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DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

President's Report

Hi all,

Sorry about the lack of a letter last month; I was out of town and was away from my computer so could not get it done. I know you are on pins and needles every month waiting for the letter so here it goes!

In the last couple of years, our numbers have shrunk a bit. I understand why, we had no field for a while, and then, the field we were able to procure is less than optimal, particularly for large sale aircraft. Well, we have some good news that, hopefully, will convince some to re-join our ranks. We have secured permission to fly off an additional field which is just a few miles north of the TBK "Bett Plex". The field is on private property and basically is a 2000 foot grass strip designed for full sale aircraft. There are some details to work out, but clearly, this would be much more conducive to large sale aircraft operations. There will be some cost to the club, but it will be considerably less than what we were paying for dust abatement at Frye Field. That said, we do have fewer members so we need to try to swell our ranks. As this field becomes usable, I am sure that we can attract more of our former members to re-join. Please, if you know anybody who has not "re-upped", convince them to do so!! More details on the additional field as they become available.

You may have noticed that I said "additional field". We plan to continue to maintain the ACC field that our friends at the Adventure Community Church so kindly have allowed us access to. We will need some additional help with mowing duties and other upkeep of 2 fields, much like when we had Frye and Scott Co. Park at the same time. More on that as flying season approaches.

I would like to thank those members who have stuck with us thru the changes in the club and remain convinced we will have a viable club for many years to come. That is, unless the FAA regulates us to death. As mentioned at the last meeting, now is the time to contact your elected officials about the proposed rules by the FAA that would severely limit our activities. It is not too late and, from the sounds of what I have been reading lately, the FAA actually agrees that a "one size fits all" solution is not the best solution. We need to remain active and express our views to those officials to ensure our ability to enjoy our hobby.

We do have some housekeeping items to clear up at the next meeting so

please plan to attend. We will be re-establishing the Field Relations Committee members as required in our by-laws. All 3 current members' terms have expired, and we need to fix that. We will need 3 members and will be filling those positions at the meeting.

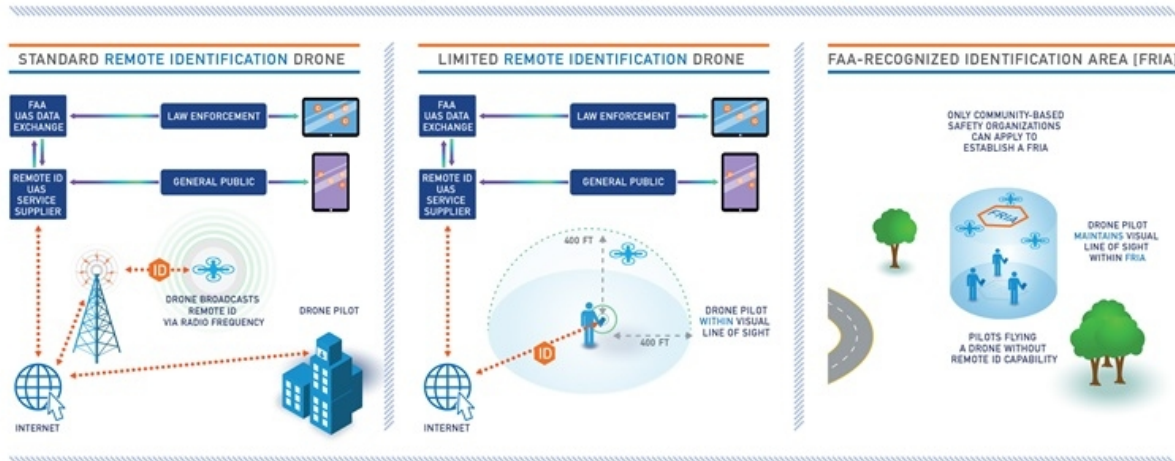
That's all I got for now, see ya at the meeting.

Steve

FAA's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM):

On December 26 (nice Christmas present), the FAA released its Proposed Rule for Real ID of UAS. It is a 319 page document that outlines how the FAA wants to take control of airways under 1000 ft for public safety. Basically, they are outlining 3 ways of remotely identifying UAS. See below:

3 Ways of Remotely Identifying



As part of the proposed rule making, the FAA must allow a 60 day period for public comments. I have included the link to the AMA template for comments. I would use this for the basis of your comments but personalize it to include your personal impact. We encourage every member, and members of your family, to submit your comments by March 2.

Below are some links to information that I have seen concerning this rule. I encourage everyone to go read or view their content to form your own opinion. I will have these links available Monday at the meeting.

FAA Proposed Rule and Comment Link:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/12/31/2019-28100/remote-identification-of-unmanned-aircraft-systems>

AMA Template Link:

<http://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/2020/01/03/template-comment-on-uas-remote-id/>

We as hobbyists must be united against the limitations of this proposed rule. I would encourage you to contact your Congressman as well as the FAA. In my opinion, it will not only affect we as fliers and builders but also numerous companies and individuals by driving them out of business.

Flying Site Improvement Grant:

The grant has been modified and submitted to the AMA. They will release the awards the first part of April.

2020 Dues:

Dues for 2020 are now due. Encourage anyone that you know to renew their membership as I believe good things are in store for our club in 2020. Remember to check your AMA membership status also.

Quad City Engineering and Science Council STEM Celebration

The last couple of years we have had a table top exhibit at this event. This event brings young people together with technical professionals and organizations to broaden their understanding of the opportunities in engineering and the sciences. This year, the event is on February 20 at the Putnam Museum & Science Center. We have been invited back. I can go with a plane and a simulator, but I would need some assistance. Rodd Schick has helped in the past, and we both have been busy talking to people for the 90 minutes. We need to be set up by 4:45 and will be finished about 6:30. Truthfully, it is exhilarating talking to these young, and older, people. Let me know if you can help.

Bits & Pieces:

As always, please feel free to bring anything for Show and Tell. Also, if you have any ideas for a more formal program, please bring them up.

Thanks,
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CALENDAR**2020 Events:**

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| Feb 10 | DRCS Meeting | Eastern Ave. Library |
| Feb 15 | 15 th Annual Swap Meet | St. Charles, IL |
| Mar 9 | DRCS Meeting | Eastern Ave. Library |
| Apr 3-5 | Weak Signals RC Show | Toledo, OH |
| Apr 13 | DRCS Meeting | Eastern Ave. Library |
| Apr 25 | Rock Valley R/C Flyers Swap Shop | Pecatonica, IL |
| May 11 | DRCS Meeting | Eastern Ave. Library |
| Jun 8 | DRCS Meeting | Eastern Ave. Library |
| Jun 13-14 | Dave Goerne Memorial Fun Fly | Streator, IL |
| Jun 12-14 | Mike Gretz Memorial RC Fly-In | Montezuma, IA |
| Jun 19-20 | Mike Gretz Control Line Fun Fly | Montezuma, IA |
| Jun 26-28 | RC Flight Fest 2020 | Erie, IL |
| Jul 12 | Iowa City Aerohawks Air Show | Iowa City, IA |
| Jul 13 | DRCS Meeting | Eastern Ave. Library |
| Aug 8 | Fly Iowa | Ames Airport, Ames, IA |
| Aug 10 | DRCS Meeting | Eastern Ave. Library |
| Sep 14 | DRCS Meeting | Eastern Ave. Library |
| Sep 25-27 | Fall Scramble Warbirds & Classics | Streator, IL |
| Oct 12 | DRCS Meeting | Eastern Ave. Library |
| Nov 9 | DRCS Meeting | Eastern Ave. Library |
| Dec 14 | DRCS Meeting | Eastern Ave. Library |

Note: There are quite a few more Swap Meets listed on the AMA Events Calendar, principally in Illinois this spring. Check the Events Calendar for the details.

*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.*

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Next Meeting

Monday, February 10th

6:30 p.m.

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