

CARTWHEELS

BY: LARRY LOUCKS, PRESIDENT

Golly Gee Whiz it's April already and OLD UNCLE SAM will be looking for his money pretty soon, at least the weather has been really good on the weekends. I think we just had our two weeks of Spring and now Summertime is starting to crank up the heat!

This past month we accomplished our first two events of the year; Florida Jets had some nice warm weather and good attendance with plenty of flyers, despite some windy conditions.

Our annual IRCC Spring Pylon Race was well attended with over 20 pilots for both days, even with the wind on Sunday that destroyed Mile Zellars tent at the timing area did not seem to slow the racers down at all.

Both events were well supported by our cadre of professional volunteers. I know how hard it is sometimes to make the time and put forth the effort to support the club and our events.

All of our club members should really appreciate the financial and prestige benefits that you earn for the club by your hard work participating in these events. Thank you all, again.

Our next events will be Planes, Trains & Automobiles on April 23, 2011 and Top Gun April 27 – May 1, 2011, **ANYONE** who would like to volunteer please contact David Raff for PTA and David DeWitt for Top Gun.

The Sportsmanship Award was unanimously presented to Steve Baxley for his efforts in building and donating a nice new airplane starting stand, our third at the field, thank you Steve for your support of the club.

Come on out to the April 7th meeting, it doesn't take long, it's kinda fun, it can be interesting, you can participate in the operation of the club, so lets see if we can keep the attendance up and provide some good fellowship between members.

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

New Members

Proposed at the March Meeting
None Reported

PLANES – TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES

From: David Raff – IRCC V.P.

SATURDAY APRIL 23RD, 2011
10:00 – 3:00PM
PLANT CITY AIRPORT



Full Scale Aircraft display - Antique and classic car display - Large model railroad display – EAA Young Eagles program and more!

Full scale aircraft rides and activities for Boys and Girl Scouts seeking to earn their Aviation Merit Badges. Entertainment - Vendors - Fun for all!

IRCC Members – Come and join your fellow club members and show off your pride and joy!

We have been asked to represent the Radio Control Aircraft community and the hobby as a whole and have been given a very large area for a static display set-up . At this time, we are actively looking for volunteers who would be interested in setting up a display of their favorite fixed- wing airplane(s) – helicopter(s) - jet or other (anybody have a flying lawn mower or other unusual “flying” contraption?).

We are also looking into setting up coordinated times for flight demonstrations through-out the day. Who know, you may get a chance to show off your skills as a pilot in front of a crowd as well!

For more information or to sign up, contact:

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**Our next club meeting is:
Thursday April 7th at FTE.
Plan to attend and see what's new.**

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**April 27th – May 1st
Lakeland Linder Airport**

Field Maintenance / Mowing

It's that time of the year!!

From Dale Anderson

I will do my very best to minimize our members' non-flying time during the growing season, but you all know the field mowing takes a lot of time. So that you can generally know the mowing schedule, I'll do most of the mowing, especially in-field, on Thursday mornings, weather permitting. Mornings work best due to afternoon thunder and lightning storms (not fun being on the tractor in lightning storms!). Anything needing mowing that can't be finished on Thursdays, will be wrapped up on Friday mornings, but typically that is outfield, parking, etc. and shouldn't interfere with flying.

Thanks for your support and understanding...so far, I haven't had to close the field during mowing, and I hope with your cooperation, we won't this summer either.

Enjoy the field!

IRCC Field Rules

15) Mowing of the field takes precedence over flying. If the person mowing feels it is unsafe to fly while out in the field, he has the authority to close the field.

This is a great time to review the IRCC By-Laws, Policies and Field and Safety Rules. They are all on the IRCC website under the [Membership Information](#).

Breezy

We all know that George Nauck is one of the most inventive modelers we have in our club. Here are a couple of pictures of his latest creation:

I built a new flying model to exhibit at "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles" in Plant City next month. It is an inaugural event for the Plant City Chamber of Commerce. Our club was invited to provide radio control aircraft display and flight demonstrations. It will be held at the Plant City Airport.



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

Kurt's Tracker III

Here is Kurt's latest pride and joy, and yes there is a story behind this bird. Kurt has had this twin for several years, and yours truly crashed it after an engine out occurred. The damage wasn't too bad and un-be-known to me Steve Jaworski repaired it. Now it's almost like new, and here is the kicker; Kurt actually thanked me for crashing it?!?!?!?



Ignition System Failure

Wally Sunde getting a helping hand from George Gordon as they diagnose an ignition problem on Wally's big bird. Two cylinders and two plugs per cylinder double the possibilities of what may need correcting. No word yet on the results.



IRCC Meeting Minutes

March 10th, 2011

Minutes recorded by:

George Nauck, Secretary

Larry Loucks called to order at 7:31 with 12 members present

The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

- **Treasurer Report** – Bank account holding at about \$xxxxK, as membership renewals continue coming in
- **Membership Report** – Already at 79 members, better than normal for this early in the year.
- **Field Search Report** – Many locations have been looked at. Goal is a parcel that can be leased long-term for little or rent. Would like to have an area where all types of aircraft can be flown, including turbines. It is felt that the “pitch” to the land owner must be well prepared, and this has been getting some work. The proposal that George Nauck prepared and sent to business tycoon and philanthropist James Ray in Naples is being used as a model. The proposal suggested that he buy the property as an investment and give us a long term lease. Mr. Ray was a WWII pilot and donated \$8 million to get the new Aerospace Academy built on the Sun N Fun property. We got no response from the proposal.
- Question was asked if we could use the grass field that Mr. Tiano built on airport property. It was explained that this required special arrangements with the FAA and airport for each event, and could never be used for club activities.
- There was mention that the Plant City C of C inaugural “Planes, Trains, and Automobiles” event is approaching. David Raff has been working closely with the Chamber to plan our club’s participation. It will be held on the 23rd of April.

The Greater Plant City Chamber sponsors the inaugural event, Sat, April 23, 2011, 10am to 3pm at the Plant City Airport. See real airplane, model train, CSX & classic car displays & more! Free admission; \$5 to park.

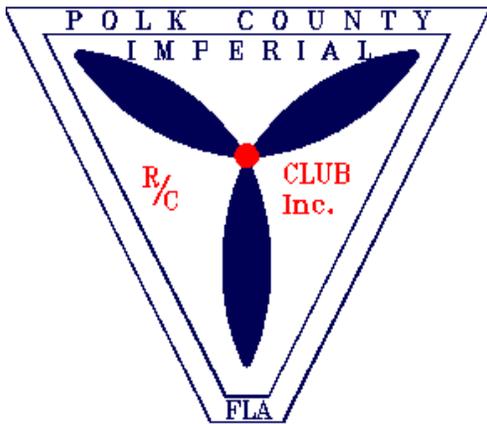
Maintenance Report – Ian Clark reported that our sign blew down, but he propped it back up. George Nauck noted that our concession trailer paint is cracking and peeling from the weather, and needs to be seal-coated.

- **Instructor’s report** – We are getting a number of new people joining and beginning flight instruction. Several only require two or three flights to demonstrate proficiency to solo and practice on their own.
- **Past Events** – Florida Jets just completed, and ran OK considering the strong winds every day. The wind changed to a cross-wind on Sunday, and nobody flew, so David Raff had to entertain with his electric kit planes. No word yet on our club’s compensation. There was some discussion about the difficulty of identifying persons legal in the pilot area who would not wear their wrist bands on their wrists.
- **Future events** – Our club hosts the SEMPRA pylon race on March 19-20.
- **Sportsmanship Award** was presented to Steve Baxley for building a really nice new airplane starting table for the field flight line.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:30

F3A World Championships Coming to Muncie!
by Colleen Pierce, FAI Team Coordinator

The F3A World Championships for Aerobatic Model Aircraft are being held at the International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie, Indiana, from July 24-August 2, 2011. Opening ceremonies will take place Monday, July 25, at 5 p.m. on Site 1. Competition begins on Tuesday. We currently have 31 teams registered with at least 90 pilots competing:

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| Argentina | Hong Kong China | Singapore |
| Australia | Ireland | South Africa |
| Belgium | Israel | South Korea |
| Brazil | Japan | Spain |
| Canada | Liechtenstein | Switzerland |
| Chile | New Zealand | Trinidad and Tobago |
| Columbia | Norway | Ukraine |
| Ecuador | Portugal | United Kingdom |
| Finland | Russia | United States |
| France | San Marino | Venezuela |
| Germany | | |



Coming Area Events

Sun N fun
 March 29 – April 3
 Lakeland Airport
www.sun-n-fun.org

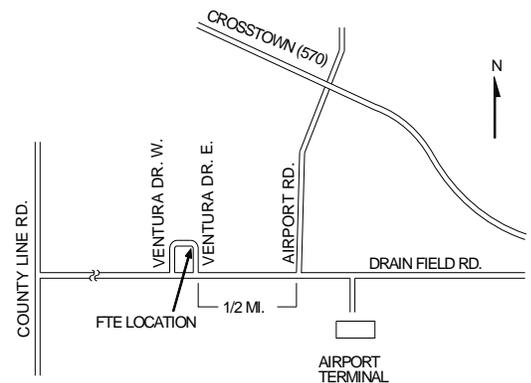
MacDill AirFest
 TBA
May be moved to November

Planes Trains and Automobiles
 April 23rd
 Plant City Airport
 IRCC will be participating
 Contact: David Raff
 863-521-4226 raff7113@msn.com

Top Gun
 April 27 – May 1
 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: April 7th