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## Presidents Report

I have a lot to talk about this month so lets get right to it. This weekend is another one of our biggest club events of the season, the Bud Miller Memorial Fun Fly. We're hoping the strong winds will abate by then. Assuming the weather is decent the event will take place Saturday, September 11th at Frye Memorial Field. Registration will be from 8:00 am until 10:00 am and the contest flying will start promptly at 10:00. Remember this is an AMA sanctioned event, you MUST present your AMA card to fly. Registration fee is \$15.00. Correct change is always appreciated! The contest will follow basically the same as it has since it's inception. Contestants will have a choice of 10 different events and will compete in 5 of their choosing. Tickets will be awarded based on finish place and at the end of the day, prizes will be awarded by random drawing of the tickets. The more tickets you win during the competition, the better chance you have of winning stuff. Frank Lang has done a bang up job of filling up the prize coffers for the event. He's also arranged for Hy Vee to be there serving lunch so please patronize our caterer, they need to be profitable to have them back! I mentioned last month the Dick Edens donated one of his famous Gutter Pipe planes as a prize too. I've finished the plane off with graphics, landing gear, etc. so it's ARF ready. Add your engine & radio and fly. I'd also like to thank Larry Newberry who has also donated an electric ARF kit to help round out the prizes. Larry operates a hobby shop in Orion, IL with the best local selection of kits and accessories on hand for the flying community. Check him out!

Finally on the Fly In, we will be setting up some fence posts and caution tape Friday evening about 4:30. We'll need a small work party to put this together. I don't think it's necessary to set up the club canopies for this event so it should take too many to get this job done. If you can help, we'll appreciate it!

The September club meeting will be the following Monday, September 13th. I've received a request from a local cub scout group to put on a flying demonstration for their membership. This is going to take place at this month's meeting. The demo is scheduled for 6:30 pm. I'd appreciate it if we could get some of the experienced flyers out to show them what the hobby is like these days. It's never too early to expose our youth to our hobby to help keep it growing. They were anticipating about 30 scouts attending so it will be a substantial group, lets have a good showing from our membership too. It would be good to be there and ready to fly before 6:30!

Next I need to touch on a possibly controversial subject, Kroeger Field. This issue surfaced due to a lack of maintenance at this facility. The club board discussed this matter at length at the September board meeting. Kroeger is frankly not seeing much use from the fixed wing flying community. Recently it has been used primarily by the helicopter flyers. Most fixed wing flyers are intimidated by the trees and the topography of the ground and justifiably so. I know I have several planes that I would never risk flying there. I checked the sign in log and there were about 10 flyers registered for the month of August. Only about 1 person every 3 days. I don't have the usage rate for earlier in the season but I'm pretty sure it was no greater. In any case, DRCS has invested about \$1,500 over the past two years in a replacement mower, gas, oil and electricity at Kroeger. Most of this season, it has been difficult to keep it mowed and in recent weeks it has been neglected to the extent that one section on the north side of the runways has now gotten so long that our mower cannot cut it. I've been doing a lot of mowing myself out there the last couple of weeks. In any event, the board feels the investment is not worth the benefit derived from maintaining this field. The feeling of the board is to relinquish the space back to the park. I have already contacted the QC Whirlybirds to see if they would be interested in taking over maintenance of the space. They feel their club is too small to take on the burden.

So I thought I'd try to get a feeling from the club membership on how they wanted to

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## MINUTES OF THE 9 AUGUST 2010 MEETING.

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

### BUSINESS

Fuel for sale - Bob Jones brought several cases of Sig fuel that he's selling.

**By Law Change** - Phil Vernon's motion to limit Associate Membership to someone who is a member of a nationally recognized modeling organization had it's second reading. Phil's concern is that there is no way to track private insurance. The motion was approved and the change passed.

**Meeting Location** - The Davenport Library has opened a new branch. Floyd Layton has checked out the meeting facilities. There is no fee, you can reserve a room no more than three months in advance, they will set up tables and chairs as needed. A drawback to a move is that if we give up the space at Deere-Wiman, it's unlikely that we'd get it back.

**Weenie Roast** - One of the best attended events. Four pilots stayed late to try their luck after dark.

**Annual Night Flight** - The Annual Night Flight will be in October.

**Bud Miller Memorial Fun Fly** - Teresa McChane has withdrawn as Contest Director. Phil Vernon will talk more at the board meeting about events.

**Pylon Race** - The next pylon race will the 29th of August.

**Safety** - Respect the rules, don't fly over the pits.

**Float Fly** - Jerry Newsum brought up the possibility of a float fly.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27.

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handle this issue. You might consider that we will likely see an increase in helicopter flying at Frye field if Kroeger is closed. The board felt the park would not be very likely to maintain Kroeger as a flying site if we drop out so presumably they will move somewhere else. So assuming the site is lost as a flying location, we would expect to see more helis at Frye and some kind of accommodation would likely be required to permit fixed wing and helis to utilize the same flying space. We'll worry about that after handling the Kroeger issue. If there is an overwhelming adverse response to relinquishing Kroeger then we may consider continuing keeping it as a DRCS site, however, there would have to be a commitment from the users there to keep it maintained. Lets hear your opinions before we decide on a final course of action.

Moving on, those who attended seemed to have a great time at the Flying Weenie Roast and the following night fly. If you missed the action, we have another organized night fly coming up on October 9th. The surface mount LEDs make lighting your plane down right simple and BRIGHT these days, so give it some thought.

We also finally got in the second race of the season on August 29th. Check out the web site for some pictures and the race results. The final race of the season will be on the make up date, September 19th.

*See you at the field,*  
**Phil**

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# **Bud Miller Memorial Fun Fly**



**September 11, 2010**

**Norman Frye Memorial Field**

**Seven Cities Sod Farm**

**Davenport, IA**

**This will be a competition fun-fly event**

**Landing Fee \$15.00**

**Registration 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.**

**Flying starts at 10:00**

**Prizes! Prizes! Prizes!**

**AMA Sanction 10-1912**

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**Next meeting**  
**Monday- Sep 13th**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Norman Frye Memorial Field**



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