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President's Report

Hi all,

I hope nobody went to the library last week! We got aced out of our usual spot last week, so I hope to see you all this Monday, the 18th at the usual time and place.

As you might expect, not a lot going on this time of year. We are trying to finalize the 2018 calendar of events. Thanks to those who responded to our short survey last month. It is still pretty hard to get a good pulse on what we can do to increase participation, but there were a few ideas on the returned surveys, mostly variations of what we already do. Really, I think one of our issues that may be a barrier to participation is communication with the membership. It would appear that the newsletter is not the best way to get the word out. We do have a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Davenport-Radio-Control-Society-255188731170153/) and, of course, our website (www.davenportrc.org), but these tend to focus on things that have already happened. Please think on that a bit and speak up at the meeting as to how we can better communicate. We can work on updating the Facebook presence as well as the web site, but will need some folks to step up and help with getting that done. One idea that we floated out that seemed to get some traction was the monthly cook out / fly event so I think we will try to get that done this flying season. I am still on the fence about the Fun Fly, but we can decide on that down the road a bit after we see how the monthly cook out /fly events go. Maybe just do the monthly cook out thing on meeting nights and kill 2 birds with one stone as they say? We can talk more at the meeting.

We do have the first 2 of the 2018 events firmed up. First is the Mall Show on Saturday, Feb. 10th, and the second will be the Swap Meet on Saturday, March 10th. Mark those dates on your calendars and get your projects and old favorites prettied up in time to bring 'em out to the Mall Show, plenty of time yet!! The Swap Meet is in March again to get a bit away from the Iowa City meet in January that just keeps on growing.

One bit of news from the AMA. As many of you may have already heard, the FAA requirement for registration of our model aircraft has been re-instated. The court case that reversed it was overturned, and then a new law was apparently signed on 12/12/17 which officially re-instated the whole thing. Same rules as before, each pilot needs to register once and put your FAA number on each of your models before they take to the sky. If you registered before and did not request a refund then you are

already registered and do not need to re-register. If, however, you did request a refund, which supposedly removed your name from their list (yea right!!), then "there is a good chance you will have to register again"-- per the AMA website. They say you can call 877-396-4636 to check the status of your registration. Same rules as before which means that we (our club and the AMA in general) are not going to police this for the FAA, but the fines can be substantial, so probably best to just do it. Our bylaws do in fact state that members will follow all AMA and FAA rules. While you are at it, renew your AMA and club memberships as well !!!

Our next meeting is this Monday, the 18th, which is a week late as noted above. I will give an updated talk about the comparison of glow and gas power. With more and more gas engines becoming available with smaller displacements, the gas options continue to grow. We are selling less and less glow fuel at our annual fuel buy so it appears people are gravitating to gas and electric. If someone out there wants to do a talk sometime about the electric world, I think it would be well received. Hint, hint, anybody.... Bueller?!

The January 8th meeting, which is the last time to pay your dues without incurring the re-initiation fee fyi, will be held at the Davenport Municipal Airport and hosted by John Biondo. John, as many of you know, owns a Titian T-51 which is a 3/4 scale version of a P-51. John will give us a little info about the plane and give us a close up look at the bird (teaser below). I have not seen it in person yet, but I hear she is a beauty, so plan on coming out to check it out. John assures me the hanger is heated, so no worries if it gets crappy outside. Probably a good idea to bring a bag chair if you want to sit down at all. A big thank you to John for letting us check it out !! More details on directions, etc., next month, but just wanted to give everyone an early heads up on that one--don't miss it.

That's all I got for now, see ya at the meeting.

Steve



2018 Dues

It's that time! Only about 1/4 of the membership has renewed for 2018. Please forward your renewals (\$30) to me ASAP to avoid paying the late fee (initiation fee again) after January. My address is the return address on the "Transmitter". I try to process the renewals weekly so it may take a few days to see your new card in the mail.

2018 Mall Show

We have a signed contract with North Park Mall for a show on February 10. I have requested the Younkers Court again; that will not be firmed up until after the holidays. We will have 20 tables again plus the open area for Giant Scale so get those aircraft ready. We will also need someone to step up and coordinate the simulators, which are always a big hit. Also, if anyone has an idea for a Raffle airplane, let me know. I will get that right after the holidays, also. More details will be discussed at the next 2 meetings and shared here.

Bits & Pieces:

In reviewing communication by several other clubs, they rely on social media (Facebook) to get the word out. The intent is that anyone can post to our Facebook pages, either Davenport Radio Control Society: <https://www.facebook.com/Davenport-Radio-Control-Society-255188731170153/> or DRCS - Davenport Radio Control Society: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/DavenportRadioControlSociety/> The latter page is easier to post multiple pictures. Very few have posted to either page except for me. Also, invite your friends to like these pages. At present, I am the sole administrator on both pages. I would gladly share this task with anyone that wants to step-up.

The 2018 Calendar is beginning to be populated. I query the AMA calendar for near-by events and post those that I think will be of interest (our Swap Meet is now on their calendar). If anyone knows of anything else that should be shared let me know. Also, I will be using the Events page on Facebook to list all club events, including meetings. For the monthly cook-outs / fun flies, they will be communicated by Facebook and e-mail when scheduled.

FYI – the reinstatement of the FAA registration rule was part of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2018, basically the Defense budget for next year. It was conveniently included in this act so it would see very little opposition, in my opinion. More information in the latest issue of Model Aviation magazine also. FYI – 90 F-35 aircraft were included in this budget.

David Colgan

DRCS Calendar

2017 Events:

Dec 18	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Dec 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!	

2018 Events:

Jan 8	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Jan 28	Iowa City Aerohawks Swap Meet	Coralville Marriot Convention Ctr
Feb 10	DRCS Mall Show	North Park Mall, Davenport
Feb 12	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Feb 17	Fox Valley Aero Club Swap Meet	St. Charles, IL
Mar 10	DRCS Swap Meet	St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Mar 12	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Apr 6 – 8	Weak Signals RC Show	Toledo, OH
Apr 9	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
May 14	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field
Jun 11	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field
Jun TBD	Fun Scale Fly In	Frye Field
Jul 9	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field
Aug 13	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field
Sep 10	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field
Sep 15-16	Duel At Davenport	Frye Field
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 AMA Events Schedule either in **Model Aviation** or online for future details on non-club events!

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