

NOVEMBER 2001

A Plane View from your President

By: Mike Zellars

Hi All! Well I have one official month as president under my belt and must say I am pleased. In recent weeks, I have witnessed much more flying activity at the field and it seems most members have a common theme while at the field: to have some safe fun!! That is what it is all about. Thanks to all ...

We have some upcoming events in the coming months and I would like to remind everyone how important it is for all members to do what they can to support the events. Events like these coming up serve multiple purposes. One, they provide flying activity to members and guests which in no uncertain terms equals FUN. Secondly, they introduce the public to our club and what we stand for. It is always important for the public to know we are a responsible club, which provides safe fun entertainment to anyone wishing to join us for FUN. Thirdly, they are a key element to the clubs financial status. Events typically bring in money to our bank account, which never can hurt and can only help our future. So please everyone do what he or she can for these events.

In other news, we now have a field maintenance officer and a chief flight instructor. When I took over as president, it was my belief that these positions were crucial to any clubs success so I started searching and two gentlemen came forward. Dee Miller understands what the club needs as far as field maintenance goes and his first task he is taking on is the

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impound shed. I believe the whole club is in agreement that the shed needs a little beautifying (a lot?) and Dee is currently working up a plan of attack so keep in mind he cant do it alone when the time comes so again do what you can.

Scott Smith has been a very active instructor for a while now and everyone can tell, he is GREAT at it. He also sees a

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS:
November 1st**



The Imperial Radio Control Club is proud to host:

TOPGUN

April 22—27, 2002

need to get the student pilot program constructed in a way that every student is competent in flying before he is given his wings. This not only creates a safer flying field but also simply is to the students benefit. No one likes to see a student loose a plane needlessly where a little more instruction could have saved the plane. Scott can't do all instructing however so anyone willing to help out as an instructor, PLEASE contact Scott.

Lastly for this month, I want to remind all that next months meeting we will have nominations for next years officers (official voting is November meeting). So please come to the meeting and

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participate. Participation at meetings is a key ingredient to a clubs success. See you there and again thanks!

The first annual IRCC Heli Fun-Fly is just around the corner. This should be a very exciting event and Mike can use your help.

Give him a call and let him know your are available!!! Help make this new event a really big success!!

The 8th Annual Florida International Jet Rally at the Lake Wales Airport is November 2 -4.

Each year this event draws some of the finest R/C model jets and their drivers from the southeast and beyond. This year should be no exception.

Each year IRCC members have pitched in to help make this a very successful event. Steve and I look forward to that support again this year.

Please give Steve Jaworski a call (813-752-2420) to offer your assistance again this year.

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2001

By – Scott Smith

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. 18 members and 2 people are in attendance.

Motion to accept the last meetings and treasurers report made. Motion passed.

New Members – none

Instructors/ new pilots – Douglas

Smith has completed his flight training and is now an official pilot
Membership – Don Wasilewski reports current membership is at 85 members.

Field Maintenance

Dee Miller gives a short review of the plans to secure the gate and to re-do the pilot shelter.

A motion is made by Wally Sunde to buy a new gate for \$100, seconded by Joe Whelan, motion passed.

Dee Miller is asking for club workdays to be for the weekend of November 17-18 and December 1-2 to referish our shelter. Phil Haag will secure a spray truck for the pressure washing from the city. A motion to allot \$100 for supplies for the cleaning and painting is made by Keith Hunt, seconded by Wally Sunde, motion passed. Don Wasilewski agrees to order membership cards for 2002.

Don speaks and informs the club that October 15 will be his last day as Treasurer due to being relocated by his employer, everyone agrees that Don has been a true asset to the club and wishes him the best till he returns.

Past and Future Events

Our warbird event on September 15-16 was a non-event due to tropical storm.

Keith speaks about the IMAC meet on October 15-16 and tells us that anyone wanting to help to contact him.

Scott Smith will do concessions for the event and will need assistance from any willing people. Please, feel free to contact Keith or Scott if you could help out for this event.

Mike Zellers speaks about the November 10-11 heli event, and proposes to upgrade the raffle heli to a complete RTF package at dealer cost.

A motion for \$700 for the RTF heli package is made by Dee Miller, seconded by Frank Ciccarello,

motion passed.

Mike also talks about Top Gun 2002 and an opportunity to run the Swap Meet Friday, Saturday and Sunday with 3 members a day for 50% of the profits.

Dee Miller and Keith Hunt believe that we shouldn't overextend ourselves on personnel.

Norm Skinner says that anyone can sit in the shade and police the event.

Frank Ciccarello mentions that a pre-registry would make the event run much smoother.

The members agree to allot the personnel.

A list for people to assist in the event will be posted at the field for anyone who can help out to make this event a great success.

Keith Hunt speaks for Fred Schmidt to move the warbird event to late March so as to avoid conflicts with other events in the area. Keith Hunt makes the motion, Phil Haag seconds, motion passed.

2002 Club Officer Nominations

President: Mike Zellers and Keith Hunt

Vice President: Scott Smith

Secretary: Jim Nunnallee

Treasurer: Dee Miller

Board of Directors: Jim Urick and Mike Vascellaro

Dee Miller will assume the treasurers' responsibilities as of November 1.

Phil Haag suggests downsizing the dumpster due to Jim's Hobbies closing; the matter is tabled until Jim Nunnallee is spoken to.

Plane of the Month – none

50/50 – Mark Faske wins \$16.

Meeting Adjourned – 8:32 p.m.

Chopper Corner

By: Mike Zellers

Hi All! In recent months I have been really taken back on the interest of radio controlled

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helicopters from numerous members of Imperial R/C. I love answering everyone's questions and love helping our new rotor wing flyers gets their machines dialed in. So my message to all the members and guest please keep the questions and discussion coming, I LOVE talking choppers and love helping. Thanks

By the time you receive this newsletter, our helicopter fun fly will only be a week or two away. I need some help still so if any of you can help PLEASE let me know. I promise not to work you senseless; just some small jobs need some attention. Also, I really hope to see ALL of you come by for a visit during the event. Even if you will never have an interest in getting into helicopters, I promise you will enjoy the show. Pilots of all skill levels will be there and the them for entire weekend is F...U.... N.

So I hope to hear from or see you and remember keep the interest coming!!!

Focused on the Future

By John Burdin

I did not attend the last meeting as I was attending the Superman Jet Rally. What an event!!!

In reading the minutes from the last meeting and discussing the proposed WarBird meet change, the following should be considered by the proponents of the event.

When the IRCC decided to become involved in the Top Gun project it was understood that there would be no other events in the Spring except for the Mall Show. The Mall Show is traditionally in late March. That date is partially dictated by Easter. This was crystal clear so the manpower requirements for the MallShow and Top Gun would not be diluted in any way by other events.

Common sense dictates this as a prudent course of action.

The proposed WarBird dates directly conflict with this previously adopted Top Gun involvement. It also directly interferes with the annual MallShow.

If the WarBird meet is to be

November BIRTHDAYS

Rick Hisle	1st
John Grimsley	8th
Fred Schmidt	8th
Arnold Schmidt	11th
Arthur VanHagen	19th
Oliver Green	19th
Doug Burrell	20th
Eric Sullivan	29th
Dr. Art Magarino	30th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

rescheduled in the Spring. The promoters of the event should choose an appropriate date prior to March or mid-May or later.

This is further evidence that the IRCC needs to adopt compressive guidelines for all event activities. We had these in the past and rarely had any problems with scheduling or operation of any events. This will protect the greater interest of OUR CLUB.

Come to the monthly meetings.

Focus on Instruction

By: Scott Smith

When I returned to flying RC last year after 10 years away, the first thing I noticed was that I spent a lot more time waiting for an instructor than I did flying. So, after a few flights and getting a feel for it again, I decided I would help out as an instructor so, hopefully, the same thing wouldn't happen to any new people who want to enjoy flying RC. As I began instructing people and talking to other instructors, I realized that our program was lacking in uniformity and somewhat in content. What I would like to do is to get all of our instructors together by the first of the year, and together, work out a system of instruction methods that will put us all on the same page. I also have some simple forms that will release the club and you, as an instructor, from any possible liability

issues.

If you are a current instructor, or would like to be an instructor, please get in touch with me. Together we will work on making our approach to teaching the best so that our new pilots will feel confident in their abilities and be able to get the most out of this exciting and FUN sport that we all enjoy.

Both candidates for president were offered space to make an election statement. Mike Zellar's statement is printed below. Keith Hunt did not want to participate.

Dear: Members

Since assuming the position of President of this club a few months ago I have learned a lot about the members of this club and as importantly myself! I learned that this club has a quality of membership that in my opinion is second to none. I have always socialized and "shot the bull" with you all while enjoying flying, but since becoming president I have made a special effort to find out what you the members want out of this club. What I learned is you all want much the same I do; To have a whole bunch of safe fun.

What I found out about myself is that when it came time to step up to the plate, I did have the initiative to give 110% of my efforts to get the club direction on the right path. I always thought I did but until you actually step up there is always a little doubt. But, that isn't the only thing I found out; I found that this short time as your president has really been enjoyable. I have come to know a lot of you much better and that in itself is worth every effort I have given.

I believe this club has the capability and quality of membership to go into 2002 and come out December of next year a much stronger and solid club. Most of the ingredients are already there, and that is you the



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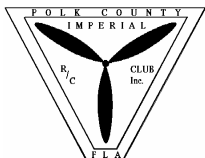
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IRCC IMAA Winter Rally

Dec. 1st & 2nd

IRCC Mall Show
March 2002

Top Gun
April 22 -27, 2002
Lakeland, Airport
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Remember to vote !!

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