



AMA CHARTER 1458

# THE TRANSMITTER

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## DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

## Presidents Report

**Hi all, not much going on these days. Pretty hot lately for flying but hopefully you are getting some flyng done. The Church field remains open for flying and hopefully is getting some use. Nothing new on the proposed new field yet but it looks like he is indeed working on the runway so hopefully it will work out for us next year. I will be in contact with him as time approaches to try to nail things down for the fall?**

**We have decided to hold the next meeting at the ACC field in hopes of getting some folks out there to fly. We will have a breif meeting at 6:30 and bring somethng to fly after. The field is quite suitable for 60 size planes and really anything electric. Bring something to fly and a chair and get some flying in!! If we get a good turn out we talked about maybe doing a cook out there as well but we will see how this goes.**

**Please remember to keep your AMA current as well as your FAA certification. As before we will not be policing the FAA requirement. See you at the meeting at 6:30. FYI for those that have not been it is about a 20 to 25 min trip from where I live in Bettendorf so judge accordingly.**

**See ya at the field, Steve**

# **DRCS News and Notes**

## **MINUTES OF THE 8 JUNE 2020 MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 by President Steve Thompson in Majors' Art And Hobby. There were 12 members and no guests present. The minutes were read and amended. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$6845.49

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Officer Vacancies – Steve reviewed the filling of the officer vacancies by John Chant and Dirk Oosting. Matt Magers will be serving as Newsletter Editor.

Library Reservations – Matt Magers will be talking to the Davenport Library about reservations.

Mowing – Dirk and Dan have been doing the mowing at Adventure Field. They say it takes 1 to 2 hours. They've been posting on the DRCS Facebook page when they mow. You can contact them to arrange access to the mower and coaching on its use.

Visiting Flier – Phil Vernon got a call from someone in town for the week who was looking to fly and had heard about our field. He gave him permission to fly.

Adventure Field – We need a new windsock. Dirk will be ordering one. Steve brought up weed and feed. Since we will be flying here it was approved to apply it this year after all. The neighbor has planted beans this year as promised.

Kaufmann Field – No progress noted on the runway improvements.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Fuel Buy – Phil doesn't know where things stand on this. It would be best to contact Les Schjelderup directly.

Board Meeting – The June 24 meeting of the Board will be at Crawford Brew Works.

July Meeting – The July 13 meeting will be at Adventure Field, weather permitting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12..

## **Pioneer Village Day Camp Event**

The club was asked by the Scott County Extension office to conduct a presentation about air-planes on June 24. Dirk and his daughter Julie Good, a licensed drone pilot met with about 50 kids aged 7-12 at the Pioneer Village. Their camp theme was "Planes, Trains and Automobiles".

Dirk brought along 3 planes and taught the kids about the control surfaces and how they effect the flight of the plane and also answered many other questions. He then did a short demonstration flight for the children.

Julie brought along her DGI drone "Sparky" and showed the kids how it worked. She then took to the air and took several pictures. She later made those pictures and videos available to the parents and event planners. They held the kid's attention easily and had many favorable comments.

**Thanks Dirk and Julie for representing DRCS!!!!!!!!!!**



## **AMA National News**

### **FAA Registration Renewal Notice**

You may have received an email from the FAA regarding recreational flyer registration renewals on Friday, June 19. You could have received this email even if **you are not eligible** to renew at this time. You are eligible to renew your FAA Registration within 180 days of your expiration date. You may now renew your registration on the [FAADroneZone website](#). In order to check your expiration date, you will need to [log into your FAADroneZone](#) account. If your registration is not expiring soon, this feature will not be available on your dashboard. Recreational flyer registration is \$5 for a three-

year term. Please be aware of scam FAA registration websites that are attempting to charge more than \$5.00.

As always, please contact the Government Affairs department with questions and concerns at (765) 287-1256 or [amagov@modelaircraft.org](mailto:amagov@modelaircraft.org).

If you are eligible to renew, your dashboard should look like the photo below. This is only an option if you are within 180 days of your expiration date. This feature will not be available on your dashboard if your registration is not expiring soon.

## **AMA Communication Efforts with the FAA**

In order to maintain an open communication flow between AMA and various departments within the FAA, the AMA Government Affairs team meets regularly with the FAA. We have daily contact with the FAA and a weekly scheduled teleconference that involves leadership from multiple departments. The call involves representatives from Flight Standards, the Air Traffic Organization, the Integration Office, the UAS Policy Team, and others.

The purpose of these calls is to discuss developments that occur regarding the aeronautical knowledge and safety test, operations in controlled airspace, operations in uncontrolled (Class G) airspace, the Letter of Agreement (LOA), Safety Risk Management (SRM) process, and any new topics that might arise. Currently, a large portion of these calls are dedicated to addressing clubs that are in controlled airspace and the status of their LOA. Every week, we are updated with the current position of a LOA and can track the movement of each. We are working to encourage clubs to sign proposed LOAs and determine if an SRM panel will be needed to obtain higher altitudes.

We are also updated on the status of Community-Based Organization recognition and tentative release dates for the knowledge and safety test. Because of COVID-19, many projects have halted and are awaiting approval from the FAA legal team. Our continuous communication efforts with the FAA have helped mitigate many issues that have come up and allow us to advocate for the hobby.

## **FAA Regulation Timeline Update**

### **Spring 2020**

The focus of this past spring was primarily the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Remote ID, released by the FAA in late December 2019. The 60-day comment period began on January 2 and ended March 2. The comment period was critical for AMA to advocate heavily for important changes to the proposed rule to protect our hobby for generations to come. As a part of this effort, AMA championed thousands of comments on the remote ID NPRM. In total, the FAA received more than 50,000 comments, many of which were from AMA members and AMA allies. Currently, the FAA is in the process of reviewing those comments. We are told the recreational community had a large impact and identified issues with the rule that will need better solutions.

### **Summer 2020**

While some efforts have been altered given the pandemic and its impact on advocacy, this summer AMA continues to secure higher altitudes for clubs and flying fields in controlled airspace up

to 2,000 feet above ground level. We continue to work closely with Air Traffic Control and the FAA to ensure our members in controlled airspace can fly safely and responsibly as they have done for many years. AMA is also continuing its work with UAS industry stakeholders, the FAA, and Congress towards a more sensible remote ID solution.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2020 Events:

Jul 11	Warbirds Over Rt 66	Elwood, IL
Jul 11-12	CR Skyhawks Electric Fun Fly	Marion, IA
Jul 13	DRCS Meeting	Adventure Field
Aug 1	7 <sup>th</sup> Annual Carousel of Cubs	Elborn, IL
Aug 6	Iowa City Aerohawks 2 <sup>nd</sup> Float Fly	Riverside, IA
Aug 8-9	All Electric Fly In & Night Fly	Rockford, IL
Aug 10	DRCS Meeting	Adventure Field
Aug 22-23	Iowa Pattern Championships	Marion, IA
Aug 29-30	Barnstormers Over Champaign	Champaign, IL
Aug 29	Warbirds Over Iowa	Marion, IA
Sept 5	Festival of Flight	St Charles, IL
Sept 12-13	Rock Valley Warbirds & Classics	Rockford, IL
Sep 14	DRCS Meeting	Adventure Field?
Sep 19-20	Mike Gretz Memorial RC Fly-In	Montezuma, IA
Sep 20	Herman Lowery Memorial Fly-In	Pekin, IL
Sep 26-27	Mike Gretz Control Line Fun Fly & Combat	Montezuma, IA
Sep 25-27	Fall Scramble Warbirds & Classics	Streator, IL

*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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**Matt Magers**

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**Phil Vernon**

### Next Meeting

**Monday, July 13**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Adventure Field**

*Link is also on our Facebook page*

[www.davenportrc.org](http://www.davenportrc.org)

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