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THE TRANSMITTER

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DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

President's Report

Hi all,

These sunny days are giving us a little tease that the flying season will soon be upon us--I hope. Ya never know about Iowa weather, but, hopefully, the snow is behind us' and flying season will get here soon!

As the weather improves, we will be getting the fields ready for use. Yes, I said fields, plural, more on that in a bit. The ACC field will be pretty easy to get into shape and will be available much sooner than the additional field north of Bettendorf. Please, as before, use your heads when venturing out to the ACC field in terms of the field conditions and driving on the grass. You will recall there is a pretty soft area at the bottom of the hill that will be more treacherous as the spring rains arrive. We need to be considerate of the land owners, and do not drive on it when soft. If you do, you will not only tear up the area but you may well be calling a tow truck to get yourself out!! Please just don't do it!!

We have, in fact, secured an additional field to fly off of, which will be much more amenable to large scale models. We have secured a good parcel of land for parking as well that will, when fully operational, be quite functional. We have a good bit of work to do and will be needing assistance with work parties when the time comes. I would not expect the new field to be fully functional for the first part of the season at least, and we will need everyone's cooperation to get it functional as quickly as possible. The main hurdle will be parking in the short term. The land that will become the parking area is currently a portion of a picked bean field. We have permission to work the land a bit and plant grass seed to make it suitable for our purposes. Obviously, it will be a bit before we are able to drive on the new grass, and we will need to stay off of it until it comes in. We will also be seeking input on the field layout at the meeting so please plan to attend. Those that have been to the last couple meetings have seen the satellite views, and we will be talking some about the layout based on those. There are not a lot of options really, but there are a few things to consider. We will try to come up with a tentative plan and see how it goes together; nothing is etched in stone at this point, and we can adjust on the fly as necessary, I think. I really don't want to "over engineer" the plan. So come to the meeting and throw in your 2 cents, and we will have a place to

fly!!!

As far as the FAA thing goes, the Comment Period is over for the proposed rule on remote ID, etc. The AMA braintrust said that there were over 50,000 comments submitted, so thank you to those who took the time to comment. The AMA folks said it will be quiet for a while while the FAA sifts thru the comments and decides what to do next. They say it will be many months and "likely years", before any real changes in the proposed rule will be made. The advice from the AMA right now is "go out and fly and enjoy our wonderful hobby"-- I could not agree more!! Lets go flying!!

See ya at the meeting.

Steve

FAA's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM):

A little more info on the FAA NPRM as Steve mentioned. First of all, thanks to all that shared their comments with the FAA. As of Thursday, March 5, 53,181 comments had been accepted by the FAA. By law, the FAA must read, categorize, and respond to each category. By my estimate, it will take roughly 1 man-year of labor to just read and categorize. How that is divided up within the FAA is anybody's guess. From what I have read, the FAA did not anticipate this type of response. I have seen forecasts saying that it will take 2 years to read and modify the rule to republish. When adopted, they are talking about 3 years to fully implement. There are several informed people with contacts within the FAA saying this rule will be highly modified or even scrapped for a "do over." Don't expect anything publicly for quite awhile.

As a side note, if you search regulations.gov, there are quite a few documents posted concerning use of UAS in agriculture. Plus, there was a Notice of Proposed Rule asking for input as to Type of Certification of UAS. A lot going on with the FAA relative to UAS.

If you are not aware, the AMA Government Group is continuing to meet with Congressional members of the various Aviation committees in pleading model aviation's case. I anticipate that we may hear some information from as those meeting progress.

Quad City Engineering and Science Council STEM Celebration

DRCS participated again this year displaying at the Quad City Engineering and Science Council STEM Celebration on February 20 at the Putnam Museum. Thanks to Dirk Oosting and Cal Schwarz for assisting. We had a computer flight simulator running, a couple of combat aircraft, an electric airplane connected to a transmitter, as well as displays of an electric power system, a glow power 4 stroke engine, and a gas engine.

I may be biased, but from my observations, I think we had one of the more popular exhibits since it was hands-on. We were busy for the full 1-1/2 hours and were one of the

last exhibits to tear down. The Western Illinois University robot may have had a few more visitors. Here are several photos:



MINUTES OF THE 10 FEBRUARY 2020 MEETING

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

There were 22 members and no guests present.

The minutes were read and approved

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$6628.12 He also reports that it costs about \$50 per member to run the club at this reduced size.

OLD BUSINESS

AMA Field Improvement Grant – Dave Colgan spoke about the submission.

NEW BUSINESS

Kaufmann Field – Steve heard back from Kurt, who farms the land. He will sublet to us for \$500 including the runway and parking at the far end of the runway. Steve will meet Kurt at the field and put in stakes. There was a motion to approve a larger offer for more central parking. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Field Maintenance – Mowing for both fields will need better coordination. We have 2 fields and 1 mower. For those moving the mower by trailer, the hitch takes a 2 inch ball. There will be a mowing list.

Expenses – Dave Colgan brought up the point that maintaining each field will cost approximately \$1500 annually. With only 49 members we will run out of money fast.

Field Relations Committee – The current members of the FRC have all exceeded their terms. An election was held to select a new committee. The winners and dates of term expiration are:

Matt Magers – Dec 2022

Butch Jaeger – Dec 2021

John Chant – Dec 2020

Quad Cities Engineering Council STEM Celebration – This is an event on the 20th of February to inform students interested in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics. Rodd Schick and Dave Colgan have appeared there for the last 2 years. Their exhibit with radios, airplanes, and simulator is very popular.

FAA Rulemaking – Make sure to get your comment in before the deadline.

Open House – Phil Vernon suggested having an open house once Kauffmann is up and running.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37

Respectfully submitted,
Harley McClure
Secretary

Bits & Pieces:

We are continuing to send **The Transmitter** to former members to inform them of the changes coming to the club fields. Hopefully, it will encourage them to rejoin.

As part of the discussion on the fields at the meeting, I will have estimates on the equipment, materials, and costs associated with each field for 2020. They will be based on past expenses as well as my research. Bring your thoughts to the meeting.

Thanks,
David Colgan
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CALENDAR

2020 Events:

Mar 9	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library
Apr 3-5	Weak Signals RC Show	Toledo, OH
Apr 11	Swap Til' You Drop	Wheaton, IL
Apr 13	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library
Apr 25	Rock Valley R/C Flyers Swap Shop	Pecatonica, IL
May 11	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library
Jun 8	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library
Jun 13-14	Dave Goerne Memorial Fun Fly	Streator, IL
Jun 12-14	Mike Gretz Memorial RC Fly-In	Montezuma, IA
Jun 18-20	Windy City Warbirds and Classics	St Charles, IL
Jun 19-20	Mike Gretz Control Line Fun Fly	Montezuma, IA
Jun 26-28	RC Flight Fest 2020	Erie, IL
Jul 11	Warbirds Over Rt 66	Elwood, IL
Jul 12	Iowa City Aerohawks Air Show	Iowa City, IA
Jul 13	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library
Aug 8	Fly Iowa	Ames Airport, Ames, IA
Aug 8-9	All Electric Fly In & Night Fly	Rockford, IL
Aug 10	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library
Aug 22-23	Iowa Pattern Championships	Marion, IA
Sep 14	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library
Sep 20	Herman Lowery Memorial Fly-In	Pekin, IL
Sep 25-27	Fall Scramble Warbirds & Classics	Streator, IL
Oct 12	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library
Nov 9	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library
Dec 14	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library

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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Next Meeting

Monday, March 9th

6:30 p.m.

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