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DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

President's Report

Hi all,

Another flying season is quickly winding up, which is kinda hard to believe. There will be more than a few good flying days left to be sure, but you better take advantage when you can! The comfort station (Scott County regional porta-potty) will stay in place thru the end of the month, so plan accordingly after that. --- For those who haven't heard apparently our little outhouse is well used by local traffic, for what ever reason. I don't know what they do in the winter, but I guess that is not our problem!

We will be giving the Night Fly another try this Saturday, October 8th. Last week we made a last minute call to postpone, which, as it turns out was probably not necessary, but you never can tell for sure. Certainly, the pre-night fly testing time would have been dicey at best. Anyway, we are going to try again Saturday, so bring out your retina burners and give it a go. It really is fun. Maybe we can draw a crowd from I-80 again to check out our "UFO's". As was the original plan, there will be no post-fly fire this year. This will obviously be our last event of the season, so come on out and have some fun!

Our new mower has arrived and she is a beauty!! I think the timing was just about right; last year we spent about \$500 on maintenance on the old mower which by all estimates, is worth less than that. Our grounds keeper (thank you Dave Colgan!) tells me that the mowing time was cut down to 1 hour 20 min from closer to 3 with the old machine--when it was running. You may have noticed the taxi ways are a little wider, and the "short grass" is a little shorter due to the improved mowing with the newer blades, higher head speed, etc. All and all, a good purchase and club money well spent, I say. It only took a couple clicks of trim on the maiden!!!

For those who did not make it out to the combat event, I think it all went well. The pilot numbers were down a couple, actually due to lack of some of us local fliers who flew last year. Those who did fly had an enjoyable event to be sure. On Sunday they had 11 pilots in the class, which is borderline for 2 heats, so they flew "all up". 11 planes at once all aiming for each other was kinda fun to watch, I must say. A fair amount of carnage to be sure, seems like last man flying should get a bonus Dirko!! Anyway it was a lot of fun and actually made a couple bucks for the club as well.

Not much new going on as far as I know. The next meeting will be inside at the Davenport Library on Eastern Ave, at 6:30 as always. As you all recall, there was some

proposed changes to our club by-laws, including an increase in club dues from \$20 to \$30, and these will be voted on at the this meeting. For those who did not make it to the last meeting when we talked about all the proposed changes, a written copy can be found on our website (and attached). If you have any questions or concerns about these changes, please show up at the meeting, and let use know. If you can not make the meeting and have a concern, contact me before the meeting, and we can talk about it.

Hope to see you all at the meeting. Please bring along any info you may have on possible crash trophy victims (recipients), because the current holder of the coveted award (me) had another qualifying event, and I need to get this bad mojo out of my house!!! As it turns out hovering an airplane about 30 feet up and doing a tailslide is only cool when the engine stays running, not so much when it quits as you start the "slide" portion of the maneuver. Oh well, stuff happens.

See ya at the field.
Steve

Bits & Pieces:

We also had the Bud Miller Fun Fly since our last meeting. The number of pilots was the same as last year, but the conditions were "slightly" less favorable. Wind gusts 25 – 30 straight out of the west made for some interesting results. Even with that, only two planes went down during the event, mine and Mr. Vernon's. His was quite dramatic, but I understand the Lady lives to fly again. Congrats to the youngest pilot, Tyler Moore, for winning the E-flite Timber. Photos can be found on our Facebook page. Thanks to Major Art & Hobby for their support for this event also. Think about how we can get more pilots to participate in all our events.

In our 50th year, there have been many changes with our flying fields. Kroeger was abandoned; Frye has had a new runway installed, permanent gates installed as well as new grooming as the result of the new mower. Everyone should be proud of what we as a club have accomplished this year.

Steve mentioned that we will be voting on the by-law changes at the October meeting. Those proposed changes are attached again.

Events from the surrounding area are starting to populate the 2017 calendar. Part of each of our meetings is supposed to be a program. We need suggestions and presenters for program topics. I would like to list those on the calendar attached. Also, we need Show and Tell items at each meeting.

Also, as we move indoors for our meetings, members start paying their dues for the

next year. We will remain on calendar year renewal. However, since the AMA has switched to a 12 month dues structure, I will need to record your AMA due date to help insure that you are still eligible to fly at Frye Field per our Field Rules. We will not get high-handed about it but to ensure the safety of all those in attendance at Frye Field.

Lastly, thanks for approving a new mower. As Steve mentioned, mowing time is reduced but the quality of cut is also improved. It also alleviates my worries about if and when the old tractor was going to have another issue.

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2016 Events:

Oct 8	DRCS Night Fly	Frye Field, Davenport
Oct 10	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Oct 15	Kent Park Chili Float Fly (IC Aerohawks)	Oxford, IA
Nov 14	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Dec 12	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library

2017 Events:

Jan 1	DRCS Chili Fly	TBD
Jan 9	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Jan 28	Iowa City Swap Meet	Iowa City Armory, IA
Jan 31	2017 Dues Due	
Feb 1	Late fee for Dues Starts	
Feb 13	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Feb TBD	DRCS Swap Meet	Davenport, IA
Mar 13	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Mar TBD	DRCS Mall Show	Davenport, IA
Apr 7 – 9	Weak Signals R/C Model Expo	Toledo, OH
Apr 10	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library

*Check the AMA Calendar of Events for details on the out of area events.

**CONSTITUTION
DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY, INCORPORATED**

Article I Name:

This organization shall be known to all as the DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY, INCORPORATED.

Article II Purpose:

The purpose of the society shall be devoted to the development and operation of radio controlled models, to promote fellowship and understanding among its members, to disseminate information concerning the hobby, and to increase the interest of others in the hobby.

Article III Membership:

Membership shall be open to those showing a genuine interest in the principles set forth in Article II. The membership is available to anyone upon the payment of annual dues, an initiation fee, assessments, if any, and the membership criteria as set forth in the bylaws. Provisions for the expulsion of said members will also be included.

Article IV Officers:

Section 1: The officers of the organization shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2: There will be an executive board which shall consist of the President, VicePresident, Secretary, Treasurer, the immediate past President, any one (1) member of the Field Relations Committee, plus three (3) members at large.

Section 3: There will be a Field Relations Committee consisting of three (3) members at large on staggered terms. One (1) will be elected each year, for a three (3) year term.

Article V Meetings: Meetings will be held at least once each month.

Article VI Amendments:

Section 1: The adoption of this Constitution renders null and void any and all preceding constitutions.

Section 2: This constitution, once ratified by the membership, can only be changed by amendment and a vote of twothirds (2/3) majority of the members present at a regular scheduled meeting providing that notice of the proposed amendment has been presented to the Secretary and read at the previous regular scheduled meeting, and a copy sent to all members in good standing not present at the meeting.

Section 3: Any proposed change must be presented in writing with the signed endorsement of ten (10) members in good standing as set forth in Section 2 above.

Article VII Incorporation: The club shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of Iowa as a notforprofit organization and its works, purposes and objectives are purely educational, social and recreational, and solely in the interest of advancement of its members, and shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order on all points not specified in or by this Constitution.

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BYLAWS
DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY, INCORPORATED

Article I Membership:

Section 1: As set forth in the Constitution, the membership is available to anyone upon payment of annual dues, an initiation fee and assessments, if any.

Section 2: All DRCS club members must be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) An associate member is a person who has insured membership in another nationally recognized radio control model club or society, and who also desires membership in the Davenport Radio Control Society.

Section 3:

(A) Senior members shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older and possess a current AMA membership.

(B) Junior members shall be seventeen (17) years of age or younger and must possess a current AMA membership.

(C) Associate members can be junior or senior members and must show proof of liability insurance in another nationally recognized radio control model club or society.

(D) Dues will be assessed as follows: senior and senior associate members thirty dollars (\$30.00); junior and junior associate members, ten dollars (\$10.00). A fifteen dollar (\$15.00) initiation fee will be charged to all new senior and senior associate members in addition to the regular scheduled dues rate.

Section 4: Dues are due no later than the January meeting. Advance notice of the January meeting and a dues notification shall be posted in the December newsletter of each year. Members will be delinquent in their dues if not paid by January 30, and shall lose their club privileges until the dues are paid along with the new member initiation fee. A member may terminate his or her active membership for valid reasons by notifying the Executive Board in writing. The Board will then decide and pass on the validity of the request. Should the Board favor such a request, the member will be able to rejoin at a later date without paying the additional initiation fee. Should a person enroll in the society after June 30 of any year, the dues will be reduced 50% for the remainder of the year.

Section 5: Special assessments may be required from time to time to finance special club projects which benefit all club activities. This assessment will be considered for capitol improvement projects only. To be approved it will require two thirds (2/3) of the members voting at a regular scheduled meeting. It shall be announced in the minutes of a regular scheduled meeting as to purpose, duration, and conditions. If approved it shall be published in the clubs publication and voted on at the next regular scheduled meeting as prescribed above.

Article II Officers:

Section 1: The officers of the society shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, hereinafter to be known as the Executive Officers. They will serve a term of two (2) years, and shall not hold any other club office concurrently with the office to which they were elected.

Section 2: As set forth in the Constitution, there will be an Executive Board consisting of the Executive Officers and five (5) directors, of which three (3) will be elected at large, one (1) who is the immediate past President, and one (1) representative from the Field Relations Committee. The Executive Board meetings will be chaired by the incumbent President, who is allowed to vote only for the purpose of breaking a tie. The term of office will be for two (2) years.

Section 3: As set forth in the Constitution, a Field Relations Liaison committee composed of three (3) members shall be elected to maintain contact between the club corporation and the Seven Cities Sod management. One (1) committee member will be elected each year, to serve a three (3) year term. This committee shall be represented at all Executive Board meetings by at least one (1) member. That representative can be any member of the committee, and can vary from meeting to meeting.

Article III Nomination and Election of Officers, Directors and Liaison Committee:

Section 1:

(A) In November of every other year, beginning with November, 1992 the President shall appoint three (3) persons to a nominating committee to review and contact potential candidates for nomination to the offices listed in Article II. The potential candidate when contacted will have the opportunity to accept or decline the nomination. The number of nominees will be at the discretion of the committee.

(B) A Field Relations Liaison committee of three (3) members will be elected beginning with the January 1992 election. Their terms will be for one (1), two (2), or three (3) years. After the election their individual terms shall be determined by lot. As set forth in the Constitution one (1) member will be elected annually hereinafter for a three (3) year term. This method will maintain staggered terms, so there are always two (2) members with an ongoing knowledge of communications between the club and the Seven Cities Sod management.

Section 2: The committee will present the nominees to the Society membership at the January meeting and call for nominations from the floor for those who desire to nominate someone else, with the approval of the nominee.

Section 3: It will then be the duty of the nominating committee to conduct the election, with written ballots as dictated by custom. They shall also provide the ballots for voting which will be conducted prior to the order of new business. The nominating committee will count the ballots and each officer will win with a majority vote of the membership present.

Section 4: After the entire slate of officers, directors, and liaison committee have been elected, the nominating committee will install the new candidates to office. The new Executive officers will then continue on with the meeting.

Article IV Duties of the Executive Officers, Directors and Liaison Committee:

Section 1:

(A) President: The President shall be required to preside at all regular and special membership meetings and Executive Board meetings. He will be an **ex-officio** member of all committees. He will also make all appointments of members to committees and enforce all rules set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws.

(B) Vice President: The Vice President shall preside at all regular special and Executive Board meetings in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall also serve as chairman of the contest and rules committee, and as club Public Relations officer with the duty of contacting the news media about club functions and meetings. Should the office of the President be vacated, the Vice President shall assume the office. The club shall then nominate from the floor, and vote on a Vice President at the next regular scheduled meeting. If the Vice President is unable or unwilling to assume the Presidency, the club membership shall elect a new President at the next regular scheduled meeting. Nominations will be made from the floor and voted on. This shall only be for the remainder of the office term.

(C) Secretary: The Secretary shall be required to keep minutes of all regular, special and Executive Board meetings, maintain all correspondence relating to the club and keep meeting attendance records and act as custodian of all records and documents of the Society, and also keep an inventory of all club properties and their location. Should this office be vacated, the club membership shall elect a new Secretary at the next regular scheduled meeting, for the remainder of the term. Nominations will be made from the floor and voted on.

(D) Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be required to oversee the club treasury by maintaining receipts and disbursements of club monies from dues, special assessments, donations and other moneymaking projects. The Treasurer will also keep

and sell any and all special club supplies to members, and maintain the club affiliation with the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Should this office be vacated, the club membership shall elect a new Treasurer at the next regular scheduled meeting for the remainder of the term. Nominations will be made from the floor and voted on.

(E) Directors: The Directors will be required to serve on the Executive Board. Should any Directors seat become vacant, the club membership shall elect a new Director at the next regular scheduled meeting, for the remainder of the term. Nominations will be made from the floor and voted on.

Section 2: The four (4) Executive officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and the newsletter editor will be exempt from the payment of dues for their term of office.

Article V Meetings

Section 1: Club meetings shall be held with no prescribed length of time allotted for any one meeting. Rather, the meetings shall last as long as the subject(s) under discussion and the discretion of the members shall warrant. Time and place of the meetings shall be determined by the Executive Board. The meetings shall be conducted by Roberts Rules of Order as prescribed in the constitution.

Section 2: Meetings of the Executive Board will be called into session by the President or by the petition of five (5) members of the Executive Board. They shall be responsible to interpret the Constitution and Bylaws should there be any conflict. They shall also be allowed to allocate emergency treasury funds up to five-hundred dollars (\$500.00), and establish policy and activity direction. They will also be expected to report to the regular membership meeting with a 'pass' or 'no pass' recommendation on all proposals brought before the Board. Minutes and roll call of the Executive Board meetings shall be published in the clubs publication prior to the next regular scheduled meeting.

Section 3: A quorum for a regular membership meeting shall consist of the club members present at the meeting.

Section 4: A quorum for the Executive Board shall consist of three fourths (3/4) of the Board members. No business may be voted upon by the Board unless a quorum is present.

Article VI Assets:

Section 1: This Corporation is not formed for profit, and none of its assets shall be used for the pecuniary gain or profit of any individual who is or may become a member thereof.

Section 2: All of the assets, properties and funds of the corporation shall be devoted to the furtherance of the primary objects and purposes of the corporation.

Section 3: In the event of the dissolution of the Davenport Radio Control Society, Inc., its assets shall be converted to cash prorated and divided among current members.

Article VII Expulsions

Section 1: By a three fourths (3/4) vote of the Executive Board, any member may be expelled from the Society for conduct considered to be injurious or detrimental to the best interests of the Davenport Radio Control Society, Incorporated.

Section 2: A member who is being considered for expulsion must be notified thirty (30) days in advance, and has the right to plead his or her own case, or be represented by a person of his or her own choosing before the Executive Board.

Section 3: A member who has been expelled by the Executive Board may appeal his or her case at the next regular scheduled membership meeting, and be reinstated with the approval of two thirds (2/3) of the voting membership present.

Section 4: Any person who has been expelled or become a nonmember of his or her own choosing shall forfeit all rights, privileges and monies paid or connected with the Davenport Radio Control Society, Incorporated.

Article VIII Rules:

Section 1: This organization shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order on all points not specified in or by these Bylaws.

Section 2: All communication with park personnel or Seven Cities Sod management shall be made through the President and the Liaison Committee. Any deviation from this rule can lead to disciplinary action and/or expulsion from the club.

Article IX Adoption and Amendments:

Section 1: The adoption of these Bylaws renders null and void any and all preceding Bylaws.

Section 2: These Bylaws, once ratified by the membership, can only be changed by a vote of two thirds (2/3) majority of the members present at a regularly scheduled meeting, provided that notice of the proposed change has been presented to the Secretary and read at the previous regular scheduled meeting.

Section 3: Any proposed change must be presented in writing with the signed endorsement of ten (10) members in good standing at a regular scheduled meeting as set forth in Section 2 above.

DAVENPORT R/C SOCIETY

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