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DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

Editor's Report

Hi all,

Not much new to report since last newsletter but one bright development is that the Adventure Church Field is back open to us again or will be soon after being shut down for COVID-19 concerns. The grass had gotten a bit out of control and Dirk was able to get it knocked down some but it needs to be cut again before the field is useable. That should be accomplished sometime this week weather permitting.

We again will be holding our meeting virtually via zoom tonight at 6:30pm. The link can be found on our Facebook page and is also located at the bottom of the newsletter as well as being attached to the newsletter email. We had about 13 members on last month which was great. Keep your fingers crossed that maybe we can meet in person for June and just space out a little more than normal.

John Chant has offered to step into the position of club Vice President for the remaining term. We are grateful to both John and Dirk for helping round out our club officers.

Other than that I hope everyone is staying safe and sane. Please always keep an ear out for potential options for another field with the Kaufmann field falling through for this year. It would not hurt to put some feelers out and maybe have a backup or maybe even a better situation than Kaufmann would've offered. Never know until you ask.

Hope to see everyone soon,
Matt

DRCs News and Notes

Call for Volunteers/Mowing Schedule!!!!

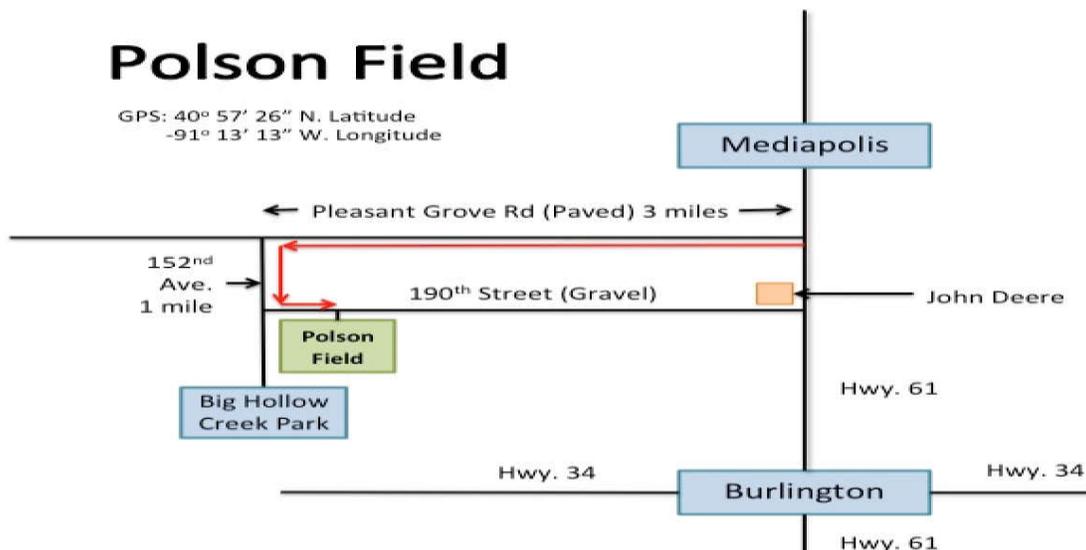
With adventure field back open we are in need of some folks to take over some mowing duties. I know some other clubs who hand this task off to a different member each month to mow once a week. It would be great if we could get like 5 volunteers where we could setup the same sort of mowing schedule. Please contact one of the board members if you are interested in helping. We will try to setup a clinic to go over how to use the mower and the proper mowing pattern at the field.



Invitation from Burlington Model Airplane Club,

I was recently contacted by one of your club members who told me about the loss of your flying fields. Please share with your members that they are invited to fly at our airfield anytime. It is located west of Hwy 61 south of Mediapolis. The only stipulation is that pilots have to have current AMA membership. I'm attaching a map that gives the airfield's location. There is signage along the roads also.

Ted Francis
Burlington Model Airplane Club
Burlington, IA



AMA National News

Outdoor Nats decision to be made June 10, 2020

Dear members,

As you might be aware, AMA and the National Free Flight Society made the difficult decision to cancel May's Indoor Nats because of COVID-19. Many members are wondering if the Outdoor Nats will be canceled as well. AMA continues to plan and prepare for the Outdoor Nats in July and August, including discussions about extra sanitation. We'll share any changes or announcements as soon as they are made. June 10 is the final "go," "no go" date.

While AMA anticipates being open and ready to host the Nats, we understand that each event and Special Interest Group (SIG) is unique with different risks and challenges. Some SIGs are considering reducing the number of events or participants in their portion of the Nats this year.

Please contact your Nats CD or SIG if you have questions or concerns about your event. AMA will also be available to field questions as well using the contacts below.

Thank you and stay safe!

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Government Affairs Update 4/1/2020

Due to COVID-19, the Government Affairs team is working remotely to continue our advocacy efforts. The safety of our staff, members, and community is AMA's top priority and unfortunately, COVID-19 has affected certain ongoing projects. The FAA has temporarily put Safety Risk Management (SRM) panels on hold until further notice. However, we are continuing altitude limitation conversations with the FAA's Air Traffic Operations, Flight Standards, and UAS Integration Offices. Before the COVID-19 stay-at-home guidance was issued, two SRM panels were successfully conducted and both clubs were able to show that safety risks could be mitigated to an acceptable level up to their requested altitudes. We are working with the FAA to update the priority list for AMA clubs in controlled airspace that would like to go through the SRM process. In our discussions with the FAA, we are also exploring options for a waiver process for fixed sites in uncontrolled (Class G) airspace.

AMA continues the fight against the FAA's remote ID proposal. We have been meeting with multiple industry leaders, such as EAA, Google, and AOPA, to come together as one voice and discuss a sensible, inclusive approach to the remote ID rulemaking. On March 12, the FAA released a [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) to seek input regarding Low Altitude Manned Aviator Participation in UAS Remote Identification. The RFI calls on operators of manned aircraft who operate at low altitudes to comment how their operations would be impacted by remote ID and to see how they can receive and use the network or broadcast UAS remote ID information. They also want to engage low altitude manned aviators and others who are interested in exploring how UAS Remote ID can improve safety and reduce collision risk between UAS and manned aircraft at low altitudes. AMA will continue working with our allies to bring the best possible outcome regarding remote ID.

In addition, we are reviewing an [executive order](#) that has been drafted by the Trump administration which would ban the federal government's use of foreign made UAS, including model aircraft. The executive order would bar federal government departments and agencies from procuring, repairing or servicing a UAS manufactured "in whole or in part" by any company from a foreign country viewed to be "engaged in a long-

term pattern or serious instances of conduct significantly adverse to the national security of the United States or its allies.” The government would also seek to stop anyone with a federal contract, agreement, or grant from using a foreign-made UAS and stop people from flying them on or over federally-managed or owned lands. This order could impact AMA members operating on military property, National Parks, Army Corps of Engineer lands, and EPA managed sites. AMA is trying to work with the White House and Office of Management and Budget to shape the draft language before the executive order is signed by the president. We will share any updates regarding this executive order when we learn more.

Kind Regards,
AMA Government Affairs

Technology Partners for Remote ID Development Announced

On May 5, the FAA released a statement detailing the selection of eight companies that will assist the Federal government in establishing requirements for future suppliers of Remote ID. Remote ID will enable Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) to provide identification and location information while operating in the nation’s airspace.

This initial group will support the FAA in developing technology requirements for companies to create applications needed for Remote ID. The applications will provide UAS identification and location information to safety and security authorities while in flight.

The companies, selected through a Request for Information process in December 2018, are Airbus, AirMap, Amazon, Intel, One Sky, Skyward, T-Mobile, and Wing.

AMA has been advocating for our hobby throughout the entire Remote ID rule process, including applying to be included in this initial group. However, AMA was not selected due to the technology and communication-based requirements that we do not meet as a community-based organization. Although not selected as a member of this group, we will continue developing our existing partnerships with companies involved to ensure the recreational flying community continues to be represented throughout the completion of the Remote ID rule process.

The selection of this group does not mean that changes will not be made to the FAA’s proposed Remote ID rule, or that every aircraft will be required to be fitted with remote ID technology. Please keep in mind that it will take the FAA months, or even years, to respond to the 53,000 public comments and finalize the rule on remote ID. In the meantime, AMA will continue to work with Congress, the FAA, companies involved in this group, and other industry partners to find common sense solutions for Remote ID requirements that work for our community.

Please continue to monitor your email and modelaircraft.org for updates regarding remote ID.

Kind regards,
AMA Government Affairs Team

FAA Extends Recreational UAS Registration

On March 13, 2020 you may have received an email from the FAA about extending your UAS registration.

What does this mean for our members?

- For most members, your FAA registration expiration date has been extended to December 12, 2020.
- While your registration number hasn't changed, you will want to print a new registration card at [FAA dronezone.faa.gov](https://www.faa.gov/uaadronezone)
- The FAA will email you 180 days before you are asked to renew your registration.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2020 Events:

May 11	DRCS Meeting	Virtual Zoom Meeting
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 20	Iowa City Aerohawks 1 st Float Fly	Riverside, IA
Jul 11	Warbirds Over Rt 66	Elwood, IL
Jul 11-12	CR Skyhawks Electric Fun Fly	Marion, IA
Jul 12	Iowa City Aerohawks Air Show (CANCELLED)	Iowa City, IA
Jul 13	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library
Aug 6	Iowa City Aerohawks 2 nd Float Fly	Riverside, 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
Aug 29-30	Barnstormers Over Champaign	Champaign, IL
Sept 5	Festival of Flight	St Charles, IL
Sept 14	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave. Library
Sept 20	Herman Lowery Memorial Fly-In	Pekin, IL
Sept 25-27	Fall Scramble Warbirds & Classics	Streator, IL

*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, May 11th

6:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/73368006291>

password: DRCS

Link is also on our Facebook page

www.davenportrc.org

or

