



# The Radio Flyer

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The next General Membership Meeting is **Tuesday, October 6th** at 7:00 at the clubhouse

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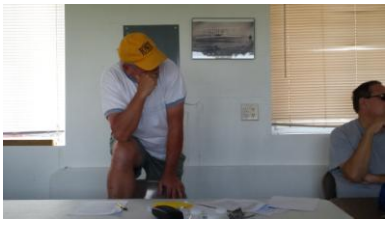
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## AIR SHOW 2015



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**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).



### PRESHOW PREPARATIONS:

A lot of preparations go into the Airshow starting many months before the day of the show. Rich VeDepo does an excellent job in taking the lead on this. From advertising the show, organizing pilot schedules, creating sound and commentary and setting a theme to the Air show Rich spends a lot of time and effort. And this year was a little more stressful on Rich due to his laptop going down just a couple of weeks before the show. With a little help from Louis reloading the music tracks, they were able to keep on track. A lot of others also stepped up and volunteered to help lead the effort, Brian Daly, a fairly new member agreed to lead the parking, Gary Bernabe took on the concessions and Bruce Fisher managed the signs

A pilots meeting was set up to go over the show about a week before to help pilots understand when to take off and when to land, hoping that this would help keep the show on schedule.

### THE DAY BEFORE:

On Saturday morning several members came out and cleaned the clubhouse, mowed, set up flags and marked the parking area and safety lines. Thanks to all of those that came out and helped!



Thanks to Chuck Wendler and the Iowa Pork Producers for supplying pork burgers. They are a big hit at the concession stand

### TIME FOR THE SHOW!!

It's Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>! Time for the show! Clear blue skies, not a cloud anywhere. A strong breeze is coming from the south. The show begins with "Hey, I'm your air show man", "No, I'm your air show man!". Then the national anthem began with the flag sock flying along with the Pork Banner. Several new members joined in the parade of flight; there were a record number of total pilots flying in the show. A variety of warbirds flew in the show ranging from small electric to larger four stroke p-51's.



Iowa City Aerohawks  
September 2015  
General Meeting

Meeting brought to order by President Lance Meyer@ 7:00 PM.

Lance introduced Mark from the Waco school district in Wayland Iowa. Mark spoke with us regarding helping educate the students regarding airplanes and employment skills for their future. He is looking for 3 days in the fall, winter, and spring for us to come down there and educate the students. We would mainly be teaching High School age students. Discussion ensued from the members to the school representative. We will discuss and have additional questions to forward to him.

Lance is handing around a Thank You card for the Iowa Pork Producers.

Introduction of a new member.

Lance asked if anyone had any questions or comments about the meeting minutes from last month. None seen.

Motion to accept – Gerald Hollander

2<sup>nd</sup> — Keith Millard- Passed

Treasurer Roger Schultzbrought forth the Treasurer's report.

Motion to accept – Dave Petsel

2<sup>nd</sup> — Rich VeDepo -Passed

**OLD BUSINESS –**

Lance spoke with Charlie at Kent Park for a float fly. No motion for a date. The Float Fly is cancelled at this time. Rich brought forth the Airshow. Rich discussed the schedule of events and pretty much has it all wrapped up. Rich wanted to thank Marc Niehus for assembling the raffle plane. Rich mentioned that we had great ticket sales at the Sertoma airport show. Rich reminded everyone to bring planes to the airshow, even if you are not flying. Some discussion ensued regarding scheduling of events and participants. Rich reminded everyone that we need the signs set up. We are hoping to get them up the Monday before. Rich sent out posters to all AMA clubs within 100 miles. Rich reminded everyone to sell the tickets they were sent in the mail and to make sure to bring the day of the airshow. We are going to be having a walk through airshow the Sunday prior to the actual airshow. If you can be there it would be helpful. This will be at 2pm.

Marc Niehus made a motion to provide a meal during the walk through time.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Scott Garrett – Passed. Marc is going to pick up some hot dogs and brats.

Rich mentioned that the idea had come up and put the option out for a \$200.00 buy back of the raffle plane. He believes this might encourage more people to purchase tickets.

We will be having pizza again after the airshow. You can purchase a ticket for this the day of the Airshow.

Bruce Fischer mentioned that we only have 40 signs. Bruce wants to remind everyone that we should purchase more before next year. Bruce has a list of areas that should have signs set up. Members told Bruce where they would be able to. We will be putting the signs up on Memorial Day.

Gary Bernabe mentioned the items that we will have for the concessions and the quantities. Another big huge thank you for the Iowa Pork Producers. Gary is asking for coolers full of ice again for the Airshow.

Lance brought up the runway. The runway is in some dire need of repairs. Rich is going to bring a sample of new runway material at the October meeting. It is looking like we will definitely be needing a new runway next year. With this discussion, Rich mentioned that we need to make sure this runway is in usable shape prior to the airshow.

Gary Bernabe asked if the mower is fixed. It is. The weed eater is not working. We need to restring it.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

Discussion began for the Christmas party. We are looking at all options. The Board will discuss more in depth at the next Board Meeting.

Motion to adjourn – Dave Petsel

2<sup>nd</sup> – Gary Bernabe - Passed

Meeting adjourned @7:53 PM

## Candy Drop



## Transmitter Toss



The candy drop was again a huge success with a lot of kids in attendance and the transmitter toss with Scott Garrett and Chris Lenz, kept everyone wondering, even when the transmitter fell into two pieces. I think Gary Kleinmeyer missed seeing the event because he was busy doing something to his transmitter ☺. The YAK Attack was back again this year with Tim Saylor, Mike VeDepo and Derek Power. Although they hadn't flown together for several years, they were still impressive. Also impressing the crowd again was the turbine Boomerang flown by Mike VeDepo, soaring up almost out of sight which wowed the crowd. Mike also gave a great show with his Decathlon filling the blue sky with smoke trails. The limbo had the crowd on its feet when Bill Lee almost looped the rope, but it was Marc Niehus that took the victory lap. Drones made an appearance this year, attempting a race, but the pylons had a hard time staying up in the wind, so they instead made loops and rolls.



We had a few special guests join us in the Air Show. LaDon Sams wowed us with his aerobatic routine and Ryan Sams once again impressed us with loops and rolls of his amazing JR Forza 700 helicopter routine, and then we watched in amazement as 8 year old Noah Vierling flew a 3D aerobatic demonstration with his 35% aerobatic plane.

Then it was time for THE MAIN EVENT!! 12 planes entered into the event, not all finished. The tow planes had some difficulty getting started, the streamers kept coming off, but once they were airborne the excitement began. I was a witness to Marc, seeing that Nick needed some assistance with the tow plane, handed his plane over to Mike V. who then clipped into another plane, damaging the tail section, but still being able to land. I'm not sure who got the most streamers, but it was exciting.

Another great Air Show put on, I heard very positive remarks from the crowd. The show ran right on schedule with the raffle drawing at 4:30, congratulations to Pete Wallace for being the lucky winner. Thanks to all the family and friends that helped and the members that helped and flew!





# SERTOMA



On Sunday August 25 the Aerohawks set up a static display of planes and helicopters at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Sertoma Club Breakfast and Fly-in at the Iowa City Airport. The display was in front of Terry Edmonds Hanger. We had several visitors come to the display and ask questions about our club and the aircraft. We sold several raffle tickets also.

Roger flew his foamie plane, which drew the attention of several kids and Roger explained how the plane worked. At one point later in the day we needed to move our planes inside of the hanger to allow the full size bi-planes to taxi nearby. It was a fun morning and great exposure for the club, but we would have liked to see a larger member turnout and more planes, so hope to see you at the event next year!



Congratulations to Pete Wallace for being the lucky winner of the P-51 raffled off at the Air Show. Pete has joined our club, and with help from Lance the other night, was getting the plane set up.

## Chili/Float Fly

Kent State Park  
 2.5 Miles west of Tiffin  
 We are planning to have a float fly and chili potluck at Kent State park on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow at a later date.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> DITCH CLEANUP OCTOBER 24<sup>th</sup>

Reminder: The third ditch cleanup is scheduled for Saturday October 24th



Just a reminder, it's that time of year to renew your AMA Membership for next year!

### Wanted!!

The club is looking for Board Members for 2016. Now is the time to step forward and play a larger role in the club. We need those that want to help set the agenda for next year. Let a current board member know if you would like to be a board member.

## OCTOBER

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October 6<sup>th</sup> --- General Membership Meeting  
 October 20<sup>th</sup> --- Board Meeting  
 October 24<sup>th</sup> --- 3rd ditch Cleanup  
 October 25<sup>th</sup> --- Chili/Float Fly

### Remaining Events for 2015

October 24<sup>th</sup> --- 3rd Ditch Cleanup  
 October 25<sup>th</sup> --- Chili/Float Fly  
 December 10<sup>th</sup> --- Holiday Party

KEEP FLYING AND HAVE FUN!

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