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## **A PLANE VIEW**

#### By Mike Zellars - President

Hello Everyone! Welcome to the middle of the summer. I am glad to see some of you have been as crazy as me and not let a little hot weather deter our flying!

I want to start off this month's article by recognizing some members that have really stepped up for the club this year. As some of you know, it wasn't too long ago that the club spent about \$300+ a month to keep the field mowed. In recent years we have been lucky to have some members volunteer to mow the "lawn" at no charge.

Well this year is no different. I would like to give a huge thanks to Jim Giallombardo, Gary Snyder and Mark Durkac for handling this task this year. They refuse any compensation and just do it because they want to! Jim handles about 90% of the mowing and at times you will see him out there with his own zero turn mower which really makes the field look nice after a mow. Gary is Jim's backup and will jump on the tractor whenever needed. Mark takes care of the oil changes. Please take a second and think about what this saves the club and next time you see any of these gentlemen, shake their hand and say thanks!

While on subject of volunteer help, there needs to be another shout out to some club members who have been working their hind ends off repairing the shed that covers the tractor. Victor Allen took the lead role, did the design, worked night and day for 2 weeks, got the material at discount, and removed the trash. His support team consisted of Terry Baker, Ian Clark, Bob Grahl, Jim Giallombardo, Dan Hudson, Mark Durkac, Richard Moffat and Gary Snyder. I personally witnessed these guys working in the hot humid weather, sweating like no tomorrow to make this happen. Again, please say thanks to these guys next time you see them.

The two previous scenarios show just what an awesome club we have. I couldn't be prouder to have them as fellow members. I think we can all agree on that.

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The Scott Smith Fun Day will have likely happened by time you read this newsletter. Even though it hasn't happened as I am writing this column, I know it will be a huge success. I know this by the all the correspondence I have received since announcing the event. We already have had some nice monetary contributions made to be sent to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and the event hasn't even happened yet. So let me go ahead and say thanks to all of you who have chosen to participate in this day for Scott. Again, what an awesome club!

I have a lot of inquiries about the 1/3 PT-17 progress. It is coming along great with the wings done and fuselage well on its way. Here is a pic of it right after hanging the business end on it. Can't wait!



In closing, please remember to hydrate yourselves out at the field and take advantage of the shelter when not flying! Until next month, keep the transmitter in your hand and the smile on your face.

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### **IRCC MEETING MINUTES**

July 2016 Recorded by Secretary - Ian Clark

The July monthly meeting of the IRCC was brought to order at 11:00 by president Mike Zellars. A motion was made and passed to accept the June minutes as posted in *PROPWASH.* 

Visitors and New Members: We had none.

**Treasurers Report:** This is the slow time of the year for us. There was no major income generated this month. We have \$XXXXX.xx in our checking account. We are well ahead of our balance at this time last year.

**Membership Report:** With the addition of new member Rick Borde, our headcount is at 131.

**Field Maintenance Report:** There was a group of members under the leadership of Vic Allen who spent about 3 ½ hours this morning working to rebuild the tractor shed. Mark Durkac was going to get more Roundup to control the weeds around our shelter and the runway. It was also mentioned that we need wasp spray as they are starting to build nests under our shelter.

**Safety Report:** We need to be very observant as to where we fly our aircraft and helicopters. There have been a few reports of models flying outside the safe flying areas.

**Instructors Report:** We have one student who is moving along at a good pace.

**Newsletter Report:** Dave Raff reported that all is quiet. He is starting to gather pictures of members to post in our newsletter, putting names to faces. This will help us learn everyone's name. **Old Business:** There is none to discuss at this time.

**New Business:** It was brought up that we could build a cover for the generator to protect it from the weather. After some discussion it was decided that we would continue using the vinyl cover.

A motion was made to move the monthly meeting from 11:00am to 9:00 am. After a short discussion it was passed.

The Scott Smith Memorial Fun Fly will be held on July 23, 2016. We are anticipating about 60 people. Larry Hammond is donating a foam P-51 airplane to use as a raffle prize. Any money raised will be donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation in Scott's memory. The club will supply chicken and drinks. Members are invited to bring covered dishes.

We are having a plaque made honoring Scott which will be presented to his family. A motion was made to purchase a brick on the AMA Walk of Fame in Scott's name. The motion was passed.

**Sportsmanship Award:** Vic Allen was nominated for spearheading the rebuilding of the tractor shed. He donated most of the wood used in the construction as well as putting a lot of work in removing the old lumber and installing the new.

**50/50:** This month's winner was Larry Hammond.

A motion was made and passed to close the July meeting.

THE NEXT IRCC CLUB MEETING WILL BE

SATURDAY AUGUST 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 AT THE FIELD STARTING AT 9:00 AM!

# Scott S. Smith

# Memorial Family Day!

What a picture perfect day we had for the Scott Smith Memorial Family Day event benefitting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. In addition to a large turn-out of members and their families, several of Scott's family and friends were there to celebrate the life & contributions Scott made to the



Imperial Radio Control Club and Model Aviation as a whole!

Rick Ruede, who worked closely with Scott on just about all of the pylon races, presented to Brenda, Scott's wife, a plaque from the club as a token of our sincere appreciation for everything that Scott had done.















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**Top Left:** Dan Hudson and Rick Ruede gave some of Scott's family (daughter & granddaughter) a chance to experience a little bit of what Scott enjoyed when he was flying.

**Top Right:** Since there were no raffle or 50/50 tickets to sell, Wally Sundey volunteered to be the auctioneer to help raise money for the JDRF.

**Above Right:** A P-51 Mustang and J3 Cub where the prizes for the auction. Both were donated by member Larry Hammond.

Above Left: Waiting to see who was going to be the highest bidder!

Left: A fantastic turn-out of family and members to enjoy the day dedicated to honoring our friend and long- time IRCC member - Scott Samuel Smith.

