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By: Bill Mintz

Well, as we all can see, it's about time for the American tradition of late November, calorie consumption otherwise entitled as Thanksgiving. Just remember to chew carefully and don't try to eat the whole bird at one sitting. For additional safety measures, keep Alka Seltzer, Pepto Bismal, or any other nasty tasting remedy of your choice close at hand.

First, I'd like to inform everyone that I have received confirmation of the closure of the Badcock situation. I would like to thank everyone involved for keeping a neighborly attitude and agreeable spirit through the course of the past several weeks. All parties involved attribute the cause to an electrical malfunction, and as such the occurrence was unavoidable. Let this be a reminder to us all to check and re-check our equipment before flight; also keep in mind the request of the Badcock Corporation not to fly over their building and/or fuel dump. Also as a reminder, this is the time of year to drop subtle hints to our loved ones of new planes and equipment that we need desperately (December 25th).

We have an upcoming Big Bird event. Any and all breathing persons are asked to

volunteer for this meet. Please see Keith Hunt for areas of need. The areas we can really aid the club financially are parking and concessions. Also, the event itself will need volunteers for radio impound, inspectors, registration, and flight line crowd control (which now has become a safety issue with the AMA).

We have elected a new officer, John Banner as Secretary, and reinstated the previous officers at their respective positions. I would like to thank the club for its participation and support for your current executive officers. I hope the next year will be as good, if not better, than the one we have just had. I am hoping to be back on schedule with guest speakers at our meetings after the holidays.

Anyone interested in participating, please see me at the next meeting.

Remember the modeling workshop on December 2nd between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. at Jim's Hobbies. Bring your questions, concerns and ideas, and be prepared to learn something! I would like to personally thank Jim Nunnallee, for the great support he has shown the club with his hobby shop.

As a safety item, always remember that safety is everyone's responsibility.
Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Special Notice

It's time to renew memberships. Bring your renewal form to the meeting, mail it in or bring it to Jim's Hobbies. Be sure to include a copy of your new (2001) AMA card. Remember, you can't fly after December 31, 2000 without both, your new AMA and IRCC membership cards.

TAILSLIDE

By: Keith Hunt

Coming up December 9 -10, 2000 is our annual "Jim Smith Memorial IMAA Fly -In." IMAA stands for International Miniature Aircraft Association. This is a Special Interest Group, (SIG), that operates within the AMA umbrella. IMAA was organized to promote the flying of "large" RC aircraft. IMAA established a set of minimum

The IRCC monthly club meeting is held at the Mulberry City Hall at 7:30pm on the first Thursday of each

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS:
December 7**

The deadline for contributions to the next newsletter is:
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aircraft size restrictions, mono planes had to have at least an 80" wingspan, bi-planes a 60" wingspan and jets a 140" total of wingspan and fuselage combined length, or, the model could be true 25% scale. This created an elite group of pilots of sorts who enjoyed gathering at fly-in's and flying "BIG" and usually expensive airplanes.

In the 70's, 80's, and early 90's, a 25% "quarter scale" aircraft was considered HUGE! As technology, model and RC equipment accessibility improved, by today's standards, 25% and larger airplanes are commonplace. Even though the IMAA is not as unique as it once was, it is still a very

worthwhile organization with many benefits.

I have been a member of IMAA for many years now and I have never regretted joining. To participate in any of the many IMAA events held annually, one must be an IMAA member and pilot an aircraft that meets the minimum size requirements. At these events you will usually find some of the best pilots and aircraft that have gathered for a few days of relaxed non-competitive flying. As an IMAA member, you receive a quarterly issue of High Flight, which is a great magazine focusing on large aircraft. We, (IRCC), have an IMAA chapter within our club called "The Do-Little Squadron". This chapter allows us to obtain

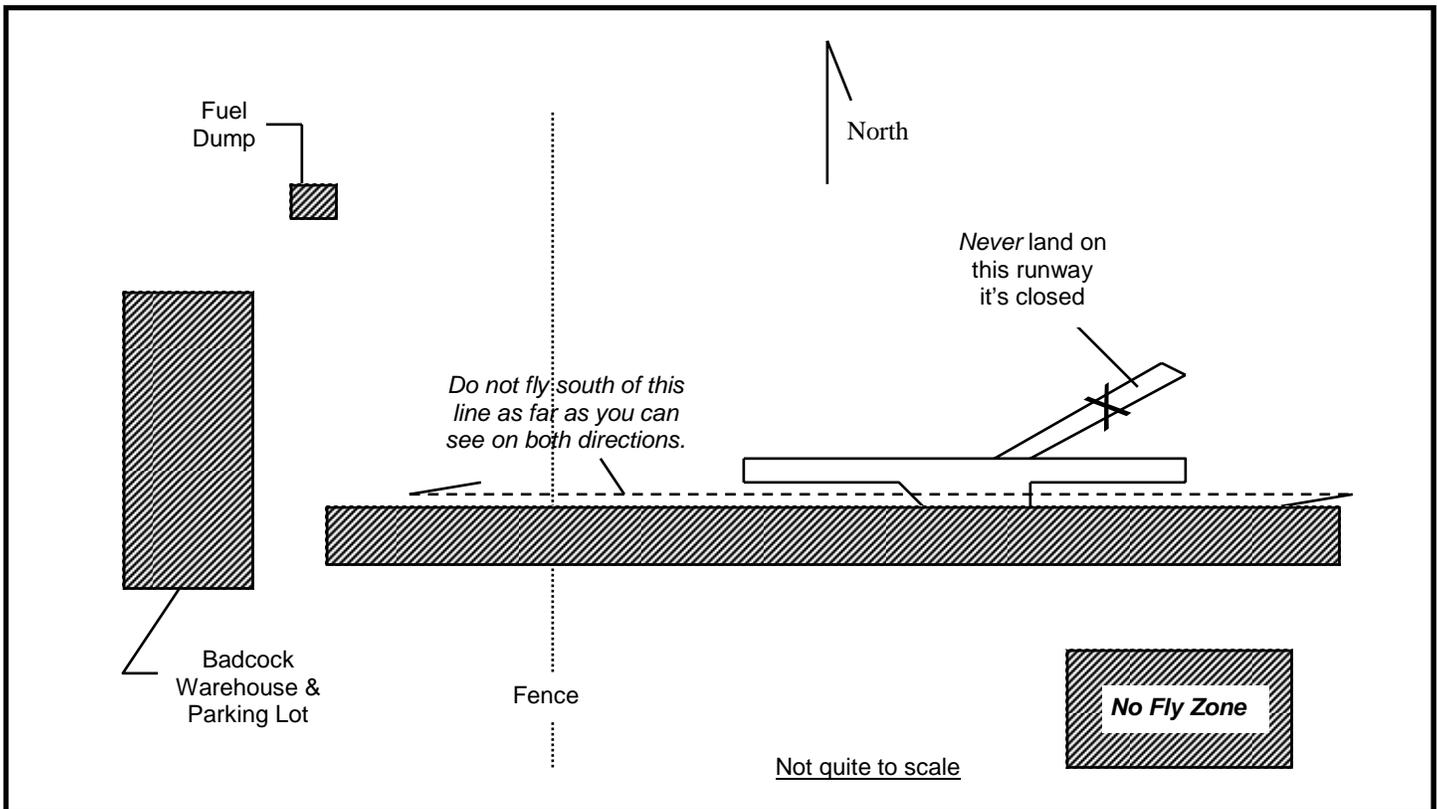
sanctions for our IMAA events.

I would recommend IMAA membership to anyone who fly's large scale aircraft and enjoys the fellowship with pilots of similar interests.

Any AMA member can belong to the IMAA organization by joining. Annual IMAA dues are \$15.00, (includes High Flight Magazine). Anyone needing applications or more information about IMAA, check out the website at www.fly-ima.org or let me know!

ps - Anyone that joins IMAA at the Jim Smith Fly-In will not have to pay the \$10,00 entree fee for the event.

Until next time.....
Don't forget to have fun!!



Please pay attention to this diagram and what's printed below.

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

MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2000

Jim Nunnallee, Acting Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M.

The minutes from the last meeting and the treasurer's report were accepted as written.

Guests and new

members: Frank Stephens attended as a new member.

Field Maintenance: John Burdin will look at the letters for our sign at the field and see if they need replacement. Norm Skinner reported on the possibility of buying new pins for the frequency board. Keith Hunt said that he already had a nice pin set that belonged to the club. The club agreed to try out this set before buying a new set.

Safety: Norm Skinner reviewed the AMA safety rules concerning engines and emphasized good judgment in engine operations.

Membership: Don Wasilewski reported that we are up to 104 members.

Events: Keith Hunt reported that all went well with the recent IMAC meet. For the December IMAA meet, we will need volunteers for inspections, parking, and concessions.

Old Business: (1) The hole in the Badcock roof issue is closed. The damages have been paid but we need to continue our vigilance about over-flight. (2) Ballots were counted for elections with the following winners:

*President - William Mintz
Vice President - Ian Clark*

December BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!

Bud Keller	5th
David Healey Jr.	7th
Tommy Myers	7th
Terry Green	8th
Dottie Jarvis	12th
Doug Blouin	19th

*Secretary - John Banner
Treasurer - Don Wasilewski
Director - Norm Skinner*

(3) John Burdin reported that the Jet Rally went well and he thanked all the club members who helped. A new Airtronics radio was donated by Steve Jaworski and John Burdin to the club.

New Business: (1) A workshop will be held on December 2 from 10:00-12:00 at Jim's Hobbies. At least three of our most experienced modelers will be on hand to lend assistance and give advice on building, covering, engines, etc. (3) A discussion was conducted on which types of club meetings should have meeting minutes recorded. (4) The recent untimely passing of Ed Deeson was announced. The club voted to send flowers.

50/50: Mark Faske took the cash.

Raffle: Mark Faske also won a cutting board. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

2000 Florida Int'l Jet Rally

By: John Burdin

The 7th Florida International Jet Rally was

another huge success. The weather was pretty good, over 50 registered pilots and areally great time was had by all who participated. This year we had pilots fro as far away as Coniccute and Pennsylvania. A lot of Florida "jet jocks" and our usual local contingent.

Bob Violet and the RAM guys were co-sponsors this year, and we believe that helped to make this years event an even bigger success. We also received significant support from throughout the model industry with donated awards and prizes.

The Tiger Lake Lions received a significant boost to their treasury from the parking donations they collected. This year we also made a big improvement with our concessions and the annual Saturday night Pilot Bar-B-Q was it's usual fun time.

We were able to present several awards again this year, and as in years past we presented and industry excellence award. This year it went to Bill Watton of SpringAir Products. Bill has been around this business for a long time and there are few modelers who have not come into contact with some of Bills products.

As in past years, the IRCC played big part in our success. The use of some of the field set-up items, P.A. system and manpower. **Jim Nunnallee, Kirk Kauth, Arnold Schmidt and Ian Clark** all worked to assist in the success of this years Jet Rally.

Steve and I are very happy to present the IRCC with a new



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Coming Area Events

Winter Rally 2000

IRCC / IMAA Winter Rally

December 9th & 10th, 2000

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