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DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

President's Report

Hi all,

Here's hoping the damn rain stops sometime this spring. It looks like there might be break in the rain by the weekend, but, then of course, the wind will start to blow. With the rain all week, the sign is still up to keep vehicles off the sod. Should hopefully be dry enough to drive on by the weekend, so if the wind isn't bad, head on out and get some stick time in! Just please continue to be mindful of field conditions, and don't drive on the sod if it is too soft, as always. We should be getting the porta potty out soon, but it is not there yet so plan accordingly.

No major spring projects this year, we just need to get the sign done and get the pin board back up as well. Once the board is back up, please get back in the habit of grabbing a pin. As always, this still applies to those of us flying 2.4 as well. As always, it is just an easy way to ensure everyone is up to date on their AMA and, hence, is covered by the AMA insurance. Keep the field picked up as well if you would; if you see some trash, just pick it up. We hopefully will get the field sprayed and fertilized this year by the Seven Cities Sod management to keep the weeds down. They were pretty bad last year. Still no word from the county on their plans for the road this spring but, hopefully, more on that by meeting time.

Our first event of the season will be the Scale Meet in June which is sneaking right up on us actually. As always get those scale(ish) birds ready early, and get some flights on them so there are no issues with the crowd there. If there are any ideas on how to improve the event, don't be shy about speaking up at the meeting or send me an e-mail or what ever.

That's all I got for now, not much to talk about this time of year. Please stay safe when venturing out to the field and use your head about driving on soggy sod. Take a minute to review the field rules recalling that the safety line was moved and is now the west edge of the mat. Call all of your take offs and landings and have fun!!

See ya at the meeting on Monday. A couple of us are heading to Toledo again, and I hope to have a bunch of pics to show at the meeting.

Steve

Bits & Pieces:

A few more notes on Frye Field: The porta-potty should be on-site next week. Trash pickup – just saw a picture on Facebook this morning from another club where a pilot was landing and hit a piece of broken prop. It broke his prop, punched a hole in his cowl, and bent his nose gear. So again, please pickup after yourselves as well as others. Safety: sounds like there may be more jet action at the field this year. Just be mindful of others and their aircraft and allow ample airspace when you are flying (and landing!)

Mowing: I will again be mowing the field every week. However, there will be several weeks this year that I will be out of town so will need some help. As part of the May meeting (that should be at Frye Field), I will be giving instruction on the new tractor to any that can help out this year.

Scale Meet: Saturday, June 17 – I have started soliciting prizes for this year's meet. If any of you have leverage with any company that may be able to donate a prize, please ask but also inform me so I don't hit them up also. The flyer should be available next week. Also, Dean Bryant mentioned that he could make a PA available. So if anyone wants to do some announcing, speak up!

Facebook: Anyone should be able to post to the club page. If you frequent other club's pages, you will see members posting projects, items for sale, letting people know when they will be flying, etc. I would like to see more of that on our page. So feel free to post.

FYI – we are up to 93 members this year with a number of new ones. So if you see someone at the field that you do not know, please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome. Several are newbies so help out in anyway you can.

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Meeting Minutes – Were not received this month to publish

2017 Events: Several corrections this month.

Apr 7 – 9	Weak Signals R/C Model Expo	Toledo, OH
Apr 10	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
May 8	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
May 13	Peoria RC Modelers Open House	Peoria RC Modelers Field, Chillicothe, IL
May 26-28	NASA Scale Meet (not on AMA calendar)	Erie Airpark, Erie, IL
Jun 3	Eli Field Open House	Eli Field, Monticello, IL

Jun 9-11	Mike Gretz Memorial Fly-In	Montezuma, IA
Jun 12	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library or Frye Field
Jun 17	DRCS Scale Meet	Frye Field
Jun 17	SSC Combat in Iowa	New Hartford, IA
Jun 22-24	Windy City Warbirds & Classics	St. Charles, IL
Jun 25	Dave Goerne Memorial Fun Fly	Streator, IL
Jul 8-9	Cedar Rapids Sky Hawks Pattern Contest	Skyhawks Field, Marion, IA
Jul 8-9	Warbirds on the Warpath	Peoria RC Modelers Field, Chillicothe, IL
Jul 10	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field
Jul 22-23	Warbirds Over Iowa	Skyhawks Field, Marion, IA
Aug 5	DRCS Weinie Fly	Frye Field
Aug 10-12	Illini Super Jets 2017	Eli Field, Monticello, IL
Aug 12	Fox Valley Aero Club Night Fly	St. Charles, IL
Aug 14	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field
Aug 24-27	AMA Foundation Jet Rally	Ottumwa, IA
Aug 27	Iowa City Aerohawks Airshow	Iowa City, IA
Sep 9	Bud Miller Fun Fly	Frye Field
Sep 9-10	Rock Valley Warbirds & Classics	Rock Valley RC Flyers, Rockford, IL
Sep 11	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field
Sep 16-17	Duel at Davenport IV	Frye Field
Sep 16	MMAFRC Fly N Swap	Rockwood State Park, Morrison, IL
Sep 22-24	QC Children's Cancer Fly	Erie Airpark, Erie, IL
Sep 29-Oct 1	Fall Scramble Warbirds & Classic Fly	Streator, IL
Oct 7	DRCS Night Fly	Frye Field
Oct 9	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Nov 13	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Dec 11	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library

*Check the AMA Events Schedule either in **Model Aviation** or online for future details on non-club events!*

FOR SALE:

There are still a number of planes in Majors' Art and Hobby Resale Area. Contact them at 563-323-9042 for more details.

Kits for sale by me:

Great Planes 40 Size Corsair \$100

Great Planes 60 Size Super Sportster \$100

Dynaflite 1/4 Scale Fly Baby, tail feathers started \$200

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