

FEBRUARY 2001

CONTACT

By: Bill Mintz

Well, our last meeting seems to have been an interesting one. We have the opportunity to expound on the safety issues that are of concern to many of us. An appointed committee will report to us at the next meeting about the costs, feasibility and design of a safety fence for the pilots who are flying from the pads. I'm glad to find such interest in this safety issue, but let us not forget why we are wanting a fence around the pilot:

Do we wish to protect the pilot, or do we wish to protect the plane? Another question, how simple can we make this and from what material do we want the fence made of in a cost prohibitive situation. These are examples of questions that we must answer ourselves before we make a final decision.

While we're on the issue of safety, I would like to refresh everyone on the safety rules and club policies we all agreed to when the membership application was signed. (See Page 3)

By reviewing these safety rules and policies, I hope that we can have a safer, accident free, and better understanding about the club, for this year. As the old quiche' goes, "**Safety is everyone's responsibility.**"

See you at the next meeting.

TAILSLIDE

By: Keith Hunt

I would like to start this new years article on a personal note by saying thanks to few people. First, thanks to Kim Smith who in 1987 welcomed me into this club and taught me how to fly RC and provided a positive attitude. Thanks to John Burdin, who by holding a Pattern contest years back, sparked my interest

excellent competition advice and aircraft. Thanks to Jim Nunnallee and Jims Hobbies for helping with supplies, (every little bit helps!!). Most of all, thanks to all the club members who have supported me and have been courteous enough to stand down at the field while I practice, and even helped call my routines.

This, my friends, is what this thing we do called "model aviation" is all about. One good deed started by Kim led to another, then another, and so on. With so many positive contributions by fellow flyers over the years, it's no wonder I'm traveling all over, visiting new flying sites and clubs, competing, and simply having the time of my life!

I hope everyone read the article that was reprinted in our last newsletter from another publication about a model flyer getting the cold shoulder and a bad impression from various club members, (fortunately, not our club.....this time). While this fellow might have been a little hypersensitive, the thrust of his argument rings true.

I guess in an ideal world, every single member of every club would have the same positive proactive approach as did all the people I've

Special Notice
This is the last newsletter that you will receive until and unless you renew your IRCC membership.

The IRCC is going on line.
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in flying competitively and made me dig deeper into this sport. Thanks to the late Howard "Goody" Goodman, who took me aside one day and gave me direction on aerobatics and airplanes. Thanks to Mike Vascellaro for providing

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:
February 1st

The deadline for contributions to the next newsletter is:
February 15th.

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mentioned.....unfortunately, the world is far from ideal. The reality is that there are still a few who are less courteous, pessimistic, offensive, un-appreciative, self centered and tend to have personal hidden agendas within clubs. Many of us simply ignore these few individuals, but others would rather avoid them all together by flying somewhere else, or worse, deciding not to enter the hobby at all.

I am aware that we have lost good members and prevented potential members from joining our club because of these adverse attitudes. On behalf of these "negative attitudes" I would apologize and ask that you give us another try. The up side of this, at least in my opinion, is that these negative individuals are minuscule compared to the general membership, but sometimes, it only takes one.

Even though reality may dictate

otherwise, I will continue to strive for this ideal world, and, I would challenge each of you to assist me.

I often wonder what might have happened if I had met a "negative attitude" in 1987 when I walked onto our field for the first time.

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2001

By – *John Banner, Secretary*

Meeting called to order: 7:28 p.m., 22 members attending.

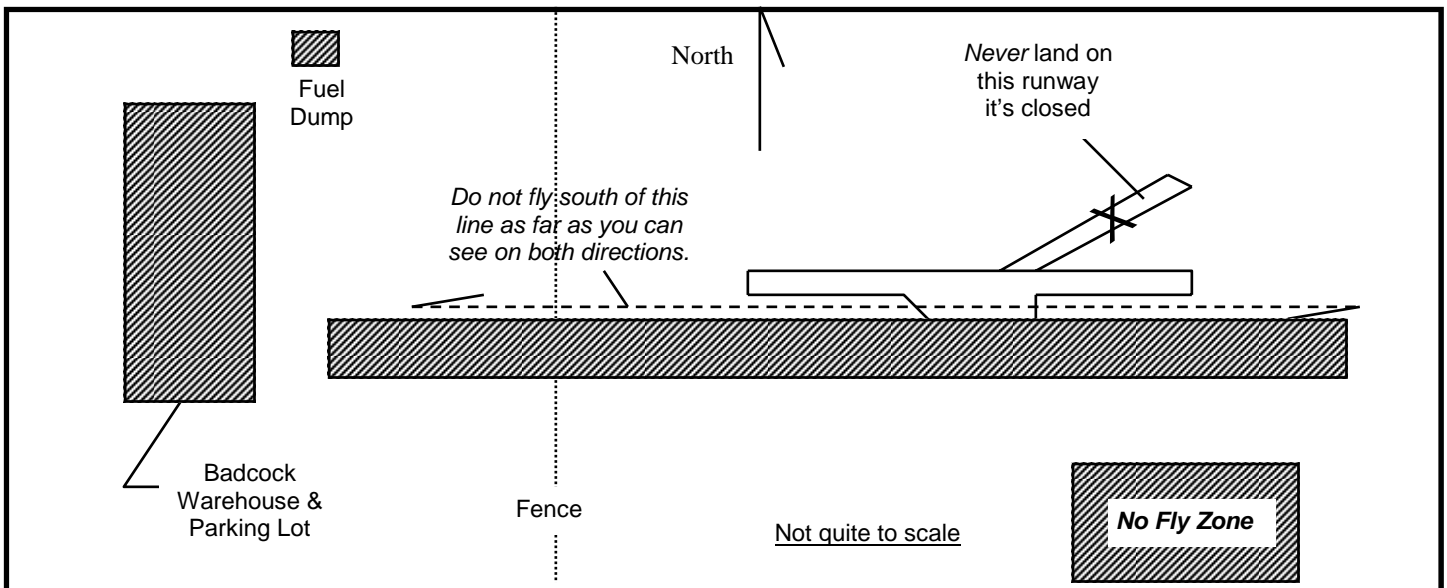
New Members - none

Motion to accept the last meeting minutes and Treasurers report made. Motion passed.

Field Maintenance Report – Norm discussed buying new cups to run rope through for the spectators' line. Keith discussed painting marquee.

Safety Report – Norm says, "Please, no scars this year." All engines need to be shut down before white lines on taxiways. Please be careful starting engines wearing next straps. We need to communicate with each other while flying.

Old Business - July 21st swap meet may have to be moved to a later date. Keith asked for a motion to approve budget for upcoming events. Dee makes a motion for executive committee to discuss upcoming events and report back to February meeting. Norm seconds Dee's motion. Executive committee will discuss upcoming events. Jim N. volunteered to try to make new pins for the frequency board.



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

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

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New Business – Norm suggest making individual pilot barricades for safety especially at meets. Dee suggest a 36 inch high chain link fence running the length of the runway. Jim N. makes a motion for 2 people to research this topic and return with info next meeting. Motion passed.

Plane of the Month - none

8 Ball Award – none

50/50 – Brian

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20 p.m.

Imperial R/C Club Safety Rules

1). Abide by the AMA Safety code and other AMA procedures as they apply to Radio Control Model Aircraft.

2). All transmitters will be identified with a red flag and a transmitter ID tag and shall be impounded upon arrival at the field and remain impounded until leaving the field except while in use. (see rule 3).

3). Abide by the procedures for frequency control and transmitter identification. Only AMA, MAAC, or current club cards may be used on the frequency control board. (Sorry, we are not able to accept drivers' licenses, credit cards, library cards, etc.)

4). Limit transmitter time to 15 minutes when others are waiting for the same frequency.

5). Always point the nose of your plane toward the infield during engine run-up. While doing this please beware of the effect your

February BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!

Steve Olson	4th
Wallace Sunday	5th
Pat McDermott	13th
Joe Whelan	19th
Tom Connor	21st
Doug Smith	21st
Lynn Collins	25th
Bill Bolton	26th
Phil Haag	29th

propblast is having on others (jets are of the opposite nature).

6). Clearly announce your intentions, i.e. taxiing, on the runway, taking off, low pass, etc.

7). Use only the designated flying pads.

8). Do not fly south of the east-

New IRCC On-Line Discussion Group!

A new IRCC member group discussion / mailing list area has been established on line. This is simply an area where IRCC members can freely and rapidly exchange information between one another regarding events, meetings, flying or building tips, items for sale or items wanted, club issues, or just about anything a member would like to discuss with the other members.

To join go to:
IRCC@e-groups.com or Send an e-mail to airsouth@gte.net.

west runway. The only exception is landing on the diagonal runway at the extreme west end of the main runway.

9). New members and their guests must exhibit their flying skills to a club instructor or officer before flying without supervision. Club members are responsible for their guests.

10). Flying is restricted to club members and their guests. A club member who has a guest or guests at the field must be present for that guest to fly.

11). While returning to the pit area, taxi under power only to the designated lines and stop the engine.

12). Except for introductory flights, IRCC instructors and members may only instruct pilots who have valid AMA and IRCC memberships.

13). All members are responsible for enforcing the IRCC rules.

Imperial R/C Club Policies:

1). Members or guests damaging others' property are responsible for that damage. They are obligated to repair or replace damaged items at fair market value.

2). Instructors or officers may take a new application for membership at any time. A temporary membership card will be issued at this time. A new member should attend the next regularly scheduled meeting to obtain his permanent membership card. The club membership chairman may waive this requirement, i.e. young members with school the next day.

3). Mowing the field takes precedence over flying.

4). The IRCC is not responsible for lost or stolen items at the field or any other function the club is party to.



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2001 Coming Area Events

Florida Jets March 1st- 4th
IRCC Mall Show

Mac Diill AirFest April 7th & 8th

Sun N'Fun April 8th-13th

IRCC AirShow

Top Gun

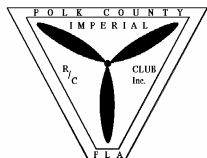
Summer Swap Meet

WarBirds Unlimited

Florida Aerobatics / IMAC

Florida International Jet Rally Nov. 2nd-4th

IRCC / IMAA Winter Rally



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