

## THE FLIGHT LINE

By David Raff – President!

We have just finished up two of our fall events for this year which included the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Mulberry 500 Pylon Races and 12 O'clock High hosted by FTE. Preliminary reports are showing that even though attendance was down somewhat, both events were very successful. The weather was absolutely fantastic; all of the pilots, their crews and spectators had a great time with minimal mishaps.

A big part of the success of both of these events was the large participation by you – the members of this great club. Without you, these show's just cannot take place so **THANK YOU** to all of the members that volunteered their time to help out! Scott Smith, David DeWitt, Frank Tiano and I truly appreciate it!

### IT IS ALL DONE!

I am of course referring to the runway repair project that was started about two months ago! Through the gracious contributions from a majority of our members, we were able to have the major cracks filled, the degraded area on the pylon runway repaired and the entire runway & taxiways sealed and re-stripped.



Check out page 5 for additional pictures and information.

### 2015 ELECTION of OFFICERS:

It is once again that time to elect those members that will be leading the Imperial Radio Control Club for the year 2015. Each year, according to both the AMA and IRCC Rules & By-Laws, elections must be held to choose the members that will fill the Club Officers positions for the upcoming year. The positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary & Treasurer are designated as 1 Year terms of office.

These positions have been held for the past year by the following:

**PRESIDENT - DAVID RAFF**  
**VICE-PRESIDENT - TERRY CROSBY**  
**SECRETARY - IAN CLARK**  
**TREASURER - GARY SNYDER**

During the September meeting it was announced that nominations for qualified members (must have been a member in good standing for at least the past 12 months) would be accepted at the October meeting. No additional candidates were presented at that time and a motion was made to nominate the existing officers for re-election. In addition, with this being Mason Benfield's third year on the Board of Directors, it is required to accept nominations to fill this seat as well. A nomination for Wally Sundry was proposed, seconded and approved.

Official voting will take place at the November meeting.

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

**The next IRCC club meeting  
will be held on Saturday  
November 1<sup>st</sup> 2014  
At the IRCC field starting at 9:00 AM**

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**IRCC MEETING MINUTES**

**October 2014**

**Recorded by Ian Clark (Secretary)**

The October meeting of the Polk County Imperial R/C Club was brought to order at 9:00 am by President Dave Raff. A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes of the September 2014 meeting.

**Visitors and New Members:** We have three new members. They are Rolando Batista, Ronald Finger, and Gary Freeman Jr. We wish to welcome them into our club.

**Treasurers Report:** Our treasurer, Gary Snyder, reported that we are doing well. We had \$xxxx.xx come in during the month of September. We collected \$xxx.xx from dues. We had expenses for the portable toilet, the Wounded Warrior Project and preparation for the Mulberry 500 pylon race.

**Membership Report:** We have 88 full members at this time. Last year there were 89 members at the beginning of October. Gary is ready to start taking renewals for next year.

**Field Maintenance Report:** The field is in good shape. President Dave Raff has spent a few evenings walking the field and applying fire ant killer to any mounds he could find.

The runway resurfacing has started and expected to be completed by the 10<sup>th</sup> of October. Dave Kreitz spent a few evenings cleaning up our fence line. Dale Anderson has spent a lot of time mowing, keeping the field in excellent shape. Because these men volunteer a lot of time for our benefit, and don't receive any compensation for their efforts, a motion was made and passed to pay their AMA dues for next year.

**Safety Report:** An updated copy of the IRCC field rules was passed out to everyone to examine and make comments. There are several updates that were covered. The revised list of rules were voted on and passed. A copy will be e-mailed out to all members and posted at the field.

**Instructors Report:** There was no report for this month.

**Past Events:** There were no past events to report on.

**New Events:**

**Mulberry 500 Pylon Race** will be held on October 18 and 19 at our field. Scott Smith will be calling and asking for help. He needs 11 members each day.

**12 O'clock High October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>** This event will be held at Paradise Field, on the south side of Lakeland Linder Airport. This event is open to any military style airplane regardless of size. We will be looking for help with crowd control and the flight line. Dave Dewitt will be seeking volunteers.

**IRCC FAMILY DAY – Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>** It was brought up that we need to have another family fun day at our field. November 15, 2014 was set as the day. Most of our winter members will have returned by then.

**Mulberry Electric Extravaganza – Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>** This event will include night flying on Friday and Saturday nights. We will have a Toy's for Tots drive all weekend.

**Old Business:** Nothing to report

**New Business:**

**Nomination for Club Officers:** It is the time of the year that we need to elect our club officers. As no one wanted to take any of the positions, all four current officers accepted the nominations to fill the positions for another year.

**President: David Raff**  
**Vice President: Terry Crosby**  
**Treasure: Gary Snyder**  
**Secretary: Ian Clark**

This is the third and final year for Mason Benfield to be on the Board of Directors. Wally Sundry received a nomination and accepted. Voting will take place at the November meeting on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> at the field.

**Sportsmanship Award:** This month it was decided to present the award to Charlie Patterson for his work in removing a possible tripping hazard.

**50/50:** Wally Sundry collected \$91.00, with the winning ticket receiving \$45.00. Mason Benfield was our winner and he donated his proceeds back to the club.

A motion was made and passed to close the October 2014 monthly meeting.

## IRCC FIELD RULES

- 1) Flying is restricted to current IRCC club members and their guests. Sponsoring club members must be present and are responsible for their guests. A "Guest" is defined as a current AMA member and who has not been a member of the Imperial Radio Control Club within the previous six months. A guest will be permitted to fly up to five days per calendar year, never to exceed two times in any month. Any person who had been denied club membership or any previous member who was removed from the club shall not be allowed to fly as a guest.
- 2) When flying on the 72 MHz frequency, the member/guest **must** place his/her club card or AMA card on the frequency board over the corresponding channel. Those flying on 2.4 GHz should also do so as a courtesy to others.
- 3) On arrival at the field, all 72 MHz transmitters or modules must be turned off. **DO NOT TURN ON** until the Frequency Board has been checked.
- 5) The AMA Safety Code must be observed at all times.
- 4) All models must comply with AMA safety requirements.
- 5) Flight ready aircraft should be placed on the grass area south of the east/west taxiway and must be restrained by some means when starting. Ideally, a flying buddy should assist you with this unless you are using one of the "start-up" stands. All aircraft (including electrics) should only be started in this area. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should an engine/motor be started under the shelter(s) or in any area that could pose a threat to the safety of the operator or others around them.
- 7) Flying must be conducted north of the East/West runway. Do not fly south (behind you) of the main runway. Observe the no-fly areas and help protect our flying site. Helicopter & Heli "3D" flights should be flown at the southwest portion of the field. These flight operations are limited to one flight at any one time, and may in no way interfere with normal runway flight operations. Pylon testing, practice and races will be conducted in the location designated for their operations or on the main runway.
- 8) All flying should be performed with the pilot positioned on any of the designated pads or at least 25' south of the main runway. Pilots should always announce their intentions - Take off, Landing, Touch & Go, On the Runway, etc. to the other pilots on the flight line. Under no circumstances should a pilot or individual be on the runway or open flying area until **ALL** pilots on the flight line acknowledge that they have heard the intention and give the OK!

## IRCC FIELD RULES

(Continued)

9) Test flights and solo flights are permissible when such a request is made to other pilots at the field and they are agreeable.

10) Low speed and high speed passes shall be made only parallel to the East-West runway and, when other pilots are present, at least 25 feet north of the main runway.

11) There will be no taxiing into the pit area from the flight line. **ALL** aircraft, regardless of power systems, will be shut down prior to crossing the WHITE lines. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

12) Always point the nose of the aircraft with an engine running toward the infield, not toward the spectators. This courtesy will also keep you from blasting your buddies aircraft and flight box.

13) Only designated Introductory Pilot Instructors may fly others that do not possess valid AMA and membership credentials.

14) Flight instructors and club officers are responsible for enforcing all flight, field and safety rules. They are required to call infractions to the attention of the violator. Any member may do so if neither an instructor nor club officer is present. However, it is expected that all such incidents will be handled "tactfully and with discretion". Remember, we are trying to maintain safety, not alienate anyone.

15) Mowing of the field takes precedence over flying. If the person mowing feels it is unsafe to fly while out in the field, he has the authority to close the field.

16) No littering.

18) The last member to leave the field at any time will close and lock the gate. If any guests are present they must leave at that time as well.

19) If all else fails and you are not sure what to do, courtesy and common sense should prevail.

# RUNWAY REPAIR

In May of this year conversations were started with regards to the condition of the runways and taxiways at the IRCC flying field and what we might be able to do to help protect this very valuable asset! There had been attempts over the years to try and fill in some of the existing cracks and other minor repairs here and there but that was about it. Although not in terrible condition, if left as is, the cracks would continue to get bigger and the surface would begin to degrade just like it had on the pylon runway.



Inquiries went out and bids were received to re-surface but these were just too far out of the budget. We did have one contractor that Terry Crosby (Vice-President) had contacted that felt that the surfaces were repairable and offered a much more financially feasible alternative. This was proposed at the August meeting and a fund raising campaign was started. This would include donations from our membership and a raffle of a "Receiver Ready" airplane donated by Scotty Smithwick.

A little over 2 ½ months later we had the funds required to give the green light for the contractor to get started!



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The proposed repairs would include filling many of the larger cracks and repairing the area on the pylon staging runway with hot asphalt. Several of the larger damaged areas on the concrete taxiways were also filled.

We did have to contract a lawn care company to come out to clean and clear the edges so that as much of the surface could be sealed as possible.



The rains and weather the earlier part of the month slowed the process down a little but eventually all of the prep work was completed and after a final cleaning with a heavy duty blower, the process was underway!

First, the main runway was sealed. This took two applications as according to Capt. Mike Porter the asphalt just seemed to suck-up the first coat.

Mike actually kept a close eye on the whole operation as it took place and kept me updated on the progress!

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Next the side runways and taxiways were completed. Twenty-four hours later two large X's were painted at either end of the main runway and this was then re-striped with a dashed yellow centerline.

The pylon runway Start Line was re-painted and the engine / motor cut-off lines were re-aligned and painted.

Roughly 3000 gallons of sealant, some paint a few minor touch-ups later and it was all done ready for you to use and enjoy for years to come!



# RUNWAY REPAIR

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# Imperial R/C CLUB

# FAMILY DAY

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15th, 2014**

**WE'LL PROVIDE THE BURGERS - HOT DOGS - DRINKS - FUN  
YOU BRING THE FAMILY AND A COVERED DISH**

**FRIENDS**

**FAMILY**

**FUN**

**GAMES**

**RAFFLE**

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3rd Annual

## **Mulberry Electric EXTravaganza**

Friday December 5th - Sunday December 7th, 2014

Benefitting the Bay Area "TOYS FOR TOTS"  
Program!

LANDING FEE \$25.00 - All Three Days

Bring an unwrapped toy and save \$10.00!!!

The IMPERIAL R/C CLUB flying field is located in Mulberry, Florida - 2 miles East of SR. 37 on US Hwy. 60 East. Our 27 acre flying field features:  
600' x 30' foot asphalt main runway - two 300 x 30 cross runways  
NEW! 80' x 20' Covered Pavillion - Three Solar Charging Stations.

Three Full Days of All **Electric** Fun!

Registration Opens 8:00 AM Daily

**AMA REQUIRED!**

**VENDORS WELCOME!**

Over night "dry" camping allowed - No Hook Ups!

GPS COORDINATES: 27.8944, -81.944683

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**NIGHT FLYING!**

Friday & Saturday Night



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**November 1<sup>st</sup> 2014**

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