

The IRCC President's Points

By Jerry McGhee – President

Finally! HEAT! I really truly dislike cold weather. In fact, I think it's fair to say I hate it. When I was a Lieutenant in the Air Force I had the privilege of spending 3 1/2 years at Malmstrom AFB, Montana (Great Falls). It was pretty up there, but Lord have mercy it was cold!

I remember one particular winter in Montana, as I was getting ready to depart for one of my many alert tours at one of the 10th Missile Squadron's Intercontinental Ballistic Missile launch facilities, the temperature had been -40 degrees with wind chills in the -60 to -100-degree range. We were about 4 weeks into this cold snap which lasted another two weeks after that. We were delayed for our daily crew departure to relieve the crews currently at the launch control facilities (basically 80 feet or so under the earth) which were 1 to 3 hours from the base if you drove (one hour by helicopter).

Anyway...as we were delayed I was bored and found myself looking at a giant map of the United States in the squadron ready room. It was then and there that I made a fateful decision in my life. I took a push pin and stuck it in Phoenix, AZ and I took another push pin and stuck it in Richmond, VA. There was some string available and I took the string and tied it to each push pin drawing a diagonal line across the United States of America.

I sat back and marveled at my creation and as I got lost in my own dreams of warmer climates, my day dream was interrupted by a loud deep commanding voice that was non-other than my squadron Commander! "McGhee! What the hell are you doing to my map?" he said. I turned to him and said "Sir, one day, I'm going to leave this place, and when I do I swear to all things holy that I WILL live south of that line!". To which he replied "That's a good line...leave it up there!" And for the most part, I have lived south of that line!

If I were to draw that line again I would say anything north of I-4 is too far North. But I did meet a lot of great RC modelers up there in Montana and I learned to fly in 30 knot wind! I still keep in touch with some of those guys at the Black Horse RC Club in Great Falls. They definitely helped make it a good assignment!

It is with some sadness that some of our snow birds are departing this month. We will see you again when you return! Have a safe journey and we will see you all in the fall!

The 3 new wind socks are up if you haven't been to the field to see them! Many thanks to Bill Pawl and Larry McNeil for helping put that all together! They really are a first-class installation job and I am very proud of them and the work that our club members put into them.

As many of you are already aware, we have had several wild boars tearing things up out there at our field. Just so you know, we're working on it. We were able to contact a local trapper who said there were four boars tearing us up. He has already taken care of two of them. Unfortunately, they were the smaller of the four. The big ones require a bigger trap. If you're at the field early in the morning or late in the evening there is a chance you could see them. If you do, stay away. They will charge you if provoked and they have very sharp tusks that could "unzip" (military speak for cut you long and deep) your body anywhere they decide to ram you that they want. Be careful out there around any of the wooded areas!

We recently threw out some of the lawn furniture under the pavilion as they were dilapidated and beyond repair. If you see any bad chairs, please turn them upside down and put them outside the pavilion on the west end. We will inspect to see if they are repairable or ready for the dumpster.

Top Gun is coming up May 2-6, 2018 at Paradise Field at the Lakeland Linder Airport off Pipkin road! This is by FAR my favorite RC Airplane event to attend! Frank Tiano does an awesome job and if you haven't done so, please contact David Dewitt to donate some of your time to volunteer as this is a 5-day event and we need volunteers!

Until next month, I'll see you at the field!

Sincerely,

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IRCC MEETING MINUTES

Saturday April 7th, 2018

Recorded by Ian Clark – Secretary

The April monthly meeting of the Imperial Polk R/C Club was brought to order at 11:00 by President Jerry McGhee. A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes for the month of March as posted in the club newsletter, Propwash.

Visitors and New Members: Gary Shupe from visiting from Nova Scotia.

Awards and Certificates: A Sportsmanship Certificate was given to David Raff and Chris Trumble received his for providing the plane of the month for March.

Treasurers Report: We continue to have a positive balance in our checking account. All our bills are current. The checkbook is open to all members if they have any questions.

Membership Report: We have 82 regular and 9 junior members, making a total of 91.

Field Maintenance Report: Bill Pawl installed a new windsock near the taxiways and has the other two almost ready to install at the NE and NW ends of our field.

Bill gathered scrap from the junk pile by the shed and turned it in to a recycler. The club received \$50.00 for it. David DeWitt found a buyer for the old tractor trailer and turned an additional \$275.00 over to the club treasury.

Thanks to Bill, we have new yellow stripes on the taxiways and he has spent time killing the grass along the edges.

We still have a big issue with hogs tearing up our field. A trapper has captured two and is placing larger traps to catch the remainder.

Safety Report: All is well. There have been no reported injuries. We are reminded that all aircraft must be marked with our name, contact information, AMA number and the FAA ID.

Instructors Report: Jeff Hughes reported that he flew 38 training sorties last month. He reports that two students

are almost ready to solo.

Arnold Schmidt donated a Tower Hobby Trainer. Jeff wants to bring it up to date and use it as a club trainer. A motion was made and passed to allow it.

Newsletter: Dave Raff reported there were many great comments about our club's display at Planes, Trains and Automobiles. He also said that the web site is doing very well as is the newsletter. If anyone has any articles he would greatly appreciate them.

Old Business: Florida Jets went very well. We had great club coverage thought the event. Our raffle team led by Wally Sundy & Bill Pawl once again did a stellar job. Frank (Tiano) was very appreciative for all of the help & support the members offered!

Bill Pawl reported that he would finish installing the windsocks this month.

President Jerry McGee showed off the club's trophy which will go to the yearend winner of Plane of the Month. This will be a perpetual trophy with the winner getting to keep it for one year.

New Business: There was a motion to spend up to \$800.00 in prizes for the raffle at Top Gun. It was passed.

Because Top Gun is from May 2 to May 6, a motion was made and passed to change the May meeting to the following Saturday, May 12. The time will now be at 9:00 am through September.

Bob Doherty has graciously donated a RTF Dynam Hawk Sky electric sailplane to be added to the raffle prizes.

Top Gun is from May 2 through May 6. Dave DeWitt will be looking for help. It is quite an honor for our club to be chosen to work at such a premier event.

Club member Rich Ruede announced to the club that on April 14, 2018, the City of Lakeland will be dedicating their new park. This park is due north of our flying field. There will be a lot of city officials and even members of the Audubon Society. He recommended that on that day we be extra observant and keep our airplanes inside our perimeter as much as possible.

IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

Rick also reiterated that if we lose one of our aircraft north of our field, we should use the City of Lakeland contact information posted on our bulletin board and he will have one of his crew recover it. Under no circumstances should we venture across the creek to recover it ourselves. It is private property and the Sheriff's department patrols it. You could get a trespassing ticket.

Our President's wife Kathie McGhee, donated 8 folding chairs to our club. We wish to thank her for her generosity!

Sportsmanship Award: We had two nominations this month. Dave DeWitt and Frank Tiano both received it for their continued help with our club.

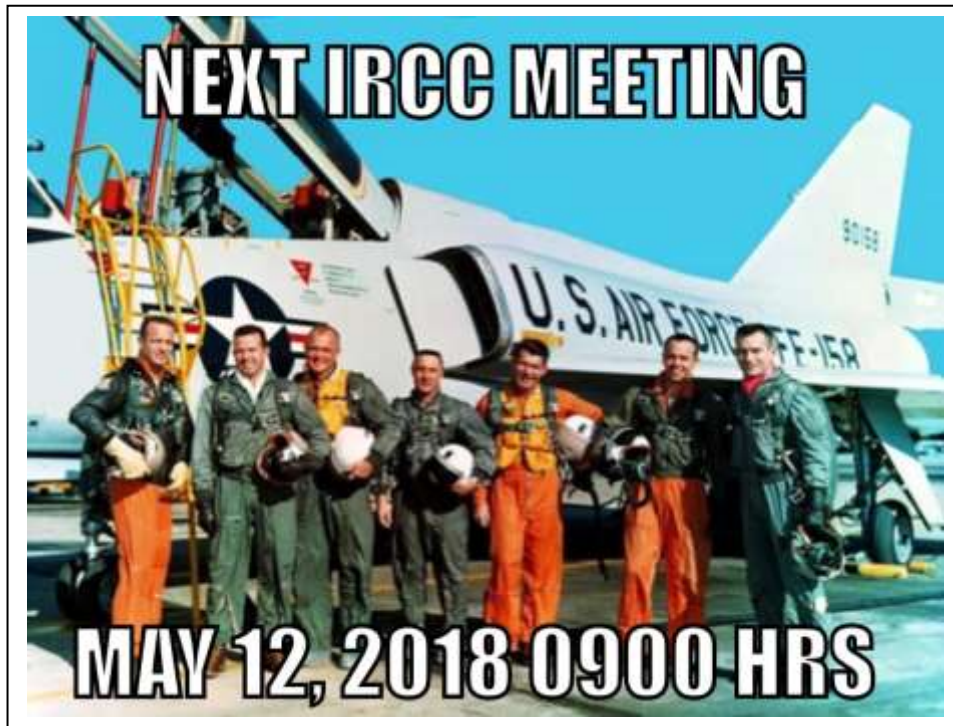
Plane of the Month: Jeff Hughes brought in his FMS 12 blade ducted fan Jet. It has lights and retracts. Jeff said that it flies great.



S.A.D. Patch: We had two losses this month. Jerry Morris lost his helicopter and Terry Baker lost his Ugly Stick. After careful consideration, Jerry was declared the winner.

50/50: Wally Sundry collected \$100.00 and Jack Buie had his name drawn.

A motion was made and passed to close the meeting at 11:55.



AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

Director & Newsletter Editor
David Raff receives The
Sportsmanship Award for
the month of March for
“taking point” on putting
together our past Family
Day and Planes Trains &
Automobiles Events

Club President Jerry McGhee
is shown presenting the
award certificate to David
during the March meeting!



(Left) Chris Trumble is shown
receiving his certificate for the March
Plane of the Month entry

(Below Left) Gerald “Jerry” Morris was
nominated for the S.A.D Patch award
for the month of March!

(Below) Art Magarino was also in
attendance and was presented his
certificate for the Plane of The Month
entry for February.





IRCC April 2018 Award Winner Jerry Morris

The April 2018 Society of Aircraft Demolishers "Aircraftus Fragmentum" winner was nominated at the monthly Imperial RC Club meeting by Mr. Jim Giallombardo. Mr. Giallombardo conveyed to the IRCC his witness to the "shocking" tale of misery and incident by this month's award winner, Mr. Gerald "Jerry" Morris and his troubles with his T-REX 600L "Dominator" helicopter. The famed physicist, Nikola Tesla, would have surely been amused by this month's current award-winning anecdote if he were alive today!

The story begins on a windy day within the last 30 days. Our protagonist, Jerry Morris, began the tale of woe like we all have with a fully mission capable aircraft ready to depart on another "training mission" to slip the bonds of earth with hopes of a successful and uneventful flight! However, that was not to be on this day of days!

As the T-Rex 600L vertically ascended, Jerry began to put it through its paces! If you've ever seen him fly...it is a gravity defying spectacle that is impressive to say the least! A few minutes into the flight profile, something broke on the aircraft! The aircraft continued to ascend into the heavens and with the stiff aggressive wind from the North the aircraft began to drift south still gaining altitude.

Jerry began his emergency procedures checklist (which is only visible in his own brain), NOTHING and I mean NOTHING, was working! The aircraft continued to climb and drift south, there was now a sense of desperation within the pilot and the surrounding witnesses to the stricken craft! The helicopter drifted over the southern wooded area of the IRCC, then over the west bound lanes of SR 60, continuing to climb and drift over the east bound lanes of SR 60, then over the railroad tracks...oh the humanity! Something has got to bring this helicopter back under control.... but that fate was left to applied physics as the next step in this ascending drift southward was the high voltage powerlines!

Yep...you guessed it! ZAP, KABLOOM, BAM, SCHWAP! Into the high voltage powerline, the T-Rex 600 went and with that shocking coup de grâce, the helicopter fell to earth with a fantastic new trail of smoke and brief flame emitting from its now crispy shell. With a final score of Powerline 1 vs Helicopter 0, it was finally over.

Jerry quickly dispatched a rescue team, but it was no doubt a recovery mission. The little helicopter was nearly eviscerated with the mere glancing blow of the electrical lines. It is important to note there was no damage and no disruption of service to the power lines. Only a spectacular spark and flash of a stricken helicopter.



It is with great honor and pride that we offer this month's S.A.D patch to Mr. Morris as it is the fourth noted crash of the 2018 flying season; an award that we are all subject to earning at any given time in consolation for our stricken aircraft who we launch into the skies in a constant pursuit of our Constitutional right to find happiness.

Thank you, Jerry and Jim, for this offering to the SAD community!

Until next month...

Note: That little ball of "Fuzz" in the image to the right - is what happens to a carbon fiber blade when it is hit with 50,000+ volts of electricity!



IRCC MEMBERS “IN ACTION”!

On March 23, 2018, I was invited to the Aviation Department of the Sleepy Hill Middle School to put on a demonstration of radio-controlled airplanes. The school has a strong aviation themed department headed by Aric Kroon.

The class room has about 15 desks setup with monitors and controls that mirror a true airplane. These controls can simulate anything from a small Cessna to a Boeing 747. They fly in real time so a trip across the country would take the same time as flying the real airplane.

I was invited to show how the controls operate on a few models and then the class went outside while I flew several of them. At the end of my presentation, Mr. Kroon asked if it were possible to locate an old used model for his future classes. With it, he could show the operations of the ailerons, rudder, elevator and flaps.

I went back to our club and thanks to some very generous donations from Gary Snyder (airplane), Mark Durkac (radio equipment) Wayne Pontius (radio equipment) and my own supply of parts, an A6-Texan was put together for the school.



On behalf of our club, I presented it to them on Friday April 20.

Article by Ian Clark

MODEL OF THE YEAR AWARD!

By: Club President - Jerry McGhee

In January 2018 when I hosted my first IRCC club meeting as President, one of the agenda items was to revitalize the Model of the Month contest at the club meeting with a crowning moment for the Model of the Year Trophy which will be presented at the IRCC Banquet this December.

The trophy you see here is a “perpetual trophy” meaning it will be passed from each winner of the Model of the Year contest and each winner’s name will be inscribed in the center plaque. Over the years you will see a variety of club members names who will “live forever” on this trophy as it is earned each year. The trophy stands 28 inches tall and is approximately 11 inches wide.

To qualify for the Model of the Year trophy and have a chance for your name to be on the trophy, all you must do is enter your model at the monthly club meeting and be voted Model of the Month by your peers. At the December meeting each year, the IRCC will show all the model of the month winners pictures with their planes and the membership who is present at the IRCC annual banquet will vote for the Model of the Year.

The winner will have their name on inscribed on the trophy and the winner will retain possession of the Model of the Year trophy at their house for a period of 12 months where they will then bring the trophy to the IRCC December banquet where they will surrender the trophy and receive their permanent Model of the Year Plaque.

The next winner of the Model of the Year for the following year will then follow suit as the previous winner of the Model of the Year trophy and so on and so on for perpetuity.

Any member of the IRCC may enter any plane of their choosing to qualify for the Model of the Month and subsequent eligibility into the Model of the Year Contest at the IRCC banquet. This model can be anything from a scratch built, kit built, modified ARF or an out of the box ARF. The intent is to celebrate model aircraft and the men and women who fly them.

In the event that more than one model is presented at the Model of the Month contest, the IRCC membership will vote by majority for the models presented. It is important that the IRCC membership take note of craftsmanship and effort put into each model presented when casting their vote for Model of the Month and subsequent Model of the Year.

I look forward to seeing the names that get permanently inscribed on this perpetual trophy of the IRCC Model of the Year Award.



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