

The Sunbeam

INDOOR FLYING AT THE MEETING

This is a reminder that the Jan., Feb. and March meetings of the Central Iowa Aeromodelers are a fun fly with a brief agenda at the 3M community building. Over the past two last years, everyone had a great time and got to try out indoor RC gear.

Be sure to charge up your batteries and come! Your old one's might need replacement. If you don't have indoor aircraft come and spectate anyway.

The 3M Community Building is at 900 Dayton Avenue in East Ames.

Here are the details from our Facebook page:

Drive to the northeast end of the parking lot, a driveway will go to the building. Highly suggest you drive in, unload or carry in your stuff, and park in the main lot. Parking space is a premium. AND STAY OFF THE GRASS!

Tuesday,
January 8, February 12, March 12
6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

- •2019 AMA membership mandatory. Open to club members whose 2019 dues have been paid. Guests welcome.
- •Club Safety Officer will inspect all aircraft. Note-this is a gym with high ceilings, so bring suitable aircraft.
 •\$5 for club members, \$10 for guests.

Questions contact: Craig Krueger 515-231-7047 or Wayne Hauber 515-291-0300

Club Calendar

January 8 Indoor flying at the 3M Rec Center

January 26-27 http://www.dmniff.org/ Not-Normal Indoor Fun Fly-in at State Fairgrounds

February 2 - Saturday - Iowa City Aerohawks Swap Meet & Auction. Coralville Marriott Hotel & Conference Center, 300 East 9th Street http://www.iowacityaerohawks.com/ See page 5.

February 12 March 12 Meeting/Indoor Flying Dates



Like us on FaceBook! Join the group, make a reasonable comment, upload a photo!

President's Column

Mark Taylor

Winter Gossip from the Hot Stove League:

I have found it difficult to adjust psychologically to the sort of Missouri winter weather we've been having. There were several days in December that were flyable and the field is in good shape, but I just wasn't emotionally ready to go out there. Or, more practically and metaphorically speaking, my batteries weren't charged up. Paradoxically, this also seems to squash any initiative I might have for indoor winter projects. I've always yearned to set up some kind of rotating field trip camaraderie during the winter time to visit each other's shops and critique each other's projects and as a result, motivate the project builders to proceed at a faster pace.

That Dream I Dreamed has not progressed beyond its infancy in the last couple of decades, but just in case you're really behind on individual club news, I do know the following:

- r) Popelka found a fabulous new electric jet project underneath the tree this Christmas, and he would be happy to tell you about it or show you pictures if you ask. Call me a skeptic, but it seems to me like his intelligent technology philosophy is progressing along the same lines as my old-fashioned RC career, i.e. getting bigger and bigger and more expensive.
 - 2) Dave Sult has two grandkids, one here and one on the way. Some skeptics might doubt if we will see him before 2030.
- 3) Rich Cronk is into the rally racing sport, and is looking to divest himself of some pretty nice airplanes, most prominently that huge P 51 with the 3W75 in it. An old project, but seldom flown. Make him an offer if you think you can best the old horse trader.
- 4) I now own the fabulous 1/12 scale B-29 that Dwayne completed over the last two years as chronicled in my RCU thread. Because of the difficulties with the JR brand, and because it would be a lot simpler to program a Futaba for the bird, which has already got 2-3 flights of it, I purchased a Futaba 18 SZ computer radio and I am currently turning my brain into Swiss cheese trying to figure out how to work it. There's a possibility I can't do it at age 60.
- 5) Frank moved out of his old shop, so don't go visit. More details later on when and where his new Super Shop will be established. We can only hope that his Irreplaceable and masterful influence will not be lost to us.
- 6) There should be FPV demonstrations and other cutting edge electro-tech at the gym meeting next Tuesday. Come hang out, even if you only have 2014 garbage like me
- 7) Membership is creeping upwards: one new 15 year-old so enthusiastic he arm-twisted me me to fly last month, Tracy plans to earn Mustang wings by next fall, and several DSM club members might switch allegiances due to we have a better field and less drama (IMHO)
 - 8) Jon Buss has softly and quietly assumed the role of Old Tractor Intensive Care Specialist. THAT'S a debt we'll never re-pay!!!

Please be super-nice to them when you see them out there.

And please text or email me with any news on your projects or unfounded gossip about others. It would make this column a lot more interesting

Mark Taylor



January 26 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
January 27 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
\$20 adults \$10 youth (18 & under)

The Scrap Bin

Denny Goodrich

I scanned a bunch of photos from my grandfather's collection recently. There were several snapshots of Charles Lindbergh's plane and the crowd that gathered in late August, 1929 at the airport in Sioux City. My, uncle Lawrence Johnson, was about 12 years old at the time. He told me that, although the plane was guarded by a policeman, he and another boy had touched it!

I was aware that the airport was on the north side of Sioux City, but until I did some research, I did not know the airport was in North Sioux City, South Dakota. At that time Sioux City, Iowa did not have an airport! According to an article at www.sdpilots.com/tooth.htm, the Iowa National Guard showed up to protect the plane, somehow not realizing they had left the state of Iowa!

Battle of Rickenbacker Field by Norma Kraemer

Charles Lindbergh toured the lower 48 states in 1927 after his record setting fight to Paris. South Dakota had one of the more unusual events on his tour. Lindbergh landed at Sioux Falls' Renner Airport (initially called Lindbergh Airport, but renamed Renner so people would know where it was.) From there he was to visit Sioux City, Iowa. However, Sioux City had no airport of its own. The only airport in the area was at what is called North Sioux City, named Rickenbacker Field.

When Lindbergh scheduled his landing, the people of Sioux City failed to realize that the airfield was not in Iowa. They sent the Iowa National Guard to protect Lindbergh, only to be faced down by the Union County Sheriff and the chief deputy state sheriff. The Union County State's attorney, who had been deputized, hit the Iowa Guard captain with a right to jaw that left him on the ground when challenged by the Guard troops. After the Captain returned a punch breaking the attorney's glasses, the captain ordered his men to "fix bayonets." With that, one of the sheriff's deputies pulled a .45. While the Iowa captain was still punching it out, his Sergeant ordered the Iowa troops to stand down. The Guard slinked away to the catcalls of the crowd.

When Lindbergh returned to his plane to fly on to Pierre the next day he had no idea of how well South Dakota protected his plane.

The field was named after race car driver and WWI hero, Eddie Rickenbacker, after he competed at the Sioux City Speedway, located on the same grounds, but torn town about 1919. The airfield there today is named Graham Field and its single runway is almost in the same alignment as the NW-SE runway in the photo. The semi-circle located to the right of the word "Dakota" is the Milwaukee RR maintenance yard, second largest round house in their system with 32 bays. It is in Iowa. The Missouri River and state line runs up and down the right side of the photo.

Lindbergh was about halfway through a 92 city, 48 state tour which ran from July 20 - October 23, 1927. http://www.charleslindbergh.com/history/gugtour.asp

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Charles Lindbergh at Rickenbacker Field, North Sioux City, South Dakota on August 28 or 29, 1927



Scenes from a previous Aerohawks Swap Shop and Auction





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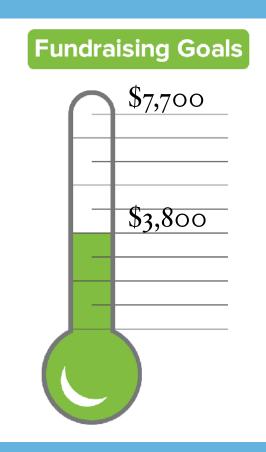
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The Central Iowa Aeromodelers

http://centraliowaaeromodelers.weebly.com/index.html

This club has been established to promote all facets of the hobby/sport of model aviation and to provide assistance and fellowship for its members. AMA Charter 2091.

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2019 Central Iowa Aeromodelers Membership Form

Annual Dues: Open Member \$100 - Any Open AMA member.

Student \$ 35 - Full time college undergrad/school student of any capability

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Newsletter Subscription \$ 10 - For non members only.

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