

## THE FLIGHT LINE

By David Raff – President!

Well gang – it looks like we have once again made it through another busy spring and finally reached that time of the year when we can just sit back, relax, do a little flying and just enjoy our hobby.

Our next club meeting will be on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> at the field starting at our new time of 11:00 AM. For those that may have been unable to attend the past few meetings this may be new to you. To bring everyone up to speed, a motion was brought to the floor at the April meeting, voted on and approved by the majority of the members in attendance to change the Saturday meeting times from the original start time of 9:00 AM to the later time.

For those that were not in attendance at the last club meeting, I want to recap just a few of the topics discussed.

**Top Gun** finished off our spring event schedule with a bang! Mother Nature finally cooperated and the pilots were provided with some of the best weather that this event has had in a very long time. Not to say that there weren't some slightly heavy gusts and cross-wind issues to deal with but, that is as they say "What Separates The Men From The Boys".

Although the attendance of spectators appeared to be a little on the light side the early part, both Friday & Saturday turned out to be very good for both the event and the IRCC Club raffle. Wally and his "crew" once again topped their previous record!

There were a couple of safety issues presented but fortunately no one suffered any injuries from them. Most of these will be addressed and resolved by the event coordinator. There was one however, that the club needs to address and that is improving the method of communication on the flight line between the flight line officer and the crash cart & fire cart. The use of the club radios was pretty much useless due to the noise as reported by member Steve Jaworski. Steve was on the fire cart all 4 days and had firsthand experience of this issue. On Saturday, I personally saw several times when the crash cart and crew were almost put in harm's way when they

attempted to return to base from a recovery sortie. Without the radios, they were relying on hand signals to know when to cross over the active runway and the messages were just not being received. The suggestion was made to look into either better radios or noise cancelling headsets for these positions. This will be researched and resolved before the next major event in October.

**Blast From The Past:** I recently came across a few photo albums that had pictures of many of the clubs current and former members. I scanned these into my computer and after a little touch-up, decided to have a little fun. Beginning on Page 3, you will find some of these pictures of current IRCC club members back in their earlier days. See how many you can recognize. Here is a hint – most had a little more hair!

I know that I have said this many times before but it seems that I just can't say it enough – **THANK YOU!** Thank you to every single member that gave a little (some more than a little) of their time to help out in any way they could at the events held this past spring. If you were "working the flight line", manning the fire/crash carts, keeping the gates clear or selling raffles tickets at Florida Jets or Top Gun. Stepped up to be one of the judges, starters or time keepers at the Spring Pylon race. Volunteered to be a mentor interpreter, pilot and friend to one of the international college teams that participated in the 2015 SAE Heavy Lift Competition. If you were part of the crew "burnin some burgers", prepared or brought some food or helped with the clean-up at our Spring Family Day! And I cannot forget those that help run this operation and those that take care of the mowing trimming and fixing whatever is needed at the field. I would have liked to have mentioned everyone by name but the list would have taken up the entire page. Suffice it to say – you know who you are.

Over the past 3 1/2 years, my job as president has been, for the most part, a fairly easy and enjoyable one and I owe it all to the efforts of each and every one of you – the members of this great club.

**Until next month that is all from "The Flight Line"!**

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**IRCC MEETING MINUTES**

**May 2015**

**Recorded by Ian Clark (Secretary)**

The May monthly meeting of the Imperial R/C Club was brought to order at 11:00 am by president Dave Raff. The minutes of the April 2015 meeting were read and a motion was made and passed to accept them.

**Visitors and New Members:** There were no visitors but we welcomed Mark Durkac as a new member.

**Treasurers Report:** Dave DeWitt presented a check from Frank Tiano in the amount of \$1250.00 for the clubs participation in Top Gun. Wally Sundry and his group consisting of Jerry Ruthven, George Nauck, Dave Raff and Gary Snyder, raised \$3045 with their raffle. After subtracting the cost of the TV and the F-86 airplane that was given away, the club ended up with a very healthy sum.

We started May with \$xxxxx.xx in the checking account. Expenses were \$375.00 on the tractor/mower, \$1295.00 on T-shirts which will pay for themselves and \$293.00 on food for family day. We added two new members so we continue to look strong financially.

**Field Maintenance Report:** Gary Snyder reported that he had our American flag replaced, and the old one disposed of properly. The West charging station needed a new battery and was replaced.

**Safety Report:** We had another clean month and need to congratulate ourselves for being careful around our models. The Ski school to the East of us is having an event this weekend so we should be extra careful not to fly anywhere near them. Our airplanes should not leave the boundaries of our field.

**Instructors Report:** Larry Loucks reported he has been working with 5 students and several of them will be soloing soon.

Students learning to fly on lighter foam airplanes are also getting the opportunity to fly a nitro airplane as well so they can experience the difference between the two especially when flying in the wind!

**Website:** Sean McCafferty reported that he is ready for people to see the web site. He still has a few things to do but most of it is complete. Please send any pictures or articles to him for inclusion on a thumb drive or C/D. This is easier for him then having his E-mail filled up.

**New Business:** Because the president and treasurer have such a large job and spend considerable time doing club work, Terry Crosby proposed that the club comp the dues for whoever is holding those positions. Dave Dewitt spoke up and reported that many clubs comp all four club officers (President, Vice-President, Treasurer & Secretary) . This will be passed on to all members to consider and be voted on at the next meeting. There may need to be a change in the club bylaws to allow this.

**(NOTE: Since there are no provisions for this under the current operating IRCC Club Policies or Bylaws, this topic will be tabled until reviewed at the next "Executive Committee" meeting. Any decision to change or alter the current Club Policy and /or Bylaws will then be brought to the general membership to be voted on).**

For the most part, our last major event Top Gun went smoothly and we would like to thank our members for their help.

One issue that was discussed was the need to improve communications between the flight line control officer and the safety crews (ie. Crash Cart & Fire Cart). Several times the crash cart could not hear what was going on due to the static /cross talk on the radios. Member Steve Jaworski recommended that we look into purchasing some higher quality radios or headsets that would cancel out some of the background noises and allow a clearer line of communication. This will be resolved before the next event in October.

**Sportsmanship Award:** This month the award went to Richard Moffat for his volunteering to repair the club trainer after it was treated to a less than perfect landing.



## IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

**Plane of The Month:** Gary Snyder brought his new A-10 Warthog twin ducted fan airplane. It came with all electric retracts. The cost is only \$249.00 complete. He said that it flies really well.



Gary with his A-10 THUNDERBOLT!

### Freewing A-10 Thunderbolt II Twin 64mm EDF Jet - PNP

<b>Wingspan</b>	1100mm / 43.3in
<b>Length</b>	1000mm / 39.4in
<b>Flying Weight</b>	1680g / 59.26oz
<b>Power System</b>	2836-3500Kv
<b>Speed Control</b>	2 x 40A, T connector, internal SBEC
<b>Propeller / EDF</b>	Twin 64mm EDF
<b>Servos</b>	9g standard on all control surfaces
<b>Landing Gear</b>	Electronic retractable main & nose gear
<b>Battery</b>	4S 14.8V 3300mAh to 3600mAh 30C LiPo.
<b>Required Radio</b>	5 Channel computer radio. (6 channels if using flaps)
<b>Rudder</b>	Yes
<b>Flaps</b>	Optional
<b>Ailerons</b>	Yes
<b>Lights</b>	No
<b>Hinge Type</b>	Nylon hinges on all control surfaces
<b>Material</b>	EPO Foam

A motion was made and passed to close the May meeting of the Imperial R/C Club.



**THE NEXT IRCC CLUB  
MEETING WILL BE  
SATURDAY  
JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>  
AT THE FIELD STARTING AT  
11:00 AM!**



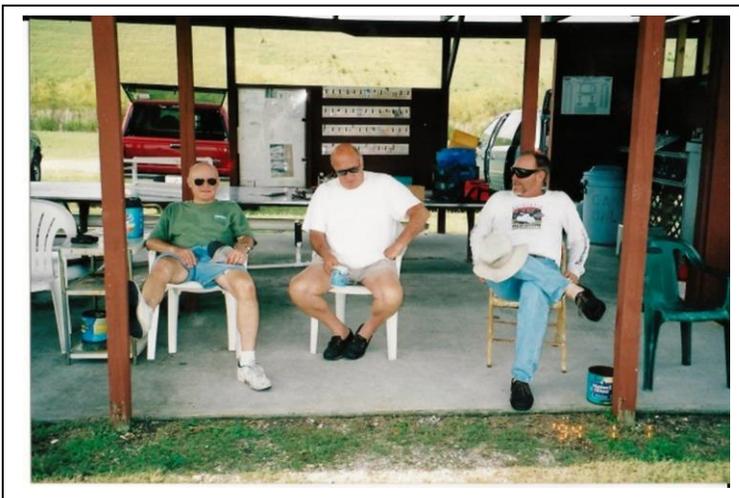
# ***BLAST FROM THE PAST!***

You never know when or where those old pictures from the past are going to show up! Here are some of our current IRCC members from years gone by! Don't laugh too much ----- Oh what the heck – GO AHEAD!!!!









# COMING EVENTS!

## June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 <b>IRCC CLUB MEETING</b>
7 <b>BCF - IMAC SPRING CLASSIC</b>	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 <b>HAM FUN - FLY EVENT</b>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	<b>BCF - BAY CITY FLYERS</b> <b>HAM - HERNANDO AERO MODELERS</b>			

## July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 <b>HOLIDAY!</b>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 <b>IRCC CLUB MEETING</b>
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	