

Touch & Go

By: Scott S. Smith,- President

Well, I feel that this has been a very good year for our club. We have been through some adversity, but have shown that we can pull together and turn things around for the better. I feel like we have all come closer together, and I am looking forward to next year to take our organization to an even higher level. The job of an officer is not to drive the group in the way he wants, but to envision goals and the desires of the members, and to assist in making those goals come to fruition. We, together as a group, have accomplished some very good things this year, and together we will press on toward even bigger and better things that we have all been wanting for a long time. Lets all work together, even better this next year, and prove that we have what it takes to be the best.

I have spoken to Mr. Don Marks, CEO of our next door neighbor (to the west), and was very pleased to see what a great communicator and understanding man he is. He understands that we are a group of very talented and skilled people, out to enjoy their sport. His concern is with his employees' well being, by which I mean their safety as well as peace of mind to perform their tasks to the best of their abilities. Even though the likelihood of a collision with a person would be a billion to one, their feeling of a safety issue weighs more heavily on "what if" than an actual fear of a strike. Mr. Marks has asked for **ALL** of us to keep our planes away from the paved areas and buildings, where all the personal are located. This means the trailer parking, buildings and fuel depot for sure! If an employee ever got hit, the way the lawyers are today, you can bet the outcome would be very bad for both of our organizations. He is aware that the damage we can inflict to the property is very minor, but any injury to a person is totally unacceptable. Mr. Marks seems to be a very educated and knowledgeable person with a good understanding heart, so let's all make sure we are good neighbors and refuse to cause a problem. If you think you are too far away, you probably are further than you already think. Please, be mindful and avoid violating Mr. Marks request, and I am sure he will realize the efforts we are

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making to keep our neighbors happy. You never know, he expressed an interest in flying (*even bought a trainer!*) and maybe we can convince him to give our sport a try.

I hope you all have a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. This is a time to remember what is really important in life; our friends and families. I know first hand that material items come and go, but good friends will last a lifetime. We are all a group of friends that form a kind of family, and the best part is that we all love the same hobby and sport. So let's all respect each others property and concerns, and I will See ya' at the field...

2004 Membership Renewals are DUE!!!!

You must have your 2004 IRCC card, and 2004 AMA card to fly after December 31, 2003.

Even if you do not have your new (2004) AMA Card, you can renew your membership now.

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.

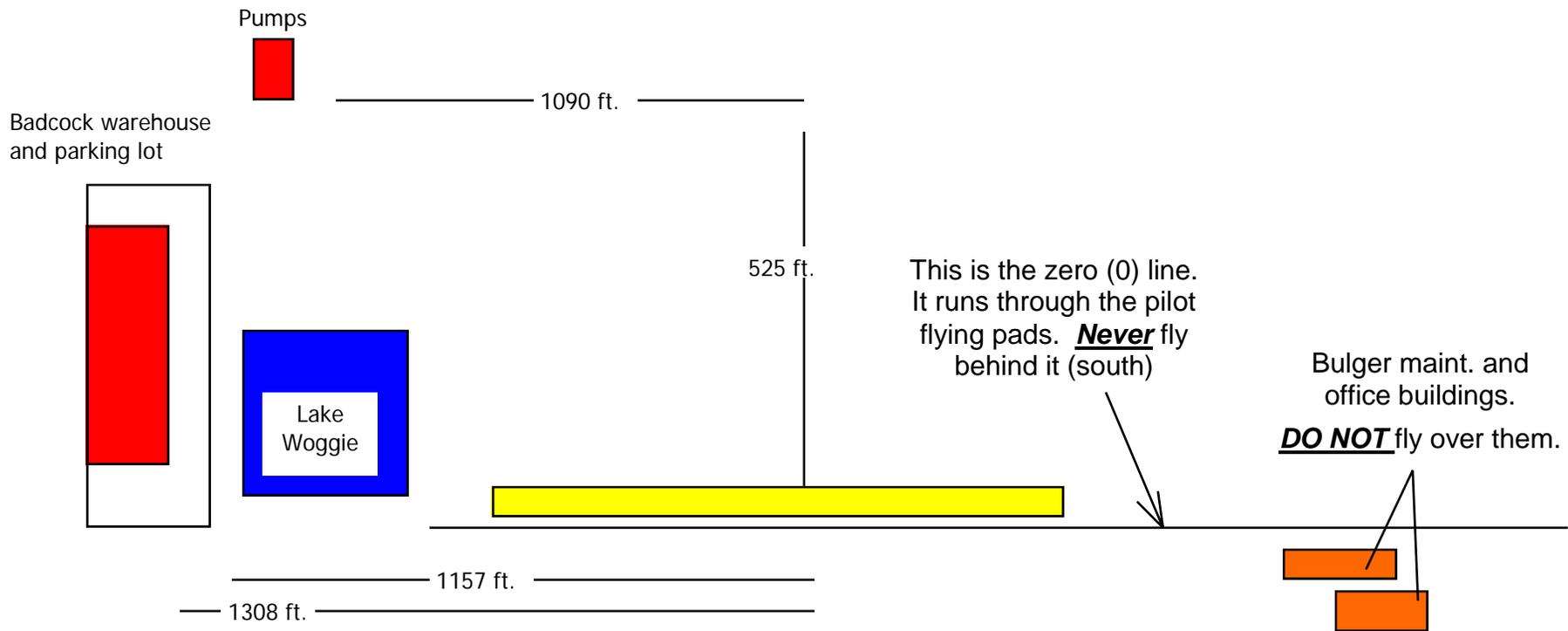
If you misplaced the membership application that was sent to you, go to the IRCC website under Membership, open and print a new application.

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 to January 8th.

IRCC primary “NO-FLY” areas. Please observe and protect our flying site.

Mowing always takes priority over flying. **Never** fly over or near the person mowing the field. The person mowing the field has the authority to close the field if he feels unsafe.

Do not fly over the Badcock Warehouse, Parking lot or Fuel Pumps



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fun for everyone.*

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

Seems like a good time for some model airplane humor. Here are a few things from RCU. We hope you enjoy them.

How Do you know you are addicted to R/C ?????

During adverse weather, you start a motor up for a few seconds to get the daily nitro fix. Then you open a window just incase.

You have more planes than your wife has shoes.

The biggest battle with your family every year is whether to attend the NATS or go to Disney World.

The number of channels on your Transmitter exceeds the number of channels your television receives.

The number of kits you have stashed for a rainy day exceeds the annual number of days it rains in Seattle.

The weekly model fuel bill exceeds the weekly auto fuel bill.

Your adhesive selection exceeds that of Tower Hobbies.

You start to consider an 18 wheeler to transport your models to the field.

You no longer consider 3 D as something that requires glasses with different colored lenses.

You try to convince your wife that cutting the grass at the flying field is more important than cutting the lawn at home.

The only time you have to go to the LHS for hardware is when "they" come out with some darned new metric thread.

You are forced to go to an out of town wedding for the weekend and find your thumbs involuntarily twitching while you're in the reception line.

Your monthly modeling internet purchases exceed your monthly house payment.

Your dreams include models making perfect landings and your nightmares are about model crashes.

You grab anything and move your thumbs over it.

You build a BIG barn to store SOME of your planes.

You don't let your wife buy a new car because the garage is already full of R/C cars.

You fly a heli to cut the grass.

Your alarm clock wakes you up the sound of running engines.

You taxi around the basement just to show off.

Your credit card company asks if all you do is shop at Tower.

You invent a "burning nitro" car perfume.

The IRCC monthly club meeting will be held at FTE near the Lakeland Airport. The next meeting will be on Thursday January 8th, and starts promptly at 7:30pm. Bring a chair (if you want to have a seat).

Contributions to the IRCC newsletter by club members are always welcome. Hobby related 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.

Regular Club Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2003
FTE Site
Dee Miller, Secretary

President Scott Smith called meeting to order at 7:30

The minutes of the November meeting were accepted
The Treasurers report was accepted

We had one guest, who later in the evening became a member. His name is Bill Maisel

Field maintenance; the wire fencing on the east side of the gate needs repair; this will be done soon

Safety Report: No issues

Instructors Report: AMA has decided there will be no limit on intro pilots

Newsletter Report: John needs more articles

Website Report: We are now publishing the newsletter on the website.

Events: The upcoming IMAA meet was discussed; David reported we had help for all areas.

Future Events: No discussion

Old Business: No discussion

New Business: We discussed the Badcock situation. Jim Urick and Scott Smith are going to meet with the President of Badcock soon. The results of the meeting will be released after the meeting takes place.

Sportsmanship Award: John Burdin won the award for his outstanding work on the website and the newsletter.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:34 and passed.

This is not an endorsement, however this looks interesting. It appears to be a pretty nice performance model for that R/C pilot looking for more performance, and a really smooth flying machine.

Introducing our new F-3A Arresti III ARF

Designed by Bill Bloodworth, Australian National Champion.

Specs:

Span 77"
Length 77"
Weight 11lbs
Engine 1.40
All wood fuse
Foam core balsa sheeted wing
Fiberglass belly pan, cowl..pre-painted
Pre covered
FIXED landing gear
Price \$349.95
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January Meeting Agenda

Winter IRCC / IMAA Meet
Wrap-Up

2004 Renewals are Due
Should be paid by December 31st.

It's a new year * 2004 *
It's going to be a busy Spring,
and the planning starts now.

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.*

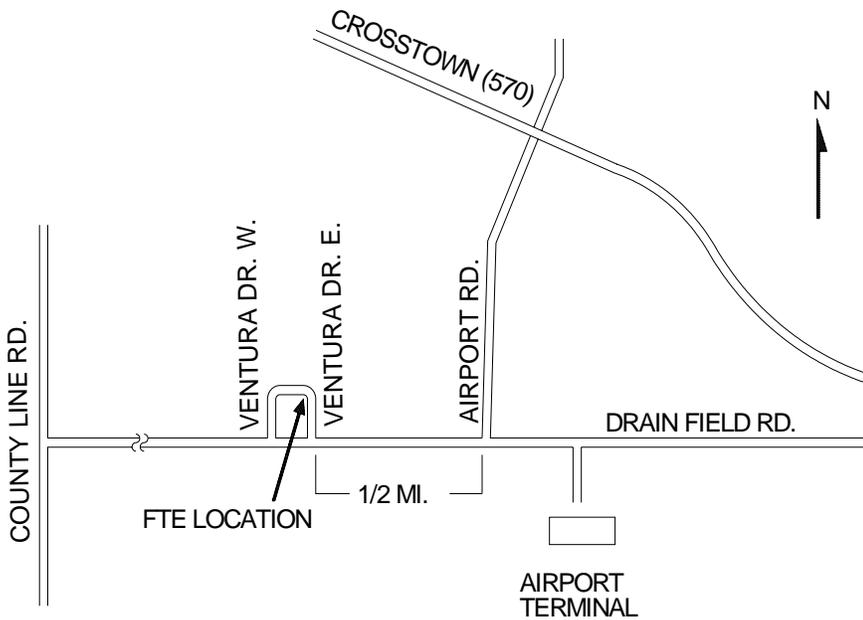
Coming Area Events

Florida Jets
March 4 - 7
Lakeland Linder Airport
FrankTiano.com

MacDill AirFest
April 3 - 4
MacDill AFB, Tampa

Sun'N Fun
April 13 - 19
Lakeland Linder Airport

Top Gun
April 27 - May 4
Lakeland Linder Airport
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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: January 8th (2nd Thursday this month)
Check out the directions to our new meeting place.