THE RADIO FLYER

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**March MEETING**

Minutes of Feb and March meeting included this month just in case you were unable to attend.

**PICTURE ROSTER COMING**

Working on this project. Hope to have something ready by the May meeting.

**What to look for this month:**

I thought it would be interesting to see how we all got started in this great hobby of building and flying model aircraft. I’ve been doing it for a long, long time because I’m old! We have other members who are just starting out. Some not so young, others just beginning their journey into the wonderful world of flight. I’ll start this month with my beginnings, and hope that others will share their experience with the club in the months ahead.

**Ditch Clean UP**

Update to last months calendar. We have moved the Ditch Clean-up to APRIL 6TH. Due to conflicts with several club members, the board agreed to move the date up 1 week. More info at the club meeting on Tuesday, 4/2/19.

**Remember the club meeting is moving to the field this month. April 2nd, 7pm at the field.**

**CALENDAR THIS MONTH**

**NOTE THAT APRIL 2ND MEETING IS AT THE FIELD.** MEETING TO START AT 7PM**.**

If a board meeting is needed it will be on the 16th at the field. Lance will inform board members if a meeting is necessary.

**NOTE ONCE AGAIN THAT THE DICTCH CLEAN UP IS MOVED TO Saturday, 4/6/19.** MEET AT THE FIELD AROUND 8:30 FOR DONUTS AND DRINKS. SHOULD ONLY TAKE 2 HRS OR SO IF ENOUGH MEMBERS PARTICIPATE. This will be the only ditch date this year so please plan on being in attendance.

**The mowing schedule is full-up for now and posted in the club house. Charlie Bray will call to remind members when they are scheduled to mow. Thank You Charlie, I know I can’t remember that far ahead!**

Additional dates of club events will be posted in future newsletters.

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**Below are the minutes for the last 2 meetings.**

Aerohawks

General Meeting

February 19th, 2019

Meeting brought to order by President Lance Meyer @ 7:00PM, at Pizza Ranch

Treasurer’s report from Treasurer Mary Curtis

Motion to accept – Marc Niehus

2nd – Gary Bernabe

Accepted

Secretary Bill Kiesel supplied the minutes.

Lance asked if any changes to the month’s minutes.

None seen

Motion to accept – Marc Niehus

2nd – Roger Schultz

Passed

**OLD BUSINESS** –

The drone club that reached out to us in regarding to possibly merging has not developed enough interest to join. This is complete at this time.

Reviewed the swap meet finances. Discussion ensued afterward.

Reviewed the swap meet in general. Good discussion. Further discussion will happen at the next board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion regarding this years budget. This years budget proposed is a balanced budget.

Motion to approve – Jason Schick

2nd – Dave Petsel

Approved

Dave Petsel is checking into a float fly this year down at the Riverside

Casino again’

Discussion ensued for setting up the calendar for the year. Calendar has been set up and will be published soon.

Discussion began for the 2020 swap meet. We had lots of great input. Further discussion will happen at the Board Meeting, and we will have further information in the very near future.

Charlie will have a schedule for lawn mowing at the next meeting. Please check your calendars for time you are able to assist.

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS –

Thank you Dave Petsel for plowing the field

Thank you everyone for the help at the Swap Meet.

The next Board Meeting will be in April. If you would like have specific discussion regarding the swap meet, please come to it.

FAA has reenacted their requirements. You are encouraged to go to the FAA website and look at what you would need to do.

Motion to adjourn – Scott Garrett

2nd – Jason Schick

Meeting is adjourned – 8:04 PM

Aerohawks

General Meeting

March 5th, 2019

Meeting brought to order by President Lance Meyers @ 7:00 PM at the Pizza Ranch in North Liberty.

Treasurers report from Mary Curtis

Motion to accept – Marc Niehus

2nd – Dave Petsel

Accepted

Secretary Bill Kiesel informed the body that the minutes were not included this month in the newsletter. There will be double minutes next month.

**OLD BUSINESS** –

More to come on the Aerohawks Field cameras. We will discuss more at the April meeting.

Mark Niehus has been talking with the Marriott about getting dates available for the swap meet next year. More to come.

Charlie brought the sign in sheet for mowing. Please make sure to sign up for your turn.

**NEW BUSINESS**

We will be speaking to the City about getting our on 911 address. This will be posted at the clubhouse for emergencies.

Discussion began regarding the night fly this year. We are looking at 3 days. It is going to be a very exciting time.

Motion for the club to spend up to $200.00 on lights.

1st – Roger Schultz

2nd – Dave Petsel

Passed

Meeting adjourned @ 7:38PM

Motion – Marc Niehus

2nd – Roger Schultz

Accepted

**Why I fly RC:**

Have you thought of why you look forward to going to the field? Do you check the weather 2 or 3 days in advance planning on that perfect day to take to the sky with your new (or old) flying creation? When did you know it was how you wanted to spend your time and money? When did it become a passion? I would love to hear your stories. No need to write a novel. Just a paragraph or two about how you found out about RC and what you enjoy the most when at the field or participating with the Aero hawk family.

I’ll share some of my experiences this month. I could fill a book with memories of flying with my dad and brother. Several clubs along the way over the years and now with the Aero hawks for over 30 years and counting. Started with going to contests with my POP. He flew control line “Rat Racers”. Pretty exciting stuff back in the ‘50’s. Loud, fast, sometimes dangerous. Ever seen a CL plane leave the circle at full throttle?? Yeah, pretty cool. Found a photo taken in front of the family abode in Burlington, IA. I’m 3 at the time and you can tell my POP is proud of the new Rat Race model. If any of you more experienced members know the model let me know.



Gary Bernabe (age 3) with his POP 1950

So you can see I got an early start to modeling. I can remember many, many plastic models. All hung on wires across my bedroom ceiling. Then came Guillows models. Lots of sticks and tissue. Built a Fokker TriPlane once. Left out the dihedral to make it look more scale. I tried to fly it anyway, of course. “Crash and Burn” baby!! Many hours building but great satisfaction with awesome crash footage! I set it on fire in the back yard. Never told POP about that. 😊

Got into RC with POP in the 60’s. Had to build your radio systems back then. Radio Shack was the most reliable. Learned to fly without crashing, (too much), thanks to Wendel Maakstad when I joined the CR Skyhawks in 1973. Been building and flying and crashing all sorts of models since then.

Please, send me some pics and stories for future newsletters! If I don’t hear from you I’ll just keep boring y’all with more memories of me and my POP!

**Next month I’ll have an article on how to build and set up floats on any model you have in the hanger. Article was written by Richard Haney and given to me when he came down to fly a couple years ago with us at Riverside.**

**Any news or info you want in the newsletter, just get it to me via email and I will be happy to include it.**

**Pictures are always welcome as well as info on what is going on in your workshop.**

**Has anyone seen the “Hawk Nose” lately?? I think he may be around the field somewhere. Be cautious with what you do and/or say! You never know who’s listening and watching. ☹**