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DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

## President's Report

Hi all,

Another summer is slipping by quickly. There has been some good flying weather lately, for sure. There has been a little more activity at the new field which is nice to see. Last time I was there, I think there were maybe 6 fliers? If you have not been there yet, please come on out and give it a try. So far I have been flying electrics out there but plan to get my 50cc gasser out there sometime soon! She needs a little tuning and tweaking, but should be ready soon. I am sure my Minion pilot can handle the tighter quarters :). The field is in great shape; go give it a try!!

Really not much going on presently, no specific field issues I am aware of anyway. We will be putting down some weed and feed sometime this month probably, but will be doing it ourselves so no great expense. Other than the mower insurance and storage unit fees there are no other expenses for the rest of the year likely. As always, let me know if there are any issues with the field that need to be addressed.

There will be a few house-keeping things at the meeting this month. As those at the last meeting may recall, we need to make some changes in the By-Laws that reflect the change in flying site and who to contact, etc. Those changes we talked about at the last meeting are included in the copy of the By-Laws attached to this newsletter and will need to be approved by the membership at the meeting.

The next few meetings will be at the hobby shop due to availability of the library. See you all at the meeting, and, maybe, buy something from Jane while you are at it !! That's all I got,

Steve

**Area Events:**

This Saturday, Sept. 7, Hillsdale Country Fliers are having an Open House & Fundraiser. Details at <https://www.facebook.com/events/477330239490514>

Saturday, Sept. 14, Morrison Model Aircraft Flyers are having a Fly-N-Swap at their field. More details are at: <https://www.mmafrfc.org/Events/MMAFRC-Fly-N-Swap-2019.aspx> There will be a collection of planes available for sale from one of their departed members. They can be viewed at: <https://www.snapfish.com/library/share?via=link&token=NVqpKyKdWid8ovxYNIB30Q/AUS/27950508800070/SNAPFISH>

**Bits & Pieces:**

Again, we have had very few show-and-tell items the past several months. Bring those planes or whatever out and share! Also, if anyone wants to present a program, let one of the officers know.

Club t-shirts are still available for \$15. Contact me if you would like one.

FYI – Board meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at 7 p.m. We are now meeting at Crawford Brew Works on Devils Glen in Bettendorf. Anyone is welcome to attend, but you are responsible for your own beverages!

As Steve mentioned, the updated Constitution and By-Laws are attached. Changes are in red and highlighted. Please review prior to the meeting. Several copies will be available.

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**CALENDAR****2019 Events:**

Sep 7	Hillsdale Country Fliers Open House	Hillsdale, IL
Sep 9	DRCS Meeting	Majors Art & Hobby
Sep 14	Fly N Swap	Morrison, IL
Sep 14-15	Rock Valley Warbirds & Classics	Rockford, IL
Sep 20-22	Erie RC Camp-N-Fly	Erie, IL
Sep 27–29	Fall Scramble Warbirds & Classics	Streator, IL
Oct 14	DRCS Meeting	Majors Art & Hobby
Nov 11	DRCS Meeting	Majors Art & Hobby
Dec 9	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library

Check the Event Schedule either in **Model Aviation** or online (<https://www.modelaircraft.org/event-calendar>) for future details on non-club events! There are many more events within 200 miles.

### **Minutes – August 12 Membership Meeting**

Twelve (12) members were present. The Minutes from the previous meeting as well as the Treasurer's report were read and approved.

Dave Colgan has been paid for his 6x12 enclosed trailer. It is currently in the storage unit at Jordan Storage. We will maintain the storage unit for the club's assets for the remainder of the year as it was noted by some church people that they don't feel it would be safe and secure parked at the field.

A temporary windsock has been erected at the field. An AMA windsock will be acquired when they are available for next season.

There was discussion about retrieving downed aircraft on the east end of the field and potential safety concerns. The church firing range is north of this area and may become active while someone may be down behind it. In the event, a plane does go down behind the bunker, it was advised that a spotter stay around the dam area in plain view while searchers go to retrieve the downed aircraft.

Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws were discussed. The principal changes are to remove any specific references to the field site owners and make the phrases more generic. The changes were approved and signed by 10 members as dictated by the By-Laws. They will be published in the next Newsletter and voted on at the September meeting.

The Field Rules need to be updated to reflect the new field. This will be done at the board meeting.

A fall fertilizer application, weed and feed, was approved to be done by club members. (Scott's now has a combination weed and feed/winterization product that will probably be applied late Sept/early Oct.)

Cody Oosting was recognized for his second place finish at RC Combat NATS using a borrowed plane. Congratulations!

Show-and-Tell: Steve Thompson brought his electric Flyzone Turbo Beaver in to show. It runs on 3s batteries.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Colgan  
Acting Secretary

**CONSTITUTION**  
**DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY, INCORPORATED**

**Article I Name:**

This organization shall be known to all as the DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY, INCORPORATED.

**Article II Purpose:**

The purpose of the society shall be devoted to the development and operation of radio controlled models, to promote fellowship and understanding among its members, to disseminate information concerning the hobby, and to increase the interest of others in the hobby.

**Article III Membership:**

Membership shall be open to those showing a genuine interest in the principles set forth in Article II. The membership is available to anyone upon the payment of annual dues, an initiation fee, assessments, if any, and the membership criteria as set forth in the bylaws. Provisions for the expulsion of said members will also be included.

**Article IV Officers:**

**Section 1:** The officers of the organization shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

**Section 2:** There will be an executive board which shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, the immediate past President, any one (1) member of the Field Relations Committee, plus three (3) members at large.

**Section 3:** There will be a Field Relations Committee consisting of three (3) members at large on staggered terms. One (1) will be elected each year, for a three (3) year term.

**Article V Meetings:** Meetings will be held at least once each month.

**Article VI Amendments:**

**Section 1:** The adoption of this Constitution renders null and void any and all preceding constitutions.

**Section 2:** This constitution, once ratified by the membership, can only be changed by amendment and a vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present at a regular scheduled meeting providing that notice of the proposed amendment has been presented to the Secretary and read at the previous regular scheduled meeting, and a copy sent to all members in good standing not present at the meeting.

**Section 3:** Any proposed change must be presented in writing with the signed endorsement of ten (10) members in good standing as set forth in Section 2 above.

**Article VII Incorporation:** The club shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of Iowa as a notforprofit organization and its works, purposes and objectives are purely educational, social and recreational, and solely in the interest of advancement of its members, and shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order on all points not specified in or by this Constitution.

**BYLAWS**  
**DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY, INCORPORATED**

**Article I Membership:**

**Section 1:** As set forth in the Constitution, the membership is available to anyone upon payment of annual dues, an initiation fee and assessments, if any.

**Section 2:** All DRCS club members must be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA). An associate member is a person who has insured membership in another nationally recognized radio control model club or society, and who also desires membership in the Davenport Radio Control Society.

**Section 3:**

(A) Senior members shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older and possess a current AMA membership.

(B) Junior members shall be seventeen (17) years of age or younger and must possess a current AMA membership.

(C) Associate members can be junior or senior members and must show proof of liability insurance in another nationally recognized radio control model club or society.

(D) Dues will be assessed as follows: senior and senior associate members thirty dollars (\$30.00); junior and junior associate members, ten dollars (\$10.00). A fifteen dollar (\$15.00) initiation fee will be charged to all new senior and senior associate members in addition to the regular scheduled dues rate.

**Section 4:** Dues are due no later than the January meeting. Advance notice of the January meeting and a dues notification shall be posted in the December newsletter of each year. Members will be delinquent in their dues if not paid by January 30, and shall lose their club privileges until the dues are paid along with the new member initiation fee. A member may terminate his or her active membership for valid reasons by notifying the Executive Board in writing. The Board will then decide and pass on the validity of the request. Should the Board favor such a request, the member will be able to rejoin at a later date without paying the additional initiation fee. Should a person enroll in the society after June 30 of any year, the dues will be reduced 50% for the remainder of the year.

**Section 5:** Special assessments may be required from time to time to finance special club projects which benefit all club activities. This assessment will be considered for capitol improvement projects only. To be approved, it will require two thirds (2/3) of the members voting at a regular scheduled meeting. It shall be announced in the minutes of a regular scheduled meeting as to purpose, duration, and conditions. If approved, it shall be published in the clubs publication and voted on at the next regular scheduled meeting as prescribed above.

**Article II Officers:**

**Section 1:** The officers of the society shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, hereinafter to be known as the Executive Officers. They will serve a term of two (2) years, and shall not hold any other club office concurrently with the office to which they were elected.

**Section 2:** As set forth in the Constitution, there will be an Executive Board consisting of the Executive Officers and five (5) directors, of which three (3) will be elected at large, one (1) who is the immediate past President, and one (1) representative from the Field Relations Committee. The Executive Board meetings will be chaired by the incumbent President, who is allowed to vote only for the purpose of breaking a tie. The term of office will be for two (2) years.

**Section 3:** As set forth in the Constitution, a Field Relations Liaison committee composed of three (3) members shall be elected to maintain contact between the club corporation and the flying site property owner/management. One (1) committee member will be elected each year, to serve a three (3) year term. This committee shall be represented at all Executive Board meetings by at least one (1) member. That representative can be any member of the committee, and can

vary from meeting to meeting.

### **Article III Nomination and Election of Officers, Directors and Liaison Committee:**

#### **Section 1:**

**(A)** In November of every other year, beginning with November, 1992 the President shall appoint three (3) persons to a nominating committee to review and contact potential candidates for nomination to the offices listed in Article II. The potential candidate, when contacted, will have the opportunity to accept or decline the nomination. The number of nominees will be at the discretion of the committee.

**(B)** A Field Relations Liaison committee of three (3) members will be elected beginning with the January 1992 election. Their terms will be for one (1), two (2), or three (3) years. After the election, their individual terms shall be determined by lot. As set forth in the Constitution, one (1) member will be elected annually hereinafter for a three (3) year term. This method will maintain staggered terms, so there are always two (2) members with an ongoing knowledge of communications between **the club and the flying site property owner/management.**

**Section 2:** The committee will present the nominees to the Society membership at the January meeting and call for nominations from the floor for those who desire to nominate someone else, with the approval of the nominee.

**Section 3:** It will then be the duty of the nominating committee to conduct the election, with written ballots as dictated by custom. They shall also provide the ballots for voting, which will be conducted prior to the order of new business. The nominating committee will count the ballots, and each officer will win with a majority vote of the membership present.

**Section 4:** After the entire slate of officers, directors, and liaison committee have been elected, the nominating committee will install the new candidates to office. The new Executive officers will then continue on with the meeting.

### **Article IV Duties of the Executive Officers, Directors and Liaison Committee:**

#### **Section 1:**

**(A) President:** The President shall be required to preside at all regular and special membership meetings and Executive Board meetings. He will be an ex-officio member of all committees. He will also make all appointments of members to committees and enforce all rules set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws.

**(B) VicePresident:** The Vice-President shall preside at all regular special and Executive Board meetings in the absence of the President. The Vice-President shall also serve as chairman of the contest and rules committee, and as club Public Relations officer with the duty of contacting the news media about club functions and meetings. **The Vice-President shall serve as the second signatory for the club corporation's checking account.** Should the office of the President be vacated, the Vice-President shall assume the office. The club shall then nominate from the floor, and vote on a Vice-President at the next regular scheduled meeting. If the Vice-President is unable or unwilling to assume the Presidency, the club membership shall elect a new President at the next regular scheduled meeting. Nominations will be made from the floor and voted on. This shall only be for the remainder of the office term.

**(C) Secretary:** The Secretary shall be required to keep minutes of all regular, special and Executive Board meetings, maintain all correspondence relating to the club and keep meeting attendance records and act as custodian of all records and documents of the Society, and also keep an inventory of all club properties and their location. Should this office be vacated, the club membership shall elect a new Secretary at the next regular scheduled meeting, for the remainder of the term. Nominations will be made from the floor and voted on.

**(D) Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall be required to oversee the club treasury by maintaining receipts and disbursements of club monies from dues, special assessments, donations and other moneymaking projects. The Treasurer will also keep and sell any and all special club supplies to members, and maintain the club affiliation with the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Should this office be vacated, the club membership shall elect a new Treasurer at the next regular scheduled meeting for the remainder of the term. Nominations will be made from the floor and voted on.

**(E) Directors:** The Directors will be required to serve on the Executive Board. Should any Director's seat become vacant, the club membership shall elect a new Director at the next regular scheduled meeting, for the remainder of the term. Nominations will be made from the floor and voted on.

**Section 2:** The four (4) Executive officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) and the Newsletter Editor will be exempt from the payment of dues for their term of office.

### **Article V Meetings**

**Section 1:** Club meetings shall be held with no prescribed length of time allotted for any one meeting. Rather, the meetings shall last as long as the subject(s) under discussion and the discretion of the members shall warrant. Time and place of the meetings shall be determined by the Executive Board. The meetings shall be conducted by Roberts Rules of Order as prescribed in the constitution.

**Section 2:** Meetings of the Executive Board will be called into session by the President or by the petition of five (5) members of the Executive Board. They shall be responsible to interpret the Constitution and Bylaws should there be any conflict. They shall also be allowed to allocate emergency treasury funds up to five-hundred dollars (\$500.00), and establish policy and activity direction. They will also be expected to report to the regular membership meeting with a 'pass' or 'no pass' recommendation on all proposals brought before the Board. Minutes and roll call of the Executive Board meetings shall be published in the club's publication prior to the next regular scheduled meeting.

**Section 3:** A quorum for a regular membership meeting shall consist of the club members present at the meeting.

**Section 4:** A quorum for the Executive Board shall consist of three fourths (3/4) of the Board members. No business may be voted upon by the Board unless a quorum is present.

### **Article VI Assets:**

**Section 1:** This Corporation is not formed for profit, and none of its assets shall be used for the pecuniary gain or profit of any individual who is or may become a member thereof.

**Section 2:** All of the assets, properties and funds of the corporation shall be devoted to the furtherance of the primary objects and purposes of the corporation.

**Section 3:** In the event of the dissolution of the Davenport Radio Control Society, Inc., its assets shall be converted to cash prorated and divided among current members.

### **Article VII Expulsions**

**Section 1:** By a three fourths (3/4) vote of the Executive Board, any member may be expelled from the Society for conduct considered to be injurious or detrimental to the best interests of the Davenport Radio Control Society, Incorporated.

**Section 2:** A member who is being considered for expulsion must be notified thirty (30) days in advance, and has the right to plead his or her own case, or be represented by a person of his or her own choosing before the Executive Board.

**Section 3:** A member who has been expelled by the Executive Board may appeal his or her case at the next regular scheduled membership meeting, and be reinstated with the approval of two thirds (2/3) of the voting membership present.

**Section 4:** Any person who has been expelled or become a nonmember of his or her own choosing shall forfeit all rights, privileges and monies paid or connected with the Davenport Radio Control Society, Incorporated.

### **Article VIII Rules:**

**Section 1:** This organization shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order on all points not specified in or by these Bylaws.

**Section 2:** All communication with **flying site property owner/management** shall be made through the President and the Field Relations Committee or their appointees. Any deviation from this rule can lead to disciplinary action and/or expulsion from the club.

**Article IX Adoption and Amendments:**

**Section 1:** The adoption of these Bylaws renders null and void any and all preceding Bylaws.

**Section 2:** These Bylaws, once ratified by the membership, can only be changed by a vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present at a regularly scheduled meeting, provided that notice of the proposed change has been presented to the Secretary and read at the previous regular scheduled meeting.

**Section 3:** Any proposed change must be presented in writing with the signed endorsement of ten (10) members in good standing at a regular scheduled meeting as set forth in Section 2 above.

**Revised 8/27/19: rks**



**DAVENPORT R/C SOCIETY**  
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David Colgan

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**Next Meeting**  
**Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Majors Art & Hobby**  
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