

CARTWHEELS

BY: LARRY LOUCKS, PRESIDENT

Top Gun is here and we need volunteers to staff the event, if you have not yet signed up with David DeWitt please do so as soon as possible. Re-arrange your schedule so that you can to support the club, the more help we have makes it easier for all of us. We have the usual "core group" of about 20 volunteers out of 85 members but we need additional help to provide some relief and spread out the work during the whole event.

There is no other event in all of model aviation that has the prestige and reputation that Top Gun enjoys. There will be write ups and pictures in all the national magazines, DVD's, videos on U-Tube and RCU all available on the internet. The world's best model builders and pilots will be there.

Imperial Radio Control Club will be on display, front and center as the host club for the event, thanks to our special relationship with Frank Tiano Enterprises. This is a very extraordinary opportunity for our club to play a part on a national stage and I am proud we are a Top Gun Team Member.

I hope that all of our members feel the same way, so please contact David if there is any way you can help.

Congratulations to all our Pylon Contest participants and winners, Scott Smith beat out Rick Ruede for the fastest time but Rick took first place in the class. The contest was well attended and another great success for IRCC, many thanks to all of our volunteers who came out to support the event.

See you at the meeting!!

New Members

Proposed at the April Meeting
???

**Our next club meeting is:
Thursday May 1st at FTE.
Plan now to attend.**



April 23rd – 27th

Lakeland Linder Regional Airport

TOP GUN is the most prestigious model aviation event in the world, and the IRCC is proud to continue to host this annual event.

4th Annual Southern 500 SEMBRA Pylon Race

By: Scott Smith

First I want to thank all of the members of the Imperial RC club for putting on another wonderful race. To those of you, who gave up their weekend to make it happen, thank you very much! It was a great event and you all deserve a round of applause.

For those of you who missed it, you missed some good racing. Friday set-up and practice produced quite a number of racers with a big variety of equipment turning laps. Represented were 424 sport quickies, 428 quickies, 422 quarter 40's and some FAI world cup racers. It was nice to see 15 to 18 guys testing and having a good time for most of the day.

Saturday was the first race day and we ran the first day of 424 sport quickie and the one day 428 quickie classes. Attendance was up slightly in 424 with 10 pilots; 2 first timers and 2 were racing for their second time. 428 had 16 entries with people from as far away as Minnesota, North Carolina and Venezuela. We had Computer glitches that slowed up the start, but we were running by 10 am at any rate. The weather was sunny with temps in the low 80's and a 3 to 7 mph. wind from the East; almost perfectly from turn 1. The guys were turning quick times all day, and the racing was tight as usual in

Propwash is published monthly by the **Imperial Radio Control Club, Inc.**

P.O. Box 6662
Lakeland, Florida 33807

PRESIDENT
Larry Loucks

813-363-1654

dummthum@yahoo.com

VICE PRESIDENT

Allen Sale

863-644-7157

allensale@aol.com

SECRETARY:

George Nauck

863 619 2897

[gsнаuck@aol.com](mailto:gснаuck@aol.com)

TREASURER:

Rick Ruede

863-944-8237

rruede@tampabay.rr.com

DIRECTORS:

David DeWitt

Doug Bruns

Gary Snyder

FMO:

Ian Clark

SAFETY OFFICER:

Allen Sale

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Bob Curry

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

and

WEBMASTER:

John Burdin

863-648-9933

jwburdin@tampabay.rr.com

Website:

www.ImperialRCClub.com

*Courtesy and
common sense keep
R/C modeling fun
for everyone.*

AMA class racing. I think this was the first time I have seen such close racing with very few incidences. We had no 424 losses and only 2 in 428; one radio lockout that flew into the pine trees and an over correction on take off that ended quickly. The 428 guys were done after Saturday, and their results were:

428 Quickie

1 Gary Freeman Sr.

2 Randy Bridge

3 Stephen Vaclav

4 Marcus Blanchard

5 Tom Dobyns

6 Tim Yousey

7 Bryan Blanchard

8 Mario Traviso

9 Randy Etken

10 Jonathan Perdue

11 Juan Baez

12 Joe Lianos

13 James Perdue

14 Gary Freeman Jr. **1:06.11 Fast Time

15 Dennis O'Brian

16 David Doyle

17 Matt Fehling

Sunday was day 2 for the 424 pilots and the main event for the 422 quarter 40 planes. The weather was again sunny with temps in the mid 80's and a 4 to 8 mph. wind from the South East; quartering from turn 1. This was the first time Q-40 planes have raced here as well as the first time you guys had to try to time them. I am happy to say that neither the pilots nor the club had any problems with it! All the guys I spoke to thought the Q-40's were really fast and really made scoring the 424 class like watching paint dry! (*Thanks guys...*) The only incidence in 422 Q-40 was an mid air prop to the rudder (*I guess a 180 mph butt chewing?!...*) that ended with some minor damage to both planes. 424 put on a show with a spectacular mid air coming out of turn 1 ending with me (*I mean one pilot...*) and another pilot's planes coming down in a shower of confetti and parts! That's the way I like it; going down in a blaze of glory with everyone watching!! So after all the excitement the results were:

422 Q-40

1 Dennis O'Brian

2 Gary Freeman Jr.

3 Gary Freeman Sr.

4 Randy Bridge **1:00.08 Fast Time

5 Stephen Vaclav

6 Tim Yousey

7 Marcus Blanchard

8 Joe Lianos

9 Matt Fehing

10 Ray Brown

11 Mario Traviso

12 Jonathan Perdue

13 David Doyle

14 Ray Coletto

15 James Perdue

16 Bryan Blanchard

424 Sport Quickie

1 Rick Ruede

2 Lindwell Bradley

3 Jack Fehling

4 Scott Smith **1:42.26 Fast Time

5 Chris Handergard

6 Allen Sale

7 Richard Zisa

8 James Creech

9 Markus Kopa

10 David Dewitt

The race was an exciting one, and all the pilots were thrilled with the event. I hope to see more of you guys taking the plunge into AMA 424 racing. Rick and I will try to help you out and get you up to speed quickly. I will be moving up to 428 soon, so I want us to keep the 424 class championship winner in our club. I know Rick and Allen are right there, and we will have David and Larry there soon also. Thanks again to all of you who helped us out, and make being a part of the Imperial RC Club fun.

IRCC Meeting Minutes

April 3rd 2008

Minutes recorded by:

George Nauck, Secretary

Called to order at 7:35

Attendance of at least 21

Minutes from March meeting approved

Treasurer is homeless and had no numerical report, but we have

The IRCC monthly club meeting will be held at FTE near the Lakeland Airport. The next meeting will be on Thursday May 1st and starts promptly at 7:30pm. Remember to bring a chair - if you want to have a seat.

money.

Membership - No numbers, but we have members.

Bob Curry gave report on the issue of a show N tell day for Boy scouts. Nita Buckler visited our field during the pylon race to check us out. Now a club delegate must attend a Pow Wow before anything can be scheduled. Pow Wow agenda is full for this month, so will be May before we can present something to their leaders. Jim Urick has led an event for our club with scouts in the past, so he will work with Bob & Sean Curry to put an event together. It was agreed that we would not include Cub Scouts for safety reasons.

Field Maintenance - bunk is out of town, but field is tolerable. Larry had new pilot safety stations for the pylon race. Nice job, Larry!

Some Top Gun competitors want to use our field on Tuesday, April 22nd. Roger volunteered to be at field to accommodate them, as we agreed that no non-members should fly at field at any time without a member present.

Safety report - no news is good news.

Pylon Race - this was the first event where the new light system has been used. It was a tremendous improvement. the cut lights from the judge stations is wonderful. Competitors applauded our club's organization and help. Scott Smith had fast time in 424 class at 1:42.46. Rick Reude won first place in the class. Good going, guys! In the 422 (quarter midget) event, Randy ? ran a 1:00.29 !!!! Them boogers are nothing but a blur! Hard to judge, but fun to watch!

Future events - Need more volunteers for Top Gun.

Old Business - We have a trainer plane kept at the field, and Larry donated a Radio and receiver for it.

New Business - The P51 Progressive Trainer raffle at Florida Jets was a big success and we will do it again at Top Gun. We will continue to provide workers with meal chits at events as opposed to trying to provide our own meal service. May have another informal munch and beverages on Friday evening after the event. Wives welcome to come out and enjoy the social. Will again be held at Doug Bruns' Good Sam Club. Ian Clark volunteered to assume Director's position to replace Chris Smith.

Sportsmanship Award - went to Larry Minott and wife for being good sports.

50/50 drawing won by David for \$35.

Bill Borie and Gene Wooley gave us a great insight into

beginnings and history of Imperial R/C Club. More on that later, as it was recorded and taped.

Adjourned at 9PM.

INSIDE IRCC

BY Larry Loucks

The field has not been invaded by extraterrestrials, (I could have said 'Aliens' but that may not be politically correct nowadays). That is not a crop circle down at the 3D Hover Area; it's a control line airplane circle.

Larry Minot has stirred up some serious nostalgia; he has started flying a control line airplane made by Top Flite called a Streak. It has a .25 engine, 60 foot control lines and a one wheel landing gear.

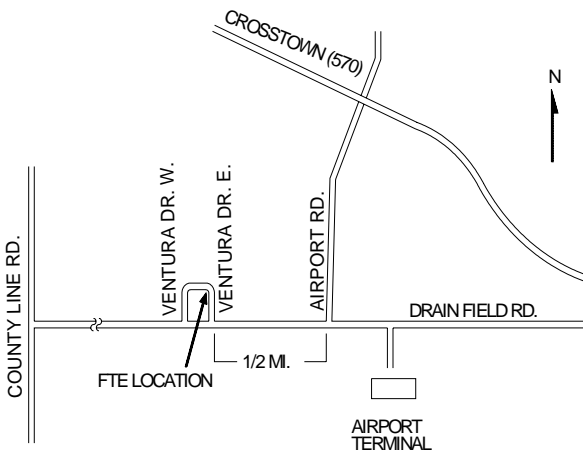
The good old days, Ringmaster, Combat Wing, Magician, Clown, how many of us started out with control line airplanes? I did when I was about 12 years old. I got to watch Larry fly the Streak the other day and recalled how much fun it was to fly control line and in doing a little research for this article I found that there are thousands of control line flyers around the country.

There are at least two articles per month in the AMA Magazine about control line flying dealing with Navy Carrier, Precision Aerobatics, Combat, Stunt, Scale and other specifics to control line. The AMA Control Line Aerobatics National Championships are being held in Muncie, Indiana on July 13 through 18, 2008.

Last Saturday Larry let Wally Sunde and Allen Sale fly the streak and some of the guys at the field expressed some interest and indicated they might have some old planes stored back at the house. I checked Tower Hobbies and was surprised at how inexpensive it is to get a control line set up, plane, engine, control lines and accessories in a combo unit for less than \$200.00.

Larry was going to a control line fly-in over in Lake Wales this weekend, to check it out and pick up some info about the planes and flying them. Evidently they have a pretty large group of control line flyers, enough to have two circles installed at their field.

If this sounds like fun, get with Larry Minot and see what you might like to get into.



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

Coming Area Events

Top Gun

April 23 – 27
Lakeland Airport
www.franktiano.com

15th Florida International Jet Rally

Lake Wales Airport
October 30 – November 2
www.floridajetflyers.com

IRCC “Heli Spectacular”

Mulberry, Florida
November 7 - 9
David Dewitt, CD
Benz425@aol.com
863-838-4459

IRCC IMAA Winter Rally

Mulberry, Florida
December 6 - 7
David Dewitt, CD
Benz425@aol.com
863-838-4459

Imperial R/C Club, Inc.
P.O. Box 6662
Lakeland, FL 33807

Don't forget the stamp

OUR NEXT MEETING IS: May 1st
Check out the directions to our meeting place.