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## Presidents Report

Let Us Fly

Hi all

The Mall show was a success, so I have been told. Between Mike Smith and Chuck Balser all prizes were claimed. There were about twenty or so people with planes plus some more with boats and helis.

The signs for both fields have been completed and are ready to be installed. There will be a mowing schedule coming up for this year, please help out if you can, as this is a club thing and must be done. This year we are going to put sod patches down, so if there is grass where it wasn't before, go easy on that area.

There will be some more projects I will ask for membership participation down the road, so please help out.

This months meeting will be at the Deere Wiman Carriage house on April 10 at 7:30pm.

See you there

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### From the Editor

*by Phil Vernon*

The fuel is in! If you ordered fuel, you should have received an email or phone call notifying you that it is now available for pick up. There's still quite a pile of it in my garage so lets get with it guys. If you haven't picked yours up, please give me a call to make arrangements to do so immediately. My number is 563 386-8206. I'll be in Toledo April 7-9 and my wife will not disperse fuel so don't bother trying to pick it up this weekend.

As flying friendly weather approaches, a lot of work is going on behind the scenes. The Kroeger sign has been completed and should be installed by the time you read this. The Seven Cities sign is still being worked because the AMA is dawdling getting the stickers to us. This prevents us from printing the other appliques that must also go on the sign. The frequency board should be up soon at Seven Cities if it isn't already there. The comfort station should also soon be back in place. We've also talked for several years about repairing the sod in the pit area at Seven Cities. It looks like this year it will become a reality. Arrangements have been made with Seven Cities to secure sod and plans are in place to keep it watered. It will likely be fenced in to keep traffic off until it starts growing well. We could use your help with the labor. There are lots of these kinds of things we could use help with. The board recently discussed additional maintenance that needs to be performed at Kroeger. Please don't be shy about volunteering for these jobs. The more help we have the less of a burden it is for everyone.

For now the indoor flying is continuing on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. Apparently some were confused by the 5th Friday that occurred in March. We only have the 1st and 3rd Fridays! I'm not sure if this activity is going to continue as the weather warms or not. I'm reasonably sure the management at the dome would be fine with keeping the flying sessions going. The question will be whether there is sufficient interest once the outdoor flying starts in earnest. I'll let you know when I hear more about it.

There was some discussion about DRCS taking on the EFLY Iowa electric event that has been held at our field since it's inception. We seemed to have more questions than answers so the current organizer of the event will be at this months meeting to answer questions about it. We are still looking for a volunteer to become the lead on this. The Skyraiders have a fairly strong electric presence and may be willing to share the organizational duties. Hopefully their leadership will also be present at our April meeting.

Speaking of electrics I took the liberty of inviting Orville Shields to make a presentation to our membership on electrics at this months meeting. If you've been intrigued by electrics, here's your chance to get some answers. The brushless motors and lipoly batteries have brought electric modeling into strong competition with glow powered planes.

The spring events will soon be starting. Among some of the early events are the Midwest Pylon handicap racing and a new electric racing series this season. The handicap races have been run for years and are a great time. I'm sure the foamy racers will also provide a welcome diversion from boring the same old holes in the sky as well. If you need further info on either of these events feel free to contact me. Race dates are listed on our web site and in this issue.

Before I sign off this month, let me leave you with a common sense reminder. The field at Seven Cities is likely to be soft during the next several weeks. Please don't drive out on the grass if the ground is soft. Also, once the frequency board is in place, please use the pins. You don't want to have to buy a junk airplane because you turned on a transmitter without the pin.

## MINUTES OF THE 13 MARCH 2006 MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 at the Deere-Wiman Carriage House by Vice President Kent Rockow. There were 26 members and 0 guests present.

The Treasurer reported an operating balance of \$4060.44.

The Minutes were read and approved.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Fuel Buy Phil Vernon will send in the order this week. The fuel should be here in a couple of weeks.

Schedule Phil Vernon will be updating the event schedule on the website as they are planned.

Mall Show Frank Lang says table set up will be Friday afternoon between 3 and 4. Teresa McChane will let us use her trailer. Larry Patrick has the club banner and stanchions. Tear down on Saturday usually starts by 3 and finishes shortly after. The Moline club offered \$50 to hand out info on the Skyraiders during the show. There was a motion to agree. The motion passed and the check was accepted.

Swap Meet Thanks to Teresa McChane for taking over running the Swap Meet. Mike Smith reports that the expenses were \$980.75, income was \$1279.75, profit was \$599.

May Meeting The may meeting marks the start of the field meetings. It will begin at 7 P.M. at Seven Cities Sod Farm.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Electric Meet Phil Vernon reports that Jon McVay is looking for someone to assume responsibility of running the event. He'll run it this year, and help with the transition.

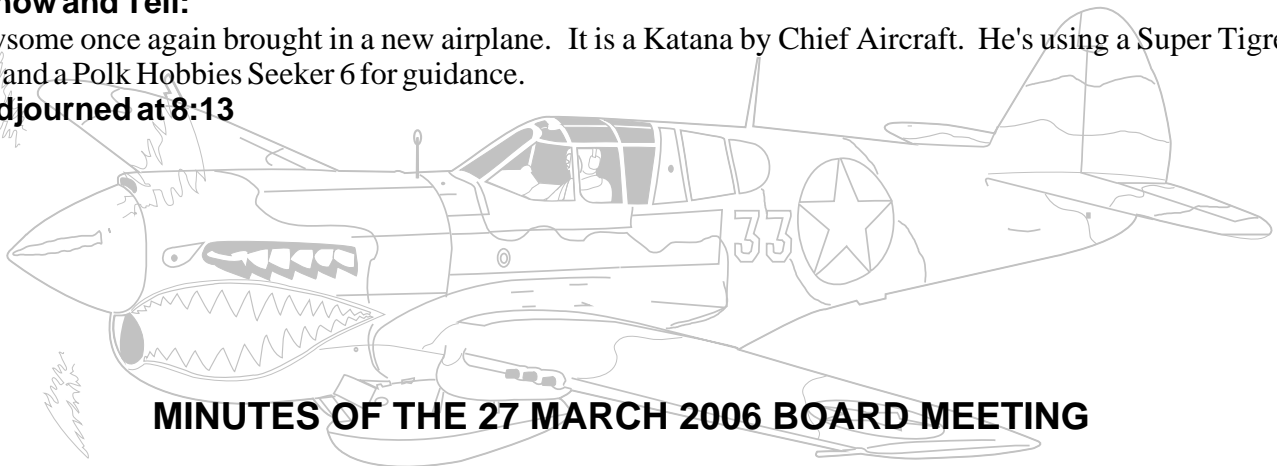
Pylon Races Kent Rockow invites everyone to try it.

Seven Cities Sod Farm The sign isn't ready. The AMA hasn't provided this year's safety code stickers. They are needed so that we can size the sign around them.

### Show and Tell:

Jerry Newsome once again brought in a new airplane. It is a Katana by Chief Aircraft. He's using a Super Tigre 2000 for power and a Polk Hobbies Seeker 6 for guidance.

### Adjourned at 8:13



## MINUTES OF THE 27 MARCH 2006 BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 at the Davenport Village Inn by President Larry Patrick.

### BUSINESS:

Chuck Balser reported that Frank Lang was hospitalised after an accident while repairing a TV. He should be home tomorrow.

Kroeger Memorial Field Chuck would like to install the sign if it is ready. The shelter and fence posts need staining. The shed needs another coat as well.

Seven Cities Sod Farm The signpost needs to be straightened. If we can come up with a water source, and a way to move it, we can resod the bald patches in the pits. This would mean that the patched areas can't be driven on for most of the summer, until the sod roots.

Mall Show Chuck Balser and Mike Smith report that the mall show went well. More than 30 people brought planes. The event lost about \$155.

Fuel Buy Phil says the fuel is in, and about 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of it has been picked up.

Electric Fly In Jon McVay will be coming to the April meeting to talk about us assuming the fly in. He's also offering \$400 of seed money.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50.

**DRCS HELPER LIST**

Individuals needing help with their airplanes are invited to contact the helper of their choice by phone. Otherwise they should arrive at the meeting ahead of schedule or stay on after the meeting to get the advice they need from the helpers available at the meeting.

**ENGINES:** Installation, running, troubleshooting.

Bill Whetstine 289-4329 LeClaire  
Phil Vernon 386-8205 Davenport

**BUILDING:** Assistance with choice of model, buying accessories, and actual construction, up to the point where the model is declared ready to fly.

Frank Lang 391-5297 Davenport  
Bill Whetstine 289-4329 LeClaire

**INSTALLATION:** Assistance with correct/safe installation of engine, tank, radio, pushrods, and setup of throws and controls.

Frank Lang 391-5297 Davenport  
Don Brick 332-5771 Bettendorf

**CHECK-OUT FLYING:** This involves assistance with the first flight. Pre-flight checks, performing of a complete inspection and assistance with post flight changes needed.

Phil Vernon 386-8205 Davenport

**FLYING INSTRUCTION:** This is the traditional teacher/coaching program of training a novice to fly solo.

Scott Glaudel 355-1087 Bettendorf

**HELICOPTER INSTRUCTION:**

Jim Merritt 285-4284 Eldridge

**RC Events  
2006 Calendar****April**

Apr 7-9 Weak Signals R/C Show Toledo, OH

**May**

May 7 Pylon Race #1, Seven Cities Sod, Davenport  
May 13-14 Sneeks Giant Scale Fun Fly, Freeport, IL  
May 21 FART Race #1, 10:00 am, Skyraiders field Moline, IL

**June**

Jun 3-4 QC Air Show, Davenport, IA  
Jun 10 QC Skyraiders Cross County  
Jun 11 Pylon Race #2, Kewanee, IL  
Jun 17-18 Sig fun Fly, Montezuma, IA  
Jun 21 FART Race #2, 6:00 pm, Hillsdale, IL  
Jun 24-25 Sneek In Fly In  
Jun 25 Scale Meet, Seven Cities, Davenport, IA

**July**

Jul 8-9 Heli Meet, Seven Cities, Davenport, IA  
Jul 16 Pylon Race #3, Seven Cities Sod, Davenport  
Jul 23 FART Race #3, 10:00 am, Hillsdale, IL

**August**

Aug 6 DRCS Cross Country, Seven Cities, Davenport, IA  
Aug 13 QC Skyraiders Fly In, Moline, IL  
Aug 20 Erie Fun Fly, Hillsdale, IL  
Aug 26 QC Skyraiders Float Fly  
Aug 27 Pylon Race #4, Kewanee, IL

**September**

Sep 9-10 E-Fly Iowa, Seven Cities, Davenport, IA  
Sep 16 Bud Miller Memorial Fun-Fly, Seven Cities, Davenport, IA  
Sep 17 FART Race #4, 10:00 am, Hillsdale, IL  
Sep 23 Flying Weenie Roast, Seven Cities, Davenport, IA  
Sep 24 Pylon Race Make up date

**October**

Oct 13 DR/CS Night Fly, Seven Cities, Davenport, IA

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**Next meeting**  
**Monday- April 10th**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Deere Wiman Carriage House**

**Program**  
**Orville Shields**  
**Electric flying**



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