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DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

President's Report

Hi all,

Another summer almost in the books I can't believe how fast this one went. As fall approaches we have a couple events coming up. First is the Bud Miller Fun fly this Saturday, the 10th. Next, will be the Duel at Davenport the following week end, Sept. 17,18. Plan accordingly, and hope to see you all there at both. As usual, the Fun Fly features events for all skill levels so come on out and have some fun with some good prizes at the end! Remember this time to pack a lunch as it is not possible anymore to get someone to come out for the size group we will have.

As far as the Combat Event goes, plan on coming out at least for a while, even if you don't plan to fly, as Dirko could always use some help with counting cuts, etc. Lunch will be available on site for the Combat Event. Obviously the field will be closed to open flying during both events. The field should be returned to "normal" conditions by 3 or maybe 4 or so on Sunday the 18th. (probably the same time frame on Saturday the 10th as far as that goes). Dirk will probably require some set up assistance for the combat event so watch your e-mails for a date and time.

On to some official business. As everyone should be aware of by now, our mower is on it's last legs and is in need of replacement. We have done some shopping around and the cost of a new mower that is adequate for our needs is in the 5 to \$6,000 range. We, at the Board tossed around a few ideas as to how to pay for it. What we landed on was a modest increase in the dues to \$30 from \$20. I can hear the groans already, but I don't think \$10 is going to break anybody. To put it in perspective, our club was incorporated on 3/21/1966, and the dues structure was written into the bylaws adopted at that time, and the dues were set at.....\$20. Floyd happens to recall that the AMA dues at that time were \$6 (currently \$75). Our dues have been the same for 50 years!!! Our financial status is stable currently, and we would like to keep it that way. Aside from the mower, we have talked to the county, and it looks like we need to plan on paying for dust abatement at least once a year again. Our events tend to lose a few bucks each (with the exception of the Combat Event) and we, the Board, feel the small dues increase is both necessary and justified to keep the club on its feet well into the future.

The only way to accomplish this currently is to amend the Bylaws/Constitution. The process requires the changes to be presented in writing (see attached proposed changes), presented at the meeting, and then voted on at the next meeting after that.

We will talk about the changes at the September meeting. There were a few other things that needed updating while we were at it. So, if you have any input be at the next meeting, or voice your comments/concerns to myself or any other club officer before the next meeting.

On to more pleasant things. The gates are up if you haven't already noticed. One tip is that they only will open fully toward the road, so if you are first to arrive, you may have to park back a ways to get them fully open. One should also tie them off on the "bumper" posts so the don't swing into your car as you pass thru. We are working on a more secure way to latch the gates as well. For now, do your best to tie them off with the chain if you are last to leave. The idea is to make it look like they are locked with out having to actually lock them.

Nothing new on the FAA front as far as I know. That's all I got.

See ya at the field.
Steve

Bits & Pieces:

Safety at the Frye Field: I have noticed a number of occurrences of planes flying west of the Safety Line. I have done it myself. Please re-read the Field Safety Rules that states the Safety Line is the west side of the mat, not the west side of the grass runway, and comply. Also remember that upon landing, you should shut down your airplane at the Pilot's Line. Thanks.

I am starting to populate the 2017 Calendar. Please let me know of any event that should be listed.

Newsletter distribution: Primary distribution will continue to be via e-mail. Please ensure that I have your preferred e-mail address as we start renewing for 2017.

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12th Annual
**Bud Miller
 Memorial
 Fun Fly**

September 10, 2016

Norman Frye Memorial Field

Seven Cities Sod Farm

Davenport, IA

This will be a competition fun-fly event

Landing Fee \$15.00

Registration 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Flying starts at 10:00

Prizes! Prizes! Prizes!

AMA Sanctioned

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Our thanks to Major's Art & Hobby for prize support

2016 Events:

Sep 10	DRCS Fun Fly	Frye Field, Davenport
Sep 11	Iowa Aerohawks Air Show	Aerohawks Field, Iowa City, IA
Sep 12	DRCS Meeting	Frye Field, Davenport
Sep 15-18	3D Harvest Huck	Bondurant, IA
Sep 17	MMAFRC Fly N Swap	Morrison, IL
Sep 17-18	Duel at Davenport III	Frye Field, Davenport
Sep 24	Children's Cancer Air Show	Erie, IL
Sep 24-25	Fall Scramble Warbird & Classics Fly	Streator, IL
Oct 1	DRCS Night Fly	Frye Field, Davenport
Oct 10	DRCS Meeting	Eastern Ave Library

Nov 14 DRCS Meeting Eastern Ave Library

Dec 12 DRCS Meeting Eastern Ave Library

2017 Events:

Jan 9 DRCS Meeting Eastern Ave Library

Jan 28 Iowa City Swap Meet Iowa City Armory, IA

Jan 31 2017 Dues Due

Feb 1 Late fee for Dues Starts

Feb 13 DRCS Meeting Eastern Ave Library

Feb TBD DRCS Swap Meet Davenport, IA

Mar 13 DRCS Meeting Eastern Ave Library

Mar TBD DRCS Mall Show Davenport, IA

*Check the AMA Calendar of Events for details on the out of area events.

CONSTITUTION
DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY, INCORPORATED

Article I Name:

This organization shall be known to all as the DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY, INCORPORATED.

Article II Purpose:

The purpose of the society shall be devoted to the development and operation of radio controlled models, to promote fellowship and understanding among its members, to disseminate information concerning the hobby, and to increase the interest of others in the hobby.

Article III Membership:

Membership shall be open to those showing a genuine interest in the principles set forth in Article II. The membership is available to anyone upon the payment of annual dues, an initiation fee, assessments, if any, and the membership criteria as set forth in the bylaws. Provisions for the expulsion of said members will also be included.

Article IV Officers:

Section 1: The officers of the organization shall be as follows: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2: There will be an executive board which shall consist of the President, VicePresident, Secretary, Treasurer, the immediate past President, any one (1) member of the Field Relations Committee, plus three (3) members at large.

Section 3: There will be a Field Relations Committee consisting of three (3) members at large on staggered terms. One (1) will be elected each year, for a three (3) year term.

Article V Meetings: Meetings will be held at least once each month.

Article VI Amendments:

Section 1: The adoption of this Constitution renders null and void any and all preceding constitutions.

Section 2: This constitution, once ratified by the membership, can only be changed by amendment and a vote of twothirds (2/3) majority of the members present at a regular scheduled meeting providing that notice of the proposed amendment has been presented to the Secretary and read at the previous regular scheduled meeting, and a copy sent to all members in good standing not present at the meeting.

Section 3: Any proposed change must be presented in writing with the signed endorsement of ten (10) members in good standing as set forth in Section 2 above.

Article VII Incorporation: The club shall be incorporated under the laws of the State of Iowa as a notforprofit organization and its works, purposes and objectives are purely educational, social and recreational, and solely in the interest of advancement of its members, and shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order on all points not specified in or by this Constitution.

9/02/2016

BYLAWS
DAVENPORT RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY, INCORPORATED

Article I Membership:

Section 1: As set forth in the Constitution, the membership is available to anyone upon payment of annual dues, an initiation fee and assessments, if any.

Section 2: All DRCS club members must be a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) An associate member is a person who has insured membership in another nationally recognized radio control model club or society, and who also desires membership in the Davenport Radio Control Society.

Section 3:

(A) Senior members shall be eighteen (18) years of age or older and possess a current AMA membership.

(B) Junior members shall be seventeen (17) years of age or younger and must possess a current AMA membership.

(C) Associate members can be junior or senior members and must show proof of liability insurance in another nationally recognized radio control model club or society.

(D) Dues will be assessed as follows: senior and senior associate members thirty dollars (\$30.00); junior and junior associate members, ten dollars (\$10.00). A fifteen dollar (\$15.00) initiation fee will be charged to all new senior and senior associate members in addition to the regular scheduled dues rate.

Section 4: Dues are due no later than the January meeting. Advance notice of the January meeting and a dues notification shall be posted in the December newsletter of each year. Members will be delinquent in their dues if not paid by January 30, and shall lose their club privileges until the dues are paid along with the new member initiation fee. A member may terminate his or her active membership for valid reasons by notifying the Executive Board in writing. The Board will then decide and pass on the validity of the request. Should the Board favor such a request, the member will be able to rejoin at a later date without paying the additional initiation fee. Should a person enroll in the society after June 30 of any year, the dues will be reduced 50% for the remainder of the year.

Section 5: Special assessments may be required from time to time to finance special club projects which benefit all club activities. This assessment will be considered for capitol improvement projects only. To be approved it will require two thirds (2/3) of the members voting at a regular scheduled meeting. It shall be announced in the minutes of a regular scheduled meeting as to purpose, duration, and conditions. If approved it shall be published in the clubs publication and voted on at the next regular scheduled meeting as prescribed above.

Article II Officers:

Section 1: The officers of the society shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, hereinafter to be known as the Executive Officers. They will serve a term of two (2) years, and shall not hold any other club office concurrently with the office to which they were elected.

Section 2: As set forth in the Constitution, there will be an Executive Board consisting of the Executive Officers and five (5) directors, of which three (3) will be elected at large, one (1) who is the immediate past President, and one (1) representative from the Field Relations Committee. The Executive Board meetings will be chaired by the incumbent President, who is allowed to vote only for the purpose of breaking a tie. The term of office will be for two (2) years.

Section 3: As set forth in the Constitution, a Field Relations Liaison committee composed of three (3) members shall be elected to maintain contact between the club corporation and the Seven Cities Sod management. One (1) committee member will be elected each year, to serve a three (3) year term. This committee shall be represented at all Executive Board meetings by at least one (1) member. That representative can be any member of the committee, and can vary from meeting to meeting.

Article III Nomination and Election of Officers, Directors and Liaison Committee:

Section 1:

(A) In November of every other year, beginning with November, 1992 the President shall appoint three (3) persons to a nominating committee to review and contact potential candidates for nomination to the offices listed in Article II. The potential candidate when contacted will have the opportunity to accept or decline the nomination. The number of nominees will be at the discretion of the committee.

(B) A Field Relations Liaison committee of three (3) members will be elected beginning with the January 1992 election. Their terms will be for one (1), two (2), or three (3) years. After the election their individual terms shall be determined by lot. As set forth in the Constitution one (1) member will be elected annually hereinafter for a three (3) year term. This method will maintain staggered terms, so there are always two (2) members with an ongoing knowledge of communications between the club and the Seven Cities Sod management.

Section 2: The committee will present the nominees to the Society membership at the January meeting and call for nominations from the floor for those who desire to nominate someone else, with the approval of the nominee.

Section 3: It will then be the duty of the nominating committee to conduct the election, with written ballots as dictated by custom. They shall also provide the ballots for voting which will be conducted prior to the order of new business. The nominating committee will count the ballots and each officer will win with a majority vote of the membership present.

Section 4: After the entire slate of officers, directors, and liaison committee have been elected, the nominating committee will install the new candidates to office. The new Executive officers will then continue on with the meeting.

Article IV Duties of the Executive Officers, Directors and Liaison Committee:

Section 1:

(A) President: The President shall be required to preside at all regular and special membership meetings and Executive Board meetings. He will be an **ex-officio** member of all committees. He will also make all appointments of members to committees and enforce all rules set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws.

(B) Vice President: The Vice President shall preside at all regular special and Executive Board meetings in the absence of the President. The Vice President shall also serve as chairman of the contest and rules committee, and as club Public Relations officer with the duty of contacting the news media about club functions and meetings. Should the office of the President be vacated, the Vice President shall assume the office. The club shall then nominate from the floor, and vote on a Vice President at the next regular scheduled meeting. If the Vice President is unable or unwilling to assume the Presidency, the club membership shall elect a new President at the next regular scheduled meeting. Nominations will be made from the floor and voted on. This shall only be for the remainder of the office term.

(C) Secretary: The Secretary shall be required to keep minutes of all regular, special and Executive Board meetings, maintain all correspondence relating to the club and keep meeting attendance records and act as custodian of all records and documents of the Society, and also keep an inventory of all club properties and their location. Should this office be vacated, the club membership shall elect a new Secretary at the next regular scheduled meeting, for the remainder of the term. Nominations will be made from the floor and voted on.

(D) Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be required to oversee the club treasury by maintaining receipts and disbursements of club monies from dues, special assessments, donations and other moneymaking projects. The Treasurer will also keep

and sell any and all special club supplies to members, and maintain the club affiliation with the Academy of Model Aeronautics. Should this office be vacated, the club membership shall elect a new Treasurer at the next regular scheduled meeting for the remainder of the term. Nominations will be made from the floor and voted on.

(E) Directors: The Directors will be required to serve on the Executive Board. Should any Directors seat become vacant, the club membership shall elect a new Director at the next regular scheduled meeting, for the remainder of the term. Nominations will be made from the floor and voted on.

Section 2: The four (4) Executive officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and the newsletter editor will be exempt from the payment of dues for their term of office.

Article V Meetings

Section 1: Club meetings shall be held with no prescribed length of time allotted for any one meeting. Rather, the meetings shall last as long as the subject(s) under discussion and the discretion of the members shall warrant. Time and place of the meetings shall be determined by the Executive Board. The meetings shall be conducted by Roberts Rules of Order as prescribed in the constitution.

Section 2: Meetings of the Executive Board will be called into session by the President or by the petition of five (5) members of the Executive Board. They shall be responsible to interpret the Constitution and Bylaws should there be any conflict. They shall also be allowed to allocate emergency treasury funds up to five-hundred dollars (\$500.00), and establish policy and activity direction. They will also be expected to report to the regular membership meeting with a 'pass' or 'no pass' recommendation on all proposals brought before the Board. Minutes and roll call of the Executive Board meetings shall be published in the clubs publication prior to the next regular scheduled meeting.

Section 3: A quorum for a regular membership meeting shall consist of the club members present at the meeting.

Section 4: A quorum for the Executive Board shall consist of three fourths (3/4) of the Board members. No business may be voted upon by the Board unless a quorum is present.

Article VI Assets:

Section 1: This Corporation is not formed for profit, and none of its assets shall be used for the pecuniary gain or profit of any individual who is or may become a member thereof.

Section 2: All of the assets, properties and funds of the corporation shall be devoted to the furtherance of the primary objects and purposes of the corporation.

Section 3: In the event of the dissolution of the Davenport Radio Control Society, Inc., its assets shall be converted to cash prorated and divided among current members.

Article VII Expulsions

Section 1: By a three fourths (3/4) vote of the Executive Board, any member may be expelled from the Society for conduct considered to be injurious or detrimental to the best interests of the Davenport Radio Control Society, Incorporated.

Section 2: A member who is being considered for expulsion must be notified thirty (30) days in advance, and has the right to plead his or her own case, or be represented by a person of his or her own choosing before the Executive Board.

Section 3: A member who has been expelled by the Executive Board may appeal his or her case at the next regular scheduled membership meeting, and be reinstated with the approval of two thirds (2/3) of the voting membership present.

Section 4: Any person who has been expelled or become a nonmember of his or her own choosing shall forfeit all rights, privileges and monies paid or connected with the Davenport Radio Control Society, Incorporated.

Article VIII Rules:

Section 1: This organization shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order on all points not specified in or by these Bylaws.

Section 2: All communication with park personnel or Seven Cities Sod management shall be made through the President and the Liaison Committee. Any deviation from this rule can lead to disciplinary action and/or expulsion from the club.

Article IX Adoption and Amendments:

Section 1: The adoption of these Bylaws renders null and void any and all preceding Bylaws.

Section 2: These Bylaws, once ratified by the membership, can only be changed by a vote of two thirds (2/3) majority of the members present at a regularly scheduled meeting, provided that notice of the proposed change has been presented to the Secretary and read at the previous regular scheduled meeting.

Section 3: Any proposed change must be presented in writing with the signed endorsement of ten (10) members in good standing at a regular scheduled meeting as set forth in Section 2 above.

DAVENPORT R/C SOCIETY

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NEXT MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
6:30 P.M.

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