

Propwash

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Touch & Go

By: Scott S. Smith, - President

I would like to start by thanking all of you who made Florida Jets a success; your efforts are very much appreciated by Frank, and your fellow club members. Were you a part of this event? If not, why? Our intention is to make our club function from the money we generate from our involvement in events instead of raising the dues, and dealing with membership woes. We know not all of you can take time off, but you should know that we are not asking anything that we wouldn't do ourselves. All of your club officers and directors were out there every day, all day and most of us had to use vacation time to do it. I think that everyone should be able to give at least a days' worth of time for the club, which is hardly too much to ask. I have a hard time with people who are so selfish that they can't even manage that. If everyone will give a day and do their part, no one person will be overburdened, and that is the intent. Make sure you make an extra effort to get with Jim Urick, and don't miss out on helping with Top Gun. We all need your help.

This hobby/sport is much more than just showing up at the field and flying. We all have lives outside of the club, but don't be so self centered that you lose site of what others are going through in their lives. Give assistance to someone else in the club, and you will be surprised at how rewarding it can be. Everyone needs help at some point, and we should try to be there to help out. Helping others out should be a group effort, that way we all benefit. If you are not involved in making this club move forward, ask what you can do to help. Any of the officers could give you a list of things you could do to be a more active part, and all of us would greatly appreciate the help.

I would like to once again thank all of you for your extra effort in making our events a great success. I thank you in advance for the effort I know most of you will once again put forth for our future events. It is those people who put out a little more effort that make this an enjoyable organization to be a part of. Teamwork makes any task easier and more fun for all of us! I'll see you at the field...

Top Gun
 April 27 – May 2, 2004
 Lakeland Linder
 Regional Airport



For a full color version of the IRCC newsletter go to our website, and follow the newsletter link. A color version may also be printed from the website.

Newsletter Changes Coming

The IRCC newsletter is the primary means of communication between your club leaders and members, and we want to be sure every member receives the Newsletter in a timely manner. Viewing and printing it from the website will be the most efficient. However this will remain an option for members. We understand that everyone won't like to do this, and some may want to continue to receive the newsletter in the current printed format.

In order for you to receive the newsletter via the website, we must have your Email address so we can notify you when it is posted. Please get that information to Dave DeWitt.

We will continue to offer both versions, printed / mailed and website / notify. Members have the option to opt out, and not receive the printed version once we have a current Email address.

We understand that it is our responsibility to get the newsletter to our members, and your preference will be respected.

Florida Jets Recap

Jim Urick

On behalf of Frank Tiano and Myself, I would like to thank all the volunteers for their hard work and dedication in making this event a success. I wish I could name all of you individually, but you all know who you are. As I see you at the field, I will personally thank you. I would welcome any suggestions or comments about the event to further enhance our participation. All comments will be discussed with Frank, and reported back to the club during our monthly meetings. Again, thank you and hope you also enjoyed the experience.

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Top Gun Crank up

As you all know Top Gun is just around the corner. This event is held at the Lakeland Linder airport. The dates are April 28th through May 2nd. This event is the premier scale RC event in the country, and again this year our Imperial R/C Cub has committed to being the host club. Our responsibilities for this year are: transmitter impound, air traffic control, scribe, raffle sales (includes airplane display area for our club) crowd control, front gate sales and pit pass sales. To provide volunteers for all the duties will require around 20 people a day. This year I would like to have people committed for a morning shift, and an afternoon shift. If you prefer to help out all day that's ok. So your involvement is very important. I have placed a sign up sheet at the field, and will provide you with my contact information. Please let me know as soon as possible, what your involvement will be (wives can help out too). This will help me a great deal to establish a schedule. I know if we work as a team, we can make this event a great success. Again this year we have available t-shirts for the event. The cost to the volunteers will be \$5 (Frank pays half and we pay half). Please note this is for the first shirt only, all additional shirts you order will be \$10 each. Please place your orders as soon as possible. If you have any questions about the event feel free to contact me or talk with me at the field. My contact information is as follows.

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IRCC Regular Meeting Minutes 03/11/04

Dee Miller: Secretary

President Smith called meeting to order at 7:30

The minutes of the February meeting were accepted.

The Treasurers report was accepted. We now have 54 members.

We had one guest; Stew Mason

New Members:

Field maintenance: Fence is not being locked; it is not being locked at night.

Safety Report: None

Instructors Report: We have no new pilots.

Newsletter Report: We are now able to get the newsletter by email.

Website Report: No new report.

Events: Florida Jets was a great success.

Top Gun will be held April 27 through May 2

We discussed the raffle for Top Gun; we will raffle a scooter, trainer kit, Futaba 9C radio, and an engine.

The Heli meet sanction will be back soon.

President Smith discussed his trip to the Pylon Races held at Markum Park near Fort Lauderdale. The general feeling is that this would fit our field very well and be a worthwhile venture from a financial point of view. The club agreed and President Smith is working to get the governing body to sanction our field for the event.

Old Business: Wally Sunday reported that the starter stands will cost about \$ 250.00 each. Robert Stenger

The IRCC monthly club meeting will be held at FTE near the Lakeland Airport. The next meeting will be on Thursday April 1st, and starts promptly at 7:30pm. Bring a chair (if you want to have a seat).

volunteered to build one out of wood donated by his parents. The club felt doing one to see how the membership uses it would be better than a larger number at this time.

New Business: President Smith said that Joe Beshler of AMA is now helping in our search for a new flying site.

Sportsmanship Award: The club voted to give it to Jim Urlick for his hard work, good attitude during the Florida Jets event.

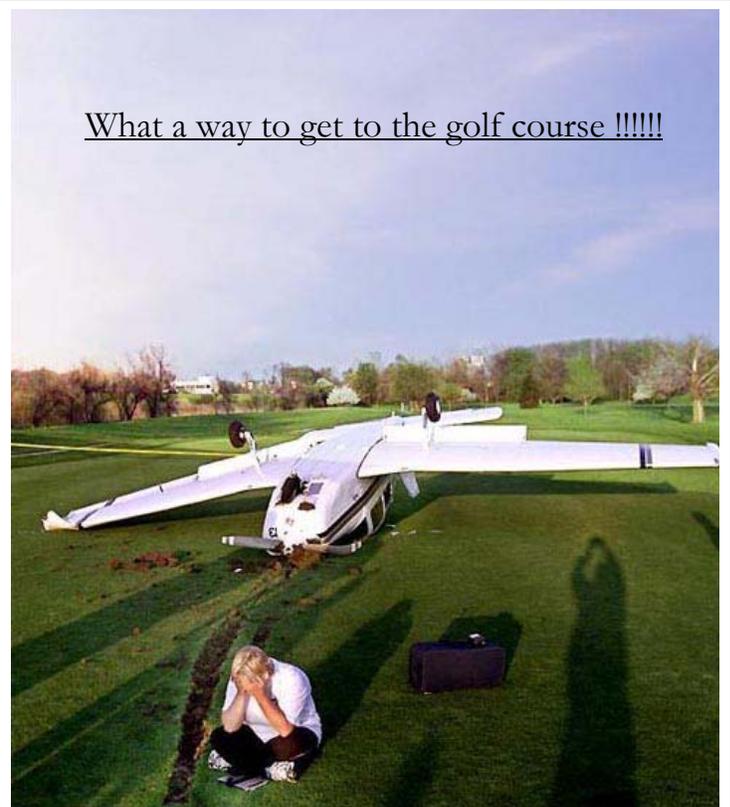
Plane of the Month: John Banner showed the club his new Interstate Battery turbine powered Maverick. Good job John.

Motion to adjourn was made and passed.

Thanks to the folks at RCU for some pretty good humor this month.

New club member arrives at the field with a brand new RTF trainer and smiles at everyone. Rubber bands the wing in place, walks out, and sets it on the runway. Turns on the TX, and starts working the sticks, but nothing happens. Picks up his model and returns to the pits with a frown on his face. Regular pilot asks him, what's wrong? His reply, "They said at the hobby shop that this is a ready to fly airplane but it just doesn't go". Regular pilot looks it over, plugs on glow starter and gives the engine a flip, and it roars to life. New member looks startled and asks, "What's that funny noise?"

A couple of years ago I was asked to teach a new comer to fly. He had purchased an already built Ugly Stick with a Magnum .61 which had never been flown. It looked good but was kinda overbuilt. Everything had extra bracing. I took it home and installed his radio, and no matter how I positioned everything, I found it necessary to add a substantial amount of lead under the fuel tank to make it balance. The next weekend we flew it and it actually flew very well. My student got in a fair amount of stick time and was learning fast. He took his plane home, and we agreed to meet the following Sunday. When we got to the flying field the following week we fueled it up, and prepared to fly. I had taxied it to the end of the runway, and was just about to push the throttle forward when he said, "It'll probably fly better this week. I found a big ol' chunk of lead under the tank and threw it out.



What a way to get to the golf course !!!!!

Contributions to the IRCC newsletter by club members are always welcome. Hobby related subjects are best, and both humorous and general information about R/C may be used. Please forward your material to the newsletter editor via Email so we can use our member's ideas.

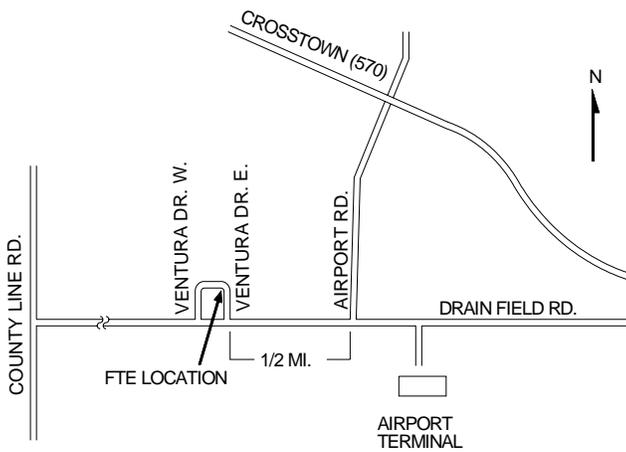
Help Needed???

Like most organizations the IRCC uses volunteer help, and we need some key positions filled as soon as possible.

We need a Field Maintenance Officer. "Bunk" has been the unofficial FMO for a while, but there are many things that need to be done beyond mowing the grass, and keeping the grounds nice and neat. We also need a Club Safety Officer. We haven't had this position filled for a while, and it's important we do. We also need a Membership Chairman. It's pretty obvious this has been missed for some time, and again, it's too important to ignore. Please consider the three positions and call or Email Scott with your interest.

It's never too soon to consider the positions that will be up for election this fall. It's important to have as many members as possible active in the leadership of our club. The more members we have participate, the more great ideas that will come forth.

Remember, it's your club, and what you get out of it is directly related to what you put into it !!!!!



This map takes you to where we have our monthly club meetings, normally held the first Thursday of each month. Remember to bring a chair.

There are a number of other businesses in and around FTE. By the time our meeting time rolls around, most of the employees of those businesses should be gone home. This leaves a lot of parking, and a very short walk. Please **DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS** at FTE or any of his neighbors

April Meeting Agenda

Top Gun Planning

Preparations continue for this year's event.

Future Events

The 4th Heli Spectacular, IMAA and possibly a Pylon meet. Any ideas for other events may also be discussed.

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

MacDill AirFest

April 3 – 4
MacDill AFB, Tampa

Sun'N Fun

April 13 – 19
Lakeland Linder Airport

Top Gun

April 27 – May 2
Lakeland Linder Airport
FrankTiano.com

Florida Int'l Jet Rally

November 5 -7
Lake Wales Airport
www.floridajetflyers.com

IRCC "Heli Spectacular"

November 13 & 14
Doug Bruns CD
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IRCC Winter IMAA Rally

December 4th & 5th
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OUR NEXT MEETING IS: April 1st

Check out the directions to our meeting place.