



# The Radio Flyer

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The next General Membership Meeting is:

**Tuesday, December 6<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 at the Pizza Ranch in North Liberty!**

## Upcoming Vote on Dues Increase!

Over the last several Board Meetings the topic of annual dues has been discussed in detail. While we want to keep the dues as affordable as possible, we also need to plan for the future so we have the resources in place in the event some unforeseeable event should happen.

It is the goal of our elected Board of Directors to keep our club in a strong financial position to allow us to maintain, improve where necessary and cover any potential unforeseen financial obligation needed to keep our facility one of the best in the Midwest. To meet this goal the Board is recommending our annual dues be increased from \$50 to \$60 effective in 2017. It has been 20 plus years since our last increase and expenses have risen substantially.

It is the concern of the Board that the percentage of the club operating expenses covered by the annual dues has become increasing less over the years and the club has become too depend on outside sources of income to offset these rising costs. We need to be prepared for the potential loss of revenue from the annual Swap Meet and / or Air Show due to possibility of inclement weather, or even the possible loss of our earned income projects. It is for these reasons the Board is recommending the increase.

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Per the by-laws, the Board of Directors is responsible for determining the recommended annual dues. The recommendation must be published in the newsletter and then voted on at the next monthly meeting. The floor will be open for discussion and the membership present at the December Monthly meeting will vote on the proposed increase. A simple majority is needed to pass. Members in good standing can also contact me, Rich VeDepo, and vote absentee by email if they cannot make it to the meeting. No oral votes will be considered as we want a record of your vote. No voter fraud here. (Smile)

Rich VeDepo - President I.C. Aerohawks

## Ditch Clean Up!



A big thanks to all the members that came out for the November 5<sup>th</sup> Ditch Clean Up!

We had a great turnout which always makes it much easier. They got two huge trailer loads of trash and the ditches looked spectacular when they were finished. This was the last clean-up of the year. If you weren't able to attend please thank everyone who participated in any or all of the clean ups over the course of the year. What a great group of guys and gals!

# Officer Selection

Here is the finalized slate of officers for the 2017 season:

## Proposed Slate of Officers 2017

President	Dave Petsel
VP	Kevin Malampy
Treasurer	Lance Meyer
Secretary	Bill Kiesel
Field Marshall	Tom Villhauer
Safety Officer	Dion Daubenmire
Informational Officer	Marc Niehus
Training Coordinator	Bruce Fischer
Past President	Rich VeDepo

## Aerohawks Upcoming Events!

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<b>12/14/2016</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Holiday Party</b>
<b>01/01/2017</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>New Year's Day Chili Fun Fly</b>
<b>01/29/2017</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Swap Meet!!!</b>

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## New Year's Day Chili Fun Fly Details

It's hard to believe with all this nice weather we have been having that the annual New Year's Day Chili Fun Fly is just around the corner. While typing this for the newsletter the expected temperature is supposed to be 64 degrees today and 74 tomorrow, November 17. Wouldn't that be nice for New Year's Day! Dream on. Back to reality. The event will be pretty much like in years past. We will be looking for 3 or 4 people to bring some chili or other type of soup. I've already committed to one crockpot of award winning chili but we will need a couple more. The club will provide the bowls and table service. Everyone not providing soup should plan on bringing something to share. Anything from a relish tray, chips, dips, sausage tray to dessert would work. You get the idea. Oh, and bring whatever you want to drink.

The flying will begin around 10 a.m. and will most likely go until dark. The soup will be on all day, so there isn't any particular time to eat, we will be doing that all day. So, dust off that plane with skis or get them mounted and join in the fun. If you don't have a plane on skis, come out anyway and join in on the camaraderie. It's a great time. Once again, please let me know if you want to bring some chili or other type of soup. We will limit the soups to the first 4 people who sign up. Thanks and we will see you on January 1, 2017 as we welcome in the new flying season and remember, "it's always 72 degrees in the Aerohawk Clubhouse House year round"!

**DON'T FORGET, YOU MUST HAVE YOUR 2017 AMA MEMBERSHIP RENEWED TO FLY NEW YEAR'S DAY. YOUR AMA INSURANCE FOR 2016 EXPIRES ON 12/31/16.**

## Iowa City Aerohawks

### Meeting Minutes

November 2016

#### Approving the minute:

Motion to approve by Lance Meyer and second by Marc Niehus.

#### Treasure report:

Motion to approve the treasurer report: moved by Marc Niehus second by Lance Meyer.

#### Old Business:

**Christmas Party:** 12/14/2016 Please RSVP as soon as possible. Will be held at Iowa River House. Same menu from last year around \$20 a person and \$15 for kids. 6:30 p.m food will be served. Make sure to include everybody when RSVP payment will be taking care of at the door.

If you sign up you are committing to paying.

Gary Bernabe will be collecting the money for the food.

#### **Swap meet:**

Bruce Fischer will organize putting the signs up for the swap meet.

Concessions: **Still Need Someone to Organize.**

Entry Fees: Ron hopping and his wife for public. Kleinmeir will do the rest.

#### **Ditch Cleanup:**

- Lance Meyer will make the calls to members.
- Dion Daubenmier will bring the doughnuts.
- Start at 9:00 people should be there at 8:00
- Use discretion on the wild parsnip.

#### New Business:

##### **New slate of officers:**

President: David Petsel

VP: Kevin Malamphy.

Treasurer: Lance Meyer.

Secretary: Bill Kiesel.

Field Marshal: Tom Vellhauer.

Safety Officer: Dion Daubenmier.

Information officer: Marc Niehus

Trainer: Bruce Fischer

Past President: Rich Vedepo

Motion by Marc Niehus second by Lance Meyer to buy the raffle airplane from Pete Wallace for \$200.

#### **Discussion of increasing the dues:**

A possibility to increase the dues for 2017 to \$60 but will be vote on later on and \$70 for family.

Jason approved the motion Dion Daubenmier second the motion. It will be voted on in next meeting in December.

Motion to adjourn by Joe Stramaglia second by Jason Schick.



<b>December</b>						
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**Upcoming Dates / Events:**

**Tuesday December 6<sup>st</sup> –  
General Membership Meeting**

**Wednesday December 14<sup>th</sup> –  
Holiday Party**

**Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup> –  
Board Member Meeting**

## **Swap Meet Update**

**The tables reservations are going very nicely and it should be another great event. If you haven't reserved your tables, please do so. Over 1/3 of the tables are already spoken for.**

**While we already have some people who have stepped forward to help, we are still looking for volunteers to work in various areas such as Admissions, Auction and Concessions. We also need someone to chair the concessions. If you can help us out, please let me know, particularly if you can chair the Concessions. I will be sending out some sign-up sheets for each area in the not too distant future.**

**Hope you got your Christmas Wish Lists all done! Have a great holiday and don't forget to get to bed early on New Year's Eve so you can be bright eyed and bushy tailed for the New Year's Day Chili Fun Fly!**

# **Have Fun and Keep Flying!**

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