

A PLANE VIEW

By Mike Zellars – President

Hello all and welcome to September! Hopefully it won't be long before we get some relief from the heat! I want to start off by apologizing for not being present at the field on the weekends as much as I would like. Without getting into details, my wife and I have become weekend caretakers for my ailing mom. We are in process of making some different arrangements which will benefit her as well as us. But as with health care, nothing happens overnight. I do appreciate all the unsolicited emails and phone calls wishing me the best during this time, it means a lot that so many members understand the situation and that sometimes real life takes a front seat to the hobbies. With that said, I promise you that I have been very active behind the scenes as your President, it is just the flying that has had to take a back seat.

I would like to spend this month's article talking about volunteering to run for officer positions for 2018. For any club, these positions are crucial to direction of the club. It is always the voice of membership that make the decisions but the Executive Committee is an important role that those desires are seen to fruition. I was President in the early 2000's and then as you know last year and this year. Both times, I found it rewarding to lead such an awesome group of people with the same common interest, to have fun flying RC! With that said, it is time for me to hand this off to some new blood that has the same interest while at same time bringing their own set of ideas with them. Our Vice President, David Dewitt, has also had a few tours of being President over the years and is with me on the thought of let's get some new blood in these positions!

It is obvious we have one heck of a membership and many have a passion for the club just as they do flying.

So please consider giving any of the electable positions some thought, your club needs you! The electable positions are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and one directors position.

All nominated members and the positions they are seeking happens at the October meeting with elections held at the November meeting. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me. I look forward to a strong response. As I said previously, serving your club in this way is another rewarding experience of this great hobby!

See you at the field.

IRCC MEETING MINUTES

August 2017

Recorded by
Ian Clark - Secretary

The August monthly meeting of the Imperial R/C Club was called to order at 9:00 am by President Mike Zellars. A motion was made and passed to accept the July minutes as posted in the club newsletter, Propwash.

Visitors and New Members: We have one new junior member, Jayden Clark. There were no visitors present.

Treasurers Report: Dan Hudson reported that all bills are current and we have a positive balance in the checking account. Any club member is welcome to see Dan and look over the checkbook.

Membership Report: We have a total of 125 members of which 112 are voting members.

Field Maintenance Report: Wayne Pontius reported that we have a big boar hog tearing up the property. Jim Giallombardo has patched holes near the west end of the runway.

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Safety Report: Richard Moffatt suggested that we set fail-safes on our radios. If there is a loss of signal we don't want the plane just flying away out of control. It was also mentioned that anyone assembling an ARF airplane, go over it very carefully to make sure the firewall is properly attached and all control surfaces have adequate glue connecting them.

Website: Bob Grahl has the website in good working order.

Old Business: None Discussed.

New Business: Mike Vascellaro requested permission to fly sailplanes in the afternoon when the field is not in use. This requires the pilots to stand north of the runway to be able to see them and have better control. A motion was made and after a discussion, it was tabled for clarification. Mike plans on presenting it next meeting when it can be voted on.

Future Events: The Golden Age of Flying meet scheduled in November is moving along smoothly. We just had an airplane kit donated.

Sportsmanship Award: Bill Pawl received this month's award for fixing the "Spectator" seating benches.

Plane of The Month: President Mike Zellars brought his 1.5 scale Corsair. The kit was from Composite ARF INC. He started the build in January of this year. Mason Benfield also put in a lot of time and effort finishing the body work and some of the electric features. The plane has a 250 cc Moki radial engine with electric start, a sliding canopy, and full navigation lights. The total weight is 53.6 lbs. with a wingspan of 110 inches.



A few more pics can be found on page 5 in this newsletter.

50/50: Wally Sundry collected a total of \$128. The split was \$64 to the winner and \$64 to the club. Gary Snyder had the winning ticket. He donated his share to the club.

A motion was made and passed to close the August meeting at 9:25.

What's Happening At IRCC!

Pictures & Report by Larry McNeil – A few of the members got an eye full a few weeks ago when the IRCC in sponsorship with the Polk County Mosquito Control Division, provided the used the IRCC field as a base of operations for their daytime spraying of Mulberry and surrounding areas. The specially outfitted helicopter made several “sorties” and at one point - gave those of us in attendance a great little airshow!



With the upcoming Labor Day weekend, the next meeting of the Imperial Radio Control Club will be held: **SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9th** at the field starting at 9:00AM

PROPOSED SAILPLANE SAFETY & FLIGHT POLICY

There was a short discussion during the August meeting, brought about by the concerns of some of the members in reference to the safety of the operation of “non-powered” sailplanes at the IRCC field. The basis for this was the current way these sailplanes, which must employ a lifting device such as a motorized winch or “Hi-Start” to become airborne is being done. Because of the length of line needed to get the craft to a high enough altitude in hopes of “catching” a thermal, these devices must be run the length of the field on an east / west trajectory and set up north of the runway so as not to interfere or run the risk of damage to either an aircraft or the winch lines themselves. While none of this is an issue, the concerns brought up had to do with the position of the sailplane pilot(s) after the launch had been made.

Currently, the pilot(s) continues to stand in a spot close to the center on either the far east or far west end of the field to fly the aircraft until the flight is over. This obviously puts this individual in harm’s way as they are in the active flight zone for powered aircraft.

The discussion was “tabled” temporarily until a clearly defined Sailplane Flight Policy could be drafted. Below is the proposed policy as requested. Please take a few moments to review as this will be presented for approval at the September meeting.

Sailplane winch / histart activity at IRCC

Sailplane flying has been safely and seamlessly integrated into flying activities at IRCC since the 1970's.

Sailplane launching requires that launch lines be oriented in a predominantly east/west manner. The field provides the needed space in that direction. North /South is not possible.

1. No sailplane launch lines will cross or infringe on the paved runway.
2. All sailplane launch activities will be set up well to the North of the runway at a distance the will minimize or eliminate any interaction between powered aircraft and tow lines.
3. Sailplane pilots will give deference to powered aircraft that are in takeoff or landing mode by delaying launch.
4. No sailplane will be launched if appears that the powered plane remains in a flight pattern in the area that the launch will likely fly through.
5. Prior to setting out launch equipment, sailplane pilots will advise all present that he will be doing so.
6. The nature of sailplane flying places its activities later in the day, typically when powered aircraft flying is at a minimum or nonexistent.
7. Sailplane / thermal flying is naturally limited to days when weather is conducive to creation of natural convective lift.
8. Equipment is delivered and or picked up by vehicle to its place of use usually in close proximity to the fences on the extreme east or west side of the field. No vehicles remain there, they are promptly returned to the parking area.
9. Sailplane pilots will employ an audible indication that a launch will commence. The launch phase will normally take no more than 30-40 seconds.
10. Once the sailplane has successfully launched, the pilot will move to one of two flight stations to complete the flight. One will be located at the far east of the field and the other at the far west. Both located behind (southside) of the main runway.

PLANE OF THE MONTH



Here are a few more pictures of Mike Zellars new F4U-1D 1:4.5 scale Corsair by CARF Models. As previously mentioned, the plane has a 110" wingspan, is powered by a Moki 250cc radial engine with electric start (bottom left), Sierra retracts, full functioning flaps and a Solo adjustable prop. Only 10 servos are required to operate the control surfaces and all of the little extras....

Mike opted for the *SKYBOSS* color scheme, beautifully painted by Mason Benfield with decals by Callie Graphics. A fully detailed cockpit including a mechanical sliding canopy and a full navigation light package to finish her off. Now let's fly her!



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The B-25 dubbed
'Sandbar Mitchell'
is being restored by the
Warbirds of Glory Museum
in Brighton, MI!



Warbirds of Glory have graciously provided us with two different schemes, the original 8Z markings, and the Sandbar Mitchell markings the restored aircraft will wear when the restoration is completed.

50% of the purchase price of either
of these sets will be donated
to the museum to help complete
the restoration!

Click on the B-25 link under Bombers to see these sets.

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