



The Radio Flyer

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Swap Meet Succses

We came, we saw and we SOLD!!! With the change in venue for the past few years and some of the challenges from how to use the space, to have a auction or not and even getting the city to have “event parking” at \$2 versus the \$8 dollars in the past, has made the Marriott seem more and more viable. But we do have to think differently about a few things going forward. Specifically, the two at the top of the list, advertising and getting hobbyists through the door. With more VIP area’s available and tables being sold, one of our goals next year will be to work on getting the word out to other clubs, stores and people so those table renters can sell more for better prices.

With that being said, we can not pass over an opportunity to pat ourselves on our backs. In true Aerohawk fashion, Fridays setup crew was many and quick. We were able to get in around 5pm to mark off the floor so when the muscle showed up, tables, chairs and VIP areas took very little time to be setup. The usual crew of about 15+ had everything in place within 30 min which allowed the already 15 table renters to setup their stuff the night before. One VIP renter even commented “I enjoy the Swap meet cause of how well organized it is that I can get in the night before making for an easy morning”.

As the next morning brought ALL, that’s right...ALL reserved table renters to fill their tables up. We were even able to sell the two unsold tables that morning, selling out the Swap Meet. With music playing in the background, the morning went by quickly. On a side note, for any of you wanting one of my 3D printed glue stands, let me know and I will honor my show special price of \$5 (Free Advertising for the Newsletter Editor). But all must come to an end, and a quick one at that. Within 20 min of the show ending, we had every table taken down and loaded, including the VIP stanchions and signs.

Which brings me to the most important part...THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all of those who have given up some time to make the Swap Meet go so well. Because of those who help out in many ways, this and other events help keep our club dues down to the lowest in the area for such an amazing field! THANK YOU again for all you guys do!



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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

February 4th, 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

None seen

Motion to accept January Minutes – Scott Garrett

2nd – Ben Yoder

Accepted

OLD BUSINESS

Thank you very much to everyone for the hard work during the swap meet.

Discussion ensued in regards to the swap meet. It seemed very successful. Several suggestions were made for improvement. Great talk amongst members. 3 dates were selected for next year. We are checking with the Marriott for availability.

The air show committee has been meeting. They are whittling it down to events and the flow. More information to come. They will be reaching out soon to ask for volunteers.

Rich reminded everyone about reaching out to the FAA to voice your opinion.

We have been looking into the website updating and it has been getting updated. Scott Garrett is going to talk with Dave Petsel regarding the website.

NEW BUSINESS

Lizzie mentioned that there is a calendar handed out with all of the events for the year listed. This will also be published in the newsletter.

Ben Yoder mentioned that North Liberty is having a kite flying event this year at Liberty High. He will try and get additional information. They have reached out to us to see if we might be interested. He believes it is March 8th.

Motion to list 3 flying sites- Marc Niehus

2nd – Tom Peters

Passed

Motion to adjourn– Roger Schultz

2nd – Marc Niehus

Accepted

Meeting adjourned @ 8:03 PM



NOTE: AIR SHOW NEWS WE NEED YOU...and your planes

The club made a decision to thoroughly review the operation, content, staffing, and preparations for our annual air show. This year the Air Show is scheduled for July 12. The review and planning committee has decided that most of our efforts in the past have been done well. Our biggest need for improvement is to make sure all our members feel invited to participate. We want to make sure that each of you receives the opportunity to be a part of both flying and preparation work for the show. To this end our committee has already created an itinerary of events and a listing of tasks that need to be done. These lists will be set before you a number of times as we begin to recruit participation. In April a more complete letter will be sent out to the membership indicating our plans and progress. In May we will begin to make phone calls to individuals to assess how you might be able to help in the process making the 2020 Air Show a success.

Bruce Fischer...Air Show Committee Member



AEROHAWK CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2020

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.