



The Radio Flyer

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FLOAT FUN TIMES

For a year that has brought us a slowdown in events and activity, things have picked up as the year is ending. Starting with an amazing turnout at the seasons last Float Fly. With just over a dozen pilots and boaters taking to the seas and sky's, the day also brought about the same size group that came out just to watch. With the first taking to the water around 8am, activity never stoped until around 5pm where a group retreat to the casino buffet.

The most notable planes that day would have been the variety of Cubs that filled the pits. After looking thorough the pits, every variation of Cub could be found from Rich's 1/3 Scale clip wing to the vast majority going to the E-Flight Carbon Cubs and even a 1/4 Scale true Cub yellow flown by Kevin. This obviously spurred a "Cub Rally" with many of them flying multiple formation flights...even the boats jumped in for some of the fun.



Another entertaining impromptu event was the boat races and trying to figure out if Charlie's ProBoat SonicWake, Dion's Traxxas e-boat or Bill's FT011 left a better "rooster-tail" seemed to consume some time and battery packs. There was no clear winner to who's was the fastest but the opinions varied thought the crowd. One cool feature of Charlie's SonicWake is that if it flips over, there is a small hole that fills with water one one side of the boat to "right" itself and then as soon as he hits the throttle, the ballast water is pumped overboard.

A BIG THANKS goes out to Rich for putting together
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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).

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another socially safe meal assisted by Brian and Tom helping out serving up a great lunch. Since we are on the subject of Rich...he had a flawless maiden flight of his new SeaLane .60 size float plane. There was one small hitch with the maiden, getting the plane airborne. After some discussion and removing a water rudder extension, the plane took to the air with no



worries and flew great. With his new SeaLane in hand, Rich is willing to part with his older (but just as nice) yellow SeaLane style float plane that you may have also seen flown that day!

With only a few fender-benders that day, including my Twist wing not cooperating with the floats (its a geometry thing but for those who gave their input, I only used one shim). Unfortunately after MANY great looking flights and text-book perfect landings, Doc's Valiant took a turn for the worse when it ran out of airspeed and altitude at the very same time. His Valiant brought a lot of attention early on with his onboard remote starter which is one of the coolest mods I have seen and plan on investing in. Doc was even kind enough to demonstrate an in-air restart for us...but we are still not sure if it was done intentionally.



It was a great day that capped off a season that had limited opportunities and events. I know I've said it many times before but I would be remiss not to say it again. Full flies have to be one of the more entertaining and unusual events we do during the season. Even if you have nothing to fly or float, you definitely should try to attend the next one, next year!

MULCH MADNESS

With the repositioning of the bleachers and discussions about how to make mowing faster and easier, the club decided to ask the Iowa City Landfill for any extra mulch they might be willing to part with. It just so happens that they had a good amount left over from the derecho (and yes, that is spelled correctly and its pronounced da ra CHO).

The city dropped off about 6 loads of mulch, each about 2+ yards for a total around 12 yards of mulch. Over the next two days Rich, Lance, Tom, Lonnie and Greg scooped and spread the buck of the mulch around the bleachers both on the North and South side of the parking lot.

Make sure the next time you run into one of these guys you give them a thanks for the work they did. THANKS AGAIN GUYS!



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General Meeting

October 6th, 2020

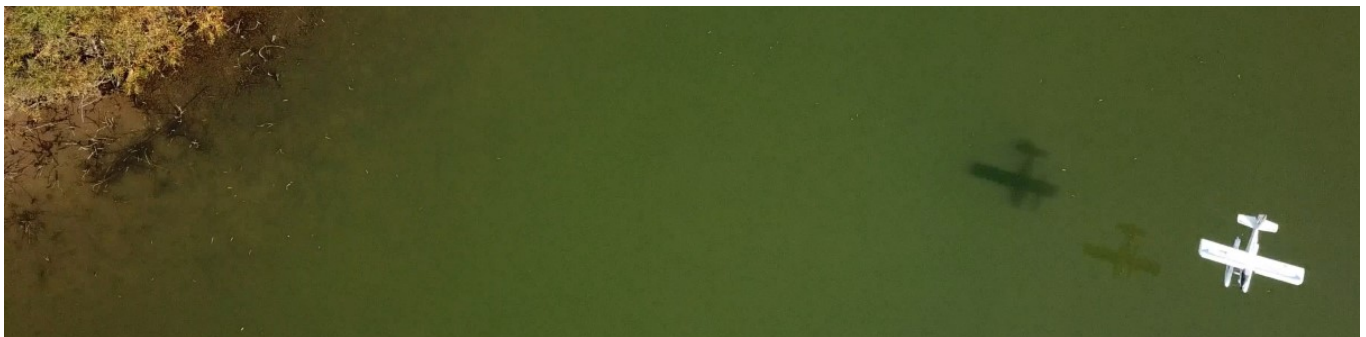
- Meeting brought to order by President Lizzie Peters via Zoom – 7:00 PM
- Treasurers report from – Mary Curtis
Motion to accept – Rich VeDepo
2nd – Scott Garrett...Passed
- Meeting Minutes – Bill Kiesel
Motion to accept – Rich VeDepo
2nd – Marc Niehus...Passed

OLD BUSINESS

- Reminder that the Float Fly is at Riverside Casino.
- Great job on the newsletter and George Carsner's 90th birthday wishes.
- The hydrant is fixed for the water supply. This is just in time for winterizing.
- There will be no Fun Fly this year.
- The Christmas party will be held VIA Zoom this year, do to the pandemic.

NEW BUSINESS

- The landfill contacted us and wanted to see if we would be interested in changing the ditch clean up to October 31st. Club decided it would be best to keep it at the time slated for November.
- V.P. Tom Peters is putting a list together for work needing to be done around the Club House. He will be putting up a date and time for a work party to get this completed. Please let him know if you have suggestions. Tree cutting, shed cleaning, etc...
- The slate of officers has been suggested and will be posted in the October newsletter.
- Next meeting will be November 3rd. Election Day – 7:00 PM via Zoom\
Motion to adjourn by Rich VeDepo
2nd by Marc Niehus
Passed
Zoom meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM



2021 ELECTION...VOTE!

With the up and coming election just around the corner and in our sights, now more than ever it is your civic duty and given responsibility to vote this November 3rd..... for the 2021 Iowa City Aerohawk club Officers during the general membership meeting.

WOW, that's a coincident. Who knew this November 3rd that we would be voting for some of the most powerful positions that will shape the next years landscape AND its the same day of the United States Election Day.

If you feel like you would be a great fit for one of these positions, lets say you would like to be the Information Officer, don't hesitate to speak up during the November 3rd General Membership meeting.

The slate of 2021 Club Officers

President...Tom Peters
Vice President...Rich VeDepo
Tresurer...Mary Curtis
Secretary...Bill Kiesel

Field Marshal...Charlie Bray
Safety Officer...Joe Shurson
Info Officer...Marc Niehus
Past President...Lizzie Peters

LAST DITCH CLEAN UP

Its that time of the year for a Ditch Clean Up! I know...I know...I know, its not your favorite way to get together and your thinking about all the other things you could be doing at 9am on a Saturday November 7th morning. Well you and me both!

But then I realize how a simple, one hour, in the open fresh air, well away from others helps our club. It not only keeps the cost of your dues down but it is also a great way to show good faith to the landfill and our surrounding neighbors. So, seriously...come out Saturday, November 7th around 8-8:30am. We will divide up into a few groups and hit the ditches at 9am. This is an easy, quick and helpful way to support our club!

