committee". A group that came out a few days in advance to make sure that everything was in place, table clothes down and ready to go! Rich, Joe S., Dion and Lance...Thanks for making the place look festive and clean! We especially enjoyed the Holiday Tree decorated with one could call planes?

The New Years Chili Fun Fly is always a great way to kick off the year. Granted, the last couple have been a little void of snow but for most of us, it's a great time to get back in touch and start off the season.

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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

January 7th, 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 – Lance Meyer

2nd – Roger Schultz

Accepted

Lizzie asked if any changes seen to the minutes

None seen

Motion to accept Minutes – Rich VeDepo

2nd – Roger Schultz

Accepted



OLD BUSINESS

Rich brought up the FAA suggestions they are making for a new Law. Discussion ensued and determined how we should respond. Rich also expressed the need to have each individual member to send comments to your congressional representative. There are several proposals being suggested by the FAA that would greatly affect our hobby. Go into the AMA website and you will see a link on how to respond.

Swap meet is coming up. We discussed the flyer needed for the swap meet that we can send out and hopefully everyone will post on the Facebook page. A call list was set up to remind everyone about the set up for the swap meet. Marc will let us know when we will be able to get in for set up.

We will be auctioning off the new Otter through Horizon.

Reminder to everyone to pay their dues.

Gary Kleinmeyer will be sending out emails to the Air Show committee for a meeting next week.

NEW BUSINESS

Lizzie mentioned that the Aerohawks website is outdated with several items. Discussion ensued regarding the need for the web site. Tom Peters will contact Dave Petsel and discuss the site.

Lance mentioned that we will be discussing the repairs to the interior of the clubhouse this spring.

We also introduced a guest that was with us here.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:44 PM

Motion – Lance Meyer

2nd – Larry Bailey

Accepted



AEROHAWK CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

Jan 1...Chili New Year's Day Fly

Feb 1...Swap meet

Apr 4...Ditch Cleanup

Apr 26...Maiden Voyage Day

Jun 20...Float Fly @ Riverside Casino

Jul 12...Air Show

Aug 8...Float Fly @ Riverside Casino

Aug 27-30...Night Fly

Oct 10...Float Fly @ Kent Park

Nov 7...Ditch Cleanup

Above you will see the tentative calendar for all Iowa City Aerohawk major events for 2020. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE....take some time now to write these dates down on your calendar (regardless if its paper or electronic...DO IT NOW!!!). There are a few dates not shown and that is due to ensuring that it works out in our schedule later in the year. For instance, the Fun Fly tends to be later in the year when the organizer has time...we are thinking of having this earlier this year and it is still under discussion. 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.

Don't forget, the 1st Tuesday of every month is the Club Meeting which is currently being held at the Iowa City Pizza Ranch and the 3rd Tuesday is Officers Meeting that everyone is welcome and the location will be posted on FaceBook.

SWAP MEET UPDATE!!! THINGS LOOK GREAT!!!

With the 2020 SWAP MEET right around the corner...this Saturday...things are looking GREAT!!! We have sold a record number of VIP areas...as a fact, we are SOLD OUT of VIP areas and are still taking the last few table rentals reservations as this is being put out!.

You should be getting a phone call from one of our club members asking for your assistance/help. We are looking for those who would be able to help out Friday night for about 30-45 minutes unloading tables and setting them into place. Myself and a couple others will be there ahead of time to mark out on the floor where the tables should be placed, we just need you guys to help drop them into place.

Also, we are looking for a group to be there after the Swap Meet to tear down and stack tables. Because we are at the Marriott, ALL we have to do is put tables UP & DOWN, the Marriott takes care of the rest (Cleaning/concessions/etc.) This is a GREAT way you can help the club out and its quick! Afterwards, most likely both days, we will be finding a place to go grab some grub after all the work has been done!

Last Note: We are still looking for volunteers to help with the TABLE CHECK-IN and ADMISSIONS the day of the event. If you think you could help out even for a little bit, please contact our VP Tom Peters at thomas-m-peters@uiowa.com or (319)471-0039.

