

**MARCH 2001**

**CONTACT**

By: Bill Mintz

Well, it's February, a time for everyone to be busy planning for upcoming events, do's and don'ts, what ifs, and anything else that can scatter your brain. At our last meeting, we established dates for future events and we'll be expecting members of the club to participate in order to make these events successful and profitable. We also expect members and spectators to abide by club rules and bylaws and observe vital safety procedures at all times.

I am glad to see such a positive response to the changes made for the safety of the pilot at the flight line. In the same respect, we also try to protect the plane as much as possible. This has been an area of concern for a number of people for quite some time. I would like to thank Norm Skinner, Dee Miller, and Al Gaudiosi for their efforts as a committee to present the different concepts, costs, and considerations of the designs.

Well, the ugly beast of burden has risen again. For those of you who missed the last meeting, WS Badcock has once again responded to the close flight patterns over their fuel dump and buildings. This is a great concern to Badcock.

Again to repeat, all they are asking for us to do is not fly over the warehouse and fuel dump. To their response, the executive committee is considering disciplinary actions to any pilot who repeatedly violates the already existing rule concerning this matter. Possible action on the part of the committee may result in loss of flying time and even revocation of membership. Some ways to remedy this problem: be aware of where you're flying, and if needs be, ask for an individual to spot for you to ensure that we are not offending our neighbors. Look on the positive side of this: both the pilot and the spotter may be learning new flying techniques and other useful information. Let's all police ourselves so that we can say we've done our part to keep our field and good neighbors.

Once again, safety is everyone's responsibility. Even yours.

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**Soap Box**

By: John Burdin, Editor

I was watching a movie that is a favorite of mine the other evening. The movie was Caddy Shack. If you have not seen the

**IRCC membership and flying privileges are exactly that; A privilege, not a right.**

**Abuse it and loose it !!!!**

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The IRCC is gong on line.  
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Check out the event  
Schedule. Page 4.

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Jim Nunnallee and the club needs you assistance for the annual Mall Show.

Give Jim a call and offer your support.

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We have very friendly neighbors and we want to keep them that way.

Review the no-fly zones.  
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movie, it's a wonderful comedy about a Country Club and many of its members. If you have ever belonged to a county club or just about any other organization the characters are much the same. One could easily identify the

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:  
March 1st**

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

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various characters in the movie with members of their own club or organization.

Most of these characters were pretty funny, and as one would make the personal identities with their friends and associates, laughter would often follow. A couple of the characters though weren't so "cool", they were simply miserable soles that no one seemed to want to be around, associate with and avoid at all cost!!

Fortunately our flying club has a limited number of members who fall into this category. The problem is; they are very real and very damaging to all the hard work done by current and past members of our flying club. These members, in their own way believe (falsely) they are doing good things by being alarmist, negative, often times offensive and rumormongers. Members with these attitudes, regardless of how well intended, are not beneficial to our flying club.

We are supposed to be having fun, and if we have members who can't figure that out ????????

## TAILSLIDE

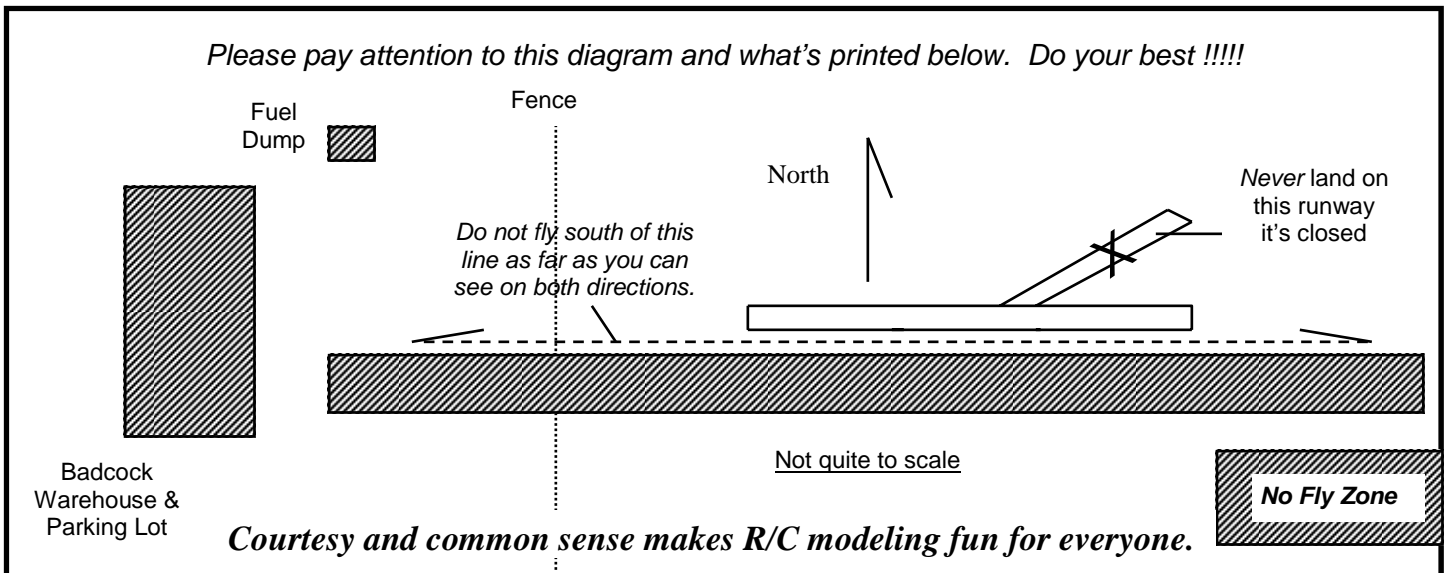
By: Keith Hunt

Recently, we've engaged in much conversation regarding certain aspects of our club as compared to other clubs. Personally, over the span of my 12 + years of RC flying, I have had the privilege of visiting approximately 70 - 80 club flying sites throughout the United States. I've flown from club fields less than half the size of our, (IRCC), parking area with tall, (and I mean TALL), trees at one end of the short grass runway and an "airplane straining" fence not more than fifteen feet from the other end. I've also flown at sites like Converse Indiana, (this is where we practiced for the Nat's in Muncie), Where you can fly from an abandoned airship, (blimp), field that was solid concrete for at least one mile in all directions. I've seen clubs consist of two officers and I've seen government owned parks where two or more clubs each consisting

of a full administration, (Pres, VP, Treas, Sec, BODs etc), share the flying site simultaneously. The more I investigated this subject, the more I realized the multitude of variations of RC flying sites and the more my curiosity took over!

Just for fun, I recently polled members from several RC Internet groups via the internet and asked four questions about their clubs; 1) What is the average annual membership? 2). What are the annual dues? 3). What does the clubs administration consist of? 4). How would they rate their club field? (i.e. 1-very bad to 10-excellent). Receiving 41 responses, I averaged this information along with what personal information I had of clubs and sites to formulate the following;

- 1). The average club consists of 165 members.
- 2). The average club dues is \$65.00, (About 5% of clubs have a one time initiation fee)
- 3). The average club administration consists of a President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer and a Field Director/Safety Officer.
- 4). The average field rating is 8.



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Keep in mind this information is not official, it is meant only to give us an idea how we, as a club, may stack up against others.

There is one more little bit of information I obtained through much of this; "A nice flying site/ field is what usually attracts members, politics is what usually drives them away!"

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

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### **Regular Meeting Minutes**

February, 1 2001

*By – John Banner, Secretary*

Meeting called to order at 7:29 P.M. 24 members attending, total membership is up to 62 members.

**Guests and New Members** – We welcome Larry Odom and Steve Taylor

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

**Field Maintenance Report** – John Burdin reports several letters and numbers are either missing or damaged for the sign. John did some research and found a new set would run around 25.00 a motion to buy 2 new sets of numbers and letters was made, motion passed.

**Safety Report** – None

### **Old Business**

Norm Skinner reports back to us with two barricade concepts  
Concept # 1 Chain Link Fence  
Concept  
1. Eliminate west most pilot's station – retaining existing 5 stations

## **March BIRTHDAYS**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!

Eric Allard	2nd
Art May	3rd
Steve Fowler	9th
David Burton	13th
James Combass	18th
Robert Little	23rd
Bobby Brigman	26th
John Burdin	29th

2. Bring pilot's stations south an extra few feet.  
3. Two-ft. skip in fence between second & third pilot's stations west of taxiway and center of 42 ft. span.

4. Galvanized chain link fence 1 3/8-inch top, 1 5/8 inch vertical, 10 ft. centers, from Best Fence Co. Bartow \$686.00 plus tax.  
Concept # 2 PVC Pilot Protection Guards

1. Eliminate west most pilot's station (retains 5 stations).

2. Bring pilot's stations south an extra few feet.

3. Each guard to be 3'x4', arrow 90 degrees shape, 1 1/2' schedule 40, red construction webbing inside and outside the frame.

4. 2" steel pipe embedded to hold guard stations

5. Home Depot price: \$123.00 plus tax, excluding steel pipe  
The members voted for the PVC Pilot Protection Guards concept a motion was mad to make the guards 30in in height and 5 ft. in length motion passed. Another motion was made to enlarge the pilot pads motion passed. Motion made to approve the budget for the PVC Pilot Protection Guards motion passed

**New Business** – Discussed upcoming events a motion was made to change the dates for the spring AirShow. Motion passed  
MallShow will be held March 31 and April 1  
Spring AirShow will be held April 21 and 22  
A family fun day is planned for June 23 for club members and family. The family day will include a free lunch for members and family and will be open to all types of aircraft.  
Swap meet will be held July 21at Tiger Town.

WarBird meet will be held September 15 and 16  
IMAC will be held October 13 and 14  
IMAA meet will be held December 1  
Bill Mintz asked for a motion to accept event dates and for the budget for these events. Motion passed.

**Plane Of The Month** - Mike Zellers won with a beautiful Great Planes Giant Aeromaster Powered by a G62 weighing 18 lbs. Great job Mike!

**50/50** – Scott Smith

### **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:  
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## 2001 Coming Area Events

Florida Jets March 1 - 4

**IRCC Mall Show March 10 & 11**  
***Jim Nunnellee 863-425-1391***

Mac Dill AirFest April 7 & 8  
Sun N'Fun April 8 -13

**21st IRCC AirShow April 21 & 22**  
***Bill Mintz 863-646-6406***

Top Gun April 26- 29  
IRCC Summer Swap Meet July 2  
IRCC WarBirds Unlimited Sept. 15 & 16  
IRCC Florida Aerobatics /IMAC Oct. 15 & 16  
Florida International Jet Rally Nov. 2 - 4  
IRCC IMAA Winter Rally December 1st



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