



AMA CHARTER 1458

# THE TRANSMITTER

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## DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

### Presidents Report

**Hi all, looks like flying whether is upon us finally. We do have access to the church field which is open for business so please get out and enjoy some of the flying whether when you can. Thank you to Dirk and Danny for getting the mowing duties taken care of early on and getting the field back in shape. We will need to talk about a mowing schedule at the next meeting. Please remember when venturing out to the church field that there is a low spot that frequently is wet and we need to avoid that area if there has been recent rain. When driving in please stay towards the "high" side to avoid getting stuck in the valley.**

**Not a whole lot going on right now due to this corona virus situation. Things have been pretty well shut down for several months as everone what is no doubt aware. Hopefully things will start to turn around and we can get back out and start to enjoy our hobby again. We will be holding the next meeting at the hobby shop, thank you Jane! With the number of people that show up and the size of the room that is available to us the appropriate "social distancing" should not be problem. We do have a few housekeeping items to attend to and as mentioned we probably need to figure out the grass mowing situation for the ACC field.**

**See ya at the meeting!**  
**Steve**

# **DRCS News and Notes**

## **Call for Volunteers!!!!**

With adventure field back open we are still in need of some folks to take over some mowing duties. Currently Dirko and Danny LeCount have been the mowing crew. If you would like to volunteer to mow please contact one of the board members so we can setup a time to get you trained.



# **AMA National News**

## **Remote ID Progress**

The AMA Government Affairs team continues to work toward advocating for a more-inclusive solution to Remote ID.

AMA has been providing sensible recommendations for the hobbyist community to comply with Remote ID since this process started in 2017. The FAA is currently in the process of reviewing more than 50,000 comments that were submitted to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM). We were told that the recreational community had a large impact during the comment period and there were many identified issues with the rule that will need better solutions, which include cost, broadcast abilities, and FAA Recognized Identification Areas.

Through this process, AMA has been collaborating with various security agencies, industry leaders, the DOT, and others to work toward finding a common solution. We believe that the FAA plans to announce a final Remote ID rule by the end of the calendar year. After a final rule has been announced, there will be an implementation period that could take up to three years. This lengthy process allows AMA to continue advocating for a less-extensive solution for hobbyists to comply with Remote ID.

## AMA Government Affairs Update 5/22/2020

The AMA Government Affairs team continues to work with Congress and the FAA despite the ongoing pandemic. We have been able to conduct telephone meetings and participate in virtual video conferencing in order to continue our efforts to advocate for the hobby. In the past few weeks, we have seen developments that will impact our hobbyist community. Throughout the last year, we have been working with clubs in controlled airspace to secure Letters of Agreement (LOA) with local air traffic control (ATC) facilities. In the last few weeks, we have been able to get many of these mutually agreed-upon LOAs signed and we are happy to see that this process is progressing more quickly. In addition to securing LOAs for our clubs, we have also secured a path for night operations at fixed flying sites in controlled airspace. To streamline the LOA process for our clubs, the FAA is working to finalize a LOA checklist that will be used in its ATC manuals.

We continue to conduct Safety Risk Management panels for clubs in controlled airspace that need to fly over the FAA UAS Facility Map altitude. The clubs that have gone through this process have been successful and are being approved for their requested altitudes. This process highlights potential safety risks and results in identifying safety mitigations in order to continue our safe operations.

We are being told that Advisory Circular (AC) 91-57C will be out for public comment sometime soon, and the FAA is working to finalize this AC sometime this calendar year. This AC will include an outline for community-based organization recognition and the recreational Knowledge and Safety test. In addition, we are hearing rumors that the FAA is on schedule for a final rule on Remote ID by the end of the calendar year. Recreational operators had a large impact during the comment period on the NPRM. We have heard that there were many identified issues with the rule that will need better solutions, which include cost, broadcast abilities and FAA Recognized Identification Areas. Again, thank you to everyone who commented on the NPRM.

AMA will continue to work with the FAA to advocate for our members. As always, please contact the Government Affairs department with questions and concerns at (765) 287-1256 or [amagov@modelaircraft.org](mailto:amagov@modelaircraft.org).



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## 2020 Events:

Jun 8	DRCS Meeting	Major Art & Hobby
Jun 20	Iowa City Aerohawks 1 <sup>st</sup> Float Fly	Riverside, IA
Jul 11	Warbirds Over Rt 66	Elwood, IL
Jul 11-12	CR Skyhawks Electric Fun Fly	Marion, IA
Jul 13	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library?
Jul 18	Warbirds Over Iowa	Marion, IA
Aug 6	Iowa City Aerohawks 2 <sup>nd</sup> Float Fly	Riverside, IA
Aug 8-9	All Electric Fly In & Night Fly	Rockford, IL
Aug 10	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library?
Aug 22-23	Iowa Pattern Championships	Marion, IA
Aug 29-30	Barnstormers Over Champaign	Champaign, IL
Sept 5	Festival of Flight	St Charles, IL
Sept 12-13	Rock Valley Warbirds & Classics	Rockford, IL
Sep 14	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library?
Sep 19-20	Mike Gretz Memorial RC Fly-In	Montezuma, IA
Sep 20	Herman Lowery Memorial Fly-In	Pekin, IL
Sep 26-27	Mike Gretz Control Line Fun Fly & Combat	Montezuma, IA
Sep 25-27	Fall Scramble Warbirds & Classics	Streator, IL

*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, June 8th**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Major Art & Hobby**

**201 E 2<sup>nd</sup> St**

**Davenport, IA 52801**

*Link is also on our Facebook page*

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