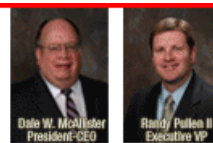




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Phil Eason of Red Oak, Iowa, pilots his Carden Yak 54 remote-controlled aircraft through a series of aerobatic maneuvers during a "fun fly" held last July at Schenck Field in Clarinda. The Clarinda R/C Skyhawks will present a demonstration starting at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 10, at the club airfield next to the airport in Clarinda. (file photo)

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Clarinda area residents will have the opportunity to experience the thrill of flight without ever having to leave the ground.

The Clarinda R/C Skyhawks, the community's radio controlled aircraft club, will be teaching spectators how to fly state-of-the-art radio controlled airplanes Sunday, June 10, in conjunction with the Clarinda Flight Breakfast and air show.

Starting at 2 p.m. at the radio aircraft field on the southeast side of Clarinda Municipal Airport – Schenck Field, the club will have four instructors and four trainer aircraft available for members of the public to try. Each plane will be equipped with "buddy box" capabilities that allow the instructor and the student to share control of the airplane.

"Basically, the instructor has the master transmitter and the student has a 'buddy box' that is connected to the master transmitter via an electrical cable," club member Steve Mowery said. "The instructor will handle the takeoff and get the plane to a safe altitude. Then, the student can take control. If the student ever has trouble, the instructor has immediate control of the aircraft so the student does not have to fear crashing the plane."

In addition, the Skyhawks will have a computer simulator available to familiar participants with the controls before they operate an actual plane.

"Come out and enjoy all the fun and excitement. Everybody of all ages is welcome," Mowery said.

To offset the cost of fuel and other associated costs, a fee of \$1 per flight will be charged. To reach the radio aircraft field, turn right on the gravel road immediately before the road leading to the animal shelter and city

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