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DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

President's Report

Hi all,

I am happy to report that it looks that we may have a place to play this spring!!! We have a very strong (almost done deal) chance to fly on a property owned by a local church. I think 5 or 6 of us have laid eyes on the site and, then myself, Dave C., and Dirko met with the Pastor who is in charge. I am being a little vague on purpose, because the Pastor needs to talk with some of the members at the church who it sounds like are kind of the caretakers of the property. He thought he would speak with them this week end and be able to give us a firm yes or no by the first of the week. (hopefully by meeting time) He did not think it would be a problem, but we need to get to official OK from him. The site is on Y48 north of the land fill, but south of West Lake. It is not a perfectly flat site like the sod farm certainly, but a heck of a lot better than our "current" site!! I would have no concerns about flying 100cc gassers there, at all. There are no power lines and no trees to worry about. If it all goes as envisioned, we would likely be standing facing pretty much due south with a East/West grass runway and over flying a large hay field. The access from the paved road to the area where we would likely be flying could be tricky in wet conditions, but I think it is workable. If the weather holds as predicted this week end, I will try to get out there and take some pics that we can show at the meeting. We do have a satellite view which we will show, and I will be able to share more details by then, hopefully. The current idea is that we would enter into a 2 or 3 month trial agreement to make sure it works for all, and, then, a long term agreement from there. The site is used by church members for other outdoor activities, including fishing in a large stocked pond, so we will have to be on our best behavior :). Over all, I think it would be a very suitable site.

I think we should still investigate the landfill site as well, to see what that looks like, because that could really be a permanent site, if it works out. We will get to that as the weather allows, but we don't really now what that site even looks like. We tried to get a look, when we were looking at the site noted above, but not sure where it is, or how to get to it. There is a gate on the road leading to the landfill that closes at noon on Saturday and is closed Sundays, so I hope there is another way in?? We will see.

We will also talk a bit at the meeting about a fuel buy? Les contacted me, and he is getting some info together about buying with the Moline guys from Thunder Road. More to come on pricing, etc., but don't think it sounds like it will be a short order/buy window. I hope Les can make it to the meeting and fill us in--Thanks Les.

While we are talking about the Moline Club, I heard thru the grapevine that they

were interested in our mat material from the sod farm? I was going to bring that up at the last meeting, which was canceled due to weather. We can talk about that this time around so think about that. I do not foresee using that material at the site I was talking about earlier, fyi, but we can talk about it and see what everyone thinks.

For those that did not hear the Swap Meet was canceled due to lack of interest, only 8 or 9 tables reserved--not nearly enough to make it worth the effort. Hopefully once we are up and flying again, we can get back to business as usual, but there just may not be any "events" this year.

That's all I got for now, try to make it to the meeting. We have a few things to talk about for sure. Thanks for the continued support of the club; see you at the meeting.

Steve

DRCS Swap Meet

As Steve noted, our Swap Meet was canceled due to lack of table reservations. I was contacted by George Christianson of the Rock Valley R/C Flyers, encouraging anyone that was planning to sell at our Swap Meet to come sell at theirs on April 27. He said it is approximately an hour and 40 minutes from the Quad-Cities. Info at their website: rockvalleyrcflyers.com/

Bits & Pieces:

On February 21, Rodd Schick and I represented the club at the annual Quad Cities Engineering and Science Council's annual Awards Banquet. We had a simulator running as well as an electric airplane, wings, and a gas and a glow engine. We highlighted the changes in technology occurring in our hobby as well as the ability to create. We were very busy throughout the evening and did not get a chance to take any photos. Rodd heard from some of the attendees afterwards that the DRCS exhibit was one of the best as it was interactive.

NEWSFLASH: At the meeting on Monday, March 11, we will have DOOR PRIZES!!! They are left from last year's Scale Meet, and are still some good ones. We will use the Art Lang system where you will be given a ticket at the beginning of the meeting, and you will put your name in the "hat". Names will be drawn from the hat, and you will match your ticket to the prize with that same ticket.

I have also heard that the Iowa City Aerohawks will be having several float flies this summer. We have been invited to participate in prior years. I will pass on more information when it becomes available.

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CALENDAR

2019 Events:

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| Mar 11 | DRCS Meeting | Eastern Ave Library |
| Apr 5-7 | Weak Signals Model Expo | Toledo, OH |
| Apr 8 | DRCS Meeting | Eastern Ave Library |
| Apr 27 | Rock Valley Swap Meet | Pecatonica, IL |
| May 11 | Peoria R/C Modelers Open House | Chillicothe, IL |
| May 13 | DRCS Meeting | Eastern Ave Library |
| Jun 7 - 8 | Mike Gretz Memorial Fly-In | Montezuma, IA |
| Jun 7 - 9 | Horizon RC Fest | Eli Field, Monticello, IA |
| Jun 8 - 9 | Dave Goerne Memorial Fun Fly | Streator, IL |
| Jun 10 | DRCS Meeting | Eastern Ave Library |
| Jun 20 - 22 | Windy City Warbirds & Classics | St. Charles, IL |
| Jun 29 - 30 | Quad City Air Show | Davenport, IA |
| Jul 8 | DRCS Meeting | Eastern Ave Library |
| Jul 13 | Erie RC Warbirds for Honor | Erie, IL |
| Jul 20 - 21 | Warbirds on the Warpath | Chillicothe, IL |
| Jul 20 - 21 | Warbirds over Iowa | Marion, IA |
| Aug 11 | Iowa City Aerohawks Airshow | Iowa City, IA |
| Aug 12 | DRCS Meeting | Eastern Ave Library |
| Aug 17 | RC Flight for Cancer | Morrison, IL |
| Aug 24 - 25 | Iowa Pattern Championships | Marion, IA |
| Sep 9 | DRCS Meeting | Eastern Ave Library |
| Sep 14 | Fly N Swap | Morrison, IL |
| Sep 27 - 29 | Fall Scramble Warbirds & Classics | Streator, IL |
| Oct 14 | DRCS Meeting | Eastern Ave Library |
| Nov 11 | DRCS Meeting | Eastern Ave Library |
| Dec 9 | DRCS Meeting | Eastern Ave Library |

Check the Event Schedule either in **Model Aviation** or online (<https://www.modelaircraft.org/event-calendar>)
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Monday, March 11th

6:30 p.m.

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