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DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

President's Report

Hi all,

Beautiful flying weather lately!! I don't know about anyone else, but I am really sick of this BS weather we have had lately. I guess it is only early April, and BS weather is to be expected, but a guy can still bitch about it.

As you may have guessed, the field remains closed to vehicular traffic due to adverse conditions but, hopefully, not for long. Thanks to all who participated in the barn clean up project (I was conveniently out of town). I hear there were 12 to 15 people or so who showed up, and the pics I saw looked great. That should help a lot getting stuff in and out. It looks pretty clear now what is club stuff, and what isn't.

Our next project is pretty weather dependent but will require as many bodies as we can muster. Our current mat has out-lived it's usefulness, and is going to be replaced as soon as practical. The new material is water impervious and should negate the need for plastic under the mat. The new material will be one piece with 2 heat sealed seams running the length of the runway. The material looks to be very durable and relatively cut resistant, all while being significantly lighter in terms of physical weight. It still will be a handful to move around so we will need as many folks as we can get to make the job as easy as we can. Please pay attention to your emails as we will send out info on date and time as soon as we come up with a suitable date with reasonable weather conditions.

At some point this spring, probably after the mat is replaced I would guess, we will also be installing metal gates at the entrance to Frye field. The gates are being provided by our generous land owners and should provide more control of unauthorized use of the field. The gate is very similar to the gate at Scott Co. Park and will swing open and stay open during the day when conditions are acceptable for flying. More importantly, they can be closed at night to keep the field a little more secure at night. We need to do some checking with the county about set back from the road, and if they can swing toward the road, etc. So the installation will likely be a little later than the mat install. I want to make sure we know all the rules from the county, so we only have to do it once as the posts will be set in concrete.

Not much else going on really, as far as I know. No news yet on the Scott Co. Park site; I will try to get an update before the meeting. This will hopefully be the last indoor meeting. I think we are going to show some photos from our annual trek to

Toledo. The numbers as far as planes in the contest were down this year for sure, with a couple repeaters from previous years. There was not as much drone s--t as I was afraid there would be, but there was some. The FAA had a booth, and we thought it best to just avoid the booth completely for fear of telling them exactly what we think of them. Maybe I should have introduced myself as President of a club in South Dakota, or somewhere and let er rip!---maybe not. Anyway it was a fun trip as always.

See you all at the meeting, 6:30, April 11th, at the library.

See ya,
Steve

Bits & Pieces:

For field updates, also stay tuned to the Club's Facebook page! We will post when it is permissible to drive on the field, work days, etc.

As far as new mat installation, part of the process will be to pin it down with landscape staples, a couple thousand or so, so we will need hammers, rubber preferred, to drive them in. For the gates, we are in the market for two 4" x 8' pieces of round tubing or pipe on which to hang the gates. If anyone knows a good source, or would like to donate, let me know.

The port-a-potty should be at Frye Field within the next week or two. And the windsock will be erected.

Steve did not mention it, but the Scale Meet is a little over 2 months away. Not much time to get those scale birds finished, tuned-up, and/or maiden. As always, we are looking to make it bigger than ever. So get the word out to your fellow fliers at other clubs. I did invite Mike Stodd from Sig to bring down his 14' Rascal, one of the stars of Toledo. We shall see!

Fuel orders should be ready towards the end of April.

There is a rumor that a club member will have part of his hangar for sale soon so he doesn't have to move it. Waiting on details that will be shared with the club.

I am receiving notices from neighboring clubs of their upcoming events. Watch Facebook and the events list below for more details.

Not RC, but on Saturday, April 16, there will be a TBM Avenger Gathering at the Illinois Valley Regional Airport, Peru, IL, about 80 miles east of the Quad-Cities. The rumor is there will be multiple TBM's as well as numerous other warbirds on display, and potentially flying.

Club dues are overdue so you must include the \$15 reinstatement fee when you renew. Again, they can be forwarded to me at

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2016 Events:

Apr 11	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
May 9	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field, Davenport
May 21	Open House & Fun Fly	Peoria RC Modelers, Chillicothe, IL
Jun 10-12	Extreme Flight Championships	Champaign, IL
Jun 10-12	Mike Gretz Memorial (Sig) Fly-In	Montezuma, IA
Jun 11-12	Peoria RC Modelers Pattern Contest	Peoria RC Modelers, Chillicothe, IL
Jun 13	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field, Davenport
Jun 18	DRCS Scale Meet	Frye Field, Davenport
Jun 18	SSC Combat in Iowa	New Hartford, IA
Jun 23-25	Windy City Warbirds & Classics	St Charles, IL
Jun 25	Dave Goerve Memorial Fun Fly	Streator, IL
Jun 25-26	Quad-City Air Show	Davenport Municipal Airport
Jul 9	Warbirds on the Warpath	Peoria RC Modelers, Chillicothe, IL
Jul 9	MMAFRC Scale Fly In	Morrison, IL
Jul 11	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field, Davenport
Jul 23	Warbirds Over Iowa	Marion, IA
Jul 28-30	Wounded Warriors Airshow	Ottumwa, IA
Aug 6	Festival of Flight	St Charles, IL
Aug 8	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field, Davenport
Aug 8-11	Illini Super Jets	Monticello, IL
Aug 20	National Model Aviation Day 2016	Cedar Falls, IA
Aug TBD	Weinie Fly	Frye Field, Davenport
Sep 12	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field, Davenport
Sep TBD	DRCS Fun Fly	Frye Field, Davenport
Sep 17	MMAFRC Fly N Swap	Morrison, IL
Sep 17-18	Duel at Davenport III	Frye Field, Davenport
Sep 24	Children's Cancer Air Show	Erie, IL
Sep 24-25	Fall Scramble Warbird & Classics Fly	Streator, IL
Oct 10	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Oct TBD	DRCS Night Fly	Frye Field, Davenport
Nov 14	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Dec 12	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library

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

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