



AMA CHARTER 1458

# THE TRANSMITTER

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DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

## President's Report

Hi all,

Wonderful spring weather we are having! Hopefully, the weather will turn in time for the Scale Meet, but, at this rate, I am not so sure. Not much flying going on I am sure, but please continue to stay off the sod until the sign is removed indicating that the board has decided it is safe to drive on with out tearing it up--Thanks.

We did receive a bit of good news from the county recently--No Phil not asphalt, but they will be treating the road again this spring. Not 100% sure, but it sounds like they will be doing the same thing they did 3 years ago, which will involve new gravel , grading, and then, that treatment they did last time to "stabilize" the roadbed. They really don't care about dust, but it is a nice side effect for us! If you recall the last time they treated it like this, it saved us 2 years of dust abatement cost which is over \$1000 per year. Also, as decided at the last meeting, we will be contacting the same folks we had last year to do 2 weed and feeds at the field this year again. As you all probably know, we have to use somebody approved by the land owners and can not do this ourselves (in case you were wondering).

We had some minor wind issues with the mat over the winter, and it pulled up a section of the mat. Thanks to Floyd, Chuck and Dean for fixing that up for us! (sorry if someone else helped that I don't know about) The porta potty should arrive around mid month (weather permitting), so the field should be ready to go if the weather ever cooperates.

Our first event is the Scale Meet which is set for 6/23/18. Sanction has been sent in and approved. We decided to increase the landing fee a bit, and so it will be \$15 this year, still lower than most. Get those scale birds ready!! I will be handling the CD duties again this year, but will need help as always. One thing I would like for somebody to do for me, if they could, would be to handle making the trophies. For some reason, this is the thing that stresses me out the most, if somebody could do that it would be great!! If someone wants to do it and completely change the design of the trophies, I am fine with that as well. Let me know.

Not much else going on right now. A few of us are making the trip to Toledo again this weekend. We will try to have some pics for a short program at the meeting on Monday. The April meeting will be the last indoor meeting of the year--hopefully. The outdoor meeting will be changed a bit like we have talked about, more on that next month.

Just a gentle reminder that the FAA mandate for "drone" registration has been reinstated. If you already registered, no need to do it again, just put your FAA number on all your aircraft--supposed to be in an area accessible without tools. Again, we will not police this issue, but it could be a hefty fine for you on the off chance that someone from the FAA ever shows up at the field. If you have not renewed your AMA or club membership, please remember to do both before your first trip to the field (we do police this issue). Also, it would not hurt to re-read the field rules (attached) about the safety line, which is the west edge of the mat out to infinity north and south, excepting take off and landing on the short grass in front of the runway.

See ya at the meeting on Monday!!

Steve

#### MINUTES OF THE 12 MARCH 2018 MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Steve Thompson at the Eastern Avenue Branch of the Davenport Public Library.

There were 17 members and no guests present.

There were no minutes from the last meeting.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$7962.80.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Mall Show – Treasurer Dave Colgan reported income of \$392, expenses of \$694.70, for a loss of \$253.70.

Swap Meet – Treasurer Dave Colgan had the numbers for the swap meet. Income of \$1251, expenses of \$492.68 for a profit of \$758.32. Our date was the same as the Rockford swap meet. Several vendors who had attended our event were there instead. It was suggested to move our meet to late fall, early winter. This would allow us to have our event before hobby money and salable models are depleted.

Demo Flight – We have been invited to fly at the Cordoba Drag Track. It would be difficult to do without flying over the spectators.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Fuel Buy – We'll be coordinating with Moline this year. Contact Les Schjelderup to make a purchase. Prices are up this year.

Normal Frye Memorial Field – Dave Colgan reports that the north end of the mat has pulled up. He also put up the no driving on the field sign. The sign will remain up until the field is firm enough to

support vehicles. The portable toilet usually is delivered at the end of April. Otherwise the field seems to be in good shape.

Dust Abatement – We have to get our order in by April 15 to have it installed before May 30<sup>th</sup>. They will coordinate with the County to avoid graders.

Summer Indoor meetings – The Library is booked on our meeting dates in June and July. If anyone has an alternate site in case of a rain out, contact an officer or bring it up at the next meeting.

Weed and Feed – The application of fertilizer and herbicide was approved. Estimated cost is \$500.

Scale Meet – Steve Thompson will submit our sanction to AMA for the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June.

Schedule – Dave Colgan has updated the schedule with local and selected AMA events. Iowa City has 3 float flies planned at Riverside Casino.

#### CRASH TROPHY

The Crash Trophy was not awarded this month.

PROGRAM – Les Schjelderup spoke about the importance of PSA tests for men over 50. These test can detect prostate cancer in its early stages. He has vouchers for free tests at Metro Labs.

April Meeting – The April Meeting will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> at the Eastern Avenue Branch of the Davenport Public Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24.

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

##### *Swap Meet Wrapup:*

Tables were sold out, and attendance was up from last year. The Gift Certificates were a hit for the raffle prizes. We ended up making about the same money as we had in previous years. So, in spite of my reservations, two weeks prior, I deem it as a success. A couple of things to think about next year are: 1.) when we should have it (conflicted with Rockford's Swap Meet and several schools' spring break); and 2.) open time – several sellers started tearing down at 10:15 and most were gone by 11.

DRCS Club T-shirts are still for sale for \$15. If we do not have the size you want, I will put in another order but will need at least 12 to keep the prices down. Contact me if you would like one.



*AMA Safety Code and Frye Field Rules:*

The AMA has updated and simplified their Safety Code. It is attached as well as the Frye Field Rules. Please be read both and follow. All of us may want to start using spotters as the diversity of aircraft in the air is expanding, electrics with 3D'rs; 60 size with jets; etc. It may save your as well as someone else's aircraft

*Frye Field Update:*

Again, as Steve mentioned, Frye Field is posted for **NO** vehicular traffic until further notice. Either park at the gate or on the road and carry your equipment in. I will monitor the weather and order the Port-a-Potty when it looks like we will have a stretch of decent weather, but no later than May 1. The sign, pinboard, and windsock will also be going up soon.

David Colgan  
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**CALENDAR****2018 Events:**

Apr 6 – 8	Weak Signals RC Show	Toledo, OH
Apr 9	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
May 12 – 19	Joe Nall Week	Woodruff, SC
May 14	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field
Jun 1-3	Horizon Fest	Eli Field, Monticello, IL
Jun 2	Iowa City Aerohawks Float Fly	Riverside Casino, Iowa City
Jun 8 – 10	Mike Gretz Memorial RC Fly In	Montezuma, IA
Jun 10	Dave Goerne Memorial Fun Fly	Streator, IL
Jun 11	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field
Jun 16	SSC Combat over Iowa	New Hartford, IA
Jun 16 – 17	If It Flies/Swap Shop	Rockford, IL
Jun 23	DRCS Fun Scale Fly In	Frye Field
Jun 27 – Jul 1	Cornhuckfest	Council Bluffs, IA
Jul 7	Iowa City Aerohawks Float Fly	Riverside Casino, Iowa City
Jul 7	Warbirds on the Warpath	Chillicothe, IL
Jul 9	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field
Jul 14-15	Electric Fun Fly	Cedar Rapids, IA
Jul 21 – 22	Warbirds over Iowa	Marion, IA
Aug 11 – 12	All Electric & Night Fly	Rockford, IL
Aug 11	Carousel of Cubs	St. Charles, IL
Aug 13	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field
Aug 18 – 19	Pattern Championships	Marion, IA
Aug 19	Iowa Aerohawks Air Show	Iowa City, IA
Aug 25 – 26	Barnstormers over Champaign	Champaign, IL
Sep 8	Iowa City Aerohawks Float Fly	Riverside Casino, Iowa City
Sep 10	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field
Sep 15 – 16	DRCS Duel at Davenport	Frye Field
Sep 15	Rock Valley Warbird & Classics	Rockford, IL
Sep 16	Big Bird Fly In	Pekin, IL
Sep 21 – 23	Children's Cancer Fly In	Erie, IL
Oct 8	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field / Eastern Ave Library
Nov 12	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Dec 10	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library

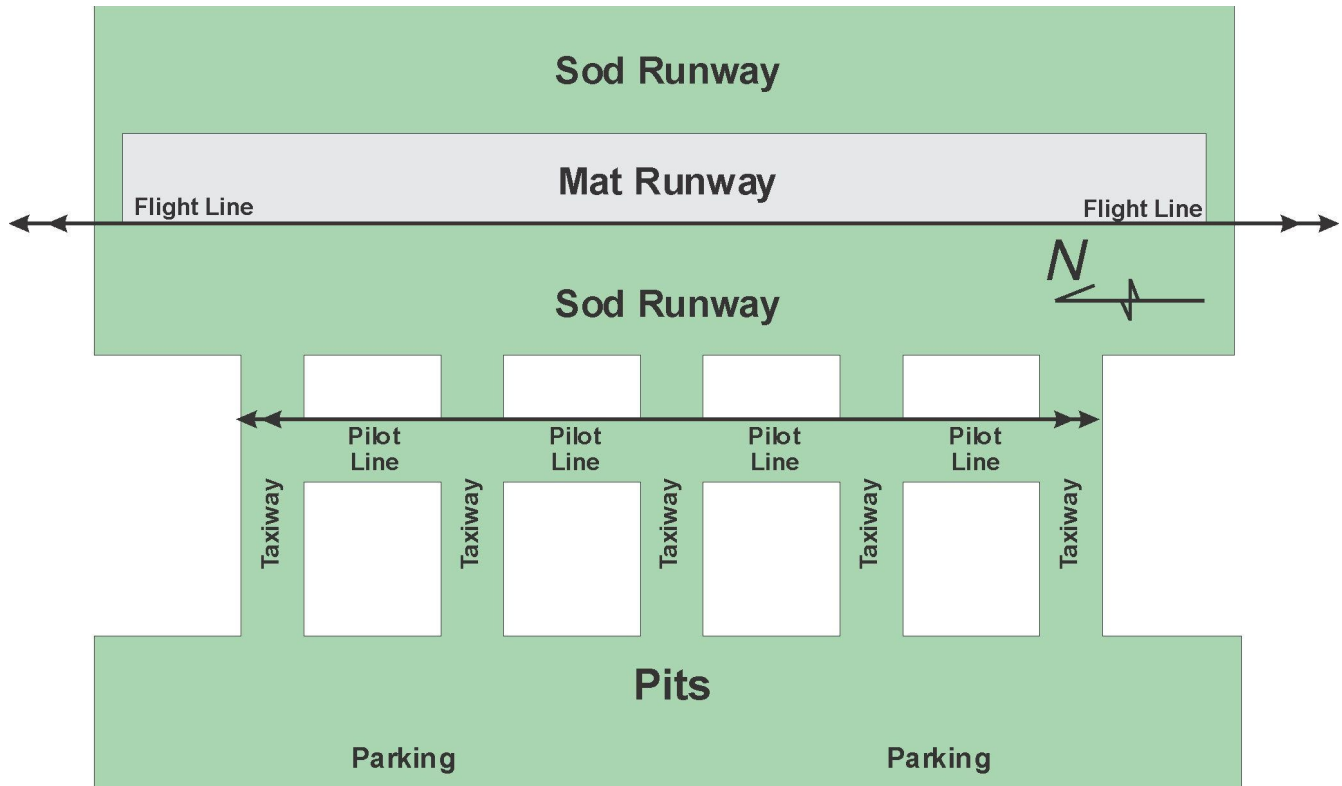
Check the Event Schedule either in **Model Aviation** or online for future details on non-club events!

# FRYE FIELD RULES

## ATTENTION ALL FLYERS

All users of this site are bound by the rules listed. In addition, all AMA rules and safety provisions apply.

The Board of Directors – Davenport Radio Control Society  
and  
Management of Seven Cities Sod



- 1) Current AMA and Davenport Radio Control Society memberships are required to utilize the facilities. Members are required to comply with all AMA and FAA regulations.
- 2) No vehicles are permitted outside the pit area. Park in designated area only.
- 3) Frequency control must be used at all times. Pilots must place their AMA and DRCS cards in the slot prior to removing any frequency pin. Any individual operating a transmitter without the appropriate frequency pin is responsible for any resulting damage. This includes 2.4 GHz pilots as well.
- 4) The flight line is formed by a line extending from the West edge of the mat runway North and South to infinity. Do not cross this line except during take-offs and landings on the sod runway. ALL aircraft (fixed and rotary wing) are required to adhere to this

rule. Landing approaches should always be outside of the flight line.

- 5) Use the pilot stations. Pilots must stand no closer to the runway than the mowed line parallel to the West edge of the runway. Do not stand in the taxiways.
- 6) Announce all take-offs, landings and dead sticks. Planes in the landing pattern have the right of way. Please yield to announced dead stick landings.
- 7) Anytime it becomes necessary to enter the runway, announce "on the field" and "clear" when you have exited.
- 8) Point planes away from the pits ( i.e. to the east ) during start up. Control ALL fuel to prevent fuel spills. Turbines should use a blast shield during start up to protect the grass.
- 9) Shut down all aircraft at the pilots line. Do not taxi back to the pits.
- 10) Take off and land only on the mat or sod runway. Take-offs and landings from the taxiways are strictly prohibited. Do not land toward the pits.
- 11) No more than five aircraft are permitted in the air at a time except for announced "park flier" sorties that should be 5 min or less in duration. Other exceptions are allowed during AMA sanctioned events at the discretion of the contest director.
- 12) No alcohol is to be consumed on site.
- 13) Repeated infractions of any of these rules may result in expulsion from DRCS.

*UPDATED JUNE 2016*

## ***Academy of Model Aeronautics National Model Aircraft Safety Code***

Effective January 1, 2018

**A model aircraft is a non-human-carrying device capable of sustained flight within visual line of sight of the pilot or spotter(s). It may not exceed limitations of this code and is intended exclusively for sport, recreation, education and/or competition. All model flights must be conducted in accordance with this safety code and related AMA guidelines, any additional rules specific to the flying site, as well as all applicable laws and regulations.**

**As an AMA member I agree:**

- I will not fly a model aircraft in a careless or reckless manner.

- I will not interfere with and will yield the right of way to all human-carrying aircraft using AMA's *See and Avoid Guidance* and a spotter when appropriate.
- I will not operate any model aircraft while I am under the influence of alcohol or any drug that could adversely affect my ability to safely control the model.
- I will avoid flying directly over unprotected people, moving vehicles, and occupied structures.
- I will fly Free Flight (FF) and Control Line (CL) models in compliance with AMA's safety programming.
- I will maintain visual contact of an RC model aircraft without enhancement other than corrective lenses prescribed to me. When using an advanced flight system, such as an autopilot, or flying First-Person View (FPV), I will comply with AMA's Advanced Flight System programming.
- I will only fly models weighing more than 55 pounds, including fuel, if certified through AMA's Large Model Airplane Program.
- I will only fly a turbine-powered model aircraft in compliance with AMA's Gas Turbine Program.
- I will not fly a powered model outdoors closer than 25 feet to any individual, except for myself or my helper(s) located at the flight line, unless I am taking off and landing, or as otherwise provided in AMA's *Competition Regulation*.
- I will use an established safety line to separate all model aircraft operations from spectators and bystanders.

For a complete copy of AMA's Safety Handbook please visit:  
**[www.modelaircraft.org/files/100.pdf](http://www.modelaircraft.org/files/100.pdf)**



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**Next Meeting**  
**Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**Eastern Ave. Library**  
**Davenport, IA**

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