



# The Radio Flyer

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or on facebook

The next General Membership Meeting is

**Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 P.M. at the

Clubhouse.



Photo by Lance Meyer

## Spring Ditch Cleanup 2015

We had a great turnout for the first ditch cleanup of the year. There were even several more people that showed up after this photo was taken. Huge thanks go out to all of those in attendance, and a large number of people were needed because there was very large amount of material to be picked up. Usually there is about one and a half to two trailer filled trips, but this time there was a record three and a half trips made. We even ran low on vests there were so many people, so we are planning to acquire more vests. We also had made a request from the Iowa City Police to have a patrol car to help slow down traffic, and that proved to be a great benefit. The patrol would sometimes follow just behind us as the trash was picked up with lights on and it really slowed people down quickly making things much safer. He even gave a couple of people a ride back to the clubhouse. Once again, thanks for your help, the roads leading to our field look great!

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Iowa City Aerohawks

April 2015

General Meeting

Meeting brought to order by V.P. Scott Garrett, standing in for President Lance Meyer, 7:00 PM. Scott asked if anyone had any questions or comments about the meeting minutes from last month. None seen.

Motion to accept – Roger Schultz

2<sup>nd</sup> – Marc Niehus – Passed

Treasurer Roger Schultz brought forth the Treasurer's report.

Motion to accept – Marc Niehus

2<sup>nd</sup> – Keith Millard –Passed

**OLD BUSINESS –**

Dave Petsel reminded everyone about the mowing schedule and asked everyone to please sign up. He mentioned that if anyone had any questions about mowing or using the mower, please let him know. He would be happy to show you how. Roger Schultz also volunteered to assist in instruction if necessary. Members mentioned that it would be a good idea to get a picture posted in the shed that shows how to mow the property and in which areas.

Brian Vanderpool is going to speak with a tree person about borrowing a stump remover to remove the old stumps from the broken down trees.

Marc Niehus reminded everyone that he will be repairing the grill. The frame needs work and will be strengthened.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

Bill Lee mentioned that we need to get more vests for the ditch clean up. We had a fantastic turn out. This is the first time we have run out of vests. Thank you very much to all of the members that assisted in this. It was huge and very much needed.

Scott mentioned that the pop machine will be filled soon. Weather has turned good for this. Scott reminded everyone to be very careful with the runway. It is still very soft and the fabric seems very brittle. If you are flying, please be aware of any new tears you might have created.

Dave Petsel reminded everyone that we might need to be replacing the runway. The board is looking into this. We will be rolling the field as soon as the soil dries enough with a heavy roller to smooth it out.

Motion to spend up to \$250.00 to rent a roller.

Motion by Roger Schultz

2<sup>nd</sup> – Keith Millard – Passed

Scott Garrett motioned to spend up to \$100.00 for grass seed.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Roger Schultz – Passed

Roger Schultz reminded Gerald Hollander that we should reshoot the building for inside elevations now that the frost has gone out. Some discussion ensued regarding the possibility of moving the building. Financial preparations have started for this.

Roger asked if there are any other needs from the landfill to allow ditch cleaning to be safer. Roger mentioned to the landfill that we needed more vests, and that the Iowa City police officer patrolling the highway during the cleaning was extremely helpful.

Bill Lee mentioned that the soil sample will be back this week and the fertilizer will be going down shortly.

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Meeting minutes continued....

Lance mentioned that we will be talking to the City regarding getting some rock for the parking lot. This will come up at a later date.

Dave Petsel reminded everyone that the date for having shirts to him for printing should be no later than April 20<sup>th</sup>. Make sure you have your name on the shirts so he knows who they belong to.

Mike VeDeppo is working on putting together a new website. The board will be looking in to this. Stay tuned for further information.

Lance Meyer mentioned that he has a sign-up sheet for Airplane Nitro fuel in his car. Please see him. You have to order by the case.

Motion to adjourn – Marc Niehus

2<sup>nd</sup> – Scott Garrett - Passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

### Quick Notes/Reminders

The ground under the runway is still very soft, so if you have to cross the runway or go out onto the runway to get a plane, please use the most direct route to lessen the chance of getting bumps in the runway. We will be rolling the runway later, when the ground dries up a little more

Also, we plan to set up an area to place the Gorilla Tape and Windex for easier access if a repair is needed of the runway fabric



### Maiden Flight Day May 17<sup>th</sup>

Maiden Flight Day is May 17<sup>th</sup>. It's a perfect day to bring out that plane that you have been working on all winter or a plane you picked up at the swap meet and it's getting flown for the first time. In fact it would be a great day to bring any plane or helicopter and enjoy a day of flying and maybe start up the grill and get started into the summer flying season.

We have a new website for the Iowa City Aerohawk club. It is located at [www.iowacityaerohawks.com](http://www.iowacityaerohawks.com). Thanks Dave Petsel for getting the site put together and to Mike Vedepo for the original site and the research of developing a new site. It sounded like a very complicated and time consuming task. We appreciate you doing this. The new site can be accessed by mobile smart phones, can be more easily updated and has pictures, a forum, calendars and many more features.



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## MOWING SCHEDULE

April 26 – May 2	Greg Jacobs
May 3 – May 9	Scott Garrett
May 10 – May 16	Chappy
May 17 – May 23	Keith Millard
May 24 – May 30	Roger Schultz
May 31 – June 6	John Fordice

### Upcoming Events

- May 5<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting
- May 17 Maiden Flight
- May 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting

**Wednesdays** are days set aside to give new pilots priority over the airfield to allow for training.

**Thursday Nights** are Club Nights when plans may be made for grilling or potlucks etc...

### Events remaining in 2015

May 17th	Maiden Flight
June 14/15th	McBride Float Fly
June 28th	Fun Fly
July 4th	Coralville 4th Parade
August 1st	Second Ditch Cleanup
August 30th	Sertoma
September 13th	Air Show
October 24th	Third Ditch Cleanup
October ?	Fall Float Fly
December 10th	Holiday Party

## Related Event: Misty Meadows Contest

From Terry Edmonds:

The annual Misty Meadows contest is this coming weekend May 2nd & 3rd. We will be setting up the field on Friday afternoon so anyone wanting to practice is welcome.

There is major bridge construction going on over the Iowa River just to the west of the site. Cars and light trucks can get through ok but RVs and trailers cannot. Today a sign went up saying expect delays during daytime hours. I have seen them working on Saturdays so if you want to avoid this come to the site through Solon.

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