



The Radio Flyer

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LOOK...Issue #300...WOOT WOOT!!!

Float Fly Fun Times



The First Float Fly is in the books for this year!...And what an...an...uneventful one it was?! All joking aside, YES it was uneventful which is GREAT....with a light, high overcast clouds... and a light breeze blowing directly into the pits that were located right on the beach next to the water. A beautiful day was to be had by all. The best part, everything that flew or floated made it back safely to the pits...thats what made it a GREAT, uneventful day. I wish all my days flying RC planes could be like that!

Don't get me wrong, just cause there were no crashes doesn't mean that the day wasn't a fun filled day...which it was, a VERY fun filled day. With about 15+ in attendance including our club member from up north, Tony and "DOC". Club members ("electric Bill") showing up around 9 am and filtering in and out as the day went on, the new beach area served as a great launch area and a better recovery area since any engine that prematurely quit would be blown into shore. This was true for all planes and boats except when Jay's engine quit a little bit further out and was the only plane that had to be retrieved by boat that day. Which brings me to our new club purchase (money donated by 7 of our very finest club members) the U.S.S. Aerohawk. A light weight dingy with an extra plywood platform added for extra recovery space for even the bigger planes.

The relocation of the pits from the East shore to the West did not come without some issues. The fact that there was more space to park, pit and launch boats and planes was a HUGE plus. But with pluses



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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).



comes one minor minus. There is a small sandy berm that has to be navigated to get down to the shore which, going down, is easy...but going up...well, not so easy. The majority of the vehicles that left first had good ground but as the day drew on, ruts were created and the sand became soft resulting in a number of club member getting stuck and needing an extra push from onlookers.

With Alex, John, Scott, "DOC" and a few others needing an extra heave-ho...Jay took about another route to circumnavigate the need for additional thrust. This seemed to be working well until Jay needed to backup and reevaluate his route which resulted in his front bumper getting pulled off by a fairly strong branch...I'm sure there is an award in there somewhere for the holiday party!

One of the days highlights mentioned by many of the members I talked to was Bill's nitro powered boat. Rumor has it one of the fastest boats we have seen scooting across the water during any Float Fly. Bill, I cant wait to see it at the NEXT FLOAT FLY, JULY 8th. If you have never been or haven't been for awhile, you MUST come and watch...and if you already have a float plane, you MUST come! It is a great time!



4th of July Parade... People and Planes Needed

CALLING ALL CLUB MEMBERS !!!

As always, The 4th of July Coralville Parade is our biggest advertisement opportunity for the Airshow. That is why we **TRULY, TRULY** need club members to bring their planes down to 22nd Ave next to McGregor's parking lot at 8:30am, July 4th. We are #35 in the parade which puts us up front. This is a great way to show off your planes and help the club advertise the Airshow. We need ALL types of planes...from trainers to war birds and electrics to turbines...we like to show off the incredible diversity of the hobby. If your thinking "...Oh, I'm sure they should have enough planes..." your wrong! WE NEED YOUR PLANES to make this float look AWSOME!!! We have been short in the past so PLEASE HELP!

We also need volunteers to help walk the parade route. We will be handing out fliers and answering any questions that the crowd might have. I have walked it the last few years and its truly a lot of fun talking to the kids and parents and handing out fliers...we have not had many club members sign up to date...WE NEED YOUR HELP...please contact Rich at rich.vedepo@gmail.com or Marc at mniehus@msn.com if you could help us out in this years 4th of July Parade. Hope to see you there

LAST CHANCE FOR AIRSHOW SIGNUP

With the 2017 Airshow approaching rapidly, the events have been finalized. With over 25 events scheduled, the show is set to be a 3.5hr aircraft bonanza! But we still need more pilots!!! This year three events had to be scratched due to no one signing up for them (Trainer review, Cub Anniversary Flight and Small Warbirds). And there are a few events in jeopardy if we don't get pilots to sign up for them AND there is still room in all the group events...so, sign up NOW !!!

WE NEED PLANES AND PILOTS FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

WWI Fly-by, Golden Age of Aviation (could use a J3 Cub here), Foamie Combat, Limbo, and the Helicopter Fly-by.

Please contact Rich at rich.vedepo@gmail.com and sign up today! I understand that some may be a little nervous flying in front of crowds or this might be your first Airshow or concerned about flying with that many planes in the air...I felt the same way when I flew my first Airshow...but trust me, the nerves go away quick or the thought of others flying around you fade because you get so focused in on your flying and forget whats happening around you. Then its your turn to land...you taxi clear of the runway and the deed is done! So, PLEASE...sign up today and make this the best Airshow !!!

Iowa City Aerohawks

General Meeting

June 6th, 2017

-Meeting brought to order by President Dave Petsel @ 7:00 PM

-Treasurers report from Lance Meyer -
Motion to accept – Rich VeDepo
2nd – Gerald Hollander
Passed

-Meeting Minutes -
Motion to accept – Roger Schultz
2nd – Gerald Hollander
Passed



OLD BUSINESS

-There is a correction for the newsletter. There is NO Kent park float fly. It is at the Riverside Casino.

-Please be aware that the FAA rules have changed. As of right now, you do not have to sign up with the FAA. Our By-Laws have already been changed.

-The runway has been rolled. This seems to have made a big difference with the runways. Please make sure to repair the tears in the runways as you do them or see them. If you need to know how to do this, please speak with Rich VeDepo.

-The mowing has continued to be done by Ron and his family. It is looking fantastic. Please let Ron and his family know how much we appreciate it. THANK YOU !!!

-The float fly is June 17th. You can be there at 8AM.

-A boat has been purchased for the float flies. 7 members fronted the money.
Motion to purchase for the club – Scott Garrett
2nd – Tim Saylor
Passed

-We have Airshow flyers available. Please make sure to pick some up to post. We also have small handouts for the 4th of July parade. Dave will be sending out a PDF for everyone to print their own to hand out. Advertising is extremely critical this year, since we can not put up any signs in public thoroughfares. Please check with businesses on main roads and see if we can post signs on their property.

-NOTICE !!! Rich is asking everyone to look at the schedule for the Airshow. We are needing more pilots to enter into the events. Please see Rich VeDepo for more information. **Rich needs to KNOW if you are signing up for the event.**

-Please be aware of the lights and leaving them on at the clubhouse. Make sure you verify all of the lights are off before locking the field up.

-Discussion ensued regarding the relocation of the swap meet. Sides were presented for the PROS and CONS. We went around the club and gave all members that wanted to speak, 3 mins. to voice their opinion.

Motion to move the Swap Meet – Lance Meyers
2nd – Tim Saylor
Motion has passed.

NEW BUSINESS –

-We now have surveillance cameras on site and operating.

-Meeting adjourned @ 8:38 PM
Motion – John Heise
2nd – Marc Niehus
Passed



July 2017

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2017 Event Calendar
July 4th Coralville Parade
July 8th 2nd Riverside Float Fly
July 22nd 2nd Ditch Clean-up
August 19th Air Show Field Preparation
August 20th 24th Annual Air Show
End of August Sertoma Pancake Breakfast
Mid October Float Fly
December 14th Tentative Holiday Party
January 1st New Year's Chili Fun Fly

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!



2nd Float Fly ...July 8th

As mentioned before in the newsletters past, this is probably one of the more interesting/fun events we host every year. We will be out at the Riverside Casino pond, just south of the IA-22 from 9am until ...well, until we wear ourselves out! Bring your own snacks and drinks...and just as sunset comes, the group will be heading over to the Riverside Casino to enjoy the All-You-Can-Eat **Roberts Buffet**. This is TRULY an AWSOME event !!!