



THE TRANSMITTER

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DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

Presidents Report

Judging by the repeat performance, I guess STRONG winds are becoming the norm for New Year's Day. Once again this year we had 30 plus mile per hour winds and very gusty conditions. No one at the Chilly Fly could muster the fortitude to put in a flight. It didn't matter much though, we still had a great time. Even though it was windy the temperature wasn't too bad and there were four different chili offerings to sample as well as lots of other great snacks. Jack Kester and Steve Thompson took the awards for HOT chili this year. Not sure what Jack was using but Steve told me he used "one" of the peppers he grows in his own garden. It did the trick, made mine (which included 3 jalapenos) downright mild. There was also cheese and sausage, veggies, cookies, deserts and lots of other stuff I'm sure I'm forgetting. Once we got our fill of food and field chatter, many of those remaining moved to Lady Di's up the road a bit for a couple seasonal drinks where it was much warmer. I hope you got in on the fun.

I'm trying to get next year's event calendar put together, so if you are aware of events you'd like included in our club event listing please send them to me as soon as possible. I'd also appreciate hearing from other local clubs or folks hosting local events to we can avoid conflicts to the greatest possible extent.

With the loss of our indoor venue, the flying activity here locally is slowing down considerably. The weather is supposed to return to somewhat warmer conditions later this week though so maybe I'll venture out for a quick flight or two. I spent a while rehabilitating my gutter plane for the chilly fly (after my sterling performance at the fun fly) and then didn't get a chance to fly it New Year's Day. It probably needs a little wringing out. If you want to travel a ways, the E-xpo at the Unidome in Cedar Falls is happening this Saturday & Sunday January 7th & 8th. All AMA pilots are eligible to participate. It's \$25.00 for one day or \$40.00 for both days to fly. Youth (under 19) is \$10.00 per day or \$18.00 for both. Spectators \$5.00 per day. There will be separate areas for 3D & helis, "race track" and micros. All fixed wing planes must be under 25 ounces. Helis are limited to 335 mm main rotors. Vendors on site.

If you have items to sell or are looking for bargains, the Iowa City Swap is coming up on January 29th at a new venue this year, the National Guard Armory in Iowa City. We of course are not far behind with our own swap meet at the National Guard Hangar in Mt. Joy. Contact Mike Smith for table reservations (563) 386-5424. There should be plenty of deals for the bargain hunters out there.

We're still a little ways off from ordering but it's not too early to be starting to think about your fuel requirements for next season. I'll be collecting orders in the next few months so give it some thought. I'll should have prices next month for you.

With the new year also comes club dues. If you haven't gotten yours paid time is running short. You have only until the end of the month to get them in or you'll be assessed and extra \$15.00 for the initiation fee. Get them in now to Mike Smith. Dues are only \$20.00 and are the best bargain you'll find in your flying budget. I'm including the handy coupon elsewhere in this issue with Mike's address if you want to mail yours.

This will be the second consecutive meeting with a program offering by Scott Booth. He is planning to get around to the promised "glassing" program this month. I'm kind of expecting a preview of his current project too so come check it out. The meeting is January 9th, starting at 7:30 pm at the Davenport Public Library Eastern Avenue branch. See you there!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Phil

MINUTES OF THE 12 DECEMBER 2011 MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Phil Vernon at the Eastern Avenue Branch of the Davenport Library. There were 29 members and 0 guests present.

The Treasurer reported an operating balance of \$3826.10.

The minutes were read and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

DISTRICT VII VP - The new VP for District VII is Tim Jesky. Tim is a long time flyer and is on our newsletter list. Phil is looking forward to working with him.

Norman Frye Memorial Field - The county is thinking about paving 120th street. It will probably take a few years before it happens.

Chuck DeCapp - Chuck passed away recently. He was a long time Davenport Radio Control Society and Sky Raider member.

Swap Meet - See Mike Smith to reserve tables.

NEW BUSINESS

RV-12 Build - Phil is trying to set this up for the February meeting.

Chili Fly - 1 January. Bring a cold weather plane and snacks.

Events - Not much scheduled yet.

August 19, Sky Raiders Float Fly

June 16 Swap-Fun Fly by Erie Club.

Safety - Jerry Clemmens showed up as a bad example, having trimmed a finger in a table saw. Not all accidents happen at the field.

PROGRAM

Scott Booth spoke on aerodynamics.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Next month - Eastern Avenue Branch of the Davenport Public Library.

February - RV-12 Build

The meeting adjourned at 8:16.

Classifieds

I'm slowly converting my fleet to 2.4 GHz and have several spare 72mHz receivers. All of these receivers have been in service in my planes recently and all are in excellent working condition. All are compatible with Futaba and Hitec 72 mHz transmitters.

All but one of them are equipped with channel 48 crystals. The remaining one is on channel 16.

2 - Futaba FP-R127DF 7 channel receivers \$15.00 each

1 - Futaba FP-R148DP 8 channel receiver (PCM) \$25.00

2 - Hitec HFD-08RD 8 channel receivers \$20.00 each

Offers considered. Call Phil 563-343-1380.



**DAVENPORT RADIO
CONTROL SOCIETY**

**17TH ANNUAL
Radio Control**

SWAP MEET

Davenport Municipal Airport

I-80 to US Highway 61 North. Exit 124 West

February 19, 2012

10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Set-up time 8:30 A.M.

Tables \$10.00

Reservations required!

(We always sell out!)

Admission \$4.00

(1 admission included with table rental)

For further information or reservations call

Mike Smith (563) 386-5424

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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)

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Next meeting
Monday- Jan 9th
7:30 p.m.

Davenport Public Library
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Program - Fiberglassing
by
Scott Booth



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