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DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

President's Report

Hi all,

Nice weather lately eh—shit, it's cold out there!! I think it is a good thing we got this global warming thing going on, or it would really be cold out there :) Hard to think of Spring when we got -30 out there, but it will be here before you know it.

Obviously, our main focus right now remains finding a new site to fly, so I just wanted to give everyone a run down on where we are at:

- 1) Stender Field was a sparsely used grass runway near Maysville. I contacted Mrs. Stender who informed me that unfortunately the runway was plowed up last spring and returned to crops.
- 2) McNeil Field in Barstow Illinois. This is a site that is apparently used for ultralights-- not clear how much recently, have heard various reports on that. The phone number that we found by looking up tax records has been disconnected. A brief note was sent, unsure if it is even the owner, but no response. I went back out one weekend when the weather was good in hopes of seeing someone nearby I could talk to--no luck. The place is not overly inviting with no trespassing signs and such. I have sort of given up on this one but, truthfully, have not actually talked to anyone in charge. I could continue to try I suppose.
- 3) Scott Co. Park. When we gave Kroeger Field back to the park, I asked at the time, if there was any other spots in the park that we could occupy and Roger (park board director) told me no. No site that we know of that would meet our needs anyway.
- 4) Lost Grove. Dirko spoke with the DNR about a potential site there, and they did not think they could help us.
- 5) Geneseo Parks Dept. As you may recall, the Geneseo Parks Dept. actually contacted the AMA wondering if they (the AMA) knew of anyone willing to set up a site in one of their parks. We have reached out to them and initially were told that we could talk after the holidays. E-mail since has not been returned as yet. We do not know what they have in mind, have no idea what the site looks

like, or how large it is. In the initial e-mail that was sent, they were given links to our website and Facebook page, so maybe they decided we were more than they were looking for--we just don't know. We will continue to chase this one down, and at least lay eyes on the site, if they remain interested. (In Saturday's Quad-City Times, the Geneseo Park Dept. was awarded a \$150,000 State of Illinois grant for park enhancement. Maybe this will be the catalyst for getting more info.)

- 6) Scott County Landfill. We have made contact with the Scott Co. landfill, and they are aware of our situation, and are also aware of the arrangement in Iowa City. (For those who don't know the Iowa City Club site sits on a landfill there) The Scott County Landfill Manager seems interested, and there is an area of the landfill that is "full". Landfills apparently get some kind of a "credit", from the state I assume, if a portion of the landfill is "reclaimed" after it is full. We have only seen the site by satellite photos, and it looks like it has grass, or weeds on it. Again, nobody has actually laid eyes on the site, and it is mounded fairly high above original grade, it would appear. We have 3 members that have spoken with the folks at the landfill and will be making a site visit when the weather allows.
- 7) Private sites. There are a few members that have said that they have been given permission at some private sites out there, but that the land owners were not ready to commit to a permanent site for the club as a whole. I personally do not have a problem with this; I think that if those members fly at those sites and expose the land owners to our hobby in person, that perhaps, one of those sites may blossom into a site for the club as a whole. I would encourage this, and who knows, maybe we will get a great new site out of one of these "trial arrangements" if you will.

There are other potential sites out there I am sure, so please chase down any leads you can, and let us know who we need to talk to. Please don't give up on the club just yet, I remain confident we will find a site, and, as you can see, we are working on it. We have a pretty good renewal rate so far with all things considered, so I would like to thank everyone for the support, and we will keep working until we find a site to continue to pursue our wonderful hobby.

We are still planning on having the Swap Meet on March 16th, so please reserve your tables early. As of the most recent board meeting, we only had 5 tables reserved-- I know it is early. If we do not get enough interest with table reservations, we may end up canceling, but get the word out and get those tables reserved so we can hold the event as planned.

On a sad note, we lost a longtime club member recently. Jerry Newsum passed away on Feb. 2nd. He was a long time club member and proud Veteran who is buried

at the Rock Island National Cemetery. I did not see him around much in the last few years as his health failed him, but he was always fun to talk to at the field. Thoughts and prayers to Jerry's family.

The meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 11th, at Major Art and Hobby upstairs where we met before--thanks Jane!!

Oh, one more thing! I have heard thru the grapevine that the Moline club is interested in the mat material which currently resides at Seven Cities. We will talk about this at the meeting and see if anyone has any ideas on the subject, one way or the other. My 2 cents is that if they want it and can use it and want to go pull it up, that would be a better use for it than us pulling it up and putting it in storage somewhere. When we get a new site we can decide if we want a mat at all-- or are allowed to use one. If allowed at the new site we may want to start with a new mat appropriately sized to the new site. We will talk at the meeting- so think on it.

Again, thanks for hanging in there with the club and see you at the meeting.

Steve

DRCS Swap Meet

Our Swap Meet is scheduled for March 16 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Davenport. The flier is attached, and we are listed on the AMA calendar. Help is needed to man the admissions table, in the kitchen, and the raffle table. I am looking for anyone to step up and help organize any of these tasks. I will have a sign-up sheet at this month's meeting. And, if anyone wants to reserve a table, just let me know. Also, please circulate the flier!!!

Thanks Dirk Oosting for getting the venue scheduled!

Bits & Pieces:

Only those members who renewed for 2019 are receiving this edition of the Transmitter. As of this writing, we have had 56 members renew from the 97 that we had in 2018. If you know anyone that has not renewed, hit them up, and have them send me their dues and initiation (\$45).

We have reserved a table this year at the Annual Quad City Engineering and Science Council. It recognizes local high school STEM students. It is Thursday, February 21, 5 p.m., at Deere & Co. Headquarters. Last year, Rodd Schick and I exhibited an electric plane connected to a transmitter, a flight simulator on a lap top, as well as a couple of engines and plane parts. If you interested in helping, please contact me.

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CALENDAR**2019 Events:**

Feb 11	DRCS Meeting	Major Art & Hobby
Feb 16	Fox Valley Annual Swap Meet	St. Charles, IL
Mar 11	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Mar 16	DRCS Swap Meet	St. Mark's, Davenport, IA
Apr 5-7	Weak Signals Model Expo	Toledo, OH
Apr 8	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Apr 27	Rock Valley Swap Meet	Pecatonica, IL
May 11	Peoria R/C Modelers Open House	Chillicothe, IL
May 13	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Jun 7-8	Sig Fly-In (tentative)	Montezuma, IA
Jun 7 – 9	Horizon RC Fest	Eli Field, Monticello, IA
Jun 8-9	Dave Goerne Memorial Fun Fly	Streator, IL
Jun 10	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Jun 29-30	Quad City Air Show	Davenport, IA
Jul 8	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Jul 13	Erie RC Warbirds for Honor	Erie, IL
Aug 12	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Aug 17	RC Flight for Cancer	Morrison, IL
Sep 9	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Sep 14	Fly N Swap	Morrison, IL
Sep 27 – 29	Fall Scramble Warbirds & Classics	Streator, IL
Oct 14	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Nov 11	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Dec 9	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library

Check the Event Schedule either in **Model Aviation** or online (<https://www.modelaircraft.org/event-calendar>) for future details on non-club events!

DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY'S 24th ANNUAL SWAP MEET



St Mark's Lutheran Church
2363 W. 3rd St., Davenport, IA 52802
Saturday, March 16, 2019
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Anything Radio Control related can be swapped!
Aircraft, vehicles, boats, radios, engines, etc.



Table Rent - \$10 Admission \$5
Raffle for an RC Airplane - \$1 or 6 for \$5
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Set-up at 8 a.m.

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Next Meeting

Monday, February 11th

6:30 p.m.

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