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DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

President's Report

Hi all,

Not a lot to report so far. The search continues for a new site. We got some good ideas at the last meeting and have followed up on some of those. The one that was my number one choice actually was the Stender Airport in Maysville, which is just a little north of the old field. We were able to track down the owner and got a phone number. I spoke with Mrs. Stender who told me she kept the airport open for a few years after her husband passed in 2011, but "they plowed it up" last spring. The runway is plowed and back in crops sadly.

We also got a lead on an old ultra light field in Illinois, basically across the street from J&J Campers. A few of us went over and took a peek, and it would work. We have had less luck finding a contact number, although I do have an address of the fellow who we think owns it--he pays the taxes anyway!! I have sent a letter off but no response just yet-- it just went out.

One other one we have kinda in the works is a bit further away, but we will see what they say. Apparently the Geneseo Parks Department contacted the AMA asking if they (the AMA) knew of anyone who would set up a flying site in one of their parks. We have touched base with them and will be talking in person, but probably not until after the holidays. In the meantime, they were invited to check out our Facebook page to see what we really do. We have no idea what they are thinking, or how much room they have, maybe they just want "park flyer" types there. We don't know but will find out.

One more idea was was to just send a letter to the local parks departments and see if they have any ideas. We will draft a letter and send it to Davenport, Bettendorf, LeClaire, and, maybe, Eldridge. Moline already has a site obviously, so we will focus on the Iowa side, I think.

I remain confident that we will find somewhere to fly, so please don't give up on the club or the hobby. We will continue to keep everyone in the loop when we have info to share. If anyone knows someone with some land that would be conducive to flying, please speak up and we can talk to anyone-- the worst they can say is no!!!

So, see everyone at the meeting, and, obviously, our focus remains finding a flying site. If anyone has a build or new bird to show off, bring it along!! I guess we could think about doing a program or 2 this winter as well, if anyone has any ideas that way let us know!!

See ya at the meeting,
Steve

Bits & Pieces:

The Erie Club is hosting a Swap Meet at the Quad City Expo Center on Saturday, December 8. They will have tables available for walk-ups if you did not reserve one. Tables are \$15 and admission is \$5. Set-up begins at 7:30, and the Swap actually starts at 9 a.m. Maybe we will see you there. More info on their Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/327359344756791/>

As agreed upon, the Club is continuing as business normal. That means dues for 2019 are now due, \$30 for the year. You can either pay at the meeting on Monday, or forward to me at 2961 Greenview Drive, Bettendorf, IA 52722. Don't forget to renew your AMA if it is also due!

Our Swap Meet is scheduled for March 16, 2019, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Davenport. I will be sending out details later but we are asking for volunteers already to help with organizing the "Cafe", manning the admissions, as well as assorted other tasks. I would like to share the "wealth" of work this year.

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CALENDAR**2018 Events:**

Dec 8	Erie RC Club Swap Meet	QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island
Dec 10	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library

2019 Events:

Jan 14	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Feb 2	Iowa City Aerohawks Swap Meet	Marriott, Coralville, IA
Feb 11	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Mar 11	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Mar 16	DRCS Swap Meet	St. Mark's, Davenport, IA
Apr 5-7	Weak Signals Model Expo	Toledo, OH
Apr 8	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library

*Check the Event Schedule either in **Model Aviation** or online for future details on non-club events!*

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Next Meeting
Monday, December 10th
6:30 p.m.

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