

Propwash

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Tail Spin

By: David DeWitt, President

I would like to thank everyone who helped at **Florida Jets 2005** which had the largest turnout ever of pilots and spectators. Jim Urick did a fantastic job of organizing man power for the 4 day event and I saw many hard working club members at their posts doing an excellent job. We received numerous compliments from the pilots regarding the polite, courteous and professional way we handled our jobs.

Our next event (**Top Gun**) will be April 27 – May 1, 2005. **Top Gun** is our biggest event of the year and requires the most manpower from our club. **Top Gun** is our main fundraiser for the year. We are in the process of forming committees for parking, transmitter impound, flight line control, crowd control, t-shirt sales, raffle sales and a couple of people to police the pilot parking area for unauthorized vehicles. I hope that every member will step forward and volunteer to work at least one day if not more for this event. Some of our members work at every event every day, *all day long*. It would be better to have an adequate number of club members participating to help give these guys a break.

Some clubs make it mandatory that their members attend a certain number of meetings in a year *and* help out at least 50% of the club's fundraising events as a requirement for membership. We have close to 80 members and I don't believe we will have to resort to making attendance rules to have the number of volunteer workers we need at these events. Please give Jim Urick a call at 858-4741 or email at iflyrc@earthlink.net to schedule the days you will be available to work at **Top Gun**. This will save our phone committee a lot of phone calls and give *you* a better choice of work location.

Some of our newer members may not realize how much it costs to provide the club with a flying site. Our club purchased the

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is proud to host:

Top Gun
April 27 – May 1, 2005

Lakeland Linder
Regional Airport



tractor/mower and pays for tractor/mower repairs, mowing expense and property lease partially from these events we sponsor during the year. Most clubs members have to bring lawn mowers out to their field and cut the grass before they can fly!

I feel like we have the best R/C club around and I am proud to be a member of an active club which works at making itself better by bringing in new events such as the **Pylon Race** and continuing on with the tradition of the annual **Florida Jets**, **Top Gun**, **Helicopter Spectacular** and the **IMAA Winter Rally** events.

Thanks for your support and see ya at the field.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Top Gun Volunteers Needed

Jim Urick is organizing the volunteer workers again this year, and your help is needed. If only for a few hours, or a whole day, your help will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Jim today to offer your support.

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Like most organizations, our club functions with volunteer help at events. We need support from all of our club members!!!! Contact Jim today.

You can get your free rides when the fair comes to town.

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If you are interested in becoming an accomplished RC helicopter pilot Contact Doug Bruns at the HeliCenter.

The HeliCenter provides all the equipment needed for the basic course,. You need to provide the desire, and your time.

For details call my office
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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.

All contributions for the Newsletter must be submitted no later than the 15th of the month.

Important Safety Note

Please remember to do all of your flying north of the runway.

From time to time any one of us may become disoriented and be where we are not suppose to be, but routine flying over the pits, the pilot stations or south of the runway should not occur. In case you are not aware; when we say south of the runway, that line extends east and west beyond the flying field. Not just the actual runway. The only exception might be for a slow flying sailplane at high altitude over 400-500 feet. If you are having a problem, ask for help or fly with a spotter. An extra pair of eyes can't hurt.

There is a very good description of the "no-fly" areas on the club website under the membership and safety link. If you are getting this newsletter via the internet, that information will be reproduced near the end of this issue.

Always be aware and be safe.

Regular Club Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2005
FTE Site
Scott Smith, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM by David Dewitt, President.

20 members were in attendance.
1 guest was present – Mr. Ray Gibouleau

Motion to accept minutes and treasurers report was made, seconded and passed 20-0.

The membership report was 78 at the time of the meeting.

Dale Anderson reported that Chin was doing much better and making a conscious effort to fly safely at the field

John Burdin reminded all the members that you are welcome to contribute to the newsletter and website and that all contributions are welcome.

Scott Smith gave a recap of the Feb. 19-20 SEMPRA (*South Eastern Model Pylon Racing Association*) national points race and how all the competitors enjoyed the race and hope to return soon. The event was a big success and Scott thanked all the volunteers for making it such a success.

Jim Urick spoke about Florida Jets and thanked all the volunteers for helping. Jim also reminded us about Top Gun April 27-May 1 and that the club needs all of our help for this event.

A motion for the raffle prizes was made for a not to exceed cost of \$2,000.00, seconded and passed 20-0.

These two events go a long way towards the clubs future by providing income for future expansion. Everyone should pitch in and help out so that we can have a great future for our club.

The next events are:
Top Gun 2005– April 27-May 1
Heli Spectacular 2005 – Nov. 11-13

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

Gerry Gerardo is one of our new club members who, and has a vinyl and t-shirt company. Gerry will be re-designing our club logo and we plan on offering shirts, hats and other items for order in the near future. If you have any ideas, get in touch with Gerry.

The sportsmanship award went to Jim Urick for his unselfish giving of his time and effort for Florida Jets and Top Gun to raise money for our club. Thanks Jim..

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Has this ever happened to you??

This new gentleman takes off with hit Super Hots and proceeds to do the most amazing low level hot-dogging I have ever seen. Snaps and jerks and what-the-hecks inches off the ground, throttle screaming loops that are touch and goes, every maneuver a potential crash with a last minute fake until his motor died and he floated it in. I say to the guy, "dude, that was amazing". He said, "yeah, I lost radio control on take-off and didn't get it back until the motor died"!

Courtesy of RCU

For those of you who may spend time on RCU, I thought you might get a kick out of this.

How many RCU trolls does it take to change a light bulb?

1 to change the light bulb and to post that the light bulb has been changed.

14 to share similar experiences of changing light bulbs and how the light bulb could have been changed differently.

7 to caution about the dangers of changing light bulbs.

10 to point out spelling/grammar errors in posts about changing light bulbs.

5 to flame the spell checkers.

3 to correct spelling/grammar flames.

6 to argue over whether it's "lightbulb" or "light bulb" ... another 6 to condemn those 6 as stupid.

2 industry professionals to inform the group that the proper term is "lamp".

15 know-it-all's who claim they were in the industry, and that "light bulb" is perfectly correct.

19 to post that this forum is not about light bulbs and to please take this discussion to a lightbulb forum.

11 to defend the posting to this forum saying that we all use light bulbs and therefore the posts are relevant to this forum.

36 to debate which method of changing light bulbs is superior, where to buy the best light bulbs, what brand of light bulbs work best for this technique and what brands are faulty.

7 to post URL's where one can see examples of different light bulbs.

4 to post that the URL's were posted incorrectly and then post the corrected URL's.

3 to post about links they found from the URL's that are relevant to this group which makes light bulbs relevant to this group.

13 to link all posts to date, quote them in their entirety including all headers and signatures, and add "Me too".

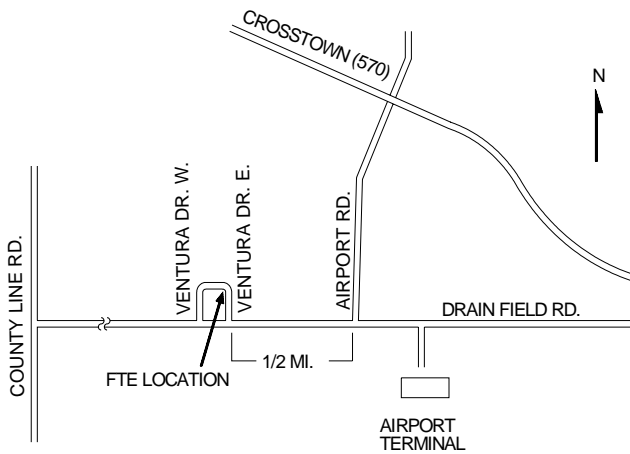
5 to post to the group that they will no longer post because they cannot handle the light bulb controversy.

4 to say "didn't we go through this already a short time ago?"

13 to say "do a Google search on light bulbs before posting questions about light bulbs".

18 who trip over each other in their rush to say "repost!".

1 forum lurker to respond to the original post 6 months from now and start it all over again.



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.

April Meeting Agenda

Top Gun

Only a few weeks away, and volunteers are needed.

Future Events

Top Gun is just around the corner. 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 Dave DeWitt know so he can put it on the agenda.

Coming Area Events

MacDill AirFest

April 9th & 10th
MacDill AFB, Tampa

Sun 'n Fun Fly-In

April 12th – 18th
Lakeland Linder Airport
www.sun-n-fun.org

Top Gun Invitational

April 27th – May 1st
Lakeland Linder Airport
www.Franktiano.com

Florida Int'l Jet Rally

November 3rd – 6th
Lake Wales Airport
www.Floridajetflyers.com

IRCC "Heli Spectacular"

November 12th – 13th
www.imperialrcclub.com

IRCC Winter IMAA

December 3rd – 4th
www.imperialrcclub.com

OUR NEXT MEETING IS: April 7th
Check out the directions to our meeting place.