

Touch & Go

By: Scott S. Smith,- President

Can you believe this year is almost over? This year was over pretty quickly, but I feel that it was a very productive year for the club. I have spoken to many former members who had left for one reason or another, and I think you will be surprised at the positive response and the ones who will once again be joining up. The key to having and keeping any club or relationship going is to make it fun and interesting for all. A club that is having a good time, relaxing and has a great diversity of what R/C has to offer is what makes it all worth being a part of. Do you look forward to going out and flying? If not, figure out if it is you, or something that you can change. Some people never seem to be happy in life, and those are the people no one wants to be around. Take inventory on your own attitude and see if you are the type of person people want to be around. If not, fix it and we will all enjoy the benefits.

Were you a part of the 3rd annual Heli Fun-Fly? If not, you should have been. The event was another great one, with everyone having the time of their lives. This year's event is being produced on DVD and will be available from MadmanRC.com in the near future. Doug also conducted a scale contest alongside the pod and boom guys this year, and judging from the hundreds of comments I have seen on the heli forums, the idea is nothing but positive. The pilots also commented on what a great facility we have and wished they were able to fly here all the time. We are very fortunate to have the location that we do and need to protect it until we can expand to a new site where nothing is off limits.

The IMAA meet is coming up on Dec 6th & 7th, and this should be a good event. David DeWitt is the CD and you all need to call him and offer your help. Events are one of the

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things that make this sport fun. It also allows us to meet new people and share ideas. Even if you don't participate, (although most of us have planes that could...), you can have a lot of fun being a part of this event. Don't let life pass you by, be an active part of your sport. Make plans to be the next club meeting, and I will See ya' at the field...

2004 Membership Renewals are now due. Even if you do not have your new (2004) AMA Card, you can renew your membership, and save the worry of doing it later. All renewals are submitted to Dave DeWitt – Treasurer. Once you receive your new AMA card and provide a copy to Dave, he will forward your new 2004 IRCC Membership Card to you.

If you misplaced the membership application that was in the last newsletter, go to the IRCC website under Membership, open and print and new application.

You must have your 2004 IRCC card, and 2004 AMA card to fly after December 31, 2003. That's the deadline.

Please note that the January 2004 meeting at which many members usually renew their membership will be a week later than normal. January 1st falls on Thursday making the need to reschedule the January meeting a week later.

So save yourself some time and trouble, and start with the renewal process today.

The IRCC Website is up and running again. We have Email capability with this site which will allow us to send messages, and reminders to our members. Please get your Email address to Dave DeWitt as soon as possible so he can update the member database

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2003 Heli Spectatular Wrap-Up

By: Doug Bruns, CD

I would like to thank all of you that donated your time to make the 3rd annual "Heli Fun-Fly the success that it was.

The scale competition brought competitors from around the country, several had competed at the nationals, and the results were as follows.

Static competition

1st Bob Harris

2nd Darrell Sprayberry

3rd Greg McNair

Flying Competition

1st Emile Sheriff

2nd Greg McNair

3rd Darrell Sprayberry

Novice

1st Emile Sheriff

2nd Shelly Smith

These guys did a great job competing, the flying was outstanding, no miss-haps in spite of the windy conditions.

I think the judges did a superb job, Thanks David DeWitt, Kevin Stoltz, David McGirt and Dee Miller.

Peter Wales did a demo flight with his turbine Lama on Sunday Morning, very nice.

Also Dave DeWitt has an event coming up in December, give him a call and offer your help.

Visit our club website for more information and pictures from the IRCC 2003 "Heli Spectatular".

Regular Club Meeting

November 6, 2003

FTE Site

By: Scott S. Smith - President

Meeting called to order at 7:33 PM
20 members and 1 guest Bill Gasner in attendance

Minutes and treasurers report for October were discussed, motion to accept was passed 20-0.

Our guest, Mr. Gasner from Lincoln Elementary spoke about a project the school was promoting before Christmas on aviation and asked if we would be interested in participating. Two members accepted, Norm Skinner and Phil Haag, and we thank these two for their efforts to promote our sport to the public.

Doug Bruns gave a recap of the Heli Spectacular, Mulberry 2003, and thanked all the volunteers who donated their time and effort to make it happen. In short, the event was a great success.

A motion to hold the Heli Meet on November 13th & 14th, 2004 (back to the 2nd weekend in November) with the same format and budget as this year was made and passed 20-0.

Scott reminded everyone that the IMAA meet is next month and requested that everyone contact David Dewitt and see how they could help to put on this event.

The 2004 votes were tabulated and the officers are as follows:

President: Scott Smith

Vice President: Jim Urick

Treasurer: David Dewitt

Secretary: Dee Miller

3 yr. Director: Charlie Patterson

2 yr .Director: Arnold Schmidt

1 yr. Director: Dr. Art Magarino

The next IRCC monthly club meeting will be held at FTE near the Lakeland Airport. The meeting will be on Thursday December 4th, and starts promptly at 7:30pm. Bring a chair (if you want to have a seat).

The sportsmanship award went to Doug Bruns for all the effort he puts into the club and the help he gives to everyone with their helicopter woes.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:48 PM and passed 20-0.

Florida International Jet Rally

10 years of Fun-In –The-Sun

By: John Burdin

When Steve and I started the FIJR as a casual get together with about twenty R/C Jet pilots from central Florida, we had no idea of the growth to come. Ten years later the FIJR has grown into its name, and is a truly international event. With nearly one third of its nearly 200 participants from international origins, the word international in the name is now firmly part of the event.

Recently completed, the Tenth Annual Florida International Jet Rally was a tremendous success by any and every measure. The participants and several thousand spectators enjoyed three great days of warm Central Florida weather, and had a great time. Each participant in this exciting event share one common theme, they all like to have a great time. Known as “*The Pilots Jet Rally*” the FIJR is truly one of the top R/C Jet events held world wide each year.

The FIJR is not a competition. It’s a fly-in much like Sun-N-Fun on a much smaller scale. There are awards for excellence, and we recognize outstanding achievement in design, building, finish and flying. These awards are coveted by every person who earns one.

With the sound of turbine jet engines, the smell of jet fuel and the air filled with scale military jets, it’s simply spectacular. Pilots from over 15 different states along with our international participants flying F-16 Fighting Falcons, F-15 Eagles, F-18 Hornets and many sport jets, made Lake Wales Airport the aviation capital of Florida for three exciting days in November.

We are already planning for next year’s event, November 5 – 7, 2004

2003 Florida International Jet Rally Award Winners

Best Graphics

Mark Woodland (England) BVM Bandit

Best Military Jet

Jorge Escalona (Miami, FL) YAC F-18

Best Sport Jet

David Carter (Bradenton, FL) BVM Bandit

Outstanding Craftsmanship

Lewis Patton (Louisville, KY) CAI Cougar

Top Gun Award

Johnny Hernandez (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)

Pilots Choice

Tommy Wood (Miami, FL) YAC F-18

Above and Beyond

Tom Wood (Miami, FL)

Special Manufacture Presentation

Jim Weigle (Williamstown, WVA) - AMT

Special Presentation

Bernie (England) - "The Film Maker"

Imperial R/C Club of Polk County

Presents

“IMAA Winter District Rally”

Chapter 197

*Sanctioned By: The Academy of Model
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IMAA & AMA Membership Required For All Pilots
IMAA Legal Planes Only—80” For Mono & 60” For
Biplanes

(No Turbine Powered Aircraft Permitted)

Pilot Registration Starts at 8 AM

Flying Starts at 9 AM Until 4 PM

Landing Fee For The Weekend----\$10.00

600’ Paved Runway

RV Camping Available (no hookups)

Hot Food & Beverage

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December 6 & 7, 2003

Newell Terry Field

2 Miles East of Mulberry on Hwy 60

December Meeting Agenda

The Winter IRCC / IMAA Meet

We will continue our planning.

2004 Renewals

Will be accepted at
the December meeting

2004

What's going on next year.

Who's building what?

Bring your latest creation and show the
other members what you are doing.

*If you have a topic for discussion let
Scott Smith know so he can put it on
the agenda.*

Coming Area Events

IRCC Winter IMAA Meet

December 6 - 7

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2004

Florida Jets

March 4 - 7

Lakeland Linder Airport

FrankTiano.com

MacDill AirFest

April 3 - 4

MacDill AFB, Tampa

Sun'N Fun

April 13 - 19

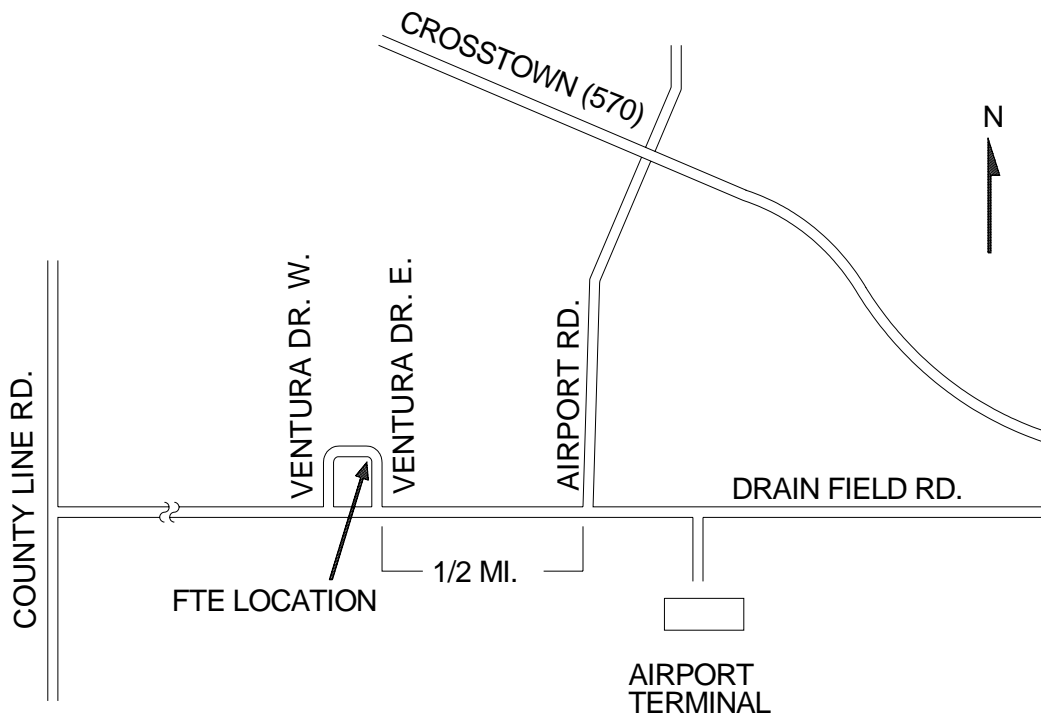
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There is a vacant lot across the street from FTE which is a good place to park. There is another Facility to the west of FTE which has parking. Please **DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS** at FTE or his neighbors.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS: December 4th

Check out the directions to our new meeting place.