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DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

President's Report

Hi all,

As you all should be aware by now, the Adventure CC Flying Field is open for flying!! Unfortunately, the weather has not been very cooperative in allowing very much activity out there. I think the most activity at the new site has been by our trusty grounds keeper Dave C. The rain and mild temps have been good for grass growing and not much else. Thanks Dave for keeping on top of the mowing duties. As we talked about last time, Dave will need some help with that as the season moves along. We do have possession of the storage unit near the site now, and that helps some. The mower is currently housed in Dave's old trailer inside the storage unit, so any potential assistant grounds keepers should be able to hook up and pull the trailer to the site to mow and put back in the unit when done. The storage facility is just to the North of the new field, but it is just not safe to drive a lawn mower along the side of the road on county road Y-48, there is too much traffic including semi traffic and no shoulder. More on this at the meeting.

The new site has been open for a month now and, unfortunately, due to the weather, very little flying has been possible. I did actually get out last weekend and got some flying in, despite a fairly brisk wind out of the North-ish. I got about 6 or 8 flights in, maybe? Landings are a bit tricky with the wind out of the north pushing you toward the alfalfa, but doable. There were a couple other brave souls out there with me, and we all had similar issues with the wind. No carnage just some interesting landings (Jordan -- HA HA). Really, he did a great job with an EDF Mig 21!! The road to the West (right as you are flying) does come into play a bit quicker than I thought it would, so we will need to be mindful of that. There are some pretty good landmarks in the distance to line up on the runway from both the East and the West. It will for sure take some getting used to, but will be a perfectly serviceable flying field. Thank you Adventure Community Church!!!

As we have been preaching over and over again, the site does have some access issues when it is wet. Clearly it has been a bit wet lately!! The day I was there, I walked down and there was indeed some some small amounts of water standing in all of the about three separate dips in the "valley" heading up toward the parking area. I decided to proceed in 4 wheel drive and stayed on the "high side" (farthest away from the lake) and noticed a brief wheel spin in one spot but went through without incident and left minimal evidence in the muck. It was more "greasy" than I expected, however. Two more individuals made it as well in close to the same path. On the way out, however, one person ventured down closer to the lake, nearer

the the swampy area and was promptly stuck. We did try to push him out to no avail. Luckily, the hill heading up toward the road was dry enough to allow the wrecker (with a long wench cable apparently!!) to get close enough to pull him out.

I think the lesson is clear, if there is ANY standing water in the valley I would not proceed. Certainly not without 4 wheel drive. The muck at the bottom of that hill is very "greasy", and although it may not be deep, it is slick as snot. We need to be mindful of the fact that we are guests there and, if we do not take care of the property, we will be looking for a new site again. PLEASE do not drive over the area when it is questionable. In retrospect, I should not have driven over it when I did, so please learn from an early mistake and do not drive over it when there is any standing water. There will be plenty of dry days ahead--I hope.

We do have an event of sorts coming up soon. As you may recall I was contacted by a local Cub Scout leader asking us to do a presentation on Tuesday, June 18th, and Thursday, June 20th at Scott Co. Park over the lunch hour for a large gathering of scouts. We will be doing a 30 to 45 min presentation / demo. I looked at the site, and it should be fine for foamy flying, etc. I will need some help. I will be able to be there for the Tuesday event, but Thursdays are hard for me. If someone else could take the lead on Thursday, that would be great. I will be looking for volunteers at the meeting.

That's all I got for now. See you at the meeting. We decided to just have the meetings at the library for now, until we get the field dialed in so the meetings will be at the library until further notice. Thanks and see you at the meeting.

Steve

Field Updates:

I would like to thank those volunteers in the attached photo for helping with the messy job of removing the runway at Frye Field and cleaning out the rest of our property from the barn. Helpers included: Rodd Schick, Steve Thompson, Phil Vernon, Jerry Raisbeck, Dirk Oosting, Gary Holt, Jeff Moler, and Brian Gebhart. Not pictured is Shawn Voisine.



As Steve mentioned, access to the Adventure CC Flying Field can be dicey when wet. In the attached pictures, going towards the field, it is best to stay to the right by the long grass and the hay field. Then, hug the ropes and go straight up the hill; do not veer left past the ropes as there is a very soft spot on the one side hill.





There are two ways to go towards the field. Immediately to the right, once you enter the property, is a road cut through the tall grass, less steep and greasy vs the route at the end of the gravel drive. You can use either; your choice.

I am guessing the hay field may be cut sometime soon. Typically, by now, it would have been harvested once.

Next week, I will be throwing down some weed and feed. At the meeting, I would like to discuss possibly a work party to fill in the wetland area and one spot on a side hill. It may involve getting some dirt to fill in.

Bits & Pieces:

We are now up to 67 members. The delayed period for no initiation fees did help us get several more old members back.

Majors Art & Hobby has several nice planes in their consignment area including some nice ones from Chuck Balsler and Tom Stoudt. Plus, a lot of nice new ones.

In case you haven't heard, the Central Iowa Airshow in Ankeny, IA, is hosting a Byron Reunion Thursday, August 22 thru Sunday, August 25. More information at www.ciairshow.com/big-bird

Club t-shirts are still available for \$15. Contact me if you would like one.

The majority of club property including pop-ups, fence posts, etc., is in a storage unit at Jordan Storage, just north of the Adventure CC Field. There is a combination lock on the gate as well as a combination lock on the unit. The lock on the unit is the one used at Kroeger Field. I can share the combinations to those interested. My old trailer with the mower is in the unit also. It takes a 2" ball to pull.

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CALENDAR

2019 Events:

Jun 7 - 8	Mike Gretz Memorial (Sig) Fly-In	Montezuma, IA
Jun 7 - 9	Horizon RC Fest	Eli Field, Monticello, IA
Jun 8	QuadCity Skyraiders Flood Relief Fundraiser	Moline, IL
Jun 8 - 9	Dave Goerme Memorial Fun Fly	Streator, IL
Jun 10	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Jun 14-15	Mike Gretz Control Line Fun Fly	Montezuma, IA
Jun 14-15	Skyhawks Electric Fly	Marion, IA
Jun 15	SSC Combat over Iowa	Cedar Falls, IA
Jun 20-22	Windy City Warbirds & Classics	St. Charles, IL
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
Jul 13-14	Prairie Lake Float Fly	Cedar Falls, IA
Jul 19-21	Warbirds on the Warpath	Chillicothe, IL
Jul 20-21	Warbirds over Iowa	Marion, IA
Aug 11	Iowa City Aerohawks Airshow	Iowa City, IA
Aug 12	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Aug 17	RC Flight for Cancer	Morrison, IL
Aug 22-25	Central Iowa Airshow	Ankeny, IA
Aug 24-25	Iowa Pattern Championships	Marion, IA
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! There are many more events within 200 miles.*

I am going to make a concerted effort to attend a couple of the above events this year to support our hobby. I would welcome others to attend with me.

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6:30 p.m.

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