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**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Michael Tarver	1st
Don Wasilewski	10th
Shelly Smith	14th
Mike Vascellaro	15th
George Rada	17th
Charles Grandstuff	22nd
Gene Lapansie	23rd
David DeWitt	25th

A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!

**THE NEXT MEETING IS:**

**April 1st**

May 6th, June 3rd, July 1st, August 5th,

The deadline for contributions to the next newsletter will be:

**April 16th.**

**7:00PM**

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See you at the field.

**\*\* HELP NEEDED \*\***

It's Mall Show / AirShow time and your help is needed to insure these events are successful.

***Do you need a refrigerator in your work shop?***

By: *Red Scholefield*

**The President's Korner**

By: *Jim Nunnallee*

Things are shaping up nicely for our spring events. The mall show is on track and preparations are well under way for the April Airshow. Expect a call from me or Keith Hunt for help on both of these events. The airshow is a big money maker for us and we need maximum participation from everyone to make this a fun and successful event.

I owe an apology to Dee Miller. I publicly accused Dee of "rat-holing" the 50/50 ticket box in his garage and it finally turned up, but not in Dee's garage. It was sitting right behind the counter in my store! Oops! Someone must have planted it there.

These annual events help the IRCC in meeting our goals of increased membership, revenue generation and promoting model aviation. Volunteering for just a few hours over these two weekends will insure that these goals are met.

Call: Jim Nunallee 285-8478 (home) or 425-1391 (store) and offer your help for the Mall Show March 27 & 28.

Call: Keith Hunt 688-8078 for the AirShow April 16th – 18th.

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***We are now meeting at the Mulberry Police Station / City Hall. Located at the intersection of Hwy 60 & 37. The new time is***

Mine is left over from last daughters college days, she graduated 12 years ago. It is a 1.8 cu ft Sears.

However for those of you that are not lucky enough to have kids grateful enough to leave you their college dorm refrigerator the following is offered as justification to household finance manager.

1. Good place to store stuff for holiday feasts when kids come home on annual visit.
2. Extra space for those stupid little crustless sandwiches for bride club
3. Back up in case other refrigerator breaks down.

4. I can store drinks in it so when my friends are visiting in the shop they won't have to track through the house and disturb bridge club.

5. I can have a cold one when working in the shop and will not have to track balsa shaving through the house and upset garden club.

6. Store extra drinks when grandchildren come.

7. Place to keep center piece from women's club luncheon until it is no longer recognizable.

8. Keep all those smelly glues, accelerators, epoxy that must be stored in cool place out of her refrigerator.

9. Place to keep limburger cheese, sardines, smoked herring, and other male staples not allowed in premises.

10. Place to store those very expensive batteries so they will last longer, as well as those needed for grandkids toys when they visit.

Red Scholefield - AMA 951 IMAA 18939

**Courtesy and common sense makes R/C modeling fun for everyone.**

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**Regular Meeting Minutes**

March 4, 1999

By: *Keith Hunt, Secretary*

Meeting called to order at 7:12pm, Jim Nunnellee presiding. All officers present.

Attendance - 13 members, current membership is 67 members.

Guests/New Members - Doug Thomas, (new member).

New Pilots - None.

Field Maintenance - The new windsock is up and running. Markings have been completed for the aerobatic "box" needed for the upcoming IMAC event.

Safety - No report.

Instructors - No report.

Old Business - Jim Nunnellee advises the Mall Show dates are March 27 & 28, 1999. Keith Hunt advises the airshow is on schedule for April 16 -18, 1999. Dee Miller stated that he will be responsible for concessions and parking for the airshow. Wally Sunday says the raffle plane is ready. Keith Hunt reported that the sanction for the IMAC event October 9 & 10 has been confirmed. Fred Schmidt is the CD. John Burdin felt the dates for the IMAC event are a mistake because of a District Finals Pattern

meet in Tampa on the same date.

New Business - None.

Plane of the Month - A Shrike 40 presented by George Mellow.

8 Ball Award - None

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm

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**Is your club "friendly?"**

*<Editor's Note: RC Online welcomes every and all modelers to contribute to the system, about good stuff and bad stuff.*

Nobody introduced themselves, or asked my name. Nobody said something like, "If you're really interested, give me your name and phone number, and I'll have 'Charlie' call you. He's our resident "talker", and he can explain everything to you, maybe set you up for a trial flight on a trainer and introduce you to some of the guys and gals at our next club meeting." In fact, I got the name of one of the club "talkers" from a hobby shop, called and left a message, explaining who I was and why I had called.

A week later I called and left another message. Four days later, I obtained a different name and phone number and got the information I wanted. And, No, the "talker" wasn't out of town!

I treat people that I don't like, who are Guests for whatever reason in my home, my place of business, or I just happen to run into on the street, with more

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warmth, interest and courtesy than I was shown at any of these fields! Not only was I not impressed, I was actively disappointed.

I just joined a club, but the choice was based solely on travel distance and the fact that I need a place to fly and the services of an instructor to get my hand back in. If I owned a farm, or lived in the boonies, I'd have said the hell with it and accepted the risks and probable extra expense of re-learning on my own!

Your idea of a club having one or more trainers available for a trial flight by visitors is excellent! With the advent of the buddy box - I can't remember ever seeing one, when I flew before. - I don't understand why clubs don't jump on this idea, as a means of getting people interested in the hobby. If this is against AMA rules for some reason, then I disagree with the rule, and it should be either changed, or ignored! Needless to say, the club I joined doesn't have any trainers so designated, and if the other two clubs do, they kept it a closely guarded secret!

The definition of PR at the three fields I visited, as it came across to this visitor, is Private & Restricted! Judging by some of the Internet posts I've read, often authored by people in their teens and twenties, I'm not the only visitor who has come away from a flying field

with this feeling!

Only once, at any of these fields, did I see a young person flying. A boy of 14, or so, was learning to fly a helicopter. The next youngest person I saw was in his mid to late 30's. Yes, I realize that a few visits to only three fields in a tiny geographic area doesn't constitute a reliable sampling of R/C flying in the United States. But, since most of my visits were in the early evening and on the weekend, it does say something with a fair degree of reliability! The first club meeting that I attended a week ago was an exact duplicate. Ironically, it was held in a school!

Maybe the older folk, predominant in my small sample, have lived through the hassles of raising children, and they just don't want the Peace and Quiet, figuratively speaking, of their hobby disrupted by beginners and the care and attention they require. Maybe. Or, maybe it's something else that I've been out of the hobby too long to pick up on such short re-acquaintance. But what ever it is, in my opinion, it's shortsighted!

As everyone knows, long term planning in the United States, by Government, business and maybe R/C clubs (?), can be defined accurately

as, "the time encompassed by the consecutive life spans

of two drosophila flies!" Could this be one of the reasons why I've read several posts in the R/C newsgroups about the decline in interest and/or the number of participants in the hobby? Are they true? I don't know.

Even if they aren't, expecting very many people to grin and bear it through the inattention, reluctance and what some will view as the outright rudeness that I experienced to enter the hobby anyway, is unrealistic. This is an expensive hobby even at the 40 size trainer level, and there are a lot of fun things to do competing for those dollars. Fun things done by fun people with fun personalities who are obviously "happy" to have someone express an interest in doing what they enjoy doing so much themselves! They'll be only too glad to take the R/C flying field visitors on the rebound!

In my opinion, unless a majority of the R/C Clubs actively embrace the philosophy of PR as meaning Polite and Receptive, those "decline in interest" posts will probably come true."

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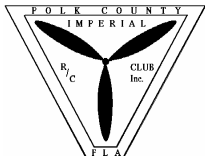
### • COMING AREA EVENTS

- IRCC MALL SHOW March 27 - 28, 1999
- SUN N'FUN April 11 - 17, 1999
- IRCC SPRING RALLY
- AND AIRSHOW 99 April 16 - 18, 1999
- MACDILL AIRFEST May 8th & 9th
- FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL
- JET RALLY October 22 - 24, 1999
- JIM SMITH MEMORIAL FLY-IN / IRCC - IMAA  
WINTER RALLY December 4 - 5, 1999

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