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The IRCC President's Points

By Jerry McGhee – President

As I sit and write this month's article, it is 3 days before Thanksgiving. With this realization, I do an annual inventory of things I am thankful for in my life and more importantly, the years that have accumulated, my successes and failures that have helped me get to this point in my life. Moreover, as I take stock of my first year as your President in this club, I am very grateful for all of you, coming together to be members of this great RC Club. It is a privilege for me to be your President and I am very thankful that our Executive Committee and the collective corporate knowledge of the club's members, new and old, surround me to provide counsel as we continue to maintain and improve the club. I hope you all have a great Thanksgiving and an upcoming holiday December with Christmas, Hanukah and the other December holidays and remembrances (that I am not familiar with) that are celebrated by the membership of the IRCC. I hope you all have a good upcoming holiday season!

The first two weeks of December are going to be a busy couple of weekends at the IRCC. First up, we will have our monthly meeting at 10:00 am at the field, followed by our first annual banquet a time to get together with each other, bring your family and friends and celebrate our successes in 2018 at the IRCC and reinforce our friendships in a more social, non-flying, setting. It is a come as you want/bring who you want event. \$15.00 per person, pay at the door.

During the banquet we will vote for the first ever Model of the Year Perpetual trophy. The winner will have their name etched on the traveling trophy for perpetuity. Also, we will be raffling off a very nice aviation shelf unit, expertly crafted by IRCC member Moe Grandmaison. Chris Trumble has rounded up a DJ for the event, so now is the time to dust off your dancing shoes and prepare to woo your lady.

The second week of the month of December will be our inter-club Fun Fly. Entry is an unwrapped toy for the IRCC Toys for Tots drive. The first two events will be the same as the Model Aviation Day Tri-Fecta Fun Fly we held in August, the third event I have removed the dice and instead you will fly 3 loops, and one horizontal figure 8 for time. Given how close the Tri-Fecta Fun Fly scoring was, I anticipate that the Toys for Tots Fun Fly will be even closer! I will have an easel and post the scores in real time so you all can assist me as I collect your flight scores and score the event.

With the end of this year comes the retirement of several IRCC members from the Executive Committee who have been trusted advisors and great IRCC members for their recent service. Many thanks to Ian Clark, Dan Hudson, and David Raff for their years of service to the IRCC membership and their dedication to keeping the club as great as it is as Executive Committee members! As they exit the Executive Committee I am glad that David DeWitt agreed to serve another year as Vice President and look forward to the addition of Jim Giallombardo as Secretary, Gary Snyder who is returning after a brief absence to Treasurer and "Mr. Speed" himself, Chris Trumble who will be serving as an Executive Committee member. Mike Zellars and Terry Baker will also continue serving as well as Executive Committee members. Bob Grahl and David Raff will continue our media relations with the website and newsletter.

I would be remised if I did not mention our Safety Officer Richard Moffatt, who keeps the unblinking eye on the flight line and encourages and reminds us to stay safe as we operate our machines. And lastly, one of our hardest working members, Bill Pawl, who does a phenomenal job keeping the field beautiful and a great place to fly. Calendar year 2019 is looking very promising as we move out with some new events and keep the field open to the IRCC membership to continue to fly what they bring through the gate!

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I hope your December is one to remember as we close out 2018 and look forward to bringing in 2019! Get your new airplanes ready and keep your current planes flying!

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,

Jerry McGhee
President, IRCC



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IRCC MEETING MINUTES

Saturday November 3rd, 2018

Recorded by Ian Clark – Secretary

Our November monthly meeting of the Imperial R/C Club was brought to order by President Jerry McGhee at 11:00.

Visitors and New Members: At today's meeting we welcomed returning member George Gordon and new member Jim Gomez.

Awards and Certificates: Jeff Hughes was awarded the Sportsmanship award. David Raff received the Model of the Month award.

Minutes: A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes for the month of October as posted in the club newsletter, Propwash.

Treasurers Report: Dan Hudson reported that all our bills are up to date and he is now accepting renewals for next year.

Membership Report: We have 118 members with 19 of them being junior members and 8 comp. This gives us 99 full members.

Field Maintenance Report: With the fall coming on, the grass has slowed down and it is time to service both the tractor and the zero turn mowers. Bill Pawl has requested \$400.00 for fluids and filters. A motion was made and passed for him to proceed.

Bill also mentioned that the hogs are back. The club is looking in to a way to control them.

Because of an airplane crash, our west end solar panels were damaged as well as the frame supporting them. The repair that is needed has been tabled at this time.

A motion made to restripe the runway to accommodate those practicing pattern flying was made and passed.

Safety Report: Richard Moffett reported that October was a good month as there were no reported injuries or incidents.

Instructors Report: Jeff Hughes reported that he is currently working with 6 students and that all are doing well.

Newsletter & Website: Dave Raff expressed his gratitude to those who have sent him articles for the newsletter.

Old Business: A list of nominees to lead our club next year was presented to the membership.

President	Jerry McGhee
Vice President	Dave DeWitt
Treasurer	Gary Snyder
Secretary	Jim Giallombardo
Director	Chris Trumble

As there were no other nominees, a motion was made and passed to accept the slate of candidates for next year.

Our Golden Age of Aviation went off well. We did not have as large of a turnout as thought. Everyone in attendance had a good time.

New Business:

After some discussion a motion was made and passed to move the hours of our monthly meeting to 10:00 am on the first Saturday of the month all year.

At our January meeting we will give out the new gate code. You must be a paid member for 2019 to be present and get the code.

The roof of our building has a few holes in it at the west end. Bill Pawl will try and seal them with the appropriate type of material.

Future Events: Our End of Year Banquet will be held on December 1, 2018 at the Imperial Swan Hotel on the 7th floor. The dress code is casual. The cost is \$15.00 per person to be paid at the door. The hours are from 5:30 to 9:00 pm.

UPDATE: Due to an unfortunate, unforeseen issue with the roofing at the Imperial Swan Hotel, the venue location has been changed to the Mas Verde Club House 2600 Harden Blvd in Lakeland. Additional information will be forwarded soon!

Our club is planning a fun fly on December 8, 2018. There will be three non-plane breaking events. The admission will be a new unwrapped toy to be donated to the Toys for Tots program.

Sportsmanship Award: Our President, Jerry McGhee was nominated for the outstanding job he is doing.

Model of the Month: This month we did not have a nomination.

Special Notice: Our club received a thank you card from Jim Giallombardo for the support he received with the untimely passing of his wife.

IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

Society of Aircraft Demolisher (S.A.D.) Award:

This month we have two nominations, Dave DeWitt for Sun damage, and Jerry McGhee for his maiden flight. As the voting was divided equally, it was decided that the award should be equally divided, and both nominees receive one-half of the award.

50/50: Bill Pawl collected \$125.00 and half went to Chris Melhus. The gentleman that he is, Chris only took back his initial investment and donated the rest to the club. Thanks Chris!

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

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES



(Top Left & Right) Jeff Hughes receiving the Sportsmanship of The Month Award for October. David Raff is shown receiving the Model (Maker) of The Month Award from club President Jerry McGhee.

(Bottom Left) Jerry McGhee received $\frac{1}{2}$ of the October S.A.D Award from Treasurer Dan Hudson. **(Bottom Right)** Club President Jerry McGhee and Vice-President David DeWitt are shown with their respective halves of the October S.A.D Award. (Stories to follow!)



IRCC November 2018
½ Award Winner

Jerry McGhee

Dear IRCC members, this is my testimony about the demise of Jerry McGhee's P26 P-Shooter as required by SAD patch rules and regulations. I was sworn in by Alfred E. Neuman on a stack of MAD magazines.

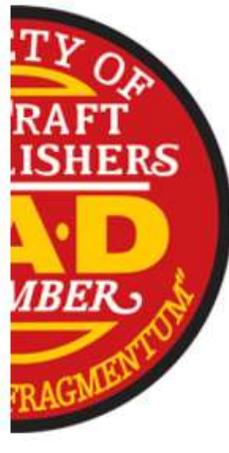


On Oct. 28th. 2018 at approximately 11:00 AM, Jerry arrived at the field with his brand-new untested aircraft. His new acquisition was the envy of everyone present. I asked Jerry, a certified jet jockey of renown fame, who would maiden his pride and joy? He said he was only going to do taxi tests to see if the tail wheel was properly aligned. He correctly identified the object at the front of the airplane as a propeller, so he was cleared to proceed.

That day the wind was blowing so hard out of the North that it was bringing snowbirds down with it! As he taxied out with IRCC videographer Chris Trumble at his side, I heard Chris chanting "Jerry, Jerry, he's our man, if he can't do it, no one can". After his taxi tests, Jerry made the announcement that all was well. I then saw Jerry point the P-Shooter due North and heard him say, "what, me worry" as he firewalled the throttle.

The airplane took off as straight as an arrow from Cupid's Bow.

Suddenly I saw a wisp that looked like a long tentacle reach out of the field and wrapped itself around the tail of his airplane! The dreaded Mulberry Phosphate Pit Creature had presented itself [gasp] again! Known to feast on D-9 Caterpillar bulldozers in one gulp, it also enjoys appetizers of balsa and foam. It became a battle of epic proportion! WWE, Ali vs. Frazier. Monster/ Jerry - Jerry/ Monster - Monster/ Nice save Jerry! Monster/ Nice save again Jerry! Then it was over. His beloved P-Shooter took a swan dive from 75ft. that would have garnered a perfect 10 at any Olympic game. Straight into the turf! Final score, Monster 1 Jerry 0. With a tear in our eye, Gary Snyder and myself got into our vehicles and went home. Gary told me later "I didn't want to see a grown man cry". This account is in my eyes - the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Sincerely: Richard Moffatt.



IRCC November 2018
½ Award Winner

THE YELLOW BARON "BARON vonWRECKSOFTEN" A.K.A DAVID DEWITT

On a glorious day in October. well within the 30-day window for reporting major awards to the S.A.D Committee at the IRCC monthly meeting, it is on this day that the Red Baron's little known 5th cousin,

Baron Von Wrecksoften a.k.a. "The Yellow Baron" for his daring feats over the IRCC aerodrome, came before the S.A.D committee to be reviewed for his daring and mostly unremarkable airmanship. It was decided by the members of the IRCC that as spectacular as the resulting re-kitting of the Yellow Baron's DR-1 Fokker Tri-plane was, he would have to share credit with another semi-able-bodied soul who you may have already read about in this publication.

The Baron took off on his 3rd or 5th sortie of the day to enjoy the crisp fall like temperatures of the IRCC. The Yellow Baron feeling very full of himself and was singing the national anthem of his cousin's, "Snoopy vs the Red Baron" by the Royal Guardsmen. "10, 20, 30, 40, 50 or more, the Bloody Red Baron was rolling up the score" the lyrics rolled through the Yellow Baron's head. All was well in his world...so he thought.

It is a little-known fact that Wally Sundeley was one of the original WWI fighter pilots in 1917 flying alongside lifelong daredevil Eddie Rickenbacker. Wally was there that day that **Snoopy** shot down the Red Baron and he summoned his lifelong friend to once again finish the job on the Yellow Baron!

Everyone knows that Dennis Peterson also loves WWI aircraft, he has won several RC events with Snoopy in his cockpit. On this day, Dennis and Wally conspired to let Snoop once again tangle with his foe!

As Dennis and the Yellow Baron flew together enjoying the sky, Wally proceeded to trip the first domino in the events that followed. He started his aircraft, attempting to join his flying brothers in the sky while Dennis was setting up in the traffic pattern to land. Wally then took the runway ready to take off just as Dennis was coming in on final. When the Yellow Baron turned to tell Wally, that Dennis was on final, Dennis seized the moment and

began firing on the Yellow Baron with Snoopy at the controls.

As Wally was running up his motor, David DeWitt could not hear the gun fire riddling his DR-1 from Snoopy's Vickers Machine Guns. His aircraft departed its usual heading and like a good German went toward the sun. Everyone knows, beware of the Hun in the Sun from WWII! As David scanned the sky for his aircraft, he realized it was no longer where he left it when he went to caution Wally about Dennis' landing approach. As David scanned the sky, his gaze went to the sun as he followed the sound of his engine.

Blinded by the sun, David desperately tried to gain control of his aircraft, however, the damage from Snoopy's blast and the unstable flight characteristics of the DR-1 in a steep bank could only leave David to gaze on the smoke trail wafting from his aircraft. The plane spun and spun and spun until KABOOM! Right into the top of the IRCC shelter! Those under the shelter reported an impressive concussion startling and bowel shattering KABOOM! The likes of which many have never heard!

Snoopy did a victory roll over Wally's aircraft as Dennis and Wally celebrated the long-awaited victory and defeat of the Yellow Baron! David stood in amazement as the tail of his aircraft emerged from the roof like a bad TV antenna on a house in the 1970s.

It is with great honor and pride that we offer this month's SAD patch to Mr. DeWitt as it is the 10.5 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, David, for this offering to the SAD community! It is with great sincerity that I say I'm sorry you did not win the whole SAD patch 😊

Until next month...

<p>1 Memorial</p>		 <p>NEXT IRCC MEETING</p> <p>SATURDAY DEC 1, 2018 10:00AM</p>
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First Annual IRCC “End of The Year” Banquet & Awards Ceremony

Saturday December 1st 2018 5:00 – 9:00PM



What we hope to be, the first of many, IRCC End of The Year Banquet & Awards Ceremony is quickly approaching! The date set is Saturday December 1st, 2018 and will be held at the Mas Verde Clubhouse located at 2600 Harden Boulevard Lakeland FL 33803.

Music By “Dynasty Entertainment”

Admission - \$15.00 Per Person

(Cash or Check - Evening of the Event)

Plan now to join the rest of your IRCC family and friends to celebrate the great year that we have had and see who will take top honors for 2018 laying claim to the first position on the

Model of The Year Award!



Reservations can be made by contacting Richard Moffatt

at righteousrichard@aol.com (863) 398-6658

or Jerry McGhee mcghee66@gmail.com.



IRCC Toy's For Tot's Fun Fly!



Saturday December 8th!

The events for this Club Fun-Fly are meant to be non-plane breaking events that any aircraft can do that will test your skill and your luck. Have fun, stay safe, keep your wings level and hit whatever you're going to hit as gently as you can. This Fun Fly will take place on Saturday December 8, 2018 at the IRCC. Admission is one unwrapped toy.

CERTIFICATES and RIBBONS

Three events 1st, 2nd, 3rd place for each event with a certificate for each place.
1st, 2nd, 3rd ribbons for overall combined scores to the top three finishers.

THE EVENTS

- Event 1: Fly for 2 minutes
- Event 2: Precision Landing
- Event 3: Triple Loop & Horizontal Figure 8

MAXIMUM POINTS PER EVENT:

- EVENT 1: 100
- EVENT 2: 120
- EVENT 3: 100

TOTAL MAXIMUM NUMBER OF POINTS COMBINED: 320 Points

THE UNBENDABLE RULES FOR ALL EVENTS

1. Qualifications: Must be an IRCC member, must use the same plane for each event.
2. Scoring: In order for a score to be tallied at least one wheel needs to land on the runway prior to contacting the ground.
3. Any crash in any event will result in a score of Zero for that event. Contestant will finish with the points they have earned prior to the crash.

INDIVIDUAL EVENT RULES:

EVENT 1: FLY FOR TWO MINUTES

Time begins when the aircraft wheels leave the ground. Pilot commences to fly his/her aircraft for two minutes without the aid of any timer or encouragement from the crowd and/or by-standers. Detection of transmitter timers will result in a zero score. Time ends when the aircraft lands on the paved runway. Closest to the 2 minute time mark + or - (under or over the 2 minutes) will be ranked. Scoring is as follows (for all events):

- 1st – 100 points
- 2nd – 75 points
- 3rd – 50 points
- 4th and below – 25 points

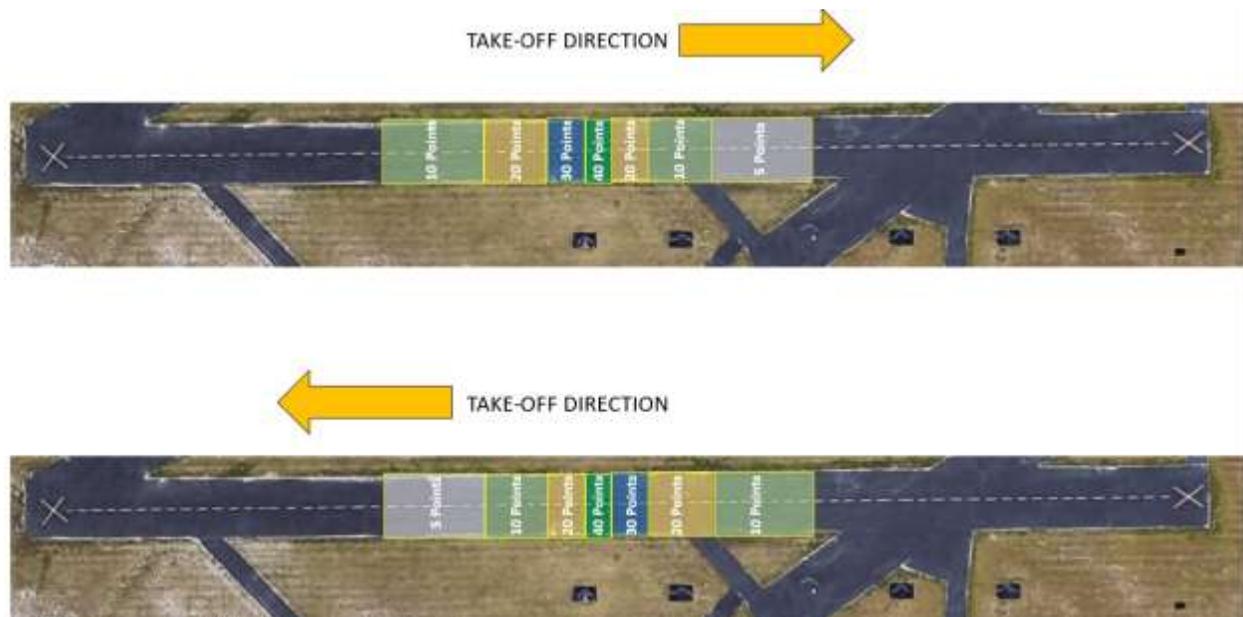
EVENT 2: PRECISION LANDING

Pilots will take off and make three touch and go landings with each landing being scored on the zone the wheel(s) touch into. IRCC Runway is 585 feet long. The scoring portion for this event will be 152 feet of scoring zones on the runway divided in 7 zones of 32' 24' 16' 8' 16' 24' 32'. In case of wind direction change, the direction of the take-off will determine the score sequence.

i.e. left to right take off. The score will be 10/20/30/40/20/10/5

One wheel of the main landing gear has to contact the scoring section of the runway and aircraft must maintain control after landing and remain in an airworthy condition.

There will be 3 scored attempts, the pilot will have to call the landing prior entering base leg. If pilot fails to land the score will be 0 and one attempt will be used. Any go around without touching the runway will result in a zero score.



EVENT 3: Triple Loop & Horizontal Figure 8

Takeoff and do three loops and then proceed into a horizontal figure 8, then land. The shortest time wins. Time begins when aircraft becomes airborne, perform 3 loops and one horizontal figure 8 and time ends when aircraft lands on the paved runway.

Scoring is as follows:

1st – 100 points

2nd – 75 points

3rd – 50 points

4th and below – 25 points

Announcement and Coming Events



Open To All Members!
Landing Fee for the event -
Bring a Toy for a Girl or Boy!

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Fly For 2 Minutes
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