

CARTWHEELS

BY: LARRY LOUCKS, PRESIDENT

We have had a very busy couple of months with the **Family Day and Swap Meet** on October 4th, the **IRCC "Mulberry 500" Pylon Race**, October 11 – 12. Frank Tiano's **Monster Planes USA**, October 17 – 19, the **15th Florida International Jet Rally**, October 30 – November 2 and the **IRCC Heli Spectacular** on November 7-9.

I speak for every single one of the IRCC Members, when I say, THANK YOU!! - To all of our CD's for their leadership and coordination efforts and all of our volunteers and support staff for making these events such a great success. You guys are the ones, the core group, who are the bedrocks of the Club, by consistently participating and contributing your time and efforts to support the Club and it's activities.

We had a very good meeting last month, even though we did not have a QUORUM so we could properly conduct club business. We had several visitors attend the meeting who had come in for the Heli Spectacular Event and they contributed some good discussions to Gary Snyder's excellent presentation on RC Batteries and chargers. Dan Milla followed up with a first-rate discussion on the uses, care and feeding of the new technology A123 Batteries for flight power. Thank you Gary and Dan for sharing your knowledge.

We are planning additional presentations for our meetings to foster and encourage higher attendance at our monthly meetings. Attendance has been low the last few months, and we have been unable to conduct some Club Business. We are also considering some other avenues of changes to make it easier to take care of business, possibly changing the Bylaws to lower the percentage of members for a Quorum and or having the meetings at the field on a Saturday morning or some other ideas that have been discussed.

We will be having elections this month, the Officers are same as last year with the exception of Director Gary Snyder will be leaving the Board, Bob Curry has graciously accepted the nomination to replace him.

I encourage and invite everyone, to please make the next meeting to vote for your Officers and to provide your input and ideas. After all else is said and done, THIS IS YOUR CLUB, how do you want it to be operated?

Congratulations to David DeWitt, he was awarded the Sportsmanship Award last month for his outstanding excellence in coordinating events that benefit the Club. Thank you David from everyone at IRCC.

Be Safe, see you at the meeting!!

New Members
None Reported ???

*Now is a great time to renew
your IRCC Membership.
Renewal Applications are available on the
club website under Membership.
Do it now and save the last minute hassle.*

**Our next club meeting is:
Thursday December 4th at FTE
There is important business to be
conducted, so plan now to attend.**

"IRCC "Heli Spectacular"

November 7 - 9, 2008

Mulberry, Florida

By: David DeWitt

The "Mulberry Helicopter Spectacular 2008" was a great success. Perfect flying weather and 69 registered pilots made a great weekend fun fly. The event ran very smooth thanks to the club members who volunteered. Doug Bruns, Wayne Churchill, Larry Loucks, Rick Ruede, Gary Snyder and Mike Zellars get extra credit for working all 3 days. Mike really did a great job working with the following sponsors for the donations to the pilot and spectator raffle.

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Thanks again to our sponsors, club members and pilots for a great event.

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From the FAST LANE

By: Scott Smith

2008 Fall Pylon Re-Cap

Just to let you guys know how the IRCC Pylon Workshop went on August 24 at the field... GREAT! We had 16 guys (4 of which have yet to compete in their first event) as well as 14 very experienced racers show up for the event. We had a great time introducing the guys and helping them get ready to race. We put together a document with all kinds of information for new pilots (73 pages!) as well as a 1 hour discussion, question and answer session. We then took the expert racers and paired one up with each new pilot to assist them 1 on 1. They helped the new guys with set-up, testing and even put them out on the course and coached them.

The 5th annual Mulberry 500 pylon race was a great success also! Friday practice and testing went good, with some pilots beginning to show up as early as 9am.! It was good to see so many guys itching to turn some laps and make sure they were ready to go for the weekend. By mid afternoon there were close to 15 guys on the course testing and getting acclimated to the site and the course. We had a short Florida rain shower (Short, but intense!!) that gave us all a break for ½ hour, and then it was back to it.

Saturday morning was a little unusual with a real dense fog cover that has us socked in till about 10am. Well, I should say MOST of us! Chris Handegard decided by 8:30 he was going to run a few laps with his 424 machine, and we all watched from the pits in disbelief! I think to say that you could see more than 800 feet would be a stretch! Chris managed to fly in and out of the fog for a couple of minutes and not lose it; simply amazing! Once the fog cleared we got to business with 424 and 428. The temperature was in the mid 80's and overcast till noon, with a slight breeze from turn 1. Even though the temperature was good, the humidity really was thick for this time of the year due to a stalled front on top of us. The racing was intense all day, and very few accidents overall. After 5 rounds, we ended up with a 4 way tie for 1st place in 428, but all 4 guys decided the final standings on a gentleman's agreement; Really a classy way to end a great day of racing.

Sunday started off foggy again, but cleared off by 9am. this time! The sun was out with a vengeance all day, along with the humidity and a little more wind from turn 1.

424 and Q40 were once again showing a group of guys with a determination to win. Both classes had some amazing heats with the lead being traded among the 3 pilots lap after lap. A couple of the heats were photo finishes, and more than a few were won in that last 100 feet after turn 3. After 5 rounds, 424 had a tie for 3rd place (which the pilots decided to go by times for the position) and Q40 had a tie for 1st place and 3rd place. This time, the race for position was ON! Rocket Ray Brown and John McDermitt faced off for 3rd place, but unfortunately for John, he got some bad air behind Ray just after take-off and never made it to turn 1. That left us with Gary Freeman Jr. and Paolo Mucedola (all the way from Italy!) for the top spot. To say this race was tight would be an understatement! Gary and Paulo were all over each other for the entire race. Just past the ½ way point, a cut was called on Gary, and then Paulo got one too! Both pilots with a cut and still evenly match, the race was still on! This race went to the last lap, where both got their 2nd cut!! What a race! The final standing went by times, since both guys would never say surrender!

I want to thank all the club members who made the event, and I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. 428 and Q40 attendance was really low, but I am hopeful it will be back to 18-20 again for the spring. 424 was up quite a bit and I think the pylon workshops and 1 on 1 attention offered to these guys who want to race, really is paying off. I thought it was great to get out there and have 11 – 13 pilots in 424 and every single one of them with a shot at winning!

If anyone is feeling the need for speed, let Rick or I know... we will put you on the right path to the fast lane! We will soon be testing the all new, all composite Scorpion for the top level of Quickie 500 – AMA 428. We also can get you into a wooden 424 Sport Quickie and help you with the knowledge we have gained. Let us know if you get the itch... ;-)

We will see you at the races...

The IRCC monthly club meeting will be held at FTE near the Lakeland Airport. The next meeting will be on Thursday December 4th and starts promptly at 7:30pm. Remember to bring a chair - if you want to have a seat.

FAST



REALLY FAST



There are several new sets of pictures on the club website. Have a visit and take a look!!!

IRCC Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2008

Minutes recorded by:
George Nauck, Secretary

President Larry Loucks called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Attendance was up from previous two meetings and more were rumored to be on the way. We also had a few new member applicants in attendance.

Eventually, it was deemed that we had sufficient for a quorum and the minutes from the July meeting were able to be officially accepted. Total present was 19. George Nauck was a bit disappointed that the "seconds" he had so diligently researched after September meeting were not reported in the newsletter to enlighten fellow club members.

The Treasurer reported that we are still solvent and would be exempt from this round of the government bail-out. This is

dependent on our bank and CD custodian remaining solvent. Thought should be given to withdrawing our funds and burying in a can on our airfield after a hard rain. Reported that we have \$ ***** in checking and \$ ***** in the CD.

Membership report stated 90 members counting the 4 new members at the meeting.

Field maintenance report was that the field was looking very nice, and Ian Clark had replaced the broken post on the shelter that nobody hit. Discussed the Fire Ant problem and Rick said he would be picking up Amdro the next day.

Future events were discussed – Family Day, Oct. 11-12 Pylon Race, Monster event in Lake Wales, and November Heli fun-fly.

Dale Anderson suggested more new pictures on the website. George Nauck stated that old pictures are more interesting than new pictures.

There was discussion about allowing a \$5 dues credit for each meeting made to reward those who attend and encourage others. This brilliant suggestion was allowed to "plop" and remain on the floor to be swept out later.

It was decided to have a topic of interest brought to the meetings. Gary Snyder volunteered to bring a sort seminar on battery management to the November meeting, as he has been studying the topic.

The sportsmanship award was presented to Dale Anderson for his work on the field.

The 50-50 was won by Wayne Churchill.

The meeting closed at 8:15 and the Rays were already ahead of the White Sox in game 1 of the series.

I really think the "seconds" of the September meeting are highly relevant due to the close competition at our pylon races, hence it is repeated:

Second: A unit of time equal to one sixtieth of a minute. A brief interval of time; a moment. The time needed for a cesium-133 atom to perform 9,192,631,770 complete oscillations. A unit of angular measure equal to one sixtieth of a minute.

IRCC Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2008

Minutes recorded by:
George Nauck, Secretary

Larry called to order at 7:31

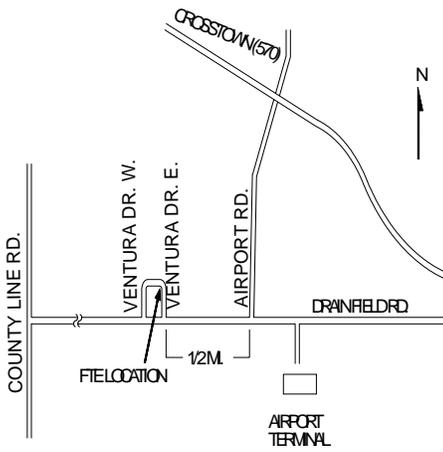
Had several visitors present, some participating in the weekend Heli Spectacular

Prior Meeting Minutes were accepted

Treasurer not present, but no significant change since last reported at XXX checking and XXX in CD.

Membership at slightly over 90 with several new members.

Discussed the recent Family Day which turned out hugely successful, and the recent Pylon Race which was slightly down from last one. Felt that income from pylon race was sufficient to cover expenses of the Family Day.



Please **DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS** at FTE or his neighbors.

Frank Tiano's Monster Plane event in Lake Wales was reasonably successful with about 60 registered pilots, and thanks to the IRCC members who provided labor, it netted \$XXXX for our club.

The Heli Spectacular event for the weekend has received about \$XK value in donations to be given away in pilot's raffle and public raffle. Great weather expected.

Discussed the IMAA event upcoming in December. David Dewitt will need some volunteers.

Gary Snyder (picture attached) presented an excellent seminar on RC Batteries complete with hand-outs. Dialogue was encouraged, and it was quite informative.

A lengthy discussion was held on how to boost meeting attendance to provide a quorum. It may be necessary to hold a meeting on the weekend at the field (with a quorum) to change the by-laws to allow a quorum to consist of less than the current 20% of membership which is often not reached.

50/50 drawing was won by Gary Snyder.

Sportsmanship Award presented to David DeWitt for continued excellence in coordinating events that benefit the club.

Coming Area Events

IRCC IMAA Winter Rally

Mulberry, Florida
December 6 - 7

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Planes should have at least 80" wingspan or 60" for biplanes. We need a few volunteers to help with transmitter impound, registration and food concessions. Please let me know if you can help out on one of these days. (You can volunteer to help and still have plenty of time to Fly)

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OUR NEXT MEETING IS: December 4th

Check out the directions to our meeting place.