

## CARTWHEELS

BY: LARRY LOUCKS, PRESIDENT

The next meeting date is changed to July 10, 2008 to avoid any conflicts with the July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday. I missed last months meeting to attend a pattern contest in Andersonville, Georgia. I wish I had stayed here, the temperature was 100 degrees and I got a solid last place in the contest.

Secretary George Nauck's minutes indicate we did not have enough people attend the meeting to make a QUORUM.

I invite anyone who can to please make the next meeting, we need to have a quorum. We have some serious issue to discuss and vote on. On the agenda will be our participation in the Giant Scale Fly in to take place in October, The Boy Scouts Air Show and demonstrations in late July or August and our Fall Pylon Contest as well as other issues that need addressed.

Another reminder about summertime, it's hot, we are having the summer thunderstorms so beware of lightning, play safe, drink plenty of fluids and above all have fun and enjoy the fellowship with the other members.

Congratulation to Bob Curry, he was awarded the Sportsmanship Award for his extra efforts in setting up our demonstration for the Cub and Boy Scouts. I was there for the Cub Scout Demonstrations, it was very well received by the scouts and the leaders. Everyone was impressed by the flights we made, see my Inside IRCC article for a complete description.

Be Safe, see you at the meeting!!

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### **New Members**

*Proposed at the June Meeting*

None

**Our next club meeting is:  
Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup> at FTE.  
Plan now to attend.**

## IRCC Meeting Minutes

June 5th, 2008

*Minutes recorded by:*

*George Nauck, Secretary*

*No Quorum Present – No Minutes*

## INSIDE IRCC

*By: Larry Loucks*

Thanks to the efforts of Bob Curry, Sean Curry and Jim Urick, IRCC was invited by the Gulf Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America, Thunderbird District, to provide flight demonstrations for about 90 Cub Scouts attending Space Camp at the Sun-N-Fun facilities, Lakeland Airport.

Bob coordinated this event with Nita Buckler, Chairman of Activities and Civic Service of the Thunderbird District (western Polk County). Bob and Nita have been working together for several months to set up an air show and demonstration flights for the Boy Scouts.

**This event is the lead up to a larger event to be held sometime in July or August where we will have the Boy Scouts out at the field for a weekend of flying and demonstrations that will help them to earn an Aviation Merit Badge.**

I was fortunate enough to participate on June 13, 2008 in this event at Sun-N-Fun along with Bob, Sean, Glenn Smith and Scott Prossen. We arrived

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about noon and set up on the flight line / taxi way right next to the FAA office. We had very limited airspace to work with but it was sufficient for our demonstration purposes.

At 12:30 PM the Scout Leaders brought over about 90 Cub Scouts ranging in age from 6 to 10 years old. Bob introduced us and gave a short talk about airplanes, why they fly and how we control them. The scouts seemed very interested and asked some good questions, we then started our flight demonstrations.

Scott Prossen took off first with his large P-47D Gasser which really impressed the kids because of its size and exhaust noise. Scott did several maneuvers that got some enthusiastic Ooh's, Aah's and cheers, Scott landed safely then Sean took off.

Sean flew his Sea Fury, Bob his Astro Hog and I flew my Showtime. Glen Smith brought several helicopters and gave a good demonstration with a scale copter, nose in / nose out and few 3D moves with a small electric. I think by this time the attention span of the Cub Scouts was starting to wane and the NASCAR syndrome was taking over, they wanted to see someone crash to make it more interesting.

While the guys were flying I was talking to some of the leaders and they seemed very interested and impressed with the demonstrations. They thought that this was a good thing to present to the scouts to interest some of them in working towards an Aviation Merit Badge. We particularly caught the attention of several of the older Boy Scouts that were present assisting the leaders with keeping the Cub Scouts organized. Nita Buckler and the other leaders were very appreciative and thanked us for the demo. We all had a ball.

I thank all who participated in this event, I think this is a good thing for the club and the scouts, I really look forward to the Boy Scout Event later this summer.

**Guidelines for a good spotter**

by Jim Malek, Don Zepp, editor

A good model aircraft spotter does not have to be a flier. They can be a spouse, boyfriend, girlfriend, or an interested friend. They should, however, have some training that goes along with their responsibility.

**Good spotters:**

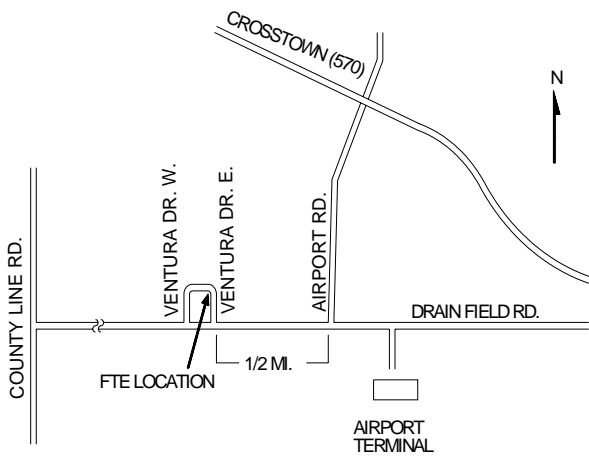
1. Begin their duties as they approach the pilot's aircraft. They observe the fueling ports for security backed out screws, hatch security, proper frequency pin etc. and alert the pilot to anything out of the ordinary. They also observe the type and number of aircraft flying in the pattern.
2. Spotters should get a good grasp on the aircraft, even if there is a mechanical restraint. Proper hearing protection may be required. They clear downwind of the propeller prop wash, and warn any people standing in the propeller arc to stand back. They observe the position of the throttle stick on the transmitter—always keep their eyes on the pilots left thumb, and watch for a fast full throttle.
3. After the aircraft is started, they observe the functional check on the control surfaces for proper deflections. Is the antenna extended, etc.?
4. They check the runway, departure end, crosswind, downwind, and base legs for traffic prior to calling taxing out and takeoff.
5. After take off the pilot will feed them information on their intentions, i.e., do a loop, roll, stall turn etc. The spotters will stay ahead of the aircraft feeding the pilot traffic information.
6. Before landing, they call out "landing," and make sure the runway is clear. After landing the spotters' job is not done. They check the final leg as the pilot taxis off or is on the field recovering his/her airplane, alerting other pilots of landing aircraft or aircraft taxing out.
7. From the time the spotters are on the flightline until the engine is shut down and the aircraft is removed from the flight line, the spotters must have situational awareness to their surroundings.

The IRCC monthly club meeting will be held at FTE near the Lakeland Airport. The next meeting will be on Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup> and starts promptly at 7:30pm. Remember to bring a chair - if you want to have a seat.

## Here are a few "hot shots" from the Boy Scout Day at Sun'n Fun

*Pictures provided by: Bob Curry*





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

Guess what day the Boy Scout event was held on and you may win a prize. The prize may or may not be awarded to any correct or incorrect answer, providing the answer be submitted in writing no later than midnight December 31<sup>st</sup> 2008. At which time the determination will be made about who may or may not win a prize. Due to the late hour and it being New Years Eve, any determination may be forgotten by the following day since the following day – New Years Day is in a new year, winners may not be calculated until it is determined that person's eligibility. This may also have a hard time being determined since our treasurer who keeps the membership records my not be available due to over celebrations the previous evening. In the event any prizes are awarded, the winners may be notified at some time in the future!!!!!!!!!!!!

### Coming Area Events

#### **IRCC Fall Pylon Race**

October 11 – 12

Rick Ruede:

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#### **15<sup>th</sup> Florida International Jet Rally**

Lake Wales Airport

October 30 – November 2

[www.floridajetflyers.com](http://www.floridajetflyers.com)

#### **IRCC "Heli Spectacular"**

Mulberry, Florida

November 7 - 9

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#### **IRCC IMAA Winter Rally**

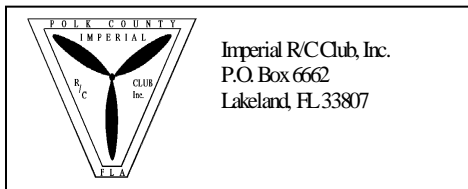
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December 6 - 7

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**OUR NEXT MEETING IS: July 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Check out the directions to our meeting place.*