

Presidents Report



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Whether it was a fleeting amorous moment after a few too many beers or an actual conscious decision I'm sure Steve and Francine Thompson could not have possibly foreseen the far reaching consequences of their decision to have children twenty some years ago. I take you back now to last month's club meeting when we mentioned a snafu with the club printer that prevented timely delivery of the paper copies of last month's newsletter. While the issues have hopefully now been overcome it was actually kind of interesting tracking down the printing gremlins. Steve had pretty much exhausted his trouble shooting resources prior to the last meeting when he informed me of the issue. We conferred a bit about the problem and developed a trouble shooting methodology and were hopeful that the newsletter could be printed and mailed shortly after the meeting. I sent Steve the hard reset instructions and method to completely clear the printer cache. Neither of these techniques resolved the problem. I then sent him instructions to print a "status" sheet which would have demonstrated the printer was at least capable of printing something. We were reluctant to reinstall the print driver because previous installations were plagued with difficulties getting the duplex function working properly. After having pulled a significant portion of his own hair out, Steve called in his youngest daughter, Emma age 17, who like most teenagers is much more computer savvy than their parents. She examined the computer with a focus on the printer installation and couldn't find any issues. She excused herself from the computer saying, "Are you sure this thing is hooked up?" As she left Steve responded, "Of course I'm sure, why wouldn't it be". It was about this time that it dawned on Steve that the printing problem had actually begun years ago, long before he took on the newsletter editor duties, and even before the printer was manufactured. Remember the too much beer or weak planning I mentioned earlier... Turns out the oldest child, Valerie, had some necessity for use of the USB port formerly occupied by the printer cable. She was clever enough to disguise her use of said computer port by leaving the printer cable back behind the machine so it appeared to not have been disturbed. Apparently her pressing schedule did not allow for reconnection of the printer cable thus touching off the several week long remedial efforts. There were also two unused USB ports on the front of the machine she elected not to use, so clearly it was intentionally sabotaged. So there you have it, be careful out there. It's hard to predict the full consequences of your actions.

Another subject that was raised at last month's meeting was the dusty conditions we all must endure to get to the Frye Field flying site. Late season maintenance by the county on 210 Ave made for some extremely dusty conditions especially with grain trucks passing by about 60 mph. In any case, Floyd Layton volunteered to contact the county to see if anything could be done. I wasn't hopeful since they have flatly said, "Too bad" in years past when the subject was raised. Remarkably, paving this road is now on their schedule. Not for tomorrow but at least they are aware of increased traffic volume and heavy trucks using this route. Apparently our use of the field as a recreational area may also help prioritize the paving project. We will stay on top of this and hopefully we are not too far off from saving the club funds currently allotted for dust abatement.

Moving on to coming events, we are quickly coming up on the annual Chilly (chili) Fly, happening New Year's day, starting about 10:00 am at Kroeger Field at Scott County Park. Bring along your favorite chili recipe or your favorite snacks to share with your flying friends. Remember your cold weather gear and cold weather planes too. It's never too early in the year to get in the first flight! You can help us keep warm if you have a space heater too. If there is snow in advance of the event, shovels and shovel operators will also come in handy. See you there!

At this month's meeting, Mike Smith should have the EAA calendars. He didn't have exact pricing at the board meeting but is expecting them to be in the \$6.00 or \$7.00 range. See him at the meeting if you want one.

This month's program will be presented by Scott Booth. He was scheduled to talk about glassing model airplane structures. He can see the end of his current T-6 project though and felt the completed model would add to his discussion on glassing. So he has requested a change of subject this month and do the glassing program at a later time when he can bring the T-6. Therefore this month he will be talking about model aerodynamics. This will include topics such as how wings generate lift, angle of attack, p-factor and other related information. If you've ever wondered about some of the technical aspects of how your planes fly, come check out his program.

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MINUTES OF THE 14 NOVEMBER 2011 MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Phil Vernon at the Davenport Library.
There were 21 Members and no guests present.
The Treasurer reported an operating balance of \$3561.85.
There were no minutes from the last meeting.

BUSINESS

Norman Frye Memorial Field - Mike Smith reported that the portable toilet has been removed for the season. The frequency control board is also gone for the Winter. The County has been grading the road, and there's quite a bit of dust, especially if the wind is westerly.
Swap Meet - Mike Smith has confirmed the date of 19 February, and reserved tables at Cy's.
Iowa City Swap Meet - The swap meet has been moved to the National Guard Armory.
Full Scale Build - Phil has been talking to an area builder who is putting together an RV12. With luck, we'll be able to have a meeting there.
Equipment - Jack Kester and Chuck Balsler brought in equipment to give away. Most of it was from Hank Pohlman's family.

PROGRAM

The scheduled program by Scot Booth had to be delayed. Instead, Phil Vernon talked on fuel tank placement.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20.

MINUTES OF THE 21 NOVEMBER 2011 BOARD MEETING - submitted by Phil Vernon

Meeting called to order by at 7:00 ish by President Phil Vernon.

BUSINESS

AMA Election results are in, District VII had a new assistant VP Tim Jesky
EAA Calendars will be available at the December meeting 6 or 7 dollars.
Hank Pohlman's equipment brought in \$194.00 which will be donated to the club treasury.
Floyd Layton met with Scott County planner and there is a possibility of paving 210th Avenue sometime in the fairly near future.
Barn at Seven Cities is growing increasingly cluttered, blocking access to mower and other club equipment. Will review situation in spring if not changed by then.
Swap Meet date confirmed, February 19, 2012.

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It is that time of year again... Dues time! As always, your DRCS dues are a super bargain at only \$20.00 per year as long as you pay up before the end of January. If you dawdle too long, then you'll be assessed the extra \$15.00 initiation fee. For record keeping, it makes it a lot easier on us as well as your wallet if you pay early. Then you won't have to be removed from the roster only to be added back later when you pay, and you'll have an extra \$15.00 to spend on airplane stuff! See Mike Smith at the meeting or you can remit by mail. There is a handy remittance form with the address elsewhere in this issue.

Finally this month, we unfortunately recently lost a couple folks who were deeply involved in the local flying community. Chuck DeCap a long time DRCS member who more recently belonged to the Skyraiders. Chuck was responsible for the monthly cartoons in their newsletter lately. Also, those who have been in the hobby for a few years may remember Paula Banaszak, from Tony's Hobby formerly located in Silvis. She was Tony's wife and always had a smiling face to greeting you at the cash register. The local modeling community is saddened by the loss of these two individuals.

Build Something!
Phil

DRCS Helper List

Individuals needing help with their airplanes are invited to contact the helper of their choice by phone. Otherwise they should arrive at the meeting ahead of schedule or stay on after the meeting to get the advice they need from the helpers available at the meeting.

ENGINES: Installation, running, troubleshooting.
Phil Vernon (563) 386-8205 Davenport

BUILDING: Assistance with choice of model, buying accessories, and actual construction, up to the point where the model is declared ready to fly.
Frank Lang (563) 391-5297 Davenport

INSTALLATION: Assistance with correct/safe installation of engine, tank, radio, pushrods, and setup of throws and controls.
Frank Lang (563) 391-5297 Davenport
Don Brick (563) 332-5771 Bettendorf

CHECK-OUT FLYING: This involves assistance with the first flight. Pre-flight checks, performing of a complete inspection and assistance with post flight changes needed.
Phil Vernon (563) 386-8205 Davenport

FLYING INSTRUCTION: This is the traditional teacher/coaching program of training a novice to fly solo.
Matt Gorzney (563) 650-3695 Grand Mound
Jeff Moler (563) 445-0206 Davenport
Phil Vernon (563) 386-8205 Davenport
Dave Jensen (563) 333-3333 Davenport


DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

**Join us New Years Day
Kroeger Field, Scott Co. Park
10:00 a.m. - ????**



**CHILLY FLY
2012**

Bring:

-  **Something good to eat**
-  **Something to fly**
-  **Warm clothes, shovels,**

**Davenport Radio Control Society
Membership Renewal Form**

Return completed form with your dues payment to:
Mike Smith, 2009 N. Michigan Ave, Davenport, IA 52804

Renewal dues - \$20.00 until January 31

Name _____ AMA No. _____

Street _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Dues are payable at the 1st of the year to the club treasurer
Annual membership - \$20.00 Initiation Fee - \$15.00 Junior membership - \$10.00 (age 17 or under)

**DAVENPORT R/C SOCIETY
OFFICERS**

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Don Brick **Dave Jensen**

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Next meeting
Monday- Nov 12th
7:30 p.m.

Davenport Public Library
6000 Eastern Ave
Program - Aerodynamics
by
Scott Booth



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