



# The Radio Flyer

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The next General Membership Meeting is:

**Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 at the Pizza Ranch in North Liberty**

## Updates and Repairs to the Field!

The runways have been removed from the field to let the ground dry out before installing new runways. Please refrain from walking on these areas or using them for landing or taking off. Any damage added now will require repairs before we can lay the new runways.



There was also some damage from the recent wind storms to the roof and some of the trees. The cost of the necessary repairs will be discussed at the upcoming meetings.

The Radio Flyer is published monthly by the Iowa City Aerohawks, a radio control flying club, and distributed free to members, by e-mail and USPS mail. Non-members may receive the newsletter by e-mail as a PDF file, by request. 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 \$50 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).

# Proposed By-Laws Changes

The January 2016 board of directors meeting resulted in proposed by-laws changes to match the new “drone” regulations from the FAA. The suggested changes are shown below. These will be published in the radio flyer again next month as well.

## ARTICLE IV. Membership (Current)

1. Membership in the Club shall be open to all, upon application and payment of dues, who are interested in radio control aircraft and who are members in good standing of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA).

### 2. Types of Membership:

a. A General Member is entitled to all rights and privileges, without limitations.

b. A Family Member is a member of the immediate family of a General Member who shall enjoy all the rights and

privileges of a General Member, at reduced dues, providing that he/she holds a current AMA license.

c. An Honorary Member is a designation bestowed upon a person by the membership who has distinguished himself or herself in service to the Club or to the hobby of radio control model aeronautics. The Club may consider such designation upon the recommendation of a General Member. Honorary Members shall have no voting privileges and will hold such designation at the pleasure of the membership. Such members may use the Club flying field, but only as a guest of a General Member, providing the Honorary Member holds a current AMA license and an FCC license, if necessary.

### 3. Requirements of all Members:

a. It will be incumbent upon any officer of the Club, and especially the Safety Officer, to disallow any person not holding a valid AMA license to utilize the Aerohawk flying field in any capacity other than that of a spectator.

b. Each member shall be responsible for the care and protection of Club property and shall also be responsible, while involved in Club activities, to conduct themselves in a manner reflecting positively on the Club and the hobby of radio control aircraft.

c. Each member shall be responsible for the proper enforcement of all Club and AMA regulations while involved in Club activities (i.e., using the Aerohawk flying field).

d. To the best of his/her ability, every member is encouraged to support Club activities and to participate in the administration of Club functions such as contests, static displays, or any other activity dedicated to the promotion of radio controlled model aircraft.

e. Any non-member who possesses a valid AMA license may utilize the Aerohawk flying field as a guest, up to and including two visits per year, but only under the following conditions: With the acknowledgement and approval of the Safety Officer, a duly appointed Flight Instructor, or an elected Club Officer who must be in attendance at the flying field during the use of

the flying field by the non-member. More than two visits in a single calendar year by a non-member to operate aircraft requires membership to the club. An exception to the number of visits may be granted by the Board of Directors provided it is preapproved.

f. From time to time the club engages in activities to earn income. The financial gains from these activities help keep club membership dues at a lower rate. Each member is strongly encouraged to participate in these activities and is responsible for knowing when these activities will take place. Activity dates will be posted in the club *Monthly News Bulletin* well in advance for membership review.

g. Any member may be removed by the membership whenever in their judgment a member has violated conditions of membership, provided the same requirements

## Proposed changes in red:

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### 3. Secretary:

b. The Secretary shall maintain a current and ongoing record of Club members, AMA status and radio frequencies utilized.

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**\*(and radio frequencies utilized.)**

**\* To be deleted**

**Iowa City Aerohawks**  
February 2016  
General Meeting Minutes

Meeting brought to order by President Rich VeDepo at 7:00 PM

1) Old business:

- \$175 income from AMA for the TV interview.
- Motion to accept budget by Rich Vedepo second by Marc Neihaus and Bill Lee – passed
- Adding FAA registration on roster spreadsheet.

2) Swap meet:

- 118 tables rented compared to 111 in 2015
- 27 aerohawks rented tables

3) New Business:

- Roger Schultz set a motion of spending \$500 for T-Shirts was second by Abdul Alfawaz and Garry Bernabe – Passed
- Float fly @ Riverside casino pond was suggested and will be pursued more info will follow.

## March

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		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	31		

### Upcoming Dates / Events:

**Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup> –  
General Membership Meeting**

**Tuesday March 15<sup>th</sup> –  
Board Member Meeting**

**Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> –  
Coraville Mall Show**

**Hey, do you have a plane you'd love to show off to the public?**

**How about bringing one or two out to the upcoming Coralridge Mall show on  
Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup>?**

**We are need of some planes for display and pilots to meet and greet passers by from  
9am - 3pm. Set up will be at 8:30am. Contact Rich Vedepo at:  
[Rich.vedepo@gmail.com](mailto:Rich.vedepo@gmail.com)**

**This is an important way to get our club information out to the public and develop  
new membership!**

# Have Fun and Keep Flying!

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