



AMA CHARTER 1458

# THE TRANSMITTER

May 2018 EDITION

DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

## President's Report

Hi all,

Looks like flying weather is finally upon us. Hope everyone is getting out as the weather allows. I have only been out once so far, but hope to get more time in soon! When I was out last week-end, the south end of the runway was pulled up and in a ball at the end of the runway. I did a temporary quick fix, and I understand that Chuck and maybe Rick? finished the job -- thanks guys. Since then our ever vigilant groundskeeper (Dave C.) noticed that the staples going across the runway were mostly pulled up again, and the center of the runway was ballooned up by the wind. (he put them back--thanks Dave). The runway is very soft under the mat, and the staples just aren't staying in the soft soil. If you go out to fly take a look before you fly and step on the staples and put them back in as needed please. We will talk on Monday about how to fix it, maybe more staples? I don't know--we will talk and maybe work some on it Monday at the meeting.

Speaking of the meeting on Monday, remember we are going to try something new this year for outdoor meetings. We will try to have a grill there by shortly after 5, so anybody who wants to come out early to fly can bring something to throw on the grill and make an evening of it. Spectators always welcome, bring a friend or family, if you want! Everyone bring what you want to grill and, if you want, something to share? Nothing formal just hanging out grilling and flying, and we will have the meeting at the usual time--6:30. We will try to remember to throw in some left over kitchen items from the swap meet, but to be safe, bring what you need as far plates / silverware, etc. goes. This is a work in progress, so we will see how it goes and adjust as needed. We talked about maybe doing a fun fly type event at each meeting as well, just for fun and will see how that goes - we don't have to if people just want to fly. The whole idea here is to get more people out to fly. Very open to ideas on this one folks, so speak up!!

Our first event of the season is coming up pretty quick. The Scale Meet is scheduled for June 23rd and will be here before you know it. Get those scale birds dialed in now!! The plan is to do pretty much what we did last year with an "announcer", which I think helped quite a bit--thanks John. We will have one more meeting before the event for final details, but, as always, we will need assistance from lots of folks to make it work. I am still looking for someone to take over trophy duties. Nothing says they have to be the same as they always have been, so any help there

would be appreciated.

As the flying season gets underway, this would be a good time to make sure your AMA and club membership are both up to date. Please also remember to register with the FAA, if you have not already done so. The safety rules are posted and please review as needed. Recall that the "safety line" is the west edge of the mat, and all flying should take place to the East of this line that extends North and South to infinity. The only exception to the safety line is taking off and landing on the short grass on the near side of the mat. Obviously, there will be times when a pilot drifts over the line or accidentally finds himself over the line but, please do not make a habit of it--thanks. Those who consistently violate the rules will find themselves "flying a cargo plane full of rubber dog shit out of Hong Kong"!!! --couldn't resist a Top Gun quote :) -- just please try to stay safe which is the point of our few rules that we have. Also, the pin board is up, please use it, it really is the only way we have of knowing who is flying, and that their AMA/club memberships are up to date.

That is all I got for now, see you at the field on Monday, I hope. The idea here is to turn the good weather meetings into more of a flying event than a meeting event and get more participation.

Steve

#### **MINUTES OF THE 9 APRIL 2018 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 by President Steve Thompson at the Eastern Avenue Branch of the Davenport Public Library.

There were 20 members and no guests present.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$7962.80.

The minutes were read and approved.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Norman Frye Memorial Field – The north end of the runway mat was reanchored by Floyd, Chuck and Dean. The patches have held up over the winter. The County will be retreating the road during May, so we will not need to apply dust abatement this year. The weed and feed has been scheduled for twice this year.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Scale Meet – The next event will be the Scale Meet on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The landing fee will be \$15 this year. Steve Thompson has talked to Johnnie's about catering again this year. Dean will let us use his PA

system.

Next Meeting – The May 14 meeting will be held at the field, weather permitting. There will be a grill for meat and something to share if you want. There may also be a single fun fly event, just for fun.

FAA – Just a reminder that your FAA Number is required on all models.

Cordoba Flight Demo – We've been asked if we are interested in flying at the Cordoba Track. This would be a challenging place to fly with spectators on both sides of the track.

Servos – A question from the membership resulted in a comparison between digital and analog servos.

Tower Sale – Dave Colgan discussed the sale of Tower's RC business to Horizon and the state of other modeling companies.

Club Trainer – Floyd went over the club trainer, a Sig Kadet Senior. It's now ready for a test flight.

#### CRASH TROPHY

The Crash Trophy was not awarded this month.

PROGRAM – Dave Colgan showed pictures from the Toledo Show.

***The meeting was adjourned at 7:02.***

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

DRCS Club T-shirts are still for sale for \$15. If we do not have the size you want, I will put in another order but will need at least 12 to keep the prices down. Contact me if you would like one. I will have them at the meeting on Monday.



***Frye Field Update:***

Steve covered the mat situation above. The wind really seems to get under this mat quite easily and lift it. For the good of your aircraft, please walk the mat prior to flying and push the staples down.

A number of varmints have dug holes around the pin board and port-a-potty. I have filled in most, but they will probably re-occur. So, exercise caution when walking in that area. The pit area closer to the gate is also quite bumpy, so, again, be careful traversing that area.

I am unsure if the field has been sprayed with fertilizer and weed killer yet. If you see a small flag in the gate area, check to be sure the field is dry before pulling in. It is safe after it is dry.

***Scale Meet Info:***

Attached is the Scale Meet flyer. Please share with friends and family as well as those fliers outside the club. The Prize Pool is growing from donations as well as what the club contributes. Top prize again this year will be an ARF. The event will be listed on numerous media calendars throughout the area.

***Area Events:***

I am planning right now to go to the Horizon Fest down by Champaign at least one day and over to the Sig Fly-In at least one day. If anyone is interested in going with me, let's talk and see if we can work out arrangements.

David Colgan  
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***CALENDAR******2018 Events:***

May 12 – 19	Joe Nall Week	Woodruff, SC
May 14	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field
Jun 1-3	Horizon Fest	Eli Field, Monticello, IL
Jun 2	Iowa City Aerohawks Float Fly	Riverside Casino, Iowa City
Jun 8 – 10	Mike Gretz Memorial RC Fly In	Montezuma, IA
Jun 10	Dave Goerne Memorial Fun Fly	Streator, IL
Jun 11	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field
Jun 16	SSC Combat over Iowa	New Hartford, IA
Jun 16 – 17	If It Flies/Swap Shop	Rockford, IL
Jun 23	DRCS Fun Scale Fly In	Frye Field

Jun 27 – Jul 1	Cornhuckfest	Council Bluffs, IA
Jul 7	Iowa City Aerohawks Float Fly	Riverside Casino, Iowa City
Jul 7	Warbirds on the Warpath	Chillicothe, IL
Jul 8	Warbirds for Warriors	Erie Air Park, IL
Jul 9	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field
Jul 14-15	Electric Fun Fly	Cedar Rapids, IA
Jul 21 – 22	Warbirds over Iowa	Marion, IA
Aug 11 – 12	All Electric & Night Fly	Rockford, IL
Aug 11	Carousel of Cubs	St. Charles, IL
Aug 11	Warbirds over Route 66	Elwood, IL
Aug 13	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field
Aug 18 – 19	Pattern Championships	Marion, IA
Aug 19	Iowa Aerohawks Air Show	Iowa City, IA
Aug 25 – 26	Barnstormers over Champaign	Champaign, IL
Sep 8	Iowa City Aerohawks Float Fly	Riverside Casino, Iowa City
Sep 10	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field
Sep 15 – 16	DRCS Duel at Davenport	Frye Field
Sep 15	Rock Valley Warbird & Classics	Rockford, IL
Sep 16	Big Bird Fly In	Pekin, IL
Sep 21 – 23	Children's Cancer Fly In	Erie, IL
Oct 8	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field / Eastern Ave Library
Nov 12	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Dec 10	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library

*Check the Event Schedule either in **Model Aviation** or online for future details on non-club events!*



**DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL  
SOCIETY'S  
23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL FUN SCALE FLY IN  
SATURDAY JUNE 23, 2018  
FRYE MEMORIAL FIELD**

**Seven Cities Sod Farm  
Davenport, IA**

**2 TROPHY CLASSES: Giant and Sportsman  
\$15 Registration Fee**

**8:00 a.m. Gates open  
10:00 a.m. Open flying commences  
3:00 p.m. Awards & Prizes**



**All models must be scale replicas of full size aircraft. All models which meet or exceed the IMAA definition of giant scale MUST register in the Giant class. All aircraft must fly to compete for trophies. Trophies will be awarded in each class based on entered pilots' voting. AMA membership is required. Large sod and fabric mat runway. Jets and large scale models are welcome.**

**AMA Sanction #18/1223**

**Lunch will be available on site.**

**For further information, contact:  
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563-349-7432**

Directions to Frye Field: Take Highway 130 north from I-80, to 210<sup>th</sup> St; turn left; go 2 miles to 120<sup>th</sup> Ave & turn right. Field is approximately 1/2 mile north

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**Next Meeting**  
**Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Frye Field**  
**Davenport, IA**

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