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DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

President's Report

Hi all,

First off, some sad news to report. For those who have not heard, we lost a long time club member and friend, Frank Lang. Frank passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday morning. Frank was an accomplished builder and pilot for many years. I would have no idea how many planes he built in his lifetime, but it was a bunch. I know he was frustrated in recent years as his health kept him from flying like he used to be able to, but he kept at it! There are a couple of people to blame for getting me into this hobby, and thus making you listen to my monthly drivel, and Frank was one of them. He encouraged me to give it a try, and for that, I will be for ever grateful. Please keep his wife Pat, and daughter, Robin, in your thoughts and prayers in the coming days. As I write this, arrangements are pending. The club will be sending something to the funeral home once we have details. He will be missed.

Hard to move on from that one, but we do have some club business coming up at the meeting. This is an election year for the club, and that will take place at the December meeting. After carefully considering all the volunteers for the nomination committee, we decided to appoint the board as the committee--otherwise there would not be one as required by our bylaws. All the current club officers have agreed to continue if no one else wants to step up. We will accept nominations/volunteers from the floor before the election. Please consider doing something for the club. You won't hurt anybody's feelings by throwing your hat in the ring, that is for sure! Jerry Clemmens volunteered (sort of) to fill the Field Relations spot vacated by Mike Williams. That leaves the 3 At-Large board positions up for grabs. These positions are currently held by Dave Jensen, Dirko, and Chuck Balser. This is a great place to "get your feet wet". All you have to do is show up to an extra meeting a month, which is held at the Village Inn, so you can just sit there and eat pie, if you want! Please consider it.

This is the time of year that we usually start thinking about the Chili Fly. However, since we lost the Scott Co. Park site, we don't really have a viable site. We tossed around a few ideas at the last meeting, but none of them were particularly compelling. We talked about it a bit more at the board meeting and, unfortunately, could not come up with any better ideas. So, unless someone out there grabs the bull by the horns and can come up with a viable option, we will not be having a Chili Fly

this year. "Viable option" basically means something that is not going to require the same 6 or 8 of us that do everything else to do anything.

The Mall Show is set for Feb 18th, and the Swap Meet will be March 11th. More on those 2 events as time approaches. Not much else going on this time of year. I did hear thru the grapevine that Nick Ziegler is trying to get some indoor flying arranged this winter, perhaps at the Rock Island Expo Center? I don't know where he is on that, but that might be something to do. Keep your ears open on that one.

That's all I got for now. Keep Frank's family in your thoughts. See you at the meeting.

Steve

Bits & Pieces:

2017 dues are now due. They are now \$30 for renewal until Jan 31. Juniors and the initiation fee is unchanged. A few have been trickling in. Either pay me at the meeting, or mail them to me at:

2961 Greenview Drive
Bettendorf, IA 52722

Thanks to my daughter Anna for helping to remove the sign and pin board before the snow flew. We are trying a new "latch" on the gates for the winter, a pipe slid over the gates' two ends. During the winter months, please do not drive out onto the field. If you have the urge to fly, park at the gate, or on the road, and carry your equipment in. Thanks!

Second reason for mentioning my daughter, the club needs more members to step up and help out, little or big. Work days we get a decent turn-out, but there are other little things that can be done throughout the year. As Steve mentioned, the Mall Show will be Feb 18 at Northpark Mall. We will need people to help with set-up the evening before. The same thing with the Swap Meet. With the Swap Meet, I can use help ahead of time as well as during that day. I will be looking to form a "committee" in January.

A new feature added this month is a "For Sale" column (see below). Most listed will be in the Resale Area at Majors Art & Hobby. I would also like to list items from individual club members also, so let me know.

Speaking of Majors, I see they have many new items that would make excellent Christmas gifts, from airplanes to all sorts of support and building supplies. Don't forget to tell Santa what you want. Support them this holiday season as they support us throughout the year!

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2016 Events:

Dec 12 DRCS Meeting Eastern Ave Library

2017 Events:

Jan 1 DRCS Chili Fly ??? TBD
 Jan 7-8 NIFF Indoor Fun Fly Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines, IA
 Jan 9 DRCS Meeting Eastern Ave Library
 Jan 29 Iowa City Swap Meet Iowa City Armory, IA

Jan 31 2017 Dues Due**Feb 1 Late fee for Dues Starts**

Feb 4 Tri-Village Rcers Swap Meet Wheaton, IL
 Feb 13 DRCS Meeting Eastern Ave Library
 Feb 18 DRCS Mall Show Northpark Mall, Davenport, IA
 Feb 18 Fox Valley Aero Swap Meet St. Charles, IL

Mar 13 DRCS Meeting Eastern Ave Library
 Mar 12 DRCS Swap Meet St Mark's Lutheran, Davenport, IA
 Mar 25 MMAFRC Swap Meet Tampico, IL

Apr 7 – 9 Weak Signals R/C Model Expo Toledo, OH
 Apr 10 DRCS Meeting Eastern Ave Library

May 8 DRCS Meeting Eastern Ave Library
 May 26-28 NASA Scale Meet Erie Airpark, Erie, IL

Jun 12 DRCS Meeting Eastern Ave Library or Frye Field
 Jun 17 DRCS Scale Meet Frye Field

Jul 10 DRCS Meeting Frye Field

Aug 5 DRCS Weinie Fly Frye Field
 Aug 14 DRCS Meeting Frye Field

Sep 9 Bud Miller Fun Fly Frye Field
 Sep 11 DRCS Meeting Frye Field
 Sep 16-17 Duel at Davenport IV Frye Field

Oct 7 DRCS Night Fly Frye Field
 Oct 9 DRCS Meeting Eastern Ave Library

Nov 13 DRCS Meeting Eastern Ave Library

Dec 11 DRCS Meeting Eastern Ave Library

FOR SALE:

At Majors' Art and Hobby Resale Area. Contact at 563-323-9042 for more details:

Junkyard Dog w/ large gas engine
Great Planes Giant Super Sportster w/ ASP FS180
Seagull ZLIN 50 w/ Saito 91
Multiplex Easy Star Glider w/ transmitter
Parkzone Sport Cub BNF
Global Blue Max w/ OS 70FS
Phoenix Models Funstar w/o engine
Great Planes Super Sportster 60 w/o engine
Low wing 40 size plane w/o engine
2 – Parkzone F4F Hellcats w/ 2 spare fuselages
Skybolt 60 size w/o engine
Rascal 110 w/ US 41cc engine
Great Planes ZLIN Akrobat 2/ OS 46AX
Eagle 2 w/ OS 46LA
Sig T'Clips 70 w/ Rimfire 80
Laser 200 52" w/o engine
Fiesta 45 w/ engine
Great Planes Decathlon w/ Saito 80
40 Size 3D Profile w/o engine
GWS Slow Stick w/ Eflite 450
FMS Extra 300 foamy
Parkzone P-47D w/ spare parts NIB
Parkzone Spitfire Mk IX w/ spare parts NIB
Top R/C Hobby FW-190 w/ spare parts NIB
Duraflly P-51 1100mm NIB
Cox Lazy Bee NIB

From Brian Gebhart – 563-349-6353

Tactic TX 850 Transmitter
Tactic TX 600 6 ch Transmitter
Tactic TX 650 6 ch Transmitter
8 – Tactic 6 ch Recievers

The above information was current as of December 8th.

Again, we will publish any for sale or trade items if you would just contact me. We will keep this as a running list in future Newsletters.

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