

Tail Spin

By: David DeWitt, President

Florida Jets 2006 turned out very well with 170 registered pilots participating and approximately 2,800 spectators observing during the five-day event. We had 25 club members who volunteered to help during the week and they all did a spectacular job. Larry Louchs and Joe Devine worked all five days which really helped during the middle of the week when we were short on manpower. Gary Snyder, one of our newer members, worked with Larry in transmitter impound for three days and now probably knows most of the pilots by first name. It can be very challenging trying to keep track of how long the pilots have the frequency pin out and dealing with the line of pilots waiting for that same pin. Thanks to all of you who participated - we could not have done this without your help.

Our second big event for the year is "Top Gun" which starts on Wednesday, April 26 and goes thru Sunday, April 30, 2006. I will be contacting everyone asking for volunteers to help out for one day, two days or all five days; whatever you can do - please remember the more manpower we have at these events the easier it is for us to take breaks and look around and enjoy the flying. If you have a friend or neighbor who may be interested in working, bring them along to help out!

We have a great flying site but its close location to our neighbors makes it awkward for the larger airplanes to fly and can be a problem when retrieving any aircraft that goes down on the other side of the fence. We have several members looking into alternative flying sites and when we find one it would be great to have the needed funds available. The money we make from these events helps cover the expenses of our club and also go into our fund designated for a larger flying site.

See you at the flying field.



April 26th – 30th
Lakeland Airport

Special thanks to the following members that provided manpower at Florida Jets:

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[Request from the Membership](#)

From the December club meeting: Any member who arrives at the field, and does not have a model with them – please **do not** park on the flight line. The flight line area is for members who need the space, and are flying. Thanks for your courtesy, and observing this request.

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 should be submitted no later than the 15th of the month.

Run into any of these gripes lately....

Airplane maintenance

"Squawks" are problem listings that pilots generally leave for maintenance crews to fix before the next flight. Here are some squawks submitted by US Air Force pilots and the replies from the maintenance crews.

(P) = Problem (S) = Solution

(P) Left inside main tire almost needs replacement

(S) Almost replaced left inside main tire

(P) Test flight OK, except

autoland very rough
(S) Autoland not installed on this aircraft

(P) #2 Propeller seeping prop fluid

(S) #2 Propeller seepage normal - #1 #3 and #4 propellers lack normal seepage

(P) Something loose in cockpit
(S) Something tightened in cockpit

(P) Evidence of leak on right main landing gear

(S) Evidence removed

(P) DME volume unbelievably loud

(S) Volume set to more believable level

(P) Dead bugs on windshield

(S) Live bugs on order

(P) Autopilot in altitude hold mode produces a 200 fpm descent

(S) Cannot reproduce problem on ground

(P) IFF inoperative

(S) IFF always inoperative in OFF mode (IFF-Identification Friend or Foe)

(P) Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick

(S) That's what they're there for

(P) Number three engine missing

(S) Engine found on right wing after brief search

(P) Aircraft handles funny

(S) Aircraft warned to

The IRCC monthly club meeting will be held at FTE near the Lakeland Airport. The next meeting will be on Thursday April 6th and starts promptly at 7:30pm. Bring a chair - if you want to have a seat.

straighten up, "fly right" and be serious

(P) Target Radar hums

(S) Reprogrammed Target Radar with the lyrics

Minutes from March 9, 2006 Club Meeting
Allen Sale, Secretary

Meeting Called to order at 7:31 PM by President David DeWitt

16 members present

Meeting minutes and Treasurers report approved

Field & Maintenance report by Ian Clark, new club sign will be posted by gate and Ian will obtain a larger bulletin board for posting club information at the field.

Safety report by Chris Smith-all pilots need to use hold downs when starting their engines, a few

pilots are not following this safety rule.

Past Events

Rick Ruede discussed the last pylon race held on February 11-12/2006 where we had 39 pilots registered for the two days, and thanked the club members for providing manpower and giving up the flying field for the weekend so the racing event could take place.

David DeWitt discussed the clubs participation in Florida Jets and thanked everyone that helped out with manpower.

Future Events

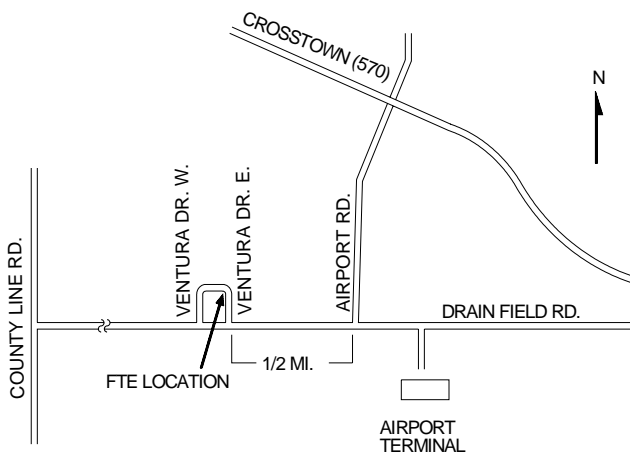
Top Gun April 26-30/2006 we will be calling members to sign up to help

Sportsmanship Award- Went to Joe Devine for his dedication working on the flight line at Florida Jets for all five days.

Motion to close the meeting at 8:15 PM

One of the many things an R/C pilot gets to do. Fly an indoor blimp at the local indoor football games. It's more like a sailplane than an airplane. Lots of fun – Sometimes???? Check out the Lakeland Thunderbolts schedule and take in a game.





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

Future Events

Top Gun is just around the corner.

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

Sun'N Fun

April 4th – 10th

www.Sun-n-fun.org

The Ocala Flying Model Club

would like to invite all of you to their spring Giant Scale RC Air Show on April 22 & 23, 2006 in Ocala, Florida. For additional information contact Joe Anderson contest Director at (352)873-9819 or email-izzyplace@aol.com.

Top Gun

April 26th – 30th

FrankTiano.com

OUR NEXT MEETING IS: April 6th

Check out the directions to our meeting place.

Received this from a friend today, (Jim Mahony).

Thought you folks might enjoy these. They are not the result of a 'PhotoShop exercise but an actual group of bold and talented (methinks crazy!) South African pilots.



