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Presidents Report

The weather sure isn't doing us any favors this season. Windy, rainy or sweltering hot seem to be the only options lately. I'm hoping that Sunday turns out good enough to get in the race. Since the May race was cancelled due to weather the first one this season is now scheduled for June 12th. The long term forecast looks promising at the moment but the weekend is still a ways off. As usual the field will be closed to open flying on race day until completion of the races which should be around 1:00 pm. For those racing, be there by 9:30 am if you need to time. If you're planning to race, you need to be there with plane assembled, fueled up, test flown, entry paid and fully ready to fly at 10:30 am. Observers are welcome to come out and watch and maybe even catch the racing bug.

If the weather could manage two days in a row we'll also get in our first field meeting of the season. Stay tuned for email updates on possible meeting location changes. Field meetings convene at Frye Field at 7:00 pm. Hopefully the weather will actually let us get one in.

As most of you should know by now we are quickly approaching our scale meet which is one of our biggest events of the season. We'll be looking for help getting the canopies set up on Friday afternoon on the 24th and also folks to help with primarily gate control on the 25th. Friday's tasks will include moving the "coffins" and frequency board from the barn, erecting the canopies, and driving the fence posts. I'll send an email reminder, please come lend a hand if you are able. We already have our first "volunteer" because Jerry Raisbeck has agreed to perform the gate boss duties again this year. For those planning to fly in the scale meet, remember this is a sanctioned event so don't forget your AMA credentials. All planes must, of course, be scale replicas of full size planes. Our flyer is included elsewhere in this issue with additional details. I'm still working to get something new out, besides an ARF...

Brian Utter has been working on plans to reinstate the cross country flying event that our club hosted several years back and he has now settled on a planned route. Brian has checked and found that the restriction on riding in the back of Iowa vehicles apparently never materialized. This is therefore not an issue. The planned route is from John Biondo's residence to Frye Field. This distance is likely going to require a fueling stop and I'm checking to obtain permission to stop at Nauman Sod farm along the way. If you've never tried this, it's a blast but it does take some preparation of your plane and the appropriate crew. At a minimum, each vehicle will require a driver, navigator, spotter and at least one pilot. Normally two or three pilots can occupy the same vehicle. The driver's job is obvious. A navigator is needed to relay information from the "cockpit" to the truck bed on which direction the vehicle will be turning, intended stops, and so forth. This information is relayed to the spotter who rides in back with the pilots and relays the information to the pilots so they can be prepared and position their aircraft to follow the vehicle on turns. In addition it is the spotters task to keep the pilots apprised of trees, power lines, over passes or any other potential hazards that they may be passing. He will also alert them when arriving at the landing sites. Pilots need to have planes capable of flying at least 15 minutes and better 20 minutes and be capable of flying highway speeds. Any .40 size trainer can meet the speed requirement and when equipped with a slightly larger tank, you're all set. If you're interested in participating in any capacity, please let me or Brian know at your earliest convenience. We are still trying to firm up a date, but get your equipment and crew ready.

The QC Airshow and Sig's Fly-In should also help keep airplane fans busy this month. See you at the field.

*Keep the wheels down,
Phil*

MINUTES OF THE 9 MAY 2011 MEETING

The meeting was called to order at the Davenport Eastern Avenue Library by President Phil Vernon at 7:31.

The treasurer reported an operating balance of \$2114.79.

The minutes were read and accepted.

BUSINESS

Frye Memorial Field - The first application of dust abatement will be on May 16th. Phil Vernon fixed an issue with the mower.

Scale Meet - As always, volunteer are needed for impound, gate control, etc.

FAA Rulemaking - No news from AMA, though rumors abound. The initial draft should be out in a few months.

Cross Country Flight - Brian is still looking into this.

PROGRAM

Phil Vernon used the room's projection system to show photos from Toledo.

SHOW AND TELL

Jeff Moler brought in a Silhouette by Great Planes. It's made from Depron foam and uses a KMS 18 Amp speed controller with a Rimfire motor. It flies pretty decent and will do 3D.

Byron Davies showed a Banana Hobby P-51 Plug and Play model. For \$199 you get a 63" span foam Mustang RTF with servos, retracts, speed controller, brushless motor, 4 bladed prop, and more. The flaps really slow it down. The retracts seem lightweight for the plane. Lots of details, even working navigation lights.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15.

MINUTES OF THE 23 MAY 2011 BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at the Davenport Village Inn by President Phil Vernon

BUSINESS

Fuel Buy - Phil Vernon has turned in all the proceeds from the fuel buy.

Kroeger Memorial Field - The mower at Scott County has been fixed.

Cross Country Flight - Brian is still interested in doing this. Has an approximately 30 minute route planned, ending at Seven Cities. Checking on whether it's still legal to have passengers in pickup beds.

Upcoming events - Pylon race, 12 June
Quad Cities Air Show, 18 June,
Scale Meet 25 June

The meeting adjourned at 7:33

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



Davenport R/C Society's 16th Annual

Fun Scale Fly In

Saturday, June 25, 2011

Seven Cities Sod Farm

Davenport, Iowa

3 Trophy Classes:

Giant (IMAA Rules)

Sportsman Warbirds

Sportsman Civilian

Prizes

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\$10.00 Registration Fee

Setup/registration starting at 8:00 a.m.

Open Flying starts at 10:00 a.m.

Awards and prizes at 3:00 p.m.

Contest Director Phil Vernon (563) 343-1380

AMA Sanction 11-0927

All models must be scale replicas of full size aircraft. All models which meet or exceed IMAA definition of giant scale MUST register in one of the giant classes. All models must fly to compete for trophies. Trophies will be awarded in each class based on popular vote. AMA membership is required. Large sod and smooth surface runways. Jets and large scale models welcome. Lunch and refreshments will be available.

For further information contact:

Phil Vernon (563) 343-1380 or Mike Kaas (563) 289-4737

Directions to flying site: Take Highway 130 north from Interstate 80, 3 miles to rainbow painted barn. Turn left onto 120th Avenue, travel 1 mile to flying field.



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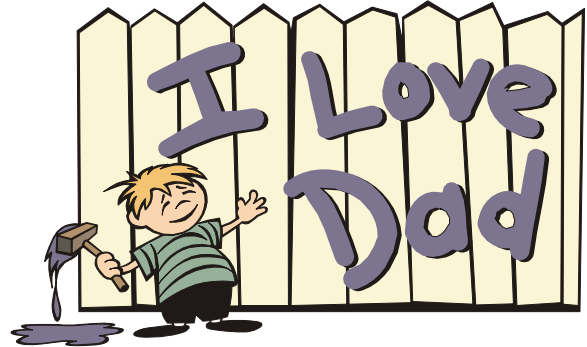
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Next meeting
Monday- June 13th 7:00 p.m.
Norman Frye Memorial Field



**Happy Father's
Day**

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