



The Sunbeam

President's Column

Mark Taylor

I hope many of you were able to take advantage of the beautiful flying weather we had in July, now continuing into August.

August is an exciting time for Midwest RC aircraft gatherings.

Most significantly, Owatonna begins this week, August 9, and goes through the 12th. I know you get tired of me saying it, but this may well be one of the top five events in the country and it's only 2 1/2 hours away. There's really no excuse for not venturing up there for at least a day: even if you don't have any warbirds or classic airplanes, take in the spectacle. Find directions in their website www.SMMAC.com. Find us on the flight line and come share a chair. Homemade treats will NOT be appreciated, NOR will they earn our gratitude and camaraderie.

One of the best things about the Owatonna event is the incredible grass roots attitude that permeates the whole weekend. These guys have great airplanes and they have a great time, but they are not snobs.

The following weekend is Fond du Lac, much further away, but a magnificently larger event, with larger airplanes, and a larger field. Barely 24 miles from Oshkosh, it attracts a level of aviation enthusiasts that I'm pretty sure cannot be seen even in AMA headquarters or Top Gun and their attitude is also informal and friendly.

It starts the 16th and ends on the 18th. It's a great spectacle to watch, but if you haven't been to a large RC meet, the size of the field and the number and the noise of the airplanes can be intimidating. They were cursed with a devilish crosswind all three days last year, and the carnage alone was worth the price of admission.

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Club Calendar

August 14 6:30 P.M. Monthly meeting of the Central Iowa Aeromodelers.



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Back at home, we are making steady progress on raising the funds to pay for our acquisitions of the new mower and the new locked storage shed. Several people have made very generous donations, and I invite anyone who has the dispensable cash and a feeling of ownership about the club and the field, to participate.

Rough charity drive mathematics states that if approximately half of our 30 club members can afford to make a donation, then the optimum amount would be an average of \$300 to \$400 each. Any amount is welcome, and more will not be refused.

One club member felt so emotionally connected to Allis that he purchased her from the club and will leave her at the field to continue mowing. In addition, she got a brand new headdress for her 69th birthday!!



The price of the Porta potty at the field went up to about \$450 this year, and a vigorous discussion is being had amongst club members as to whether it's worth it to keep the Porta potty. This year, another generous club member has donated the money necessary to keep it going for 2018. That oughta get him permanent first place in line status, eh?

Get out there and fly!

Don't Fear the Reaper!



The Central Iowa Aeromodelers

<http://centraliowaeromodelers.weebly.com/index.html>

This club has been established to promote all facets of the hobby/sport of model aviation and to provide assistance and fellowship for its members. AMA Charter 2091.

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2018 Central Iowa Aeromodelers Membership Form

Annual Dues:

Open Member	\$100 - Any Open AMA member.
Student	\$ 35 - Full time college undergrad/school student of any capability
Family Membership	\$100 - Includes spouse and all in household 18 & under.
Newsletter Subscription	\$ 10 - For non members only.

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