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DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

President's Report

Hi all,

It looks like the monsoon season has ended, and flyable weather is heading our way!! As you venture out to the field, first and foremost, have fun, but please keep our safety rules (copy attached) in mind as well. We really have a good track record at the field as far as that goes, and we need to keep it that way. With more and more bigger, and faster, planes out there at once, it becomes more important to pay attention. Please recall that the safety line is the West edge of the mat runway, and one should not fly closer to the pits than the safety line, other than for take offs and landings in the short grass in front of the runway. Everyone understands that from time to time, due to wind, or some other unforeseen circumstances, (mostly dumb thumbs for me), you may find yourself flying closer than you should, no big deal just get back over the safety line as soon as you can. Please remember to pick up after yourselves and catch all fuel overflow to keep from killing the grass. The pin board is up, so please use it; it insures that everyone is current with AMA, etc. Enough nagging about that--for now :). Oh, one more thing, a few weeks ago when we did have a nice day, there were several of us out there, and there was one person flying FPV (First Person View). If anyone is going to do this, that is perfectly fine, but you MUST have a spotter at all times. The reason for this should be obvious: you can not reliably tell where you are relative to the ground and, hence, the safety line, etc. Aside from this, it is an AMA rule. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our first event of the season is quickly approaching, the annual Scale Meet. This year, it will be on Saturday, June 17th, so there is still time to get those scale birds dialed in. Same rules as always, needs to be a scale(ish) plane, and it needs to fly to be eligible for the awards, although every registered pilot will be eligible for the prizes. I will try to get the same food vendor as last year, but I have not talked to them yet, and will be doing so soon--maybe before the meeting, if I have time. As always, we will need some help with the flight line, etc. We will also have a much more powerful PA system this year (Thanks Dean !!), so we might think about having some commentary from time to time if anyone wants to give it a go? I don't think we want constant jabbering, but some historical facts about planes, particularly war birds, might be interesting to the crowd?

On the field maintenance front, our dandelion field is really in pretty good

shape. In an attempt to rid the field of these lovely yellow beauties as well as other obnoxious weeds, we will be contracting with our gracious landowners to spray the field for weeds with chemicals approved for residential use. I know it sounds dumb, but they cannot use the commercial chemicals on noncommercial property, and since our little area is out of production, it is not a commercial property. Gotta love government regs!! Anyway, the only caveat is that when the field is sprayed, the field will need to be completely closed to ALL activities for 24 hrs. We will do our best to let everyone know in advance when this will occur, but obviously it is weather dependent, etc. If you miss the notification, it will be easy to tell when the field is closed, because the gate will be padlocked, and there will be a sign on the gate. Once it is safe to return to the sod, the lock and sign will be removed, and an e-mail will be sent. Do NOT go on the field until they tell us we can.

Our next meeting is Monday, the 8th, at 6:30 at the field. The long range forecast looks good, with high temps in the high 60's and winds 5 to 10, so bring something to fly. As always, the time remains the same, 6:30, and the meetings will be pretty short to allow flying time. Just like last year, expect that all meetings from here on out will be outside unless otherwise notified. If the weather is suspect, I will try to make the call as soon as practical to move it inside, and a mass e-mail will be sent. Those e-mail impaired can call someone who gets e-mail, or you can call me if you want, but I am sometimes hard to reach during the day particularly on Mondays. At this upcoming meeting, Dave C. is going to bring the new mower down and give a short in-service to anyone interested in helping out when Dave will be unavailable to mow.

That's all I got for now.

See ya at the meeting!
Steve

Bits & Pieces:

A few more safety considerations: With more diverse aircraft taking to the skies over Frye Field, consider using a spotter when the skies are crowded. I have observed micros in the air at the same time as giant scale. It just may save you, or someone else, an aircraft. And, always, announce take-offs and landings. Observe the pattern also.

Also, there have been some pretty gruesome pictures on the Internet already this year from propeller injuries. If you are hand-propping your aircraft, you should consider wearing a leather glove, or using a chicken stick. I have seen reviews on the Rolling Chicken Stick (www.rollingchickenstick.com), and I am considering getting one for use with my gasser.

Get the word out on our Fun Scale Fly-In. It is always fun. We are working on the

prize pool that is awarded to the registered pilots. The flier is attached. Also, we will need help setting up the Friday evening before so stay tuned for further details.

Borrowing an idea from another club: would the membership be interested in setting up an informal late afternoon / evening monthly fly date? The date would be published to encourage more people to come out during the week. Maybe have a trainer ready to go. We can discuss at the meeting.

Speaking of a trainer, I am in possession of the trainer that Frank Lang gave to the club. It includes transmitters. If anyone is interested in checking it out, and using it for training, let me know.

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Meeting Minutes – Were not received this month to publish

2017 Events:

May 8	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library
May 13	Peoria RC Modelers Open House	Peoria RC Modelers Field, Chillicothe, IL
Jun 3	Eli Field Open House	Eli Field, Monticello, IL
Jun 9-11	Mike Gretz Memorial Fly-In (Sig)	Montezuma, IA
Jun 10	Horizon RC Fest	Eli Field, Monticello, IL
Jun 12	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library or Frye Field
Jun 17	DRCS Scale Meet	Frye Field
Jun 17	SSC Combat in Iowa	New Hartford, IA
Jun 22-24	Windy City Warbirds & Classics	St. Charles, IL
Jun 25	Dave Goerne Memorial Fun Fly	Streator, IL
Jul 8	Great All Cub Fly In	Erie Airpark, Erie, IL
Jul 8-9	Cedar Rapids Sky Hawks Pattern Contest	Skyhawks Field, Marion, IA
Jul 8-9	Warbirds on the Warpath	Peoria RC Modelers Field, Chillicothe, IL
Jul 10	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field
Jul 22-23	Warbirds Over Iowa	Skyhawks Field, Marion, IA
Jul 29	MMAR RC Flight for Cancer	Rockwood State Park, Morrison, IL
Aug 5	DRCS Weinie Fly	Frye Field
Aug 10-12	Illini Super Jets 2017	Eli Field, Monticello, IL
Aug 12	Fox Valley Aero Club Night Fly	St. Charles, IL
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 9-10	Rock Valley Warbirds & Classics	Rock Valley RC Flyers, Rockford, IL
Sep 11	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field
Sep 16-17	Duel at Davenport IV (tentative)	Frye Field
Sep 16	MMAFRC Fly N Swap	Rockwood State Park, Morrison, IL
Sep 22-24	QC Children's Cancer Fly	Erie Airpark, Erie, IL
Sep 29-Oct 1	Fall Scramble Warbirds & Classic Fly	Streator, IL
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

Check the AMA Events Schedule either in **Model Aviation** or online for future details on non-club events!



**DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL
SOCIETY'S
22nd ANNUAL FUN SCALE FLY IN
SATURDAY JUNE 17, 2017
FRYE MEMORIAL FIELD
SEVEN CITIES SOD FARM
DAVENPORT, IA**

2 TROPHY CLASSES: Giant and Sportsman

\$10 Registration Fee

8:00 a.m. Gates open

10:00 a.m. Open flying commences

3:00 p.m. Awards & Prizes



All models must be scale replicas of full size aircraft. All models which meet or exceed the IMAA definition of giant scale MUST register in one of the giant classes. All aircraft must fly to compete for trophies. Trophies will be awarded in each class based on entered pilots' voting. AMA membership is required. Large sod and fabric mat runway. Jets and large scale models are welcome. Lunch will be available on site.

For further information contact:

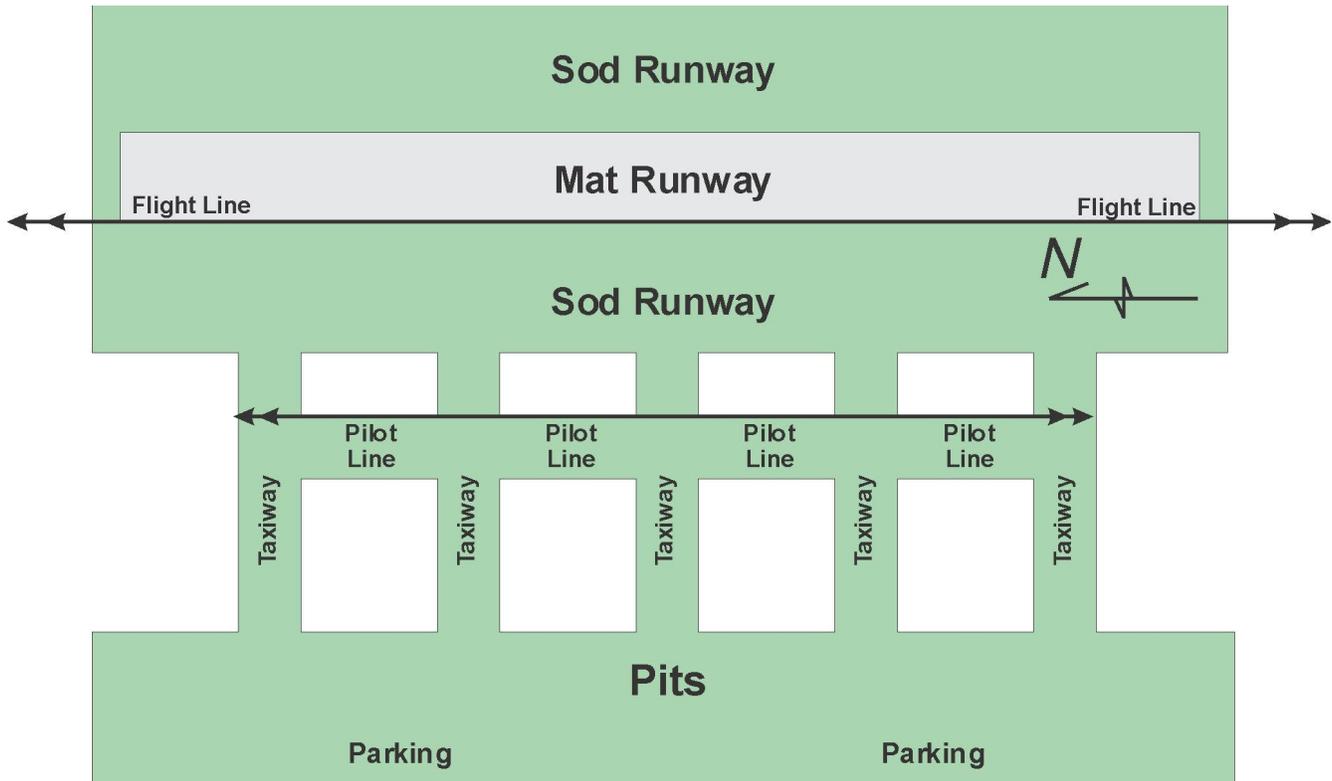
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ATTENTION ALL FLYERS

All users of this site are bound by the rules listed. In addition, all AMA rules and safety provisions apply.

**The Board of Directors – Davenport Radio Control Society
and
Management of Seven Cities Sod**



- 1) Current AMA and Davenport Radio Control Society memberships are required to utilize the facilities. Members are required to comply with all AMA and FAA regulations.
- 2) No vehicles are permitted outside the pit area. Park in designated area only.
- 3) Frequency control must be used at all times. Pilots must place their AMA and DRCS cards in the slot prior to removing any frequency pin. Any individual operating a transmitter without the appropriate frequency pin is responsible for any resulting damage. This includes 2.4 GHz pilots as well.
- 4) The flight line is formed by a line extending from the West edge of the mat runway North and South to infinity. Do not cross this line except during take-offs and landings on the sod runway. ALL aircraft (fixed and rotary wing) are required to adhere to this rule. Landing approaches should always be outside of the flight line.
- 5) Use the pilot stations. Pilots must stand no closer to the runway than the mowed line parallel to the West edge of the runway. Do not stand in the taxiways.

- 6) Announce all take-offs, landings and dead sticks. Planes in the landing pattern have the right of way. Please yield to announced dead stick landings.
- 7) Anytime it becomes necessary to enter the runway, announce "on the field" and "clear" when you have exited.
- 8) Point planes away from the pits (i.e. to the east) during start up. Control ALL fuel to prevent fuel spills. Turbines should use a blast shield during start up to protect the grass.
- 9) Shut down all aircraft at the pilots line. Do not taxi back to the pits.
- 10) Take off and land only on the mat or sod runway. Take-offs and landings from the taxiways are strictly prohibited. Do not land toward the pits.
- 11) No more than five aircraft are permitted in the air at a time except for announced "park flier" sorties that should be 5 min or less in duration. Other exceptions are allowed during AMA sanctioned events at the discretion of the contest director.
- 12) No alcohol is to be consumed on site.
- 13) Repeated infractions of any of these rules may result in expulsion from DRCS.

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MONDAY, MAY 8TH
6:30 P.M.

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