

## Presidents Report



# THE TRANSMITTER

MONTHLY PUBLICATION OF THE

DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

Time again for the nearly famous Flying Weenie Roast. This Saturday, August 6th at Norman Frye Memorial Field. Food will be served at 5:00 pm. The club will furnish weenies, buns, condiments and plastic ware. Please bring a dish to share and your own drinks. You might also bring chairs, blankets and something to fly. Those hanging around for the night fly will want to be sure to have their light equipped plane along too. We could still use another table too, if you have one and room to bring it along, please throw it in the car. This is always a great time and a popular event, so pack up the family and come on out.

The following weekend will be another race, August 14, at Norman Frye Memorial field. Racing starts at the usual time, 10:30 am with time trials at 9:30. We need EVERYONE interested in keeping the races going to show up. Races were shut down last month due to low attendance and the high rate of crashing. I hope you smeared some glue on all the splinters, and all the no shows have plans to be there this month. If we don't get more participation, we may have to reconsider if the racing will continue to be a viable activity. Come on!

The Skyraiders float fly is also coming up later this month on August 21st at the usual location on Campbell's Island. Your \$10.00 registration fee includes lunch. If you've got a float equipped plane, go check out this fun activity.

If you want to go a little farther, the Morrison Model Aircraft Flyers are hosting the Susan G. Komen Fly-In. This is an open fly event, registration is \$15.00 and proceeds are donated to the Susan G. Komen foundation. This event takes place at Morrison Rockwood State Park.

If you go the opposite direction you can visit the Des Moines Modelaires 75th Anniversary Fun Fly on August 6th. No entry fee for this one which is held at E. Paul Johnson Field in Bondurant. For more info, you can find flyers for all of these events on our web site linked in the coming events list.

The next club meeting is Monday, August 8th at the field. The forecast is currently calling for slightly cooler conditions than we've been experiencing the past couple of weeks so come on out and enjoy some flying with your club friends.

Since I've covered most all the club business and still have some space to fill, I'll fill in some of you who haven't been around the field lately on details of my new plane. I've mentioned before the Gee Bee R3 model I noticed at Toledo this year and some of the problems getting it put together. Well I've worked through all that and actually started flying it in the last couple weeks. The first outing, I had the CG too far back and the control throws too extreme which made for an exciting first flight. I did get it back on the ground safely and in addition to the issues mentioned above, I noticed when I got it home and was changing the control throws that there were no nuts securing the swivels on the aileron servos. Good thing the bolts were a snug fit in the servo horns. It survived miracle one. So anyway, with the CG moved to the front of the recommended range, control throws tamed down, and securement nuts added to the ailerons, I headed back to the field with it last week. This time it was much more controllable in the air and I started some loops and rolls. All was well and I landed uneventfully. After some required field jabbering, I put in a second flight and was getting more and more comfortable with the new plane. However, this time when I landed, I noticed one half of the horizontal stab drooping well off kilter. Turns out the spar tube had vibrated completely into the left panel leaving the right panel unsupported except by the mounting bolts! I sent photos and an email alert to the kit importer explaining my concern that the geometry of the parts allows this to happen and he promised to furnish a longer spar tube. I'm still waiting for that but somehow the airplane God's are looking favorably on this ship and have saved it from several potential catastrophes already. I'm hoping it continues to fly for some time to come!

*Keep the wheels down,  
Phil*

**MINUTES OF THE 11 JULY 2011 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Phil Vernon at the Norman Fry Memorial Field.

The Treasurer's Report and Minutes were skipped.

**BUSINESS**

Pylon Race - There was an attempted pylon race last Sunday. There were seven attendees. Only five were ready by the time of the first heat. Two crashes in that heat took the count below a quorum. The next race will be August 14th.

Float Fly - The Sky Raiders' annual Float Fly will be August 21st.

Weenie Roast - The weenie roast will be August 6th.

Fun Fly - The Bud Miller Memorial Fun Fly will be September 10th.

Passages - Hank Pohlman has passed away. Some of his equipment will be offered for sale soon.

Fun Fly - The Tri-State Modelers from Debuque will be hosting a fun fly July 17th.

Cross Country - The interest is still strong for a cross country flight.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13.

**MINUTES OF THE 25 JULY BOARD MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Phil Vernon at the Davenport Village Inn.

**BUSINESS**

Weenie Roast - Dave Jensen has the Weenie Roast in hand. He will buy food on the 5th based on weather. We'll eat around 5 on the 6th.

Fun Fly - Phil will follow up with Frank Lang about the prizes for the Bud Miller Fun Fly.

Display Request - Phil Vernon got a request from the Davenport airport manager, Jeremy Keading, wanting aircraft to display for National Aviation Day August 20th. Phil will send an e-mail to the membership once he has more details.

Cedar Rapids lessons learned - Someone flew over the event with a model while the event was going on. They had bleachers set up for the spectators, and there were a lot of spectators. They also had the aircraft parked along the runway for the spectators during the lunch break.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42

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# Davenport Radio Control Society

## Flying Weenie Roast



and night fly

**5:00 P.M. August 6, 2011  
Frye Memorial Field  
Seven Cities Sod Farm**



**Club will furnish  
Weenies & Condiments**

**Bring your chairs, tables  
blankets, sun shades,  
a dish to pass, desserts,  
family, AIRPLANES!**

**Night flying for the  
late nighters...**

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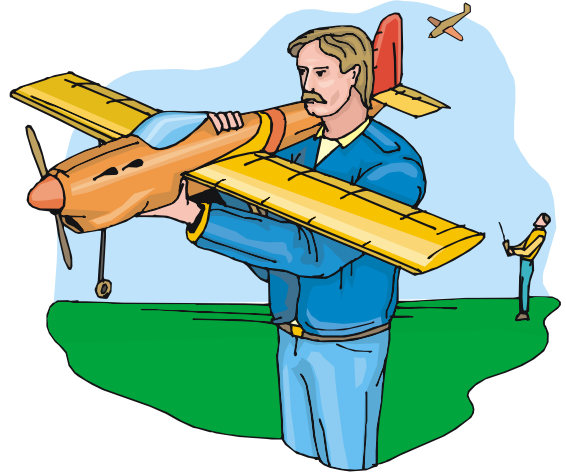
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**Next meeting**  
**Monday- August 8th 7:00 p.m.**  
**Norman Frye Memorial Field**



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