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Tail Spin

By: David DeWitt, President

Winter weather has finally arrived and weekends have been particularly cold and windy making flying a little more challenging for everyone. I know crosswinds make for good practice when performing touch and goes but not at wind speeds of 25-30 mph. When Allen Sale calls you and says it's too windy to fly you know it's got to be bad.

We need to start organizing man power for the pylon race on February 19-20, 2005 which Scott Smith and Rick Ruede will be heading up, for Florida Jets on March 3-6, 2005 headed up by Jim Urick. The more volunteers we have participating in these events the better our work schedule will be. No one likes getting stuck in one place for 5-6 hours with out a break. Please step up and ask the CD's what you can do to help out; Lee Jarvis and his son have already volunteered to run the food concessions for the pylon race. These events can be a lot of fun and particularly with these two events; it's guaranteed to have plenty of thrills and high speed action. Things tend to happen awfully quickly at 175 mph plus!

Pylon racing is a new event for our club and a lot of us have not seen these planes racing, making low left hand turns at just a few feet off the deck, engines screaming wide open 16,000 to 30,000 rpm.

"Florida Jets" will be bigger than ever this year with pilots from all over the world participating in a fun fly atmosphere. Factory teams will have demonstration flights and static displays and as always lots of venter tents to wander into and look around.

There has been a change in the "Helicopter Spectacular" event scheduled for November 12-13, 2005. Jerry Hicks will be the Contest Director for the scale portion of the event and David DeWitt will CD the sport and 3D flying with Jerry's assistance. Jerry has some good ideas to make the event continue to grow and he will be filling us in on the details as we get closer to the event.

We still have t-shirts left over from the "Helicopter Spectacular" event from 2004 which we are selling for only \$5.00 each in sizes in large and X- large. Please see Dale Anderson to get your shirt. Hope to see everyone out flying.

The Imperial Radio Control Club
is proud to host:
Florida Jets
March 3 – 6, 2005



Top Gun
April 27 – May 1, 2005

Lakeland Linder
Regional Airport



2005 Membership Renewals are PAST DUE!!!!

All renewals are submitted to:
Dale Anderson – Treasurer.

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

***** This is the last newsletter you will receive if you have not renewed your membership. *****

Coming Soon!!!

There are several events coming up that will require club members to volunteer their time. Please remember that club member participation is expected at club related events, and these events can not function without each members help. You can get your free rides when the carnival comes to town!!!

The first event is the **Pylon Race on February 19th - 20th**, and it will be here before you know it. Scott needs quite a few course workers throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday. Nothing complicated. You get to sit in a chair under a tent, and watch racers fly around the course, and a few other things also. The more members who sign up to help out, the less time each one will be obligated to. If you have not already talked to Scott and signed up (not just said you will be there), please contact Scott right away at: ssmith4721@aol.com or call him at: 863-670-5141. Tell him what time he can count on you to be there, and support the event.

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Florida Jets is March 3 – 6. We are the host club, and this event does require club member participation. Mostly flight line control, frequency control and transmitter impound. Jim Urick will be coordinating this event for members to pitch in and help out. We will all be hearing from Jim soon on this great event.

Top Gun is April 27 – May 1. This is a major model aviation event, and our club is involved in many aspects of this event (we need a lot of help). The dates for TG follow immediately after Sun'n Fun so don't go too crazy with your Sun'n Fun activities, and get all worn out. We need you about a week later. Again, Jim Urick will be coordinating volunteer help for both TG and FJ.

This is a unique time period for our club each year with all this activity packed into two and an half months. However, there is plenty of good news. First and most important is that all money generated for the IRCC from events helps offset the dues each and every one of us pays. Second; we normally pick up new members after each event. Third; after Top Gun there are no events until November.

Please mark your calendars and be prepared during this brief period to "PITCH IN".

One last thing regarding events: The helicopter meet is scheduled for November 12 – 13. This seems like a long time off, but some preparations need to happen pretty quickly. It was decided to have a fly-in / sport event only this year. There will no longer be a scale portion of the event. Also, Doug Bruns, and Jerry Hicks who have done a great job the past several years will not be CD's for the event this year. Therefore we need a CD for the Helicopter meet. Planning and running an event does not happen by itself, and we need someone to take over this great event as a CD. It takes a minimum of six or seven months to properly do the job so we need to start soon. Please contact David DeWitt with your interest.

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

Helicopter Instruction

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
863-299-8863
or my home eve. and weekends
863-299 7885

R/C Flight Training at Sun 'n Fun Campus

By: Jim Mahoney

For those who read AMA's Model Aviation you have seen the listing for R/C Flight Training held at Sun 'n Fun on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

This event started as an IMAA (Giant Scale) meet many years ago with Rex Rexrot and Rod Spanier running it. They quit doing it so I took over and eventually I just flew the Scouts that would show up to see what was going on as part of Wings & Things. I did this a few years with buddy boxes and found out that a lot of kids really did have fun in learning to fly.

I had some Reaflight Flight Simulators donated and got some .40 size Trainers together and then started scheduling classes once a month to see what would happen.

So far we have had about 80 kids go through the course not including Wings & Things where we have had around 200 kids each year getting a turn at flying a R/C Plane after a little flight time on a Simulator.

This has been done with Volunteer help mostly from members of the Propbusters R/C Club of Lakeland. It has been hard work but very rewarding to see some of these kids light up when they finally get it right.

We have been doing this 2 years now and even though it is still fun for me, some of my good helpers are getting tired. I need some good reliable help or this program may not go after the scheduled March 2005 Class.

Volunteers are needed for the following jobs: 1. Fueling of airplanes, 2. Keeping batteries charged, 3. Helping the kids on

The IRCC monthly club meeting will be held at FTE near the Lakeland Airport. The next meeting will be on Thursday February 3rd and starts promptly at 7:30pm. Bring a chair (if you want to have a seat).

the Flight Simulators, 4. Registration, 5. Flight instructors, 6. Paperwork both to AMA and Sun 'n Fun.

I do this at Sun 'n Fun rather than at club fields so as not to interfere with those that want to fly their own aircraft on Saturdays and not want a student going all kinds of different directions and maybe having a midair.

I would like to see more members from Imperial R/C Club, PropBusters R/C Club and some from those at Sun 'n Fun come out and work with the kids.

I hear lots of people say at times that someone should do it, but our small team can't do it forever. The average age of members in AMA and EAA is getting older each year.

If you would like to help keep this program going please call or email me.

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Regular Club Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2005

FTE Site

Scott Smith, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:31 PM by David Dewitt, President.

27 members were in attendance.

Motion to accept minutes and treasurers report was made, seconded and passed 27-0.

The membership report was 48 at the time of the meeting, with quite a few renewals not yet counted.

Larry Taylor joined the club at the meeting, and we all welcome him to our club.

Rick Ruede spoke about unsafe flying, and the concerns it presents us all with. We had to give a first warning to a member recently, and Rick reminded everyone that we cannot tolerate reckless flying from anyone. **If you cross the south side of the runway,**

you are endangering all of the other members present.

David reported that the IMAA meet went very well with 25 registered pilots and great weather for a change! David also showed some pictures and John told everyone that a few of the pictures are available online on the website. Once we get this event running again, it should be a great time for everyone.

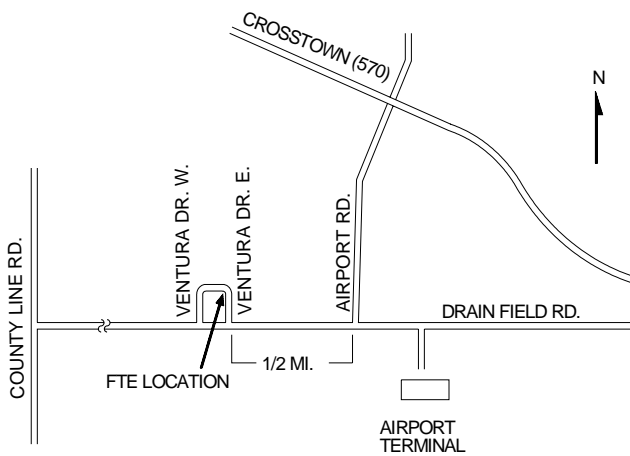
Scott spoke about the up and coming pylon race on February 19-20. This is IRCC's return to the racing world after over 10 years away. This will be an exciting SEMBRA (*South Eastern Model Pylon Racing Association*) national points race, and both intro quickie and quickie 500 will be run. Please get with Scott to see how you can help, he will need quite a bit of support to make this event a success.

Some discussion on the future events coming up was:
Florida Jets 2005 – March 3-6
Top Gun 2005– April 27-May 1
Heli Spectacular 2005 – November 11-13

Please see Jim Urick for Florida Jets and Top gun as soon as possible to arrange for your shirts, passes and availability for these events. Remember, these events are very important to the success of our organization and your help is greatly appreciated. Doug has done a fantastic job with the Heli meet for the past two years, but is requesting someone to take the reigns for it now. For anyone who has thought of becoming a CD, this would be a great turn-key event to get you started. Please see Doug or an officer if you are interested.

Jim Mahoney showed us his beautiful PT Gyro done up in a vintage Army trainer paint scheme. This small autogyro is powered by a Norvel .074 and is rudder/throttle only! Jim says it is a wonderful flier and is really very controllable in the air. A very nice plane Jim.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.



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: February 3rd

Check out the directions to our meeting place.

February Meeting Agenda

Future Events

Pylon is coming soon. Florida Jets and Top Gun are just around the corner. Any ideas for other events may also be discussed.

Meeting date change for the March meeting.

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

IRCC Pylon Race

February 19th & 20th
 Scott Smith: CD
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Florida Jets

March 3rd - 6th
 Lakeland Linder Airport
www.Franktiano.com

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



Here is a larger version of the picture above showing Jim with some of his help, and a few the kids he has worked with on their instruction day at the Sun'N Fun site. If any of our club members are interested in assisting, call Jim (number above).

Many of us shoot pictures of our planes on the ground, but it's rare we see anything while a plane is actually flying. Below are a few shots by a new club member Larry Taylor taken at the recent IMAA event. Terrific pictures !!!!



Not sure who this plane belongs to, but it was in the air all day.



Mike Nelson's Playboy special.



Dr. Art Magrino's extra large Extra 300.



Joe Whalen's Citabria Pro taken at the field recently.
Picture courtesy of: Kurt Kauth

FOR SALE

David DeWitt is selling his Sundancer Biplane Powered by a ZDZ 40

Airplane only -	\$ 450
With Engine -	\$ 900
With Engine and Servos -	\$ 1,100

This plane is like new with very few flights.

Contact David for more information: benz427@aol.com / 863-644-3815



Dale Anderson has his Great Planes Extra 300 powered by a Satio 300 twin For Sale.
Details will be posted on the website with other FOR SALE items.