



The Radio Flyer

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Fun Fly Fanatics Finish



You would have to be a RC Fanatic to show up this late in the season with the weather forecast showing a stiff breeze out of the south, 55 F with the possibilities of rain later in the day...for a Fun Fly...but 11 of our club member did it. Unfortunately, Roger was unable to compete due to some engine issues, but I'm giving him full credit for the attempt. Not to mention the dozen or so other club members that filtered in and out during the days events to watch. Overall, it was a great showing for what could have been a bad weather day. I wish I could have been able to set it up earlier in the season but my schedule just didn't have time for it. The best part, this is the first time in 19 years that ALL competitors were able to finish ALL the events!

Lets not forget, we also had a couple dozen plus in total for the smoked pork loin and potluck meal during the awards ceremony.

Which brings me to a HUGE THANKS to Scott Garrett for smoking three AWSOME pork loins. Scott had it so tender, you could cut it with a plastic fork...mainly cause I had to. Thanks again Scott, the flavor was amazing! And a thank you to everyone else for bringing something to share for the potluck. We are defiantly a club that knows how to eat!

SO, how did the events turn out...well the final tally is posted on the last page of The Radio Flyer. You can see how you did in each individual event, but here is a recap of some of the highlights from the day, starting with the **5 Minute Fly**. This event is mainly to get pilots up and flying, making sure the plane is in good working condition and just get everyone fired up to compete. So you would think that there wouldn't be any controversy over, takeoff and landing a plane in your best estimation of 5 minutes...but there was some question on how well the iPad stopwatch, that had a dedicated timer, labeled with each individuals name, was working...it was working perfectly FINE! It's just that some peoples "one-one thousand...two-two thousand..." took 5 seconds! Sorry Rich, great strategy but its obvious the retired man's second is longer then an actual second. Hence, the youngest (and most likely always watching the last 5min of class to be over with) competitor, Lizzy came in only 2 seconds away from a perfect 5min flight!



We had planed to fly the **Bowling Blitz** next, but due to winds we elected to move straight into the **Koosh Ball Drop**. This is one of my favorite events cause you have to make a steady smooth takeoff and pattern down the center of the runway so as to not loose the koosh ball early, and then drop it by either pushing the nose down abruptly or rolling the plane (rolling usually results in an uncontrollable plane cause you look at the ball). The biggest trick is to NOT look at the ball, something Tom Peters found out later in the day but did have Bill and I ducking for cover! Matt



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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).



SUGGESTION. Remember, this event is yours, so we need your suggestions. With Gary and Bill located at both pylons, they would raise the white flag as soon as pilots would "break the plain" of the pylon. Lance used the 3 lap timing to his advantage by taking a running start on lap one and three (not caring what his time was on lap two) which earned him a third place finish. But taking the checkered flag was Alex, who's spotter (father John) anticipated the flag and cut-in just over the pylon with a single lap time of 8.39 sec.

The **Bowling Blitz** has been a fan favorite mainly cause, well...it just funny to watch. You would think that trying to hit 15-2 liter bottles with a tennis ball tied to a 50' string hanging off your gear is easy, you would be wrong. This is another event that will be modified for next year by using a slight larger ball...per the suggestions of some of the competitors since only 5 pilots were able to knock some down (the other 5 pilots split the 15 total points and received 3 each) This was one of two events that Dion Daubenmier came away with the 1st place blue ribbon. Dion and John Young tied with 3 pins each but Dion was able to get his three pins in the first past and any ties goes to whoever had the most pins in their 1st-2nd-3rd try consecutively. Unfortunately, during this event, Tom Peters found out that you have to watch the plane and not to look at your tennis ball. This resulted in the plane...well, lets just say that Tom rolled a devastating gutter ball.



Leading us into the last "Flying" event, the **Dead Stick** landing. With the diversity of the planes and the weather, it was a welcoming surprise to see all the true "engine-out" attempts. Dion was first up, flicking his kill switch on the down-wind leg and touching his wheels right next to the cone and rolling out about 50' to a complete stop, only to find out that we measure from where the plane STOPS, not where it touches down. So, with a ruling from the crowd, we allowed a second try which resulted in a much better measurement. But the true "technique champ" has got to be Alex Young, who, after many attempts to shutdown his YS engine (...a YS never quits...) came in with a little to much energy, approached the cone and tipped the nose down using it as a brake, stopping 6.5" from the cone...A NEW CLUB RECORD!

But here is why I enjoy this club so much....because Tom and Lizzy's plane was out-of-service, John and Alex Young offered up their plane to the Peter's so that they could finish out all the Fun Fly events...the true definition of sportsmanship!!!



OK, so enough fluff...or as our illustrious chef, Scott Garrett said "Get to the end...who won!". Well, this is where I eat a HUGE plate of crow. Please understand that Bill and I are totaling 10 pilots scores that include 5 flights (that have 4 timed, 3 measured & 3 runs at pins) and a poker run to boot...with that being said, we had a little confusion over the bowling results...without looking at anyone else's scores besides the top three to see if something changed, we missed that one individuals score had increased by 4 points in the overall standings...Your 2017 FUN FLY CHAMPION is JOHN YOUNG !!!

Congratulations to all the pilots for all their hard, competitive flying...thank you for keeping the Fun Fly moving along so well by always having someone ready/on-deck. Thank you again for brining a dish to share and Scott for cooking a great loin...and Thank You Bill Kiesel for helping put this together.



Iowa City Aerohawks General Meeting October 3rd, 2017

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

Treasurer report from Lance Meyer,

Motion – John Heise

2nd – Rich VeDepo.....Passed

Dave asked if any changes to the month's minutes,

Motion – Roger Schultz

2nd – Marc Niehus.....Passed

OLD BUSINESS

Reminder that we will have a posting in the next newsletter regarding the bylaws change that has been suggested to change the membership length of time.

The fun-fly will be held again this year!!! October 29th. Scott will be cooking for this.

The float-fly will be coming up October 14th. It will be held down at the Riverside Casino again. Please plan on dining at the casino buffet after.

The next ditch clean up will be held on November 11th. Please make sure to mark your calendars. It is extremely important that all members participate in this if possible. This really helps supplement our dues requirements.

Dave discussed the slate of officers. Discussion ensued. We now have a full slate of Officers proposed. It is...

President – Dave Petsel

Treasurer – Mary Curtis

Field Marshall – Bill Lee

Information Officer – Lizzie Peters

Vice President – Tom Peters

Secretary – Bill Kiesel

Safety Officer – Dion Daubenmier

Past President - ?Rich?

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion ensued regarding the set up for our gate and discussing this with the City. Dave has spoken with the City, and there will be further talks and information coming.

Rich mentioned that the Fluorescent lamps need to be replaced. We will be replacing these in the clubhouse.

Work has been ongoing with the layout for this year's Swap Meet. Things are looking great.

Further work is needed and will be happening in the near future by the Swap Meet Committee.

The club has asked Scott Garrett to get 3 bids for a new grill. The current grill is dying fast.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of having a night fly / camp out next year.

Tentative date for the airshow is August 19th, 2018.

Roger will contact the company to evacuate the irrigation lines for winter.

Motion to adjourn, Roger Schultz

2nd – Marc Niehus.....Passed

Meeting adjourned @ 8:09PM



November 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		

December 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
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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!

2017 Event Calendar

November 11th
LAST Ditch Clean-Up

December 13th
Holiday Party

January 1st
New Year's Chili Fun Fly

5 Min Flight

	Time (dif)	Points
Lizzy	4:59 (:01)	10
Lance	4:38 (:22)	9
Alex	5:32 (:32)	8
Tom	5:38 (:38)	7
John	4:15 (:45)	6
Scott	5:46 (:46)	5
Jeff	4:08 (:52)	4
Dion	5:58 (:58)	3
Rich	6:42 (1:42)	2
Matt	2:45 (2:15)	1

Koosh Drop

	Distance	Points
Matt	27'4"	10
Dion	37'2"	9
Rich	40'7"	8
John	70'8"	7
Tom	86'3"	6
Lance	96'2"	5
Scott	118'-3"	4
Lizzy	175'	3
Jeff	185'	2
Alex	200'	1

Pylon Race

	Time	Points
Alex	8.39	10
Tom	9.62	9
Lance	9.68	8
John	10.17	7
Lizzy	10.95	6
Scott	12.21	5
Matt	12.82	4
Rich	12.94	3
Dion	12.96	2
Jeff	14.41	1

Bowling

	Pins/Tries	Points
Dion	3-0-0	10
John	1-0-2	9
Lizzy	1-0-0	8
Rich	0-1-0	7
Matt	0-0-1	6
Jeff	0-0-0	3
Alex	0-0-0	3
Tom	0-0-0	3
Scott	0-0-0	3
Lance	0-0-0	3

Dead Stick

	Distance	Points
Alex	6.5"	10
Scott	4'1"	9
Lance	12'1"	8
John	13'1"	7
Dion	20'3"	6
Lizzy	24'4"	5
Tom	25'6"	4
Rich	67'6"	3
Matt	137'3"	2
Jeff	70'8"	1

Poker Run

	Hand	Points
Dion	Club Flush	10
Jeff	2 Pair, A's & 10's, J kicker	9
Lizzy	2 Pair, A's & 10's, 8 kicker	8
Rich	2 Pair, A's & 10's, 7 kicker	7
John	2 Pair, A's & 10's, 5 kicker	6
Lance	2 Pair, A's & 9's	5
Matt	2 Pair, K's & 8's	4
Scott	2 Pair, Q's & 8's	3
Tom	Pair of 5's	2
Alex	Pair of 4's	1

Point Totals

	Totals
John	42
Dion	40
Lizzy	40
Lance	38
Alex	33
Tom	31
Rich	30
Scott	29
Matt	27
Jeff	20