



The IRCC President's Points

By Jerry McGhee – President

It's that time of year again! TOP GUN! May 1-5, 2019 at Paradise Field off Pipkin Road south of Lakeland Linder Airport! This is by far my favorite RC Event to attend and it is an amazing show with world class RC aircraft from around the world! I'm really looking forward to coming to the event and seeing the amazing craftsmanship of the aircraft up close and personal! This is also a great event for the IRCC to sponsor! If you have never volunteered for Top Gun, you are really missing out. David DeWitt benz453@aol.com coordinates the sign-up! Any amount of time you can volunteer is greatly appreciated and goes to a great fund-raising activity for our club!

At the April meeting we were all set to have an auction for a donated Pitts Special bi-plane! There were no takers or interest. The aircraft was claimed by Dennis Peterson before we threw it in the trash. Good luck to getting it going Dennis! We also have other items in our shed that have been "stored" there for years and apparently have now gone unclaimed and unremembered! We will be setting these out for donations. If you want something in the pile, make a donation to the IRCC and it's yours. If it is yours, please remove it from the shed.

Florida Jets was a huge success and it was one of the top money-making events for us this year! Many thanks to the volunteers who made it a huge success. There were some safety issues brought up and Frank Tiano invited members of the IRCC to a meeting to discuss these issues and resolve them so they do not occur again. Basically, if you are an IRCC member on the flight line marshalling aircraft for launch and recovery and the pilot is doing something unsafe, you have the authority to tell them about it and stop it as a front-line safety barrier. If they fail to adhere to your safety warnings, address the matter with Frank Tiano and he will issue final resolution to the pilot who violates the safety rules.

The heat is starting to crank up again! Make sure you're keeping up with your fluids and watching out for each other. I had a friend in upstate New York recently pass away this month. He wasn't feeling well; he told his co-workers he was going to the restroom and no one checked on him. He had a stroke in the bathroom and remained there for 6 hours before anyone checked on him; he went on life support for two days and his family had him removed from life support when the doctors confirmed he was brain dead. He was a great guy and only 51 years old. There are not too many spring chickens at the IRCC so let's pay attention to each other and how we're doing and feeling. I know I myself have started feeling the effects of the heat in the past year, more so than I normally do and gotten a little "wonky".

Thank you all for being awesome and taking care of business and being great RC modelers! It is truly an honor to be your President and I enjoy flying with you!

Get out to the field, be a friend, keep your wings level with the horizon and hit whatever you're going to hit as gently as you can! See you at the field!

Sincerely,

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IRCC MEETING MINUTES

Saturday April 6th, 2019

Recorded by Jim Giallombardo – Secretary

The April monthly meeting of the Imperial R/C Club was brought to order at 10:00am by President Jerry McGhee.

New Members & Guests: We would like to welcome Narmo Ortiz as our newest member.

Presentations of Awards/Certificates: Last month's Sportsmanship awards went out to David Raff and Chuck Grandstaff. Bill Pawl received the certificate for presenting the plane of the month for March. Lance Biddle received his "100 RC Missions Over Florida" patch!

Minutes: A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes for March as published in the club newsletter, Propwash.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Snyder presented a graph showing the last three months of income to expenses. We have a positive cash balance of \$XXXX.XX. Our expenses will increase as we approach summer and the mowing season gets going.

Membership Report: Gary also reported that our membership count went from 111 members at the beginning of March to 116 at the beginning of April. Our recruitment at Florida Jets gave us three of those additional members.

Field Maintenance Report: Bill Pawl reported that the weekly mowing season is almost here. He just got the new blade sharpener for the mowers. This will save the club \$15.00 every time we need the blades sharpened which in the summer months is a weekly event.

Bill is cleaning out our aluminum storage shed. We will store the aircraft up for auction in there if they are not claimed. He said we need to check the lost and found box. Many items have not been claimed.

He is getting ready to apply an ant killer on most of the field. He is looking for a pull behind spreader with a very fine grate as the poison goes on very lightly.

Safety Report: All is well with no reported accidents.

Richard Moffett said that we need to review the safety signs posted on each gable in our building.

Instructors Report: Jeff Hughes reported that he has three students that have soloed, and he has signed them off.

Club/Newsletter: Dave Raff reported that all is well with the newsletter and would like to thank everyone who has sent articles to him. He said to keep them coming.

New Site Search Committee: Steve Jaworski and Jim Giallombardo have spent a lot of time looking for alternate, suitable fields we could purchase. They have looked at several in the Bartow area. The difficulty is locating something that is away from any future housing developments.

Old Business: Lance Biddle has just passed the 100-flight mission and received his 100 flights over Florida patch.

We are taking orders for hats with our club logos on them. They are \$10.00 each. See Jerry McGhee to sign up for one.

Our club permitted the Great Lakes Drone Company to set up and test their drones prior to their show at Sun and Fun. They are donating \$1250.00 for the use of our field.

A motion was made and passed to let the Board of Directors work with individual drone companies on a case by case basis. They could be denied access if they don't meet our club requirements and follow our rules.

Frank Tiano just finished having the best turn out for Florida Jets. There were only 4 crashes and no fires. Frank made a generous donation to our club for the help we provided.

Wally Sundry and Bill Pawl headed up the raffle team. They sold \$3388.00 in tickets and the club profited with \$2664.00. We need to thank them for a job well done. A motion was made and passed to allocate \$800.00 for prizes to be raffled off at Top Gun which starts on May 1st.

The AMA reminds us that the new FAA rules are open to public discussion. We should log on to the AMA web site and make our opinion heard.

New Business: Someone donated a Pitts Special that is in need of some TLC. There was a box for sealed bids on the president's table. The highest bid gets it.

We have had some safety concerns at Florida Jets. It was observed that when the crash cart went out to recover an aircraft, several pilots seemed to want to buzz the crew. A small malfunction and this could have had a very bad ending. Frank told the spotters to get the pilots names and he would see that it did not reoccur.

Future Events: Top Gun is starting on May 1 and runs through the 5th. David DeWitt is asking club members for their help. Please contact him and help anyway you can.

Sportsmanship Award: This month Gary Snyder was nominated for the work he did gathering the prizes, assembling the main prize, the Phantom Jet, and setting up the display.

Model of the Month: This month Steve Jaworski brought in his 1980 Quasour sailplane. It has a 122 inch wing span and weighs less than 5 pounds. Steve covered the fuse with fiberglass and finished it with a beautiful paint job.

Society of Aircraft Demolishers (SAD) Award: David Raff had the misfortune of receiving this month's award when his Extra 330 SC went in.

50/50 Drawing: Bill Pawl collected \$160.00. Terry Baker had the winning ticket and took home \$80.00.

Motion to Close: A motion was made and passed to close the April meeting.

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES



Above: Chuck Grandstaff and David Raff are shown receiving the Sportsmanship Awards for March from Club President Jerry McGhee



Left; Bill Pawl won the coveted Model of The Month Award for March.

Right: The latest addition to the 100 Missions Over Florida membership is Lance Biddle. Here he is after receiving his patch from Jerry.





IRCC April 2019 Award Winner DAVID RAFF

The April 2019 Society of Aircraft Demolishers "Aircraftus Fragmentum" was called to order by the President of the IRCC; an awkward hush fell over the crowd as when the preacher says "let us pray". For a brief and fleeting moment, it was thought by almost all in attendance that this would be the month that no one would get this prestigious honor. But then, the mental tape decks were re-wound, some began to play and then, suddenly, in an uneventful gesture a hand came up with a finger pointing to David Raff's general direction. It was at this moment that the memories of this fateful day came flooding back!

They say, the bigger they are the harder they fall. Well, I'm here to tell ya, in the case of giant RC aircraft in the 32%ish scale, the bigger they are the more they obliterate themselves into itty, bitty, teeny, tiny pieces with only major components like some of the wing, the engine and the tail. If you were to ever see the post mortem pictures of a suicide bomber, you would see a stunning comparison with giant scale planes...big pieces and little pieces. It is not for the faint of heart.

It is said that when a pilot embarks on his/her flying career, they are given two bags. One is a bag of experience, which is empty and the other is a bag of luck, which no one is sure how much luck is in their bag at any given time. It is also said that take-offs are optional, the landing, however, is mandatory! It is certain that things break and fail which then tests your two bag limits on experience and luck. On this day, the only two bags that were filled in David's case were the two trash bags required to scoop this wreckage up from the west end of the IRCC field! No amount of luck or experience can prepare a pilot for what David went through!

On this fateful day, David set out to have a usual flight of fun and enjoyment with his 32%ish scale Extra 330. He took off as planned and shortly after takeoff, he lost control, which, as we all know is a key component in Radio CONTROLLED aircraft! The aircraft departed controlled flight and made an awesome fly-by over the pits which immediately gathered the attention of all in attendance with some hearty yells and jeers like "Hey!". The aircraft continued on with a mighty and thunderous roar as the giant engine turned the big plane into an unguided ballistic missile! The aircraft then began to put on its own aerial demonstration, launching itself into a twisted conundrum of twisted green lomcevak and rolls; it was at this point all the mouths witnessing the event dropped open and gasped in horror! Then with a mighty flip, the aircraft centered itself on the runway and it was thought that maybe, just maybe, there was an Autoland feature on David's gazillion dollar radio, but that was a fleeting thought! The aircraft could be heard belching out Motley Crue's "Home Sweet Home" as it made its way back across the fence onto the IRCC property and proceeded to impact Mother Earth at full throttle in a 20-degree dive! The debris field was overly impressive!

What could cause such an aerial disaster? Post-crash analysis by the pilot revealed a battery cell on his receiver battery had met its mean time between failure (MTBF for all you engineer types) and thus, the scariest and most impressive airshow of the 2019 season came to a violent end!

It is with great honor and pride that we offer this month's SAD patch to Mr. Raff, as it is the fourth noted crash(s) of the 2019 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 pursue and find happiness.

Thank you, David, for this offering to the SAD community!

Until next month...



Model of The Month

April's winner of the Model of The Month Award was Steve Jaworski!

Although Steve has flown just about every type of R/C aircraft during his many years in the hobby – he is a sailplane purist at heart!

While many adopt “powered” gliders to propel the aircraft skyward, Steve will be seen stretching out his 1200-foot-long winch system on the northern end of the field to get his “birds” into the air.

The model below is called a Quasoar and was kitted by Ace R/C back in the 1980's. It has a fiberglass fuse with balsa sheeted wings. The wing span measures 123” and weighs in at 5 lbs.

The fuselage is finished with “clear coat” over Rustoleum. The wings & tail are covered in Ultracote. The controls are Rudder, Elevator & Spoilers!



IRCC Member Spotlight



Richard Glazer

AGE: 81 years old **STATUS:** Retired

Started RC: A while back

IRCC Member since 2013

Army Veteran Served in Korea and was flying on-board aircraft maintenance for VIP Aircraft Senior Officers and other “interesting places”.

Background: Married, has “kids”, loves airplanes, and boating! A great guy with lots of interesting stories to tell and a wonderful streak of luck and skill as an RC pilot!



ROLL CALL

George Gordon

Art Duncan

Jerry McGhee

Jeff Hughes

Lance Biddle

IRCC IN ACTION!



Members of the Imperial Radio Control Club took part once again at this year's Florida Jets Event, promoted by Frank Tiano and FTE Enterprises.

As we do every year, the IRCC members volunteer to provide Flight Line Operation assistance to get the aircraft into the air and safely back on the ground. The event brings in pilots from all over the USA and other countries. While not restricted to only jets, the propulsion systems used must be turbine.



In addition to the Flight Line, we also provide Crowd Control to keep spectators back to a safe distance and assist with aircraft recovery in the event of a mishap. Shown is Mark Durkac & Dennis Peterson manning one of the recovery vehicles.



Weather permitting, the event always draws a relatively large crowd of spectators. While many are R/C enthusiasts themselves, this event brings out a lot of others that are there just checking out the event or finding out more about the hobby.

It also provides the IRCC with a fantastic opportunity to raise money to help offset our annual operating costs.



A big draw to the event is simply the aircraft themselves.

Mini versions of “full scale” jets, burning the same fuel and traveling at speeds in excess of 150 mph. with some closer to 200!

Over the years, the technology and size of the aircraft being flown continues to advance as you can see in these photos.

The noontime demonstrations also draw a lot of spectators and the pilots do not disappoint!





As mentioned earlier, this is one of only a few events that helps us raise money to keep our annual dues where they are. You always hear about Wally Sundry and the “team” that works the raffle tent. The tent by the way is provide by Frank to use for both the raffle and provide an area for our members that are at the event to sit and relax in the shade. Believe me – this is very much appreciated!



Left: Pictured are two of this year’s raffle winners!

The winner of the Freewing F4D was Dave Dobbs shown with his wife.

The Flight Simulator was won by Lucas Barnes of Parrish FL. The winner of the TV opted to sell it back to the club and will be used at Top Gun!

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