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President's Report

Hi all,

Another month down in the "winter" of '17. Not much of a winter, but that is OK with me at this point, anyway.

I can't believe we are going to have this discussion again this year, but here we go. First, let me say that I know I am largely preaching to the choir, as they say, but here goes for those that seem to need an annual reminder. Every year about this time we always seem to have a few folks who venture out to the field and drive on the sod before the conditions are appropriate for vehicular traffic. As you all know, we do not own the field, and are only there at the pleasure of our gracious hosts and land-owners. As such, we are, or should be, very protective of the way the field is treated. Last year, after a particularly troublesome lapse in judgment by a few members, we (the board) came up with what we thought was a permanent solution. The board monitors the field conditions and will decide when the field will be opened to vehicles. There is a large sign mounted on the newly installed gate that reads "Attention Fliers No Vehicles Allowed On the Field Until Further Notice". Pretty concise and unambiguous, I would say. Will there be a day here and there when the conditions probably would be OK, yep. Is anyone allowed to make that call on their own on a day-by-day basis, nope. The sign means what it says, and there will be no vehicles allowed on the sod until the board determines that the conditions are consistently appropriate for driving on the sod with out damaging it. When conditions allow, the sign will be removed, and you will all be notified by e-mail as well. We are simply not willing to bet the long term viability of our flying site on the common sense, or lack there of, of any single member. Thank you for you continued cooperation.

The field is open for flying as always, simply unload in the drive, move you vehicle back out to the road to make room for the next guy to do the same. Enough of that, I hope.

On a much brighter note, the Swap Meet is this Saturday, March 11, at St. Mark's Church at 2363 W. 3rd St. in Davenport. Tables still available, contact Dave C., if you need one. For those reading this on Friday, set up is Friday at 5:30 pm, and a few able-bodied helpers would be great. Everything is already on site, so it goes pretty quickly. Raffle at 1pm on Saturday, and teardown shortly after that. Again goes quickly with enough help. Come on out and see what great deals you can find! There

will be a **fuel sign-up sheet** at the Swap Meet. With the increase in gas and electrics, we will struggle to meet the minimum numbers needed to get the best prices on glow fuel. Sign up early and, remember, we can take full case orders only, 4 gallons per case. As always feel free to split cases among yourselves, but the club can't do it for you, it gets way too complicated. We will also have the sign up sheet at the next meeting as well.

For those who missed it, the Mall Show was a few weeks ago and went pretty well. We had a nice variety of planes to show, and the 3 sims remained pretty busy all day. I think the traffic was down a bit, because it was one of those really nice days outside. We gave out lots of info and even a few membership applications, so we will see. Thanks to all who helped out, and in particular those who brought out the sims. They are always a hit with the kids.

Not much else going on this time of year, see you all at the meeting Monday, March 13.

See ya,
Steve

Bits & Pieces:

Swap Meet: Again, contact me at 563-940-9385, or dcolgan51@gmail.com, to reserve a table or tables for the Swap Meet. We have a few left. The Raffle will be for an Eflite 1.3m Valiant PNP. (I will not enter the raffle, by the way.) Also, there will be 2 items on Silent Auction: Turnigy T6 4 port DC Charger w/ 300 watt Power Supply and a CRRC 41cc Gas Engine Kit. Thanks to those that donated. We can also use help at the door and at the Raffle Table throughout the day, in addition to the kitchen. Thanks in advance to those that help out.

Again, thank you to all that brought out your airplanes and simulators for the Mall Show. The raffle went quite well. Just to go on record, the drawing was not rigged as I had an unknown passer-by draw the ticket. My youngest grandson is very thrilled to have his own airplane now.

The Ottumwa fly-in this year is taking a different flavor. The AMA Foundation is assisting to hold a Jet Rally on August 24-27. There will also be a full size aerobatic airshow by Matt Younkins, Kyle Franklin, Brian Correll, and the insane Skip Stewart. Mark your calendar since there is not a QC Airshow this year.

David Colgan
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Meeting Minutes – Feb 13, 2017

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

There were 19 members and no guests present.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$5585.60.

OLD BUSINESS

Dues – The grace period has ended. Renewals will require that the initiation fee be paid. A reminder that the AMA is not going by calendar year, so you'll have to track your own memberships.

Mall Show – Simulators are lined up. Load up at the barn at 4PM. The mall opens at 8AM, we should be set up by 10AM for the display. The raffle winner will get his choice of a Mini-Apprentice or an E-Flite Valiant, both acquired through Major's.

Donation – Former member Tom McDonnel donated a 4 channel charger. There will be a silent auction at the Swap Meet.

Swap Meet – The swap meet will be March 11th. Setup will be Friday evening. Vendor setup will from 8-9 AM Saturday. Sales start at 9. Kitchen help needed. Dave says that 50% of the tables are sold.

NEW BUSINESS

Mower – Looking to sell the old John Deere mower. Expect to get \$300-400. It's a 314 model with a 41 inch deck.

Frye Memorial Field – Please stay off the field until notified. Park on the road and hike in.

Morrison Swap Meet – Phil Vernon got an email canceling the swap meet at Tampico.

Indoor Fly – The next indoor fly is scheduled for 1 April at the Expo Center. The last one was pretty sparsely attended.

CRASH TROPHY

The Crash Trophy was not awarded this month.

SHOW AND TELL

Dave Colgan brought a model/toolbox stand based on a walker. He'll make you one if you want.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55.

2017 Events:

Mar 11	DRCS Swap Meet	St Mark's Lutheran, Davenport, IA
Mar 13	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Mar 25	Swap Shop / Auction	Rockford, IL
Mar 26	MMAFRC Swap Meet (canceled)	Tampico, IL
Apr 1	Indoor Fly	QCCA Expo Center, Rock Island, IL
Apr 7 – 9	Weak Signals R/C Model Expo	Toledo, OH
Apr 10	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
May 8	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
May 26-28	NASA Scale Meet	Erie Airpark, Erie, IL
Jun 3	Eli Field Open House	Eli Field, Monticello, IL
Jun 9-11	Mike Gretz Memorial Fly-In	Montezuma, IA
Jun 12	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library or Frye Field
Jun 17	DRCS Scale Meet	Frye Field
Jun 22-24	Windy City Warbirds & Classics	St. Charles, IL
Jun 25	Dave Goerne Memorial Fun Fly	Streator, IL
Jul 8-9	Cedar Rapids Sky Hawks Pattern Contest	Skyhawks Field, Marion, IA
Jul 9	RC Warbirds and Classic	Peoria RC Modelers Field, Chillicothe, IL
Jul 10	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field
Jul 22-23	Warbirds Over Iowa	Skyhawks Field, Marion, IA
Aug 5	DRCS Weinie Fly	Frye Field
Aug 14	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field
Aug 24-27	AMA Foundation Jet Rally	Ottumwa, IA
Aug 27	Iowa City Aerohawks Airshow	Iowa City, IA
Sep 9	Bud Miller Fun Fly	Frye Field
Sep 11	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field
Sep 16-17	Duel at Davenport IV	Frye Field
Oct 7	DRCS Night Fly	Frye Field
Oct 9	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Nov 13	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
Dec 11	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library

FOR SALE:

There are still a number of planes in Majors' Art and Hobby Resale Area. Contact them at 563-323-9042 for more details.

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