Hello all and welcome to the March, 2016 Plane View article! I’ve been seeing a lot of flying recently both during week and weekends and what a great site that is. Nothing better than looking out to the runway and seeing all pilot stations filled. I think this is going to be a great flying year for all.

Speaking of a lot of flying, we have a few events coming up. Florida Jets has probably already happened by time you read this and the weekend of 3/19 and 3/20, Scott Smith and Rick Ruede are hosting the 12th annual pylon race. I hear there is a big turnout of pilots expected so please come watch and help if you can.

Speaking of events, at the March club meeting I proposed a new event for later this year that I am really excited about. We are going to call it the IRCC “Golden Age of Flight” fun fly. After researching for a new event since the beginning of year, I found out that R/C aircraft from 1939 and older have become real popular in the RC world. These include of course your WWI aircraft but also your Waco’s, Stearman’s, Fly Baby’s etc. Most of these era planes are slow and graceful in air and I think our awesome field will attract many. The plan is to have it in November on the Veteran’s day weekend which this year will be 11/11 – 11/13. This weekend every year was when we used to have the helicopter event and the fact that it is a three day holiday weekend for many always seemed to bring more folks in. I will CD the event and David Dewitt has kindly agreed to be co-CD. For those not sure if an aircraft qualifies, I am going to assign our very own Dennis Peterson to be official “go to guy”. I guess I should have asked him first but oh well. Thanks Dennis!

You might be saying why we are already talking about an event in November of 2016? One reason, to get the word out! Soon, I will be emailing a flyer out for this event so please take the time to share it with friends or post on the RC forums. As work will allow, I plan to spend a lot of time promoting this event in hopes that it is a success. Anything that you can do will just make it that much better! For those not at the meeting, I made a commitment after it was voted on and approved that I will start my 1/3 scale PT-17 build and somehow have it ready by November! I got my work cut out for me!!

Finally, I mentioned it at the club meeting but wanted to say it here as well. Thank you all for the participation and camaraderie going on every time I am out at field. What an awesome club! See ya at the field!!

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**A PLANE VIEW**

**By Mike Zellars – President**

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**IRCC MEETING MINUTES**

**March 2016**

**Recorded by Secretary - Ian Clark.**

The March monthly meeting of the Imperial R/C Club was brought to order at 11:00 by President Mike Zellars. There were 40 members in attendance. A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes of the February meeting as published in Propwash.

**New Members and Guests:** We would like to welcome Scott Ruede, Douglas Parker, Adrian Lee, Osiris Lee, Zoser Lee and James Belcher as new members this month. Jeff Drummond was in attendance as a visitor.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Gary Snyder reported that last month we took in $xxxx.xx, and spent $xxxx.xx. Our expenses were higher than normal because we had to purchase raffle prizes for the Florida Jets event. Wally Sundey showed the grand prize which Mason Benfield assembled, a T-28 trainer. We have $xxxx.xx in our checking account.

**Membership Report:** The club headcount went from 106 to 117 members.
IRCC MEETING MINUTES
(Continued)

Field Maintenance Report: Mark Durkac reported that all is well. He is continuing in his constant battle with the fire ants. Lately he has been winning. He was supplied with a broad spectrum insect poison and that seems to be working better.

Safety Report: Dave DeWitt has no incidents to report. He would like to thank you for knowing where your propellers and fingers are at all times. Dave emphases with our club working the Florida Jets event, we need to keep an eye on all spectators. There will be several thousand people there and we need to work crowd control, keeping unauthorized people from getting near the aircraft when they are on the flight line.

Old Business: Everything has been covered, there was nothing brought forward.

New Business: The club is looking into having an event in the fall. Mike Zellars proposed an event that covers the early age of flying. Aircraft designs will be no newer that 1939. The name of the event will be called “IRCC Golden Age Fun Fly”. We will plan on holding it on Veterans Day, November 11, 2016. We are looking into having door prizes and/or a raffle. A motion was made and passed to move forward with the IRCC Golden Age Fun Fly.

Past Events: On February 27, 2016, our club participated in the annual Planes, Trains and Automobiles, at the Plant City airport. The Plant City Chamber of Commerce reported a record number of spectators. We were set up in the perfect location as the spectators walked by us both coming and going. Terry Crosby and Mark Cochran put on great exhibitions of airplane and helicopter flying.

The “People’s Choice” awards for R/C aircraft went to Robert Russ with his Pitts “Red Eagle” in first place, Dennis Peterson taking second with the Fleet Bi-plane (and for dressing in time appropriate attire), and Richard Moffett with his Fly Baby. Wally Sundey took home top honors for his P-47 with the “Committee’s Choice” trophy!

One more member took home a beautiful trophy in one of the other categories as well. Club member Terry Baker won 1st place in the automobile side with his '69 Z/28 Camaro. (Editors Note: Pictures of each of the winners can be seen in the Event Re-cap also in this edition).

New Events: Starting March 7 is Frank Tianos Red Flag event followed by Florida Jets at Paradise Field. Our club has been asked to help the Florida Jets event by working crowd control, the flight line and running the safety cart.

Scott Smith and Rick Ruede are going to run the pylon race on March 18, 19 and 20. Scott is still looking for a few volunteers.

50/50: Wally reported that he took in $160.00. Don Lapointe won the raffle and announced he would donate his winnings to the Wounded Warrior Project.

A motion was made and passed to close the March meeting of the Imperial Radio Control Club.
On Saturday February 27th, members of the Imperial Radio Control Club once again represented the Radio Control aspect of aviation at the 6th **ANNUAL PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES EVENT** in Plant City Florida. Hosted by the Plant City Chamber of Commerce, this annual event, held at the Plant City Airport, brings together many of the different methods of transportation for an “up close & personal” opportunity for everyone to enjoy!
Even though the day started out a little on the “chilly” side, over 28 members showed up to proudly display their favorite aircraft to what Jason Jones (PTA Committee Chairman) states was a new record attendance for the event!
In addition to the club’s large “static display” several of us got the chance to do a little flying to help entertain the crowd throughout the day including Terry Crosby and Mark Cochran. Both had a great time demonstrating the sport of extreme 3D aerobatic flying - much to the crowd’s total enjoyment!

Mark going inverted with his new “Align” T-REX 700E Electric Heli!
People’s Choice Award Winners!

1st Place - Robert Russ
Pitts S1 – “Red Eagle”

2nd Place – Dennis Peterson
“Fleet” Bi-Plane

3rd Place – Richard Moffatt
“Fly-Baby” With Snoopy at the controls!

Committee Choice Award Winner!
Wally Sundey’s P-47

Terry Baker took home Top Honors in the People’s Choice Award by claiming 1st Place in the Automobile Category!
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