



# The Radio Flyer

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## Many On Maiden Day

At seventy-five degrees, with a clam wind out of the south and a very high, thin cloud cover...what more could you ask for. The perfect conditions for a Maiden Flight Day and the new planes were out there to prove it. Over a dozen new planes took flight last Sunday and the best part of the whole day is that the "takeoffs = safe landings". With club members arriving around 9am, flying continued until sunset.



Starting off the show was Jason Schick flying up his Hanger 9, 35cc Inverza followed by Bill Lee's 30cc Raven. Both took very little trim and were quick to demonstrate their 3D ability. The 30cc Class was equaled with the father/son team of Andrew and Bryan Snyder and their Nitro powered "U Can Do" SF 3D plane. This was one of two maiden flights from the Snyder's. The other was a classic scale Cub (EVERYONE loves a Cub). Both planes did very well flying, but it was reported that the engine of the "U Can Do" may have seized-up.

The Snyder's were not the only ones to maiden more than one plane. Tim Saylor maiden three planes, and I'm sure there were still a couple more to be flown. Tim's 100cc PAU Viper was first up and in great form, Tim flew it as if he was getting ready for a airshow routine. Later that day, piloted by Rich VeDepo, Tim's Monocoupe (formerly Andy Robbins plane) took to the skies and as briefed by Andy, required a good amount of rudder to keep her straight. But one of the many show stoppers of the day was a the combination of an Ultra Stick 30 powered by the Saito FG-60 three cylinder radial engine. Tim is using this plane to break-in the engine for a future warbird.

With all these 3D planes churning up the air, Tom Villhauer was not going to left behind flying the third of the four man Edge 540 Demonstrator demo team. Tom and the others (Tim, Rich & Lance) have been building identical Demonstrators for a routine at this years airshow. Surprisingly enough, it flew great...granted that by the third time around, it should be fairly dialed in...and if the one alone looks as good as Tom's, the four together will look amazing.



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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).



My personal favorites tend to lean to the scale planes. Leading off the charge with the electrics was Andy Robbins flying his “Red-Tail’s” P-51 mustang that always has a presence in the air. Staying in the warbird scale category was John Young’s 90mm EDF F9F Panther. John has taken a good part of the last couple years updating and modifying his original monokote plane by fiberglassing the wings and giving it a distinct “John Young All Blue” paint job. But he didn't stop there...take a close look next time at the work he did making scale panel lines and markings...they look AMAZING! John had a very scale flight finishing off with a high speed landing...his 9 pound thrust EDF (a Toledo Trip purchase) pushed it along perfectly.

Making a second maiden flight was Rich VeDepo’s 100cc Hanger 9 Pawnee. Awhile back, the Pawnee had a dead stick, off runway landing that took some repair...so without an ounce of worry (ok, maybe a half ounce of worry) the Pawnee...and Rich...pulled off a flawless flight. Rumor has it that Rich is working on a spray bar that should put any other smoke system to sham. Remember...You heard that here!



One of the biggest showstoppers of the day had to be Abdul’s 100cc Hanger 9 “The Beast” biplane. Awesome colors, great scale look and just an overall great appearance in the air. Abdul asked Tim to shake it down for the first flight. With a great setup plane, Abdul took “The Beast” back up three more times which would result in everyone on the flightline stopping what they were doing to watch.

Overall the day was a great success...including those who were flying planes that had been modified over the winter, planes with new radios that needed to be retrimmed ...and about everything else. At this rate, we are going to have a great season with a whole bunch of new planes to fill the skies.



## FOOD IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE FIELD

Awhile back, the conversation came up about having food available at the field for club members including cheese burgers and hotdog, and using the honor system to reimburse. So I’m happy to announce that you now can grab a cheese burger or hotdog and pay into the money box located on top of the fridge.

I am willing to continue to stock the fridge with cheeseburgers and hot dogs as long as everyone who takes one, pays for one. Its \$1.50 for a 1/3 pound sirloin cheese burger and \$1.00 for a 1/4 pound beef hotdog. **PLEASE put money in the box when you take food...**this is not a charity and I don't take IOU's! This is at cost and there is NO profit being made.

Enjoy this service..I hope we can keep it going...so far it has gone very well!...except for whoever cut a hotdog in half and didn't pay for that hotdog...come on dude, its a buck out of my pocket...and who cuts a hotdog and leaves the other half?



# Iowa City Aerohawks

## General Meeting

### April 4, 2017

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

-Treasurers report from – Lance Meyer  
Motion – Marc Niehus  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Roger Schultz  
Passed

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

Motion – Marc Niehus  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Roger Schultz  
Passed



### OLD BUSINESS

-The maiden flight will be moved to April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

-Thank you goes out to Roger Schultz and Lance Meyer for putting the fertilizer and various other products down on our grass areas.

-Staples were walked again on the runway seams. Please be aware to watch out for staples and press back down if needed.

-We have installed a new combo lock on the clubhouse door. See your board member for the code for the lock.

-Discussion ensued regarding some maintenance required for the clubhouse and deck. Dave will speak with Tim regarding some of the work necessary for the clubhouse and deck.

### NEW BUSINESS

-Motion to approve the changing of the by-laws and designated last month.

Motion - Marc Niehus  
Roger Schultz – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Passed

The changes will be updated

-Discussion ensued regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the clubhouse. The next board meeting will be held in the room on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

-Dave has received the little mud jacking pump. He will be assembling it for use here on the runways.

-The screen door on the second floor needs to have the closure replaced on it.

-Lance has the mower at his house. It is all ready to go. Lance will be bringing it back out on the day of the ditch clean up.

-Dave has proposed 3 days for the float flys this year. He will keep us informed on the approval of these with the host. There will be a \$15.00 landing fee for all non members.

-Discussion started for advertising the Airshow this year.

-Due to unforeseen consequences, we will be removing all of our emails from the website and the newsletter.

-Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of relocating the swap meet. Lots of questions and proposals. Great ideas and will be discussed in the near future meetings.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:36PM

Motion – Marc Niehus

2<sup>nd</sup> – Roger Schultz

Passed



## May 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## June 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

## 2017 Event Calendar

- May 20th  
Riverside Float Fly
- 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
- October 15th  
Kent Park Float Fly
- December 14th  
Tentative Holiday Party

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!

