



The Sunbeam

Modeling Excursions

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The "Next Level" of RC flying enjoyment is attending events in other venues

While Frank and Rich and Keith and Dave and I went as far away as Lakeland Florida to attend Top Gun in 2007, we have generally found that shorter trips offer a lot more Bang for the Buck and there are some really good events close by that we've been regularly attending for a decade

Here's just a brief review of August 2016 events I attended, and some pictures

1) **Owatonna, MN:** only 2 hours north on I-35, yet perhaps my favorite of all. Hosted by Tim Johnson and friends on a 1,200 ft-long private field, there is no snootiness, no pressure to show off, or even fly, yet it routinely features 90-120 pilots and at least twice that many planes, some of them phenomenal creations of art and technology. Dave and I went for the full four days this year and even with occasional rain showers the first two days, we flew like crazy and gawked like tourists. When I (soon?) reach the point where I'm too old to fly the big birds, I will still go up there every year to watch the show and eat their now-famous BBQ and sweet corn Saturday night

Club Calendar

SEPTEMBER 13 Regular meeting of the Central Iowa Aeromodelers. Meeting at the field.

6:30, P.M. as the sun time is getting less!

Bring a Show'N'Tell

October 8 Modelaires Fall Auction in Ankeny. See Flyer or go to: <http://www.desmoinesmodelaires.com/2016-fall-auction.html>





2) **Fond du Lac, WI:** a bit of a longer drive, but an even larger collection of World-class RC pilots and airplanes, I think 200 pilots this year. It's a 6-hour drive. The field is hard to believe without seeing it, so I won't go into boring detail, but it's 1,500 long, 600 feet wide and smooth as a golf fairway throughout.

There are CONSTANTLY at least 6 planes in the air from 9-6: they have an elegant green-paddle-red-paddle traffic system to keep the patterns full. WWI pilots put SIXTEEN giant scale birds in the air simultaneously this year and they try to increase that number every year. Thursday and Friday were awesome this year, but Saturday and Sunday were rained out, so I got home early.







3) **Radcliffe, IA:** yeah, right here at home, 33 miles from my house. Dwayne Fosseen, the Big Kahuna of local bomber dudes (or national, for that matter) has a very nice little 600 ft private runway near Radcliffe where he hosts a poorly advertised invitational Fly-In in late August or early Sept. He has some Lake City helicopter friends who are Futaba pro's and routinely show up to defy the Laws of Physics, and the bomber shows that Dwayne and Frank put on are unmatched in many larger events





The upside to event-hopping is you get an immersion experience in RC: eating and playing and staying in the same motels with guys as passionate as you are about it. Many of these pilots are nationally, even World-renowned and they have a lot to teach and are usually very open to conversation and dumb questions if you just mix in a little flattery. Dave and Greg and Rich and others and I have developed new levels of camaraderie and achievement within our small club based on these experiences. It's impossible to describe or evoke the thrill of (for example) Greg finally getting his "Rocket Corsair" with DA-85 tuned up and fueled up and embarrassing the turbine jets one day at Owatonna

The downside is it requires planning and preparation and some \$'s. Sometimes I feel like all my flying at Cambridge is more like practice for Owatonna, etc., but it does motivate me to prep and practice more. Sharing motel rooms and groceries, we find Owatonna costs us about \$100/day, plus about \$100 gas for the round trip. That's a cheap vacation!

The mental hurdle to event flying is a natural fear of embarrassing yourself in front of 100 pilots, but skill levels vary and I estimate that only half of them are better than I am, and everybody knows that EVERYBODY CRASHES EVENTUALLY, and there's no finger-pointing. Also, there is a learning curve to flying with 5-6 other planes constantly in the air, for example, audio feedback is precious scarce and you have to learn to fly without ears sometimes. This learning curve can be softened by carefully waiting until after-hours or Sundays to fly while you're starting. I, too, sat on my hands the first couple of years, but eventually progressed to the pinnacle of achievement: in 2011 I won the prestigious Penetration Award at Owatonna for the flyer involved (by pilots' vote) in the most spectacular and/or expensive "un-intended flight into terrain." There were some really big RC names carved into the trophy above my name, and because it's a family magazine, I won't describe the shape of the trophy

Anyway, there's almost always a few of your fellow club members planning such trips. Speak up and get on the list to make travel and lodging plans well in advance. Some venues like Owatonna and Cedar Rapids are plenty close to make it a day trip if you can't spare a whole 4-day weekend, and if you just come up and spend the day flying or watching, you're always welcome in the Iowa Boys Tent City.

For example, Owatonna is August 10-13, 2017 and we already have motel reservations. Tell the family you have to go save a life that weekend.

Yours,

Mark Taylor

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R/C AUCTION and SWAP MEET SATURDAY OCTOBER 8, 2016

Doors open 8A.M. Swap Meet 8:30A.M. – 10:00A.M.

Auction starts at 10:30AM

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AUCTION INFORMATION

- Buyer Nbr. - \$5 Registration Fee (No fee for Sellers)
- To pre-register items, send item descriptions, and minimum bid to address below. Pre-registration information may be picked up at the auction site.
- Items sold in order of registration
- \$5 minimum (group items accordingly)
- Items with no minimum bid sold to highest bidder
- 10% fee on all items sold (\$2 minimum)
- No "No Sale" fee
- Fast computerized check in and check out
- All items must be removed after the auction
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- \$10/table
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From the Rockwell Collins Model Aviators

Fly this year, with the "Rockwell Collins Model Aviators" in our second season of AMA Sanctioned, Slope Soaring Special Events. This year of 2016, the RCMA is hosting 3, AMA sanctioned, Sailplane Fun Fly events, in downtown Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Experience the silence and magic of motorless flight with your own r/c, sailplane. On any given day, you may soar the sky, from any point of the compass, from the top of the "Linn County Solid Waste" Landfill, in downtown Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Thanks to the hospitality of LCSW, the RCMA can offer this beautiful and truly unique flying experience that you won't want to miss.

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Rockwell Collins Model Aviators

2016 Season

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Plot course to coordinates:

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91°38'57.96"W



**Where: C.R. Linn Co. Solid Waste Agency
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Time: 9am to 4pm

Cost: Free

**Required ID: AMA & FAA Drone Registration
All Events are Sanctioned by the AMA**

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The Central Iowa Aeromodelers

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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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2016 Central Iowa Aeromodelers Membership Form

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