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President's Report

Hi all,

I hope Santa was good to everyone and brought things with wings. It may be a bit before the weather will allow any flying, so you have plenty of time to work on those winter projects! I don't know about anyone else, but when I woke up on News Year's Day, I was not too upset about the demise of the Chili Fly. Or, maybe the just plain fricking Cold Fly this year!! I checked the National Weather Service report for Davenport Municipal and, at 9 am, our usual gathering time, it was -19 standing temp with a wind chill of -37. F that!

We do have our first event of the year coming up pretty soon. The Mall Show is on Feb 10th at the Northpark Mall as usual. Not sure of the exact location yet, but hopefully, the same spot we had last year, which worked out well. The Feb meeting will be after the show, so we will need to iron out some details at the meeting this month. As always, we will do some preliminary set-up on the Friday before the show. The time for the set up is yet to be determined, but will likely be late afternoon at the earliest, because they don't like to have things set up too early and be in the way. So watch for e-mail reminders on the time as the date draws closer. As always, the more help we have, the quicker it goes, and it usually goes pretty quick. Dave C. will be able to pick up the stanchions and ropes, etc. from the barn and deliver them to the Mall on Friday, but due to a conflict, will not be able to make the return trip Saturday afternoon after the show. We will need someone with a trailer to help with the return run, or at least a few pick ups. My trailer is full of patio furniture for the winter so it is not available. Shawn V. has once again volunteered to coordinate the simulators. It works well if we have at least 3 of them available as they are very popular with the crowd. If able to help out with sims, contact Shawn, or better yet, show up at this month's meeting and do it in person.

We like to have a wide assortment of aircraft to display - Giant Scale to Park Fliers and everything in between. It's also kinda neat to have something "in the bones", so folks can see what is under the covering. If some-one has one that can be safely transported in that state, please consider bringing it. Again, not sure on what time the Mall will be open to us, but it is usually at at 8 or 9 as the Mall opens at 10am. Please be prepared to hang around and talk to the crowd which is, after all, the point of the whole thing. We do not provide airplane babysitting services, so please don't drop off your stuff and take off. We will have a raffle and generally do the

drawing at about 2 or so. The time is not set in stone and varies depending on how the day is going. Same with tear down, time is kinda whenever? Soooo, the point of all this ambiguity about times is that if you are not present when the tear down starts, there will be nobody there to protect your airplane from the masses. Remember to bring a chair if you want to sit. Details at the meeting.

Speaking of the meeting, as I hope you all remember the Jan 8th meeting will be at the Davenport Municipal Airport. Same time, 6:30 pm, just a different location. The directions are below. The directions are also posted on our Facebook page. We will have a short meeting to firm things up as above, then we will turn things over to John Biondo. John has invited us to have our meeting at the airport and check out his Titan T-51 Mustang. The T-51 is a 3/4 scale replica of the P-51. Titan offers both a "B" and "D" model, John's is a "D". He will give us some info about the plane and let us check it out up close! Thanks again, John. The hanger is heated, but likely will be cold, so dress for the conditions, and bring a chair if you want to sit. I really should not have to say this, but feel I must. **PLEASE** be careful around this airplane. We don't want any scratches or dings on the bird as she is a beauty from what I have heard.

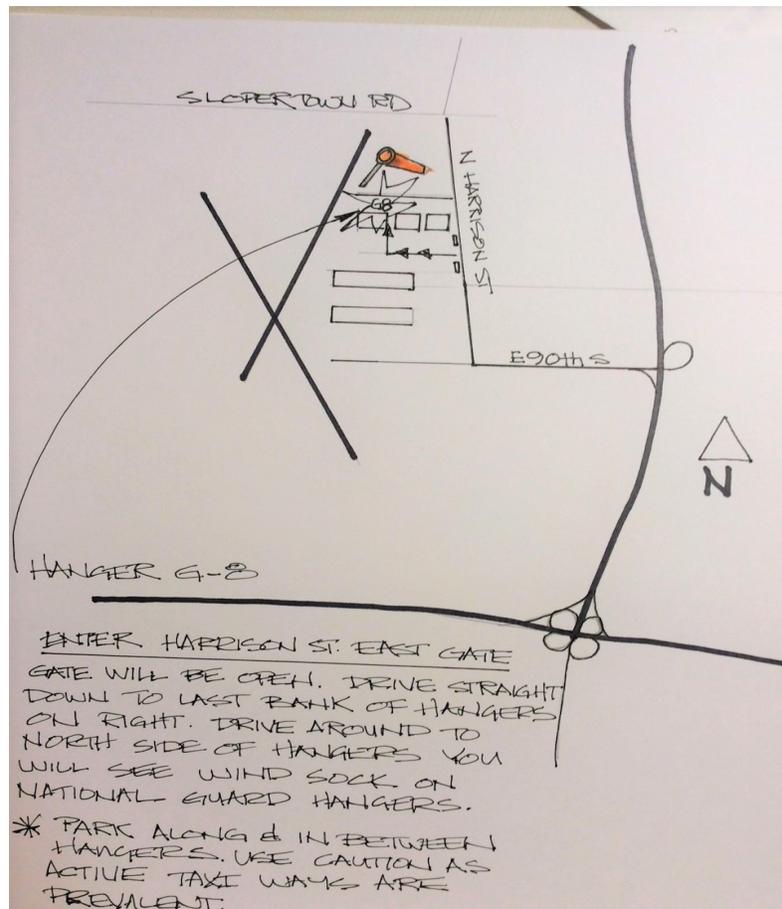


At the last meeting, we had some good ideas tossed about as well as good ideas on how to improve communication to the membership. Tim Arp has volunteered to help with the Facebook page, and the intent is to use the updated page as a primary means of communication. We will obviously still send out mass e-mails for event reminders and such, but the thought was that during the flying season, people can just chat on Facebook and see who all is heading out, etc. We will also try a new concept for meetings at the Flying Field during the season, but more on that later. This letter is getting too long already.

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

Steve

**January 8th Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Davenport Municipal Airport**



Please enter the airport from the East Gate off of N. Harrison St. Drive straight down to the last bank of hangars on the right. G8 is the first hangar on the North side of the building. It will be on your left. You will see the wind sock and the armory immediately across the fence. Please remember once you enter the airport you are driving on active taxiways. DO NOT DRIVE OUT PAST THE WEST END OF THE HANGARS. Parking may be tight due to the weather. My hope is that they have it clearly shoveled. Contact either Brian Gebhart (563-349-6353) or John Biondo (563-272-8422) with any questions.

Also, remember to bring a chair. The hangar is supposed to be heated.

2018 Dues

It's that time! Renewals are trickling in. Please forward your renewals (\$30) to me ASAP to avoid paying the late fee (initiation fee again) after January 30. My address is:

2961 Greenview Drive
Bettendorf, IA 52722

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

Steve covered as many of the details above as what we have now. We will need members to cover the Raffle / Info Table; Simulators; as well as circulating along the tables to answer questions, throughout the day. **2018 Swap Meet**

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Our Swap Meet this year will be March 20th at St. Mark's Lutheran Church again. The flyer is attached. It is never too early to reserve your table(s). As always, we want to make this year's bigger than last year's. Please contact me to reserve your table, dcolgan51@gmail.com.

Bits & Pieces:

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.

I see that Nick Ziegler is trying to arrange some indoor flying again at the QCCA Expo Center. No details yet but will be shared when they become available.

Within the next week, I will begin to solicit prizes for our Scale Meet. If anyone has any contacts within the industry, or suggestions on companies to contact, please let me know. Thanks.

David Colgan

DRCS Calendar

2018 Events:

Jan 8	DRCS Meeting	Davenport Municipal Airport
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!

DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY'S 23rd ANNUAL SWAP MEET



St Mark's Lutheran Church

2363 W. 3rd St., Davenport, IA 52802

Saturday, March 10, 2018

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



**Anything Radio Control related can be swapped!
Aircraft, vehicles, boats, radios, engines, etc.**



Table Rent - \$10 Admission \$4

Raffle for an RC Airplane - \$1 or 6 for \$5

For more info, contact Dave Colgan

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Set-up at 8 a.m.

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NEXT MEETING
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6:30 P.M.

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