



The Radio Flyer

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Slow Sep., Busy Oct.

OK guys, all the headline can't be gold. I will admit it's not the most stellar headlines but it does say it all, September was a laid back month as far as a club schedule goes, but October (YES...October) is going to be a fairly busy month for this late in the year. With the Float Fly scheduled for Saturday, October 14th and the Fun Fly scheduled for Sunday, October 29th, this should be a good finish for a great year.

FLOAT FLY INFO

The bulk of the Newsletter is going to be given to the events and rules for the Fun Fly, with that being said, **YOU MUST GO TO THE FLOAT FLY!!!** It's been said more than once, this is one of the best events to watch. Even if you don't have a float plane, come and hang out...I'm sure someone might let you give it a try. If you have an RC boat, bring it...there are a bunch of guys running around on top of the water. Rich has agreed to make his famous ***Rich's Ragin' Chili*** as the main course for lunch. Others are asked to bring something light to share. Then after the last plane has been put away, it's over to the Riverside Casino to eat at Robert's Buffet, one of the greatest Buffet's around. People start setting up there pits around 9am!

FUN FLY INFO

Which brings us to the Fun Fly! Ok, I'm a little bias towards this one...it IS THE GREATEST EVENT of the year. This is an opportunity for ALL club members of ALL skill levels to participate. The events have been created to allow many types of planes and pilots of many skill levels to compete on an equal field of play. I have seen the best pilots in this club come in last and newcomers come in first. Lets not forget the awards for each event including the Overall Champion Award.

Here are the list of events and some of the guidelines/rules that go along with them!

5 Minute Flight...simple, it's a Parade of Flight to kick off the days events...all you have to do is fly your plane for 5 minutes (from wheels leaving the ground to wheels touching down) without the use of a timer or hints from your spotter. REMEMBER: this is a friendly competition for fun...lets not cheat. Closest to 5 minutes, longer or shorter, WINS!

Koosh Ball Bomb Drop...simple, you tape a small dixie cup to the side of your plane, (don't worry, it's very little drag) place a kiosk ball inside it, takeoff and try to drop it in the center of the crossing runways. HINT: rolling your plane inverted never seems to work...doing a quick "push-over" has been the way to win. Closest to the center of both runways, WINS!

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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).

Bowling...simple, you tie a string to your landing gear that has a tennis ball at the other end (even electric are strong enough to carry the tennis ball)...there are bowling pins (2 litter bottles) placed on the runway (like a bowling alley)...you get three passes to knock the pins down. Twist: the pins have different point values. The pilot with the most points, WINS!

Pylon Racing...simple, all you have to do is complete three laps (each lap in individual timed... so you have three individual time) around the wind sock down to the south end of the runway and back (you can fly at any altitude, we will have spotters to confirm you flew north of the wind sock and south of the runway)...you can have up to three warm up laps but the next ones count. Hint: start your first run high and build to build up some speed. Fastest single lap time, WINS!

True Dead Stick...simple, pick a point on the downwind portion of your flight, kill the engine and the closest to a traffic cone place 2/3rd's down the runway, WINS!

Poker Run...simple, for every event your in you get to draw a card from the deck (so lets say you don't want to bowl or do a dead stick landing...all you have to do is take your plane off and land it and you were considered to finish that event and get a card for the event) ...there will be three wild cards that everyone gets to use...best hand, WINS!

OVERALL CHAMPION and Awards...at the end of the day, scores will be totaled and awards (1st through 3rd) will be handed out in all categories...The Overall Champion will have the greatest total points. Points are based on how many pilots fly in an event. If 12 pilots fly, 1st place gets 12 points, 2nd gets 11 points, 3rd gets 10.....and 12th gets 1 point. This is to encourage pilots to at least fly their plane once around the pattern to get a few points...Hint: lets say 12 pilots have been flying all day but only 7 pilots fly the last event...that would mean 1st place would only get 7 points...**but** if those 5 pilots that were considering not to fly **actually** flew a quick pattern, 1st would get 12 points and the 5 that just flew a quick pattern would still receive 3 points each since they share the last 5 places that are worth 5,4,3,2,1 point respectively...(5+4+3+2+1=15 points total for the last 5 places ... 15 points/5 pilots =3 point per pilot).

This is a great event with a ton of camaraderie. As mentioned before, the events are gauged to allow some skill but a TON OF LUCK...trust me when I say that this is for every type of plane and for every skill level of pilot...we have seen pilots who never placed in the top five, walk away with a second place finish...so get you planes ready....and as they say in Reno **“...we have a race!”**

*Please look at the bottom of the calendar section for rules on planes to be used !!!
Any questions, call me at 319-383-1563!*

Iowa City Aerohawks General Meeting September 5th, 2017

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

Treasurers report from Lance Meyer

Motion to accept – Marc Niehus

2nd – Shawn Linn.....Accepted

Secretary Bill Kiesel supplied the minutes.



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

None seen.

Motion to accept– Marc Niehus

2nd – Rich VeDepo.....Accepted

OLD BUSINESS

Dave Petsel discussed the air show. Thought it was one of the best he has seen. Lots of thank you's for everyone who helped, members and non-members. Concessions ran very smoothly and were sold out. Thank you for the hard workers in the concessions area. Parking was fantastic. It went flawlessly. A huge thank you to Rich VeDepo for all of the hard work that he puts into this. It was amazing.

Lance Meyer brought forth the Treasurers report in regards to the airshow. Profits for the air show were about the same as previous years. Good job to everyone involved. Thank you for all of the hard work that brings success.

Introduction of one new member.

Discussion developed regarding the timing of the air show. Members discussed and decided that the timing was very good and fit nicely into the schedule for members.

Rich discussed needing more members to get involved in more flying events. We need to let Rich know what planes we have and want to fly, and he will develop the events around this. It is imperative that we have more members involved in flying to alleviate some of the burden on a few of the pilots that are flying in numerous events.

Dave Petsel motioned that the membership would start with dues a week after the air show.

2nd – Roger Schultz.....Passed

It will be published in the next newsletter. Since this is a by-laws change, it will need to be published, and voted on.

Dave Petsel handed out advertising examples for the swap meet.

Motion brought forth to purchase insurance for the swap meet for \$25.00

Motion – Tim Saylor

2nd – Shawn Linn.....Passed

NEW BUSINESS

Dave mentioned that the election for Board Members will be coming soon. Please think about volunteering and running for election.

Tim Saylor brought forth discussion regarding the webcams that we have here at the clubhouse. Tim mentioned the possibility of the club purchasing these.

Motion to purchase the cameras by Roger Schultz.

2nd – Gary Bernabe.....Passed

All members please send Tim Saylor your full name and email. You will be set up to go on the account and set up your profile.

Float fly coming up October 14th.

The club will purchase all of the necessary ingredients for Rich VeDepo to purchase the chili fixings and make it. Please bring light finger foods to share. Start time will be 8AM.

Final ditch clean up will be in November. Exact date to be determined yet. Stay tuned.

Marc Niehus said that there will be a fun fly this year in October.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:17 PM

Motion – Lance Meyer

2nd – Marc Niehus.....Accepted



October 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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November 2017

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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
October 14th Float Fly
October 29th FUN FLY
December 14th Tentative Holiday Party
January 1st New Year's Chili Fun Fly



Fun Fly Planes ... Rules of Engagement !!!

These are fairly straight forward but need to be said...ALL TYPES OF PLANES ARE WELCOME!...You must be a club member to fly...What ever plane you start with, you must finish with, UNMODIFIED from the start of the event unless the judges agree that repairs need to be made for a safe flight (example: but not limited to; changing out a prop because it broke would be acceptable, it would not be acceptable because your swapping out a prop for more speed.)...**IF**, and you see its a big **IF**, your plane were damaged in a way that it could not be flown safely, you can fly a different plane if the judges allow it...as long as there is no obvious advantage given (example: it would be OK if you replace your LT-40 with a Sig Kadet, it would **NOT** be OK to replace your LT-40 with a Habu just before the Pylon Race...this would be seen as an advantage!) Remember, this is for FUN...No cheating!