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DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

## President's Report

Hi all,

Another month in the books. As the spring approaches and flying weather is upon us, I, unfortunately, need to once again remind the membership to use a little common sense when venturing out to the field. It is really disappointing/maddening that we need to have this conversation every year. As I am sure you all know by now, the field is officially closed to vehicular traffic until further notice. The field is open for flying, but your gear will need to be carried into and out of the pit area. It would be my suggestion that the driveway area be used as a unloading and loading area only, and then, the vehicle should be parked along the side of the road, leaving the drive open for the next guy to do the same, so folks don't have to try to carry stuff across the ditch. The board will continue to monitor the field conditions, and you will be notified by e-mail, and the sign will be removed when vehicles are allowed back out on the sod. The reason for this new policy should be clear to anyone who saw the e-mail photos sent around or has seen the field in person. We, unfortunately, had some members who drove onto the field (multiple people it would appear) way before it was firm enough to do so and did some damage to the sod. There are no deep ruts fortunately, but it should have been obvious to those folks at the time that the field was not ready to be driven and parked on. Sooo, the board finds it necessary to take the above steps to protect the sod. Please, please, please, remember we are guests of land owners at Seven Cities Sod and could be asked to leave at any time. If the land owners look out the window and see the sod all torn to pieces, I can't imagine they would be very pleased. Once the field has been re-opened to vehicular traffic, please continue to use your head. Don't just assume that since the field has officially been "opened" that it will be safe to drive on. There will obviously be days through out the spring that it is too soft to drive on. If conditions are such that you would not drive a truck and trailer across your front yard, then don't do it at the field! Enough of that--I hope.

This Saturday, the **12<sup>th</sup>**, is the **Mall Show** at Northpark Mall. We will be in the Youngers' Court area. Set up at 4:30 on Friday to move in the stanchions, and do the preliminary set up. Please help, if able. I am told that we have all the simulators we need already arranged, so thanks to those folks for making that happen. We will have access to the mall at 8 a.m. and would like to have everything in and ready to go, before the mall opens at 10. It is nice to have a good variety of aircraft to display, small or large does not matter, should be plenty of room so show off your stuff! A model or 2 in the bones is kinda neat too, if anyone wants to bring one. Please plan on sticking around most of the time and get up and talk to some folks. The whole idea here is to maybe attract a new member or 2, and spark some interest in our hobby. You may want to do some studying so you can answer

the following 3 questions: 1) How high does it go?, 2) How fast does it go?, and 3) What is the range of the radio? --- maybe we should just make a sign. I know it sometimes gets tedious, but be nice and answer with a smile and invite em out to the field to watch in person, if they want. We usually tear down around 2 or so, sometimes earlier sometimes later. You obviously need to be present at that time to claim your stuff. See you all there! (bring a bag chair)

As far as spring projects go, we have a big one this year. Thanks to Don Vickroy who secured us a new mat ( for free!!! ), we will be replacing the mat this spring. Those who have been out to the field probably noticed that the north 75 ft or so, of the mat came loose and lays in a heap at the north end of the runway. The plastic under the mat was still in place when I saw it last weekend. We will be getting a work party together as soon as conditions allow and will be talking in more detail about exactly how to go about it at the meeting. We need to decide if we are going to put new plastic under the whole thing, try to re-use the plastic that was under the north end or what. One idea that some of us tossed around was to remove the mat and old plastic and just let the dirt runway dry out some with nothing on it, and put the new mat down shortly thereafter, say after a week or so? Just an idea, think about it, and we will talk at the meeting.

Everyone needs to be thinking about fuel orders and be ready to place your order ASAP, if you haven't already done so. Prices are the same as last year, I believe (see below). I am not sure what the deadline for ordering is, but I would say the meeting this month may be close. Expect delivery mid to late April.

One last house keeping item then I will shut up. Please remember that anyone who is flying outdoors will need to have registered with the FAA and have your FAA number affixed to your plane. While we will not be policing members for FAA compliance at this time, we do expect that all members will comply with the FAA regulations so as to avoid any potential conflicts with the FAA that could adversely effect the club as a whole. I agree it is dumb, and the chances of problems with FAA inspectors is remote, but if everyone complies, the chance is zero. For those who have not registered yet, it is very easy and its only 5 bucks--I think you can afford it. I would recommend that when you do register, just go to the AMA website and click on the UAS questions box which will lead you to a Q&A page that contains a direct link to the real FAA website. There are several convincing sham sites apparently that only exist to steal your credit card info. Be careful, but do it.

Thanks for listening!

See you all at the Mall on Saturday!  
Steve

P.S. Next meeting Monday, the 14th at 6:30 pm at the Eastern Library. Dirko will be giving us a talk on AS3X programing.

**Fuel 2016**

<b>Name</b>	Omega 5%	Omega 10%	Omega 15%	Cool Power 10%	Cool Power 15%	Cool Power 30% Heli	Wildcat 15
<b>Cost / Gallon</b>	14.69	\$17.19	\$18.49	\$16.69	\$18.89	\$29.99	\$19.19

Contact Phil Vernon to order.

**Mall Show 2016**

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**DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY**



**MALL SHOW 2016**

**Younkers court area**

**NorthPark Mall**

**Saturday March 12th, 2016**

See radio control model aircraft up close!  
Displays from many area clubs!  
Sponsored by the Davenport Radio Control Society

*Raffle - Kit chances only \$1.00*

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**Raffle will be for a Parkzone Sport Cub PNP!**

I have all ready been contacted by several people that are very interested on our great hobby that plan on attending. They will be seeking not only advice, but also someone to help train them. Make sure we get their name and phonenumber so that we can make the proper arrangements. There will be plenty of AMA literature to share as well as DRCS' Newsletters that contain contact info.

**Bits & Pieces:**

For field updates, also stay tuned to the Club's Facebook page!

Nick Ziegler from Moline is organizing a Fun Fly for sometime this summer at the Erie Airpark to benefit a children's cancer fund. More information will probably be posted on Facebook as it becomes available.

Mowing season is fast approaching. As of right now, we are still responsible for Kroeger Field mowing as well as Frye Field. We will need volunteers to perform these duties. More discussion at the April meeting. The mowers will be serviced and repaired within the next month.

Thanks to all for a very successful Swap Meet. Details will be shared at the meeting.

Guess what is coming up in about 3 weeks? Toledo Weaksignals RC Show!!! I know some of us are going but encourage every pilot to put this on their bucket list to attend, April 1 – 3.

The following was shared by member Steve Ebel:

I understand that tomorrow (Thursday, March 10) there will be a live call in show on Iowa Public Radio at 1:00 PM on the "Here and Now" program with the director of the FAA discussing FAA registration of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS). Here in the Quad Cities, it should be available on either 9.09 or 91.1 FM or 910 AM.

Club dues are now officially 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:**

Mar 12	DRCS Mall Show	Northpark Mall, Davenport
Mar 14	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Apr 1-3	Weak Signals RC Show*	Toledo, OH
Apr 11	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
May 9	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field, Davenport
Jun 13	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field, Davenport
Jun 18	DRCS Scale Meet	Frye Field, Davenport
Jun 25-26	Quad-City Air Show	Davenport Municipal Airport
Jul 11	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field, Davenport
Aug 8	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field, Davenport
Aug TBD	Weinie Fly	Frye Field, Davenport
Sep 12	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field, Davenport
Sep TBD	DRCS Fun Fly	Frye Field, Davenport
Sep 17-18	Duel at Davenport III	Frye Field, Davenport
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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**NEXT MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6:30 P.M.**

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