



# The Radio Flyer

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## A Packed House...and Hallway at the Swap Meet

Its another one for the record books...this years Swap Meet had over 435 in attendance, 142 tables were sold and we sold out of food! That would be the simple Wikipedia version of Swap Meet 2017, but there was much more to it. First off, a big shout out goes to Rich VeDepo for organizing the



event as a whole. I was able to work with Rich on a few items for the swap meet, let me tell you, he is probably one of the most organized guys we've got. We're lucky to have him. Thanks again Rich for all the work you put into it.

But it wasn't just Rich on his own...30+ Aerohawks that helped out setting up the tables and signs on Friday (Larry, Bruce, Gerald, Bob, Ron, Steve, Chris, Kevin, Lance, Keith, Tom, Dave, Rodger, John, Lindsay, Rich)...to the registration and general admissions staff (the whole Hopping family, Gary, John, Lindsay, Michael)...to the Aerohawks café concession stand workers headed up by Lance M. (Juerg, John, Jason, Ryan, Rodger, Tom, Larry, Anna, Lindsay, Thomas, Ginger)...to the auction sign up and those who help with the auction itself headed up by Bill K. (Rich, Tom, Dave, Ryan, Michael, Velmah, Doc, Roger)...to our audio supervisor and sound system "roadie" Lewis. Lets not forget everyone that stayed after to tear

down and put away tables chairs, clean the concession stand, clean the bathrooms, mop the floors, load the trailer and get tables back to Aero Rental...just to many names to mention!!!



What about the Swap Meet itself you ask. With this being the most tables we have ever sold in our history, 142 tables to be exact, I was leery at first when there was mention of tables being put up in the hallway,

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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).

# Iowa City Aerohawks General Meeting 1/3/2017



Meeting brought to order by President Dave Petsel @ 7:05 PM

Treasurers report from Lance Meyer

Motion – Rich VeDepo

2nd – Kevin Malamphy

Passed

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

1) Change to the minutes – Only \$10.00 for additional membership cost for family.

Motion – Gary Bernabe

2nd – Roger Schultz

Passed



## OLD BUSINESS –

Introduction of the new officers.

Got a new credit card for Tom Villhauer. to be used for field maintenance.

Discussion developed regarding the Christmas party. Everyone enjoyed. The board will discuss having the party there again next year.

Dave handed out flyers for the upcoming swap meet. Members were asked to place in general public areas and particularly hobby stores. We are able to place signs on private property. If you know of any highly visible private property that this might be an option, please let Dave know.

Dave discussed the need for additional help at the swap meet coming up. Please see Dave Petsel or Rich VeDepo if you are able to assist in this.

Discussion ensued regarding members paying to enter the swap meet. Motion made that if a member works the swap meet, they will not have to pay. The member must be signed up to work in advance.

Motion to accept – Lance Meyer

2nd – Larry Bailey

Passed

## NEW BUSINESS –

Dave mentioned that if you go to the club website, there is a link to a Google document that is a calendar of proposed dates. Discussion ensued regarding events and dates.

Roger Schultz brought up discussion regarding a possible donation for the Children's Museum.

Bruce Fischer brought forth a motion to donate money to the Children's Museum.

2nd – Roger Schultz

Motion did not pass

Meeting adjourned @ 8:13 PM

Motion – John Young

2nd – Larry Bailey

Passed



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Would it be too crowded, would the renters be bothered being in the hallway, would those in attendance not notice them? The three answers would be a resounding no! I was able to talk to a few of them...first off, they were just happy that they have a place to put up their wares, but were also excited that they had wall space and space between tables along the wall and a few

in the foyer had walking room behind their tables. We were even lucky enough to find table space in the break room down the hallway for a vendor that had traveled all the way from Tennessee.

By 8:30 we had only seven of the table renters not checked in. At the same time, we already had roughly 75 people at the door. By 9 o'clock, we had all but two table renters not show up, and had over 200 through the door. By days end, we have the largest turnout ever at over 435 people coming through the door. This would also give reason to why it felt like we had the largest group that stayed after for the auction. With 57 items to be auctioned off, our illustrious auctioneer Jim Jiras was able to have everything sold (if someone that wanted it) by 2:15. Everything from a small baby pool full of RC stuff (seriously, it was a small baby pool) to a plane wing sold by itself that Lance and I split and will be selling at next years auction (one half at a time), to a custom built RC plane trailer. Nothing was out-of-bounds!

Because we had 20+ members stay and help pick up, put away and clean up the facilities afterward...we were out the doors no later then 3pm. I was wondering how it was going to work out this year since we held off on tearing down tables until after the auction, that if we would get a nice size group of people to stay and help afterwards. I was pleasantly surprised...THANK YOU FOR STAYING..it made for quick work! GREAT JOB AEROHAWKS !!!

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# A Safety Second

I wish I could say that I followed every rule to the letter... unfortunately, I don't always do what I should do. Luckily, I do have fellow Aerohawks mention to me my short comings, and I thank them for that. But remember, while your pointing your finger at others that there are three pointing back at you (unless your my uncle who lost his middle finger in a tragic accident saluting a fellow motorist)...the thumb is just pointing up in most cases.

I notice at times club members trying to correct a few others in their safety practices (or lack there of)...only to see that the comments were "joked" away or even thought as a scolding. Its unfortunate because all they are attempting to do was to mention something to a fellow pilot that they may not have known and may be were unaware of. This is an opportunity to learn and maybe prevent a incident or worse, an accident.

We are ALL responsible for each others safety! That is why when someone brings to your attention of a club rule that you may be breaking or an "unwritten" rule that could prevent an incident, LISTEN and don't take it personal...think of it as a friend helping a friend.

I hope to be as safe as possible...but that might not always be the case. Not because I'm willfully non-compliant, but because I may have missed something or do not have the experience. Luckily, we have a great membership that will take the time and help point out something that may have been missed. The important part is that we all listen to each other so that to prevent anything small turn into something bigger!

## February 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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## March 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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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, during the flying season, its the night we all like to get together fly and grill out. During the off season (NOW) we try to pick a local restaurant, have dinner and "talk" about flying!

## 2017 Event Calendar

- April 9th  
1st Ditch Clean-up
- May 15th  
Maiden Voyage Day
- June 11th  
Riverside Casino Float Fly
- July 4th  
July 4th Coralville Parade
- July 23rd  
2nd Ditch Clean-up
- August 28th  
Sertoma
- September 10th  
Air Show Field Preparation
- September 11th  
23rd Annual Air Show
- November 5th  
3rd Ditch Clean-up
- December 14th  
Holiday Party
- January 1st  
New Year's Chili Fun Fly

