



AMA CHARTER 1458

# THE TRANSMITTER

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DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

## President's Report

Hi all,

Many of you will be receiving the Newsletter for the first time in a few months. Typically, we only send the Newsletter to those with active paid memberships, but we have decided to send it to all of last year's members as well, to keep you abreast of some new developments. As I am sure you all are aware, we lost access to the Seven Cities Sod flying field towards the end of the season last year. Some members understandably did not renew membership choosing to wait until it was clear that we would have a place to fly this season. I am happy to report that we have, in fact, secured a new flying site. The new site is on County Road Y48 on some property owned by Adventure Community Church. The property is just south of Highway 61, heading toward the Scott County Landfill. We will be getting maps put together, and on the website/Facebook page soon. It is easy to find, and we have paved road access to the site, which is a plus.

The Pastor of the church has graciously agreed to allow us to fly on the property, and we will have ample fly over space over a hay field. We are asking that people refrain from heading out right now, until we can do a little more work/recon on the area to determine the final layout. Our preliminary work suggests that we should be able to put an approximately 300 ft. grass runway, that will be somewhat crowned in the center. Again, please refrain from heading out right now until we finalize things with Pastor Liston and determine the layout of the field, but we DO have a field!!! We clearly have some details to work out, but I think the field will be a very good fit for the club. Sooooo, if any of you were waiting to renew until we secured a new site – now is the time. To make things a little easier, the Board decided at our last meeting to waive the \$15 re-initiation fee that would normally be charged to 2018 members who did not renew by the January deadline. This "break" will be in place until June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, after which time the (initiation) fee will be re-instated. So, please take advantage of this, and re-new your club membership and join us at the new field. As always, both AMA and DRCS membership will be required to fly at our site. Probably a good idea to renew the FAA registration as well, although we do not police that.

Much more on the new field to come, so stay tuned and spread the word to those that may not read the newsletter. We will be getting some work parties together, I am sure, so please watch your e-mails for that. We will let everyone know as soon as the field is officially open for business, and will do our best to get it ready as early as we can, but please be a little patient. The last thing we want to do is start out our new relationship with a problem, so please don't fly until given the green

light--Thank you.

Speaking of work parties, we will be needing to get a work party together at some point to remove the mat and any remaining property from the sod farm site at some point. The Moline Club has decided against trying to use the mat at the Moline site, so we will need to get it taken up at some point. I guess the guys from the Moline Club decided against placing a mat that would probably end up in Muscatine anyway!!! Can't say I blame you guys.

That's about all I got for now, more at the meeting which will be at Major Art and Hobby again--thanks Jane!! The library has a function and is using both of the rooms for themselves. Same time as usual 6:30, and, since it is at Jane's, I may just throw in some barley pop for refreshments!

See ya at the meeting, thanks for hanging in there with us.

Steve

### ***DRCS Registration***

As Steve noted, the initiation/rejoin fee has been waived for any of you that did not send in your dues by January 31. This offer is good until June 1, 2019. Dues are \$30 for regular members, and \$10 for Juniors (under 19). You can forward your checks to me at

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### ***Bits & Pieces:***

Part of getting the new field ready is getting it registered with the AMA. That is in process. We will also need to re-visit the Field Safety Rules to adjust for this new site. A lot more details to come in the next couple of weeks.

Several of us are venturing east to The Toledo Show this weekend. We should be able to share some of what we see (some stuff just stays in Toledo). We won't have a projector at Majors to share photos, but I should have a slide show running on my computer.

Speaking of Majors, they bought all inventory from Newberry's shop in Orion, IL. They have several very nice ARF's available that you will be able to see at the meeting. Bring some cash so Jane will let you leave with something under your arm. With River Drive closed, you will need to come probably from the north to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

Many of you should have received an e-mail from Phil Vernon about Tom Stoudt selling his hanger this Saturday and Sunday at the Erie Airpark. Tom is in failing health and needs to divest. Here is a link to descriptions, photos, and prices:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/12q52cjkXJXwj96wpZhfX0K\\_aH2bcK6wdYZD1KHMD\\_oI/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/12q52cjkXJXwj96wpZhfX0K_aH2bcK6wdYZD1KHMD_oI/edit?usp=sharing)

## CALENDAR

### 2019 Events:

Apr 5-7	Weak Signals Model Expo	Toledo, OH
Apr 8	DRCS Meeting	Majors Art & Hobby, Davenport, IA
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	Mike Gretz Memorial Fly-In	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 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 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 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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**Next Meeting**  
**Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Majors Art & Hobby**  
**Davenport, IA**

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