

Tail Spin

By: David DeWitt, President

Doug Bruns has three new helicopter pilots stirring up the dust at the flying field: Allen Sale, Dale Anderson and George Nauck. Doug has generously volunteered to supply his helicopter and time to train these new pilots. Learning to fly a helicopter requires a lot of practice and dedication - once you start you need to stick with it until you solo, otherwise you may never become a proficient pilot. When flying a helicopter you use all four controls at one time so there's is not much time to second guess an input. You have to react quickly or you'll be in the dirt. Doug's method involves using a buddy box and giving the student only one control function at a time until he feels comfortable with how the helicopter reacts with various stick movements. If the student gets in a bind Doug can save the helicopter by gently setting it down and then letting the student try again. After that control function is learned, then the student moves on to the next one. It so much easier to concentrate on just one control at a time - otherwise it gets really complicated and could be very discouraging to the student and cause him to lose interest in learning to fly. Eventually the student has all four controls mastered simultaneously and he's ready to solo.

In the old days before buddy box systems you usually destroyed a lot of helicopters during the learning process. It was trial and error, which was very entertaining for the audience but not much fun for the pilot. Our new pilots following Doug's program are progressing quickly so come out and watch - you could be the next one in line to go thru the training.

Please set aside some time to help out at the upcoming pylon race on February 11 & 12, 2006, Florida Jets, March 1-5, 2006 and Top Gun, April 26-30, 2006. Rick and I will be asking for volunteers and sending out emails with updated information as the events get closer. Thanks to all the members who have contacted me and already scheduled to work.

See ya at the flying field.

There is still time to renew your IRCC Membership

Consider this; we as IRCC members have one of the greatest flying sites around, and as members all we do is fly. Sure we have an annual work day and ask for volunteers, we have several events which create income to off-set much of our annual expenses, but that's about all this is required. IRCC membership is a bargain regardless of how you cut it.

Membership forms are available on the website, and should be at the flying field as well. Please complete the form, attach your check and a copy of your AMA card and send it in. All renewals go to the club treasurer.

2005 privileges terminated 12-31-05, so join or renew today.

Here is something Robert Stinger sent in. It's pretty good stuff:

Did you hear about the two redneck modelers that met at the local hobby shop door. One was leaving, carrying a bag. "Hey, Jim Bob", he said. "Hey, Bob Bob", says the other. "What 'cha got in that there bag?" says Bob Bob. "Got some new props in there," says Jim Bob. " Say now, if'n I can guess how many that ya got in there that bag, can I have one?" "Shoot", says Jim Bob. "If'n ya guess right, I'll be giving you the both of them!" "Alrightie then!", says Bob Bob. "UH... you gotcha FIVE in there?"

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.

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Check This Out

A C-130 was en route on a mission when a cocky F-16 pilot flew up next to him. The fighter jock told the C-130 pilot, "watch this!"

He went into a Barrel roll, followed by a steep climb, then finished with a sonic boom when he reached the speed of sound.

The F-16 pilot asked the C-130 pilot what he thought.

The C-130 pilot responded "that was impressive, but watch this."

The C-130 droned along for about 15 minutes then the 130 pilot came back On and said "What did you think about that?"

The 16 pilot asked, "What did you do?"

The C-130 pilot responded "I got up, stretched my legs, went to the back, poured a cup of coffee and took a leak." Any questions ??

Do you want to learn to fly ?? (Helicopters)

Doug Bruns has put together a great program for those who have an interest in learning to fly helicopters. No equipment is required initially as one proceeds through the basics. That is right, Doug will supply the trainer helicopter, and all the student has to do is supply the fuel.

The learn to fly helicopter program currently has three participants that are super students. Two more will be starting in a week or so.

The purpose of this project is to have students that will earn the status of being safe, responsible and knowledgeable helicopter pilots.

Having people in our club with these qualifications will make it will be easy for other members to get involved with

helicopters, and enjoy the sport.

The three members that are doing so well now are: Dale Anderson, George Nauck and Allen Sale. David Dewitt is assisting with the training (thanks David).

Please contact the participating members or Doug for more information.

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.

Minutes from January 5, 2006 **Club Meeting** ***Allen Sale, Secretary***

The Imperial Radio Control Club held it regular club meeting Tuesday, January 5th at Frank Tiano Enterprises.

President David DeWitt called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

The minutes of the December meeting were approved as posted.

Membership Report: We have received dues from 45 to 50 members.

New Members and Guests: New member: Gary Snyder, a Racer of 30 years, moved here recently from Indiana.

Field Maintenance: Need to do

The IRCC monthly club meeting will be held at FTE near the Lakeland Airport. The next meeting will be on Thursday February 2nd and starts promptly at 7:30pm. Bring a chair - if you want to have a seat.

something about the ants. Much discussion. Lee Jarvis will find out what his church used on their 15 acres. Seemed to work well.

Safety: Reminder to stay North of the runway and east of the Badcock Property.

Instructors Report: Instructors to be listed at field. Do not be shy away in asking any of them. They agreed to do it because they enjoy it.

News Letter and Website Report: John Burdin encouraged everyone to send interesting articles to him for the newsletter.

Past Events: 31 pilots and 75 planes at IMAC event. Made \$600. David DeWitt did great job. In future we will attempt to separate pattern from 3-D flying at same time.

Future Events: Feb 11th & 12th-pylon racing event. Scott and Rick Cds. 424 & 428 classes. 35 pilots at October event even though weather not great. Lots of help needed Saturday and Sunday of event. This was profitable last time. Field closed Feb 11th & 12th and pylons will be set up on 10th and racers get priority, but members can fly on 10th.

Florida Jets in March and Top Gun in April. Discussion on giving dues breaks to volunteers working long hours.

Old business: Need to determine street address of property in case we ever need to call 911.

New business: Discussion on offering 6 month membership to a high school graduate who is enlisting in the military in July. Exec board will check AMA rules, and find a way to accommodate. Also discussion on building a small RC car track for members use on the South East or South West Corner of the property. Also the combination to the lock has changed.

The Sportsmanship award was given to Arnold Schmidt for his work at the recent club events.

Plane of the Month: A large electric helicopter brought in by Doug Bruns. It was a 17 pound Vario Cobra capable of lifting 27 pounds. The motor pulls 40 amps at 42 volts DC at full power and hovers at 15 amps.

Doug also explained that he is going to start a program to PROPERLY train members how to fly helicopters. It will take lots of time and effort on the part of the instructor and the student, but when completed, student should be competent heli pilot. Doug has seen to many people try to

teach themselves and become discouraged. Doug has 6 members signed up so far.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

We need volunteers to fill the following positions as soon as possible:

FFIELD MAINTENANCE OFFICER

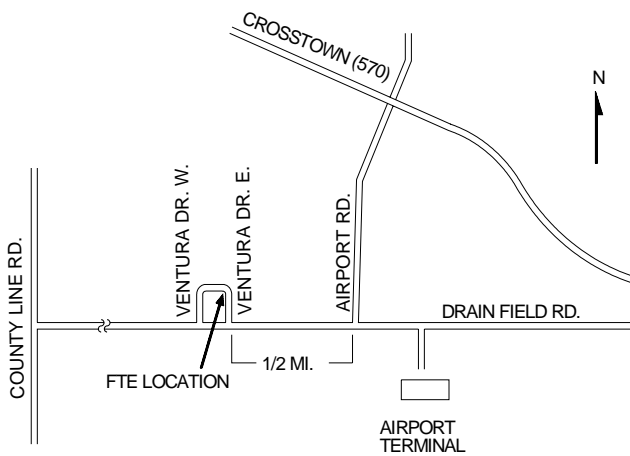
SAFETY OFFICER:

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

These positions are very important to the on going interest of our club.

If Santa missed you this year here's why!!





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.

February Meeting Agenda

Future Events

IRCC Pylon – Winter Race Week
Coming in February
Spring events including Florida
Jets and Top Gun
are just around the corner.

Change March Meeting Date

Membership Renewals

2006 IRCC and AMA
Membership renewals are still
available.

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

Winter Race Week

IRCC Pylon
February 11th & 12th
Scott Smith, CD
863-670-5141
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Florida Jets
March 1st – 5th
www.FrankTiano.com

Sun'N Fun
April 4th – 10th
www.Sun-n-fun.org

Top Gun
April 26th – 30th
FrankTiano.com

MacDill Air Fest 2006
(Cancelled)

OUR NEXT MEETING IS: February 2nd

Check out the directions to our meeting place.

