



AMA CHARTER 1458

# THE TRANSMITTER

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DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

## President's Report

Hi all,

Looks like the flying season is over for most of us. I was hoping for a warm up and a few more good flying days, but that is seeming less and less likely as the calendar marches on. For those who do venture out, the comfort station has been removed so plan accordingly, and don't forget to close the gate behind you as you leave please. I think the field is in good shape for the winter; a big thank you to our grounds keeper Dave C. for doing the mowing all year long, and the assistant grounds keeper Floyd who filled in when Dave was not available. Also, thanks to Chuck and whoever helped him patch the runway this fall as there were several holes in the mat from prop strikes and other mishaps.

Not much going on this time of year obviously, so we look ahead to next year already. We are trying to figure out how to increase participation in club events as there was a pretty significant drop off this last flying season. Attached, you will find a quick little survey to try to discern what members want to see/do. Is there too many events, not enough, wrong kind of events or what? Please fill it out, and please add any comments you may have on the subject --good or bad, let us know what you think! There was some talk at the board meeting about maybe doing a monthly cook-out thing at the field, and, maybe, do a fun fly type of event or 2 at each one rather than a day long fun fly like we have done in the past? We are open to anything really, just want to get folks out to the field to enjoy some flying and friends on a more regular basis.

No elections this year, so I guess you have to put up with my drivel for the next year. Please remember that your dues are due by no later than the January meeting to avoid having to re-pay the initiation fee so bring your checkbooks (or cash) to the next meeting. May as well go ahead and renew your AMA while you are at it so you are ready to roll in the spring!

No club events for a bit but our next event will be the Mall show in Feb., and we are still planning on doing a swap meet in March. There are 2 other swap meets between now and then, so we will have to see how ours goes and decide if we want/need to continue doing it. The Erie club is having a meet at the Quad City Expo Center in December, and the Iowa City meet is in January.

The next meeting is November 13<sup>th</sup>, and I will be out of town so our VP Rodd will be running the show. We got aced out of our usual spot for December so I have

tentatively scheduled the meeting for a week later at our usual spot (Davenport Eastern Avenue Library). The Fairmount Branch closes at 5 on Mondays so that is not an option. Rodd will talk more about that at the meeting.

So that's all I got for now. Think about what event you want to see and other ideas to try to get more folks out to the field, and bring all those ideas to the meetings with you. No idea is a bad one, and we can try anything once ! (as long as its legal!!)

See ya in December, but come to the meeting this month and voice your ideas/concerns, etc.

Steve

### ***Member Survey:***

On Page 3 is the Member Survey that Steve mentioned above. There will also be a spreadsheet file sent electronically with the Newsletter e-mail. You can either print and complete manually, or complete the spreadsheet and return it electronically to the address on the document. Again, this club is for the members, and with over 100 members, we want to do what will "maximize" your participation and increase enjoyment to all. So, please complete and return ASAP. Thanks in advance.

### ***Bits & Pieces:***

I am not ready to completely give up on flying. I have a couple electrics that I am keeping ready just in case we have some light winds. Hope others do likewise.

But, it is the build season now. We would like to see photos of those projects, no matter how they originated, ARF, kit, stick, etc., posted 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. Also, invite your friends to like these pages. Also bring your projects to a monthly meeting to share and/or ask questions.

The 2018 Calendar is beginning to be populated. Share anything that you think others would like know about. We have 2 events in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2018, the Mall Show and the Swap Meet. We need members to step up and help out. Personally, I need assistance as my available time will be less in 2018.

### ***2018 Dues***

It's that time! Please forward your renewals (\$30) to me ASAP to avoid paying the late fee (initiation fee again) after January. My address is on the survey or the return address on the "Transmitter" .

David Colgan

## DRCS Event Survey – 2018

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>2017 DATE</b>	<b>Did You Attend?</b>	<b>Should We Hold Again?</b>	<b>Suggested Date</b>
Northpark Mall Show	Feb 18	Yes / No	Yes / No	Feb ??
Swap Meet	Mar 11	Yes / No	Yes / No	Mar 10
Fun Scale Meet	Jun 17	Yes / No	Yes / No	
Weinie Fly	Aug 05	Yes / No	Yes / No	
Fun Fly	Sep 09	Yes / No	Yes / No	
Duel at Davenport (Combat)	Did not hold	Did not hold	Yes / No	Sep 15 – 16
Night Fly	Oct 7 Cancelled	Did not hold	Yes / No	

What can we do to increase attendance at meetings?

Any other comments and/or suggestions?

Return either via e-mail or regular mail to:

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**2017 Events:**

Nov 13	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Dec 9	Erie RC Club Swap Meet	QCCA Expo Center
Dec 18	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library

**2018 Events:**

Jan 8	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Jan 28	Iowa City Aerohawks Swap Meet	Coralville Marriot Convention Ctr
Feb TBD	DRCS Mall Show	Northpark Mall, Davenport
Feb 12	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Mar 10 (TBD)	DRCS Swap Meet	St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Mar 12	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library

Calendar will be completed next month!

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

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**NEXT MEETING**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6:30 P.M.**

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