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**DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY**

## President's Report

Hi all,

As some of you may have noticed, most didn't :), I completely forgot to write last month's report and send it to our trusty Newsletter Editor, and he totally forgot to remind me! (he usually does if I space it off!) I can tell by the dozens of phone calls I got about it that you all missed my monthly rambling. Have no fear, I remembered this month and will try to do so again next!

Not a lot going on, anyway, at this time of the year. We did have our Fun Fly since the last letter went out, and for those of you who made the meeting, you may recall that we had a grand total of 6 of our over 100 members show up to the event, and 2 from out of town. Not sure why, and I really would like to hear from those of you who couldn't make it for what ever reason. Are the events not to your liking, or too much going on that time of year? I know there was the Iowa /Iowa State game that day but we seem to hit that date frequently without this bad of a turn out. If the hobby has just passed the whole fun fly concept by, that is fine, but let me know so we can decide if it will be a viable event going forward. I know not many clubs do fun fly events anymore, and maybe this is why.

There has been an over all drop in the number of participants in both the events and just general flying this year, that is for sure. To that end, you may have noticed the Night Fly was recently canceled due to lack of expected participation with only 2 fliers responding positively to the e-mail asking how many planned to fly. I am a bit puzzled by the significant decrease in folks just showing up to fly on any given weekend. Once again, if anybody has any ideas, please let me know. I do not think we have any overly onerous rules, but if that is an issue, let us know and we can fix it!

On a much brighter note the field is in really good shape right now and fall flying is always the best if you ask me. There will be plenty of good flying days left so get out there and enjoy it before the snow flies! I do not think there any projects to worry about this fall. Everything is in pretty good shape heading into the off season.

A few of us made it to the Erie Cancer fund raising event that Nick Ziegler, Erie RC Club, put on. Hot as hell, but otherwise fun. Don't know how many pilots registered but there was a lot, maybe 50? -- that is just a guess. Lots of planes including 2 different 60% Cubs which were pretty impressive to say the least. One of the pilots told me the tundra tires/wheels he had on his were \$900 for the set--just the wheels and tires! I did not hear the grand total on the dollars raised, but it was

several thousand I believe. Nice job Nick!

The meetings will be inside from here on out, mostly due to darkness creeping in earlier and earlier. As I am sure you remember, the indoor meetings are at the Eastern Ave. Branch of the Davenport Public Library. Time is 6:30, as always.

See ya at the meeting--hopefully the field too.

Steve

P.S. I think I am going to go back over the gas to glow comparison as there continues to be increased interest in the gassers. Think of other program ideas and let me know.

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

Thanks to Chuck Balzer and Don Vickroy (and any others I do not know about) for repairing the rips, tears, and burns in the runway mat. Looks a lot better now.

Also, thank you to Floyd Layton for helping with the field mowing duties this summer. Yours truly appreciated the weeks off, especially since I was gone some of those weeks.

The Port-a-Potty will stay at the field until the end of October, regardless of weather.

Check the Resale Area upstairs at Major's Art and Hobby. I know there have been some recent additions. Also, for any kit builders out there, I have a Great Planes 60 Size Super Sportster kit, and a Dynaflyte 1/4 Scale Fly Baby kit that are available. Contact me if interested.

Swap Meet season is fast approaching. I see several listed in Illinois on the AMA Events calendar. If anyone knows of a flying or non-flying event that we should have on our calendar, let me know. I will start populating the 2018 calendar next month.

Lastly, I apologize to those that normally receive the Transmitter via USPS. This edition is being published out of state, and I do not have access to a printer. So, if you know of anyone that normally receives this in the mail, please print a copy and share with them. Thank you!

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**2017 Events:**

Oct 9	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Oct 14	Iowa City Aerohawks Float Fly	Riverside Casino, Iowa City
Nov 13	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Dec 11	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library

*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, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Eastern Ave. Library**

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