

CARTWHEELS

BY: LARRY LOUCKS, PRESIDENT

Larry is having some health issues pertaining to a pinched nerve which has curtailed most of activities these days. If you have ever suffered from a pinched nerve, you have an idea what he is going through. Maybe it was handling all that R/C stuff he was asked to liquidate!!!! I am sure that you all wish him well.

Larry did want to focus on one particular area this month; Being extra courteous to visitors.

Here is a letter from a past and recent visitor to our flying sit.

Hi Larry,

I was visiting my parents in Bartow the week of January 11. I had brought a couple planes and helis to fly if I had time and could find a place. Several years ago while down to visit my parents, I stopped at your field to ask to fly. I was informed in a bit less than friendly manner that I wasn't really welcome. There was only the one gentleman there that day. I didn't bother to get his name. Prior to this latest visit, I had asked online about hobby shops in the area in case I needed repair parts for my Trex 700 and one of the guys I had known online invited me to fly at your field. This was Mike Zellars. I was somewhat intimidated after the last time I visited and was planning to just find a field and fly outlaw. Since helis don't need a runway and the only planes I brought didn't have landing gear, I didn't need much to fly from.

I decided after flying a bit at a park field that half the fun is hanging out with other flyers and watching them fly as well. I didn't have time to drive all the way up to the Lakeland field where I knew several guys from online so I decided to stop by your field and "test the waters". Mike Zellars had told me to just use his name and it would be fine to fly. I didn't want to do that, I'd rather be accepted by those present. I got there and sat and watched you fly your pattern plane and watched the others work on the YS. I didn't want to interrupt your practice for the contest so I didn't ask to fly till it looked like you guys were done.

I want to thank you and the club members that

welcomed me especially Doug and Corkie that stayed later so that I could fly after everyone else headed out. (I hope Doug was his name. It was the older guy that had the little Yorkie dog, Corkie.)

If at any time any of your members are looking for a place to fly up here in my area, I would be happy to make sure they are welcome and have an open field to fly at.

Thanks,
Matthew Brown

In one way or another we are all membership chairman and representatives for our club. It only takes one bad apple, and one bad experience to leave a bad impression. That impression also reflects on every club member. So try hard to make a GREAT impression the next time a visitor shows up. After all you may never be sure who that person is???

That's it for this month,

Have fun, be safe, SEE YA at the meeting.

New Members

Proposed at the January Meeting

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**Our next club meeting is:
Thursday February 4th at FTE.
Plan to attend and see what's new.**

First Flight of 2010

The first flight of 2010 award goes to Mike Zellars who flew his Radical G32 gasser helicopter at 9:40 AM between cold rain showers. George Nauck had first airplane flight at 4:30 PM that afternoon with his T28 foamy, and has flown at least one flight at the field every day through January 11.

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

Last Call for 2010 Renewals

**** 2010 Membership Renewals Are Now
Past Due ****

If you have not completed your 2010 IRCC Membership Renewal now is a great time to get started.

Just mail in your renewal / application form along with a copy of your 2010 AMA card, and your check.

New renewal forms are required each year to verify information, and copies of AMA cards and renewal forms are kept on file.

Do it now because by the time you receive this notice, your membership will have expired!!!

If you have not received your new AMA card that is

OK. Once you receive it and get a copy of it to Roger, your new 2010 IRCC card will be mailed directly to you.

Roger must have a copy of your 2010 AMA card, 2010 IRCC Renewal form and payment before you can receive your 2010 IRCC membership card.

Remember flying privileges expired at midnight December 31st.

Go to membership on the website, and download the Application and Renewal Form and get the process started today.

We need a good picture of Roger Pilkenton (new officer) for the Website. Please forward anything good to: info@imperialrcclub.com

IRCC Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2010

*Minutes recorded by:
George Nauck, Secretary*

Meeting Minutes for Imperial Radio Control Club – January 7, 2010 – National Championship Day

I was commenting to my wife that a terrible coincidence occurred today. The National Championship between Alabama and Texas was on the same night as our monthly club meeting. She responded "Couldn't it have been rescheduled?" I told her "Don't be ridiculous. They aren't about to reschedule the National Championship just for our club meeting!"

President Larry Loucks called meeting to order at 7:32 PM with 20 members present. What a great turnout for the first meeting of 2010 and on National Championship day!

Meeting minutes for December were approved.

Treasurer (outgoing) Rick Reude reported roughly xxK in checking and xx.xK in CD with about xK to be deposited.

Membership for the new year is currently about 48. Ended last year at mid 90's.

Field Maintenance – Ian has ordered wind socks for the control line area. No big maintenance issues.

Future events are Florida Jets at Lakeland Linder, a pylon race at our field, and then Top Gun at Lakeland Linder.

Old Business – No action yet on ordering plaques for outgoing officers.

Sunday, January 10th, the gate combination changed. Call one of the 20 members at the meeting for the new number.

50:50 drawing faithfully conducted by Wally Sundy was won by Bob Curry.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50

Alabama beat Texas in the National Championship

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

PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT

Make 2010 Proactive

by Dave Mathewson, AMA President

Another year is in the books. I hope everyone had a good 2009 and will have an even better 2010.

AMA's new online forum continues to grow. Over the last month we've added two new sections. One section will focus on Control Line modeling and the other is a general Safety Discussion section.

The Safety Discussion section is an area where members can post questions relative to safety issues and, if requested, get a direct answer from AMA. This area of our forum is being monitored by Ilona Maine, who manages our Safety and Benefits Department, and Jim Rice, chairperson of AMA's Safety Committee.

We've also added an archived section to this area so that once a question receives an "official" answer, the thread will be locked and moved to the archive. Over time, as the archive grows, it will become a knowledge base that members can search to find immediate answers to their questions.

We've also added three new volunteer moderators to help manage the forum. Peter Vogel is a general moderator and oversees all of the forum sections. Richard Grogan will moderate the Control Line section, and Frank Geisler the Safety Discussion section. These three volunteers will help keep the forum running smoothly and keep it an enjoyable place for members to visit.

Social networking is a term that describes how millions of people are sharing information using the Internet. It has become an incredibly popular way to communicate. AMA has stepped into the social networking world and now has a presence on a number of Internet sites including Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. In addition we have an account on YouTube and have been regularly posting videos on that site. These types of online resources are a great help to us in getting timely information out to our membership.

Applications for AMA's 2010 Take-off And Grow program (TAG) need to be mailed to Muncie postmarked by February 1, 2010. TAG is a great way to promote model aviation to

your friends and neighbors. If your club is selected to host a TAG Model Aviation Day, the AMA will provide up to \$1,000 in advance to use to set up and promote your program. Through TAG, individual AMA members can also take advantage of AMA's Ambassador Program. Sign up three new Open or Senior members with AMA, and a current member will earn next year's membership as our way of saying "thanks." Clubs applying to host a TAG Model Aviation Day will be provided with a complete program "requirements and guidelines" document to use as a guide. This document will include ideas on promoting and advertising your event as well as an outline of possible activities to take place during the actual day of the event.

Hosting a TAG Model Aviation Day is a great way to reach out to your community to give it a taste of a family-oriented recreational activity that all of us enjoy so much. In addition, you'll be creating positive relationships with your neighbors that quite often can help when the time comes to keep or acquire new flying sites.

TIPS FOR CLUBS

Club Corner

by Jim Wallen, AMA Insider Club Editor

Has your club become a little inbred? By this I mean perhaps you have not looked around to other clubs to see what you might incorporate to make your club more interesting and enjoyable.

Visit another club's meetings to see what features you might carry back to your club. Maybe you can arrange to have a couple of clubs in your area get together and fly at a host field. It's amazing what a hot dog and a cup of coffee can do in bringing club and personal relationships closer together.

Most AMA clubs around the country are facing declining membership. Is your club in the same boat? What can you do about it? Nothing happens unless you

go out and make it happen.

AMA had a membership drive last year that added new members. The program is improved for 2010, so take the time to understand it and bring the details to your club and membership. New members bring a fresh outlook and renewed enthusiasm. Wouldn't it be nice to add some new volunteers to the 10% who seem to do most of the work?

Are you aware of the AMA program "Sign 3-Fly Free?" You can receive a one-year AMA membership credit for signing up only three new members! For details see the AMA Web site at www.modelaircraft.org/ambassador.aspx. Spread the word!

Aviation Quotes

"Whoever said the pen is mightier than the sword obviously never encountered automatic weapons."

—General Douglas MacArthur

"You, you, and you ... Panic. The rest of you, come with me."

—USMC Gunnery Sergeant

"Though I Fly Through the Valley of Death, I Shall Fear No Evil. For I am at 80,000 Feet and Climbing."

—At the entrance to the old SR-71 operating base Kadena, Japan

"You've never been lost until you've been lost at Mach 3."

—Paul F. Crickmore, test pilot

"The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire."

"Blue water Navy truism: There are more planes in the ocean than submarines in the sky."

"If the wings are traveling faster than the fuselage, it's probably a helicopter—and therefore, unsafe."

"When one engine fails on a twin-engine airplane you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash."

"Without ammunition, the USAF would be just another expensive flying club."

"What is the similarity between air traffic controllers and pilots? If a pilot screws up, the pilot dies; if ATC screws up, the pilot dies."

Coming Area Events

Florida Jets

March 4 - 6
Lakeland Airport
www.franktiano.com

IRCC Spring Pylon Race

Club Field
Date – TBA
www.imperialrclub.com

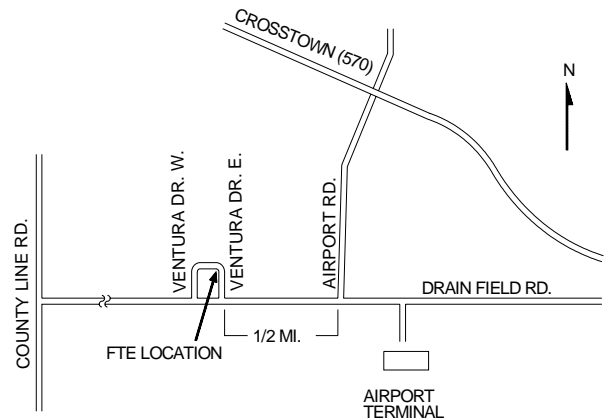
Sun'n Fun

April 13 - 18
Lakeland Airport
www.sun-n-fun.org

Top Gun

April 28 – May 2
Lakeland Airport
www.franktiano.com

Here is where we meet each month.



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

OUR NEXT MEETING IS: February 4th 2010