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President's Report

Hi all,

Another hot month in the books. Some hot days at the ol' flying field for sure, but the best flying weather is right around the corner--Fall! I can't believe the summer is slipping by so fast, but I guess that is what happens when you get old. A good thing about the summer winding up is that the beans will be coming out soon, hopefully. Dave C. heard a rumor that they were planning on having the beans out by August 15th, but they have not even sprayed them yet, so we will see. Even if they aren't out by the 15th, they are at least making plans to get them out. It will be nice to have them gone, when ever it happens. I know a few planes have met an untimely demise in the beans, and more than a few beans met an untimely demise at the end of a prop as far as that goes!!

As I am sure, most of you know the Annual Flying Weenie Roast is scheduled for this Saturday, August 6th. The forecast so far looks outstanding, so gather your family and friends and plan on heading out. As always, the club will provide hot dogs and condiments. We will also provide paper plates, napkins, and cutlery to avoid confusion on that this year. So all you need is a dish to pass, drinks, a chair, and something to fly, if you are so inclined. If the weather holds, it stands to be a busy day so get there early and get some flying in before we eat. Dave J. has volunteered to be the chef again, and we usually plan on eating around 5 or so. There are no plans to bust out the night fliers, and no after-party bonfire this year.

As far as club news goes, we are going to spray for dust again this year as the current treatment has been less than ideal, in that regard. We should see the treatment being applied next Wed., the 10th. The treatment will be the same Magnesium Chloride treatment that is on there now, as the county does not want anything else on it. More on this at the meeting, but just wanted everyone to be aware.

We do have another project this year which will be to install the gates and new sign, and we will be talking about setting dates for this as well. I think we have gathered all the materials (except concrete). Some details to work out yet, probably the most challenging of which is how to get the water we will need to mix the concrete down to the site. I would rather not have to ferry the water around in 5 gallon buckets, but we will see what we can come up with. Not sure how much water

we will need at this point, not dead sure how big the holes will be, depends on availability of augers perhaps. Again more on this at the meeting, but something to think about between now and then. Hopefully we can get this done before the combat event.

Another important thing to think about is that our groundskeeper / mower mechanic (Thanks Dave Colgan!!!) thinks that the mower is about shot. The one at Scott County is even worse so that won't help us. The mower is kinda like an old warbird at his time, takes an hour or 2 of maintenance for every few hours of flying (mowing) time. It is getting to the point that fixing it all the time is making less and less sense. Sooo... we will be in the market for a quality used, or maybe, a new mower. The consensus seems to be that we need to stick with a quality commercial grade type mower rather than a yard tractor. Again, we can talk about this more later but just wanted to plant the seed. Our need is not urgent, but we need to take care of it before it becomes urgent.

That's all I got for now, see you all on Saturday for the weenie roast.

Steve

FAA update: For those who did not see it, the FAA confirmed in writing to the AMA that we are indeed allowed to fly in excess of 400ft AGL when conditions allow. This is different than the little box that you had to check when you registered with the FAA, but I guess it should not surprise anyone that the Government has confusing / conflicting ru

Bits & Pieces:

Numerous people are thinning their hangars. Major's Art & Hobby still has a number of consigned planes on 2nd floor. Plus, both Phil Vernon and I have sent out information on some other planes and equipment that are for sale. Some look like pretty good buys.

September will be a busy month also. Steve failed to mention that the Fun Fly is just around the corner also, Sept 10. It is always a good time so practice your flying to get ready. And, the 3rd Duel at Davenport (Combat Meet) is the 17th-18th. The Children's Cancer Fly-In at Erie is the 24th.

A little more on the mower situation: The Frye Field mower is 41" wide, and it takes roughly 3 hours each week to mow. That means we are putting 75 – 100 hrs per year on that 30 year old tractor. It is hanging in there, but plans need to be made to replace. The wish list is for a 54" wide mower that would cut the mowing time down by 1/3. I will have some numbers to share at the meeting on replacement costs, both new and used. But, if anyone has a contact for a good deal, let us know.

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2016 Events:

Aug 6	Weinie Fly	Frye Field, Davenport
Aug 6	Festival of Flight	St Charles, IL
Aug 8	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field, Davenport
Aug 8-11	Illini Super Jets	Monticello, IL
Aug 20	National Model Aviation Day 2016	Cedar Falls, IA
Aug 20	MMAF RC Flight for Cancer	Rockwood State Park, Morrison, IL
Aug 20	National Model Aviation Day	Blackhawks Flying Field, Cedar Falls, IA
Sep 10	DRCS Fun Fly	Frye Field, Davenport
Sep 11	Iowa Aerohawks Air Show	Aerohawks Field, Iowa City, IA
Sep 12	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field, Davenport
Sep 17	MMAFRC Fly N Swap	Morrison, IL
Sep 17-18	Duel at Davenport III	Frye Field, Davenport
Sep 24	Children's Cancer Air Show	Erie, IL
Sep 24-25	Fall Scramble Warbird & Classics Fly	Streator, IL
Oct 1	DRCS Night Fly	Frye Field, Davenport
Oct 10	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Nov 14	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Dec 12	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library

*Check the AMA Calendar of Events for details on the out of area events.

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