

JANUARY 2002

**A Plane View
from your President**

By: Mike Zellars

Well as you read this, we are probably only a few days away from the New Year. I for one am very excited about the coming year!!! Coming up in just a few months we have an incredible opportunity. As you all know we have been chosen as the host club for Top Gun 2002. To say this is an incredible opportunity for club is actually a huge understatement. The benefits this could provide the club are endless. John Burdin will be addressing the club at the next meeting on what exactly the club duties, and responsibilities are as well as any potential benefits. I will let John explain all the details, my only request is that each member please consider in helping in anyway he or she can. A united effort will almost certainly lead to a successful outcome. I hope you all will consider coming to next meeting so we can all start getting excited about Top Gun 2002 right here in Lakeland, FL!!!

In other news, at the last club meeting we approved a few more events for 2002. Some of these events are going to be a lot of fun for club members as well as guest. One that comes to mind is Wally Sudey will be coordinating a Family Day set for May of 2002. The ideal behind this event is to get as many clubs members out

at field as possible for flying and fun. The hope is many members will bring their family members or other guest and all together we will enjoy what this hobby is all about. We will probably have some sort of cookout and get some trainer planes out there for people to get some first time hands on experience with flying. Please keep this event in mind as events like this are what really strengthen a club.

**Membership Renewals
for 2002 are Now Due**

**No flying after 12/31/01
without a 2002 AMA and IRCC
membership card**

I am also very excited to announce that www.imperialrcclub.com is being constructed as we speak. Ian Clark has rendered the services of his son Brandon to help us design our clubs first ever Website. Brandon Clark designs websites for a living and we all should be excited about his offer to help us. One neat thing about this Website is that it will truly be a Club controlled Website. The way we have it setup is any member who would like something put on the Website either come to a club

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS:
January 3rd**



The Imperial Radio Control Club is proud to host:

TOPGUN
April 22—27, 2002

meeting or sends something in writing or email. At the meeting the information will be approved for insertion and Ian will be our middleman and take the information and have in inserted into the Website. The idea behind the Website is to help promote out club and I want all information on there to be ideas from the members. So please share your ideas with the club and lets make this a success!! Some basic information will be inserted to get it going so we can start it up without much delay and then once it is up, that information will be approved and we are hoping all you members will start throwing your ideas around so we can keep building and shaping it to form.

I guess that is enough info for

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this time around, so go fly and have fun!!!

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 6, 2001

By – *Jim Nunnallee, Secretary*

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 with 19 members attending. The minutes from the last meeting and the Treasurer's report were accepted as posted.

Guests and New Members –

Rick Ruede is now a new member. Rick is president of Prop Busters and we are pleased to have him join our club as well.

Field Maintenance – Dee Miller pressure washed the shed to prep it for painting and also put in a new steel post for the front gate. The painting on the shed will be completed next Saturday. Installation of hinges on the gate is awaiting the welder. Phil Haag mentioned that there is a palm tree that partially blocks vision of our sign near the highway. Mike Zellars will investigate for possible corrective action.

Membership – current membership is at 91 and Mike Zellars announced that Harry Price, Ian Clark, and Scott Smith will be renewed as our Intro pilots.

Events – The November helicopter meet was a major success with over 70 registered pilots and over 150 helicopters on then line. Total profit was approximately \$2400. The December IMAA meet was also a big success with wonderful weather all weekend. There were 39 registered pilots and a very good mix of very nice airplanes. Big thanks to Mike Zellars and Keith Hunt for CD'ing these two

events.

Old Business – none.

New Business – Mike reported on the recent Executive Committee/Directors meeting. Subjects discussed included:

- 1) We need more Contest Directors. Volunteers are encouraged.
- 2) We need a new meeting place that is a bit more centrally located. Mike is looking for something in Lakeland.
- 3) Proposed events for next year include:
 - a. Mall Show – March 9-10, Jim Nunnallee
 - b. Top Gun – John Burdin will have detailed info at the January meeting.
 - c. Family Day – mid May, Wally Sundy
 - d. Swap Meet – July, need a volunteer to run this one
 - e. Warbirds Meet – September, need a CD
 - f. IMAC Meet – early October, Keith Hunt
 - g. Helicopter Meet – November 9-10, Mike Zellars
 - h. IMAA Meet – Nov 30 – Dec 1, Keith Hunt

All proposed events were voted on and approved by the membership. A motion was passed to approve \$600 expenditure to attract the top names (Curtis Youngblood) to the November helicopter meet. Money will only be spent for transportation and housing expenses. Any funds not spent will be returned to the general fund.

Keith Hunt mentioned that Van Flowers will be the CD for an IMAC meet at TRAC in April (Van is also a member of IRCC). For several reasons, he would

like to move the event to our field; i.e. make it an IRCC event. There was discussion about a potential conflict with Top Gun commitments. It was agreed to hold the decision until we can confirm the exact date and any potential Top Gun conflicts.

Ian Clark reported on the progress on the IRCC website. Ian's son is a professional web designer and has agreed to design and maintain the site free. He has also made arrangements for a host that will charge \$15-20 per year. A motion was passed to approve the \$20/year website expense.

Jim Nunnallee gave a short demonstration and briefing on the new Futaba T9C radio.

Kurt Kauth made a motion to make a modification to the bylaws that would remove the age restriction for honorary membership status. Steve Fowler seconded the motion. Article II, Section 2, Item D. currently reads "**Honorary Member**, refer to article VIII, Sec. 1. A twenty (20) year paying member over seventy (70) years of age pays assessments but pays no dues. Can vote."

The proposed modification would read: "**Honorary Member**, refer to article VIII, Sec. 1. A twenty (20) year paying member pays assessments but pays no dues. Can vote".

Mike distributed plaques for the 2001 club officers and directors and the meeting was adjourned.

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

Focused on the Future

By: John Burdin

I had the opportunity to attend the annual ICAS (International Council of Airshows) meeting the second week of December. This event is held annually and offers an opportunity for all airshow performers to meet with all of the airshow promoters. At this event, with everyone who is anyone in the airshow business attending, most of the following years (2002) airshow acts are booked.

Having John Banner along was a good time. John and I got to see and talk to a lot of the performers we work with at the MacDill AirFest each Spring. All of the best known acts were there. From the Blue Angels and Thunderbirds to Sean Tucker, Patty Wagstaff, Dale Snodgrass and many others, it was an incredible experience. There were over 125 different performers / acts attending some more familiar than others.

One booth that we stopped by to visit had a performance sailplane on display, and John committed to the fellow in the booth that he had a model of an ASW19 with a 16' wingspan. John's model was about half the size of this full-scale bird.

For many years, I have had the wonderful experience of being an airshow performer at full-scale events. We have been know not as "guys with R/C models", but as "airshow performers flying R/C models". There seems to be a lot of interest in R/C aircraft in general, and even more with respect to R/C jets. Maybe there is an even brighter future for R/C modeling in the full-scale world.

January BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!

Rick Meland	5th
Frank Ciccarello	0th
Kurt Kauth	10th
Reynaldo Rivera	18th
Mark Martin	23rd
Matt White	23rd
Sharon Trembly	30th

Chopper Corner

By: Mike Zellars

Hi All! I have some exciting news to report in the chopper world this month. First off, it is just so neat to see so many helicopters at the field lately. We now have multiple members flying helicopters and ALL of them are just simply having a ball. A few of these members have transitioned into forward flight now and they are finding out it is like starting the fun all over again. What is most apparent is that they have all shown that helicopter flying isn't as difficult as once believed and is just another great way to enjoy the hobby of model aviation. It seems like we are adding a couple member rotor pilots every other month so if any of you are still on the fence please feel free to call me and ask as many questions as you want. I love talking choppers

"A little effort by every IRCC member will go a long way in making our club the standard by which all others are measured"

and want you to have all the answers before making the plunge so give me a shout!

Other news is that the IRCC 2002 heli event is set for Nov 9, 10 and planning and promotion has already begun. In case any of you didn't hear, this past heli event was simply a big success and many pilots at it encouraged us to do it again. They all believe we have the membership-support and location to become possibly one of the premier events. This sounded exciting to me so work is already under way for it. If any of you have any ideas on how to make it better, please give me a shout..... I am all ears!

Well until next month, keep them hovering and have fun!!!!

Is Being a CD in Your Future ??

By: John Burdin

For many years I have had the thrill of being the CD of numerous events. And, many different types of events. Generally a person becomes a CD because there is a specific interest that person may want to promote. That is usually done by way of an AMA sanctioned event. To put on an AMA sanctioned flying event the person in charge must be an AMA approved CD (contest director), or be under the direct supervision of an AMA approved CD who receives the sanction and is ultimately responsible.

Some time ago I created an event guideline to assist anyone interested in doing an event. It is a step by step process and is very easy to follow. The first time it may seem a bit overwhelming, but to get it right you must follow a tried and true receipt for success. The recent Heli meet is a shining example of how it can work for anyone planning an event.

To receive a CD designation

from the AMA all you need to do is answer a 20 open book quiz and assist in one event. Then you can take on the job of "doing your own thing". Promoting areas of our sport where you have a specific interest or doing a club event. The opportunities are only limited by your imagination.

One thing for sure is that you will have fun, generate interest and promote model aviation.

Here are a few simple guidelines that Mike would like for all CD's to follow.

1 It takes a minimum of about six months to properly plan and promote any flying event, with nine to twelve months more common. Open dates are hard to find, so start early.

2 Please submit all event request (new or annual) to the executive committee for review. *Not approval.* This will help to avoid any conflicts with previously planned activities, annual events and most other conflicts.

3 After a review of the event, and everyone is on the same page, it will be time to present it to the membership. If it makes sense and there are no conflicts

there should be no problem in an approval.

4 The CD is the "boss" of the event, and is responsible for every stage of the event. It usually isn't a problem getting help if you ask and follow-up. But, don't wait until the last minute.

Like most things that are successful, they are well planned and well executed. Modeling events are no different. Do your home work and everyone will have a great time.

Thanks to everyone who helped out with all of the IRCC events in 2001. Each event was successful because the CD's and the members worked together to make it happen.

Events are the life-blood of our organization. They generate new members, promote what we do to the public and brings the members closer together. In 2002 events will take on a larger meaning as the IRCC will host TopGun. It is a big task, but no club is better equipped to make it happen.

In the next few months we will

2002 Coming Area Events

IRCC Mall Show
March 9th & 10th
Jim Nunnallee

Sun N'Fun
April
Lakeland Airport

Top Gun
April 22 -27
Lakeland, Airport
IRCC Host Club

IRCC Family Day
Mid May
Wally Sunday

IRCC Swap Meet
July
Tiger Town Hanger #2

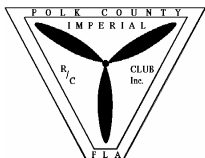
IRCC Warbird Meet
September

IRCC IMAC Meet
October
Keith Hunt

Florida International Jet Rally
November 1st 2nd & 3rd
Lake Wales Airport

IRCC Helicopter Meet
November 9-10
Mike Zellars

IRCC Winter IMAA Meet
December



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**Membership Renewals
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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.