



AMA CHARTER 1458

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DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

## President's Report

Hi all,

Seems that another flying season is winding down already, before it ever really got going. I was trying to figure out what happened to our flying season, and then, I saw it on the news! For us working stiffs who have to do our flying on the weekends, we have been really screwed. According to Channel 6 News the other night, the last weekend that it did not rain one or both days, was the 1st weekend of August. I think he said that 5 of the last 6 weekends it has rained both days!! No wonder the stick time has been limited. That, along with the new field, has kept lots of planes in the hanger this year I am afraid.

We talked a bit at the last meeting about maybe having a cook-out at the the new field, and I think we have arrived at a date of October 26th. That is coming pretty quick, but it would be nice to get some Fall flying in as a group, and maybe, talk a bit about how we can improve on the new site. We have cleared the idea for the cook-out with the land owners; they are all for it. We will talk more at the meeting, but the thought is to have the club provide hot dogs and condiments as usual and have folks bring something to share. Mark your calendars now, and maybe the damn rain will give us a break!!

I actually got done working a little early the other day and ran out to the field and got 7 or 8 flights in before the darkness fell. The field is in pretty good shape thanks to Dave C, and Floyd, who are doing the mowing-- mostly Floyd lately I think. Thanks guys! We will be putting down some fall weed and feed, and it sure could use it; lots of broad leaf weeds out there. If there are any other issues that need addressed, please let me or one of the officers know.

That's all I got, see ya at the meeting.

Steve

### ***FAA's Proposed Altitude Restrictions!***

By now, each of you should have received an e-mail discussing the FAA's new proposed altitude limits for recreational fliers, that means **US!** If not, here is a link to the info that AMA has shared: <https://amablog.modelaircraft.org/amagov/2019/10/07/fightforflight/> It basically says that altitudes would be limited to 400' in controlled airspace. There is also implication that the same would be true for uncontrolled airspace.

From AMA, "We urge you to send a letter to your elected representatives in Congress and ask them to contact the FAA concerning this critical issue. Please visit [www.modelaircraft.org/higher-flight](http://www.modelaircraft.org/higher-flight) to contact your representative." This is a fill in the blank form that generates a letter to each of your Senators and Representative. Once done, you just click the button, and the letter goes as an e-mail to those above. The last number I heard is that only 8000 members had taken the initiative. We need the other 192,000 AMA members to do the same. **HELP** save our hobby!

### ***October 14 Meeting***

A reminder that Monday, October 14's meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the Davenport Eastern Ave. Library, not Major's!

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

Again, thanks to Floyd Layton for doing the majority of the mowing at Adventure CC Field. I kind of miss it, but I have been busy this summer, too. It was a welcome respite.

Looks like Majors has quite a few planes in their consignment area. Pay them a visit and take home a new or used aircraft today.

Swap Meet season is upon us. Des Moines Modelaires are having one on Saturday October 19. I have heard that Erie will have theirs at the QCCA Expo Center on December 7. I understand that the Iowa City meet will be the February 1, 2020. I will check the AMA Events Calendar and add to the Calendar below.

I will not be at the meeting on Monday. If there is anything needing my attention, please e-mail or phone me.

Thanks,  
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**CALENDAR****2019 Events:**

Oct 14	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library
Oct 19	Des Moines Modelaires Swap Meet	Ankeny, IA
Oct 26	DRCS Weinie Fly	Adventure CC Field
Oct 26	Des Moines Modelaires Warbird Fun Fly	Elkhart, IA
Nov 11	DRCS Meeting	Majors Art & Hobby
Dec 7	Erie R.C. Club Swap Meet	QCCA Expo Ctr., Rock Island
Dec 9	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library

**2020 Events:**

Jan 13	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library
Feb 1	Iowa City Aerohawks Swap Meet	Coralville, IA
Feb 10	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library
Mar 9	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library

*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, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Davenport Public Library**

**Eastern Ave. Branch**

**Davenport, IA**

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