

## Planes -Trains and Automobile April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011

By: David Raff

The inaugural event is, as they say "in the books" and according to all was an outstanding success! At the recap meeting held at the Plant City Chamber of Commerce, planners and participants had the opportunity to discuss how they felt the event went and what they need to look at for next year. Everyone, and I do mean everyone, spoke highly of the clubs participation and how amazed they were at the variety and sizes of the aircraft that were on display. They also mentioned the fact that they heard many people throughout the day talking about the R/C airplanes! Jason Jones, the event chairman, had made comments early in the planning that he thought that the R/C part of the program was going to be a huge hit and he wasn't disappointed. He told us that the large white tent that was set up was "packed" all day long with people watching us fly.

The primary reasons for the event were equally successful.

- 1) Approximately 3000 spectators in attendance.
- 2) 75 scouts received their first ride in an airplane ever.
- 3) Over 125 scouts were certified for their Aviation Merit Badge that day.
- 4) All together, they gave over 200 kids (between the ages of 8 and 17) free rides in the full scale aircraft – including our own Ashleigh Suter.



Trophy's were presented at the end of the day for the cars and airplanes that were on display which included the R/C airplanes as well!

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophy's for "Best in Category" selections were made based on voting by the spectators and a "few of our own!"

### Winners were:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Steve Baxely's Mud Duck – featuring "Casper The Friendly Ghost"

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Wally Sundy's F-15 Strike Eagle

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Robert Russ's B-25 Mitchell



**THANK YOU!** To everyone that participated this year and to Dan Hudson for his great video coverage.

Just in case anyone was wondering – YES, we were invited back next year so go ahead and put this date on your calendars ... Saturday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

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**CARTWHEELS**

BY: LARRY LOUCKS, PRESIDENT

At last weeks monthly meeting we had 10 members out of 86 current members of the club attended. (hint -hint)

The members that were at the meeting suggested we have another "FAMILY DAY / SWAP MEET" and I thought that would be a great idea.

Sooooo..... How many of you would attend the family day outing we would have on June 11, 2011, if we get enough participation?

Each of you that would attend please email me back and let me know how many would be in your party, so we know how much food to buy and how many will be there to enjoy the day.

PLEASE RSVP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,  
[dummthum@yahoo.com](mailto:dummthum@yahoo.com)

**New Members**

*Proposed at the May Meeting*

**None Reported**

**LEADER TO LEADER**

**Who are We?**

*by Rusty Kennedy,  
Chairman Leader Member Committee*

*This month Leader Member Program Development Committee Member Bill Malvey author's the Leader Member column for Committee Chairman Rusty Kennedy.*

That's a pretty big question. But let's just focus on who we are as Leader Members (LM). LM is the highest level of AMA membership and is awarded to those individuals who have demonstrated an above-average interest and/or participation in AMA matters. It is recognition of past achievements and also an opportunity to continue to support the AMA and to be a leader in every sense of the word.

Each district has its District Vice President (VP) and a staff of Associate Vice Presidents (AVPs) who are responsible for meeting the needs of the AMA and its members in that

district. However, 10-12 people cannot really cover an entire district; time and geography make that impossible. This fact presents LMs with a perfect opportunity to be the extension of the VP and his staff, and to be the eyes and ears within their district.

You know your club, you know your issues, and you are the person closest to the action. Therefore, you are the perfect person to know what is really going on and to help the AMA by communicating what you know to those who can do something about it.

You are also the perfect person to help get the word out when important issues arise. The coming FAA small Unmanned Aircraft System (sUAS) regulations are one such situation. This may well be the greatest challenge our hobby will ever face.

I want to encourage all of my fellow LMs to step up to the plate at this crucial time. Contact your VP or AVP and let them know who, and where, you are. Educate yourself on the FAA issue and take that information out to your club, your field, and your friends.

There is a whole lot of misinformation out there, and we as LMs can be a real force to correct that and to help focus our fellow members on the task of dealing with the FAA to help protect our freedom to enjoy our hobby without interference.

**Our next club meeting is:  
Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at FTE.  
Plan to attend and see what's  
new.**

**IRCC Meeting Minutes**

May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011

*Minutes recorded by:  
George Nauck, Secretary*

**Since not toooooo many folks showed up,  
there wasn't an official meeting so there  
are no official minutes.**

The IRCC monthly club meeting will be held at FTE near the Lakeland Airport. The next meeting will be on Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> and starts promptly at 7:30pm. Remember to bring a chair if you want to have a seat.

### 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](#).*

### From the Academy of Model Aeronautics AMA Selects New Executive Director

*by Chris Brooks, APR, AMA*

The Academy of Model Aeronautics has appointed Dave Mathewson as its new executive director. Mathewson resigned his position as AMA president and leader of its governing Executive Council to accept the executive director position effective April 15, 2011.

Assuming the responsibilities of the AMA president, per the bylaws, is Executive Vice President Mark Smith. Smith will undertake these additional duties until a special election for AMA president is conducted this September concurrent with the regular annual AMA officer elections. The Interim Executive Director Joyce Hager will resume her duties as staff director and assistant executive director.

"Dave has been an exemplary leader for the AMA," said Smith. "The Executive Council is behind him 120%. For more than three years, Dave has been an outstanding president and we're very confident he will bring this level of

success to his new role as our staff leader."

Mathewson will move from his home near Syracuse, New York, to Muncie, Indiana, on or around June 1. →



Former AMA president and newly named executive director, Dave Mathewson. Dave and his wife, Ginger, will be making the move to Muncie, Indiana, in June.

### Propeller Safety

*From the Rouge Eagles R.C. Club, Medford, Oregon*

Respect and alertness are mandatory if you want to keep all your fingers. If you continually ignore safety, you or someone close to you will be injured eventually. By adopting good safety practices we can minimize risk and enjoy our wonderful sport for many years.

The most destructive type of propeller injury, aside from being struck by a flying aircraft, is when the engine is operating at or near full throttle. At full speed, a .40-size, two-stroke engine with an 11 x 6 propeller can generate as much power as a 10-inch table saw. Just as a table saw demands your respect and attention, so does an aircraft propeller.

Before you mount your propeller or even start your engine, you should take a moment to review some basic pre-flight recommendations for propeller safety.

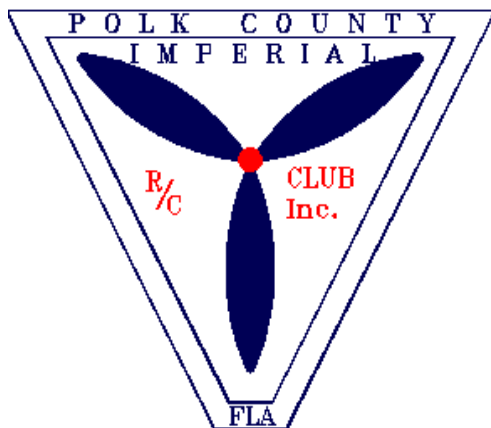
## General Propeller/Rotor Blade Inspection and Preparation:

1. Look over for obvious nicks or gouges.
2. Flex it gently back and forth along its length and look for cracks.
3. If you find any damage, other than some minor scuffs at the tip, discard/destroy immediately.
4. Wood propellers cause less damage than composite propellers.
5. Remove the sharp edges from composite propellers using fine sandpaper. Just take off the edge. Do not alter airfoil.
6. Always use a balanced propeller. Vibration is the enemy.
7. Make sure the propeller arc is visible by painting the tips a contrasting color.

## Ground Safety:

1. Always have someone hold the airplane while starting.
2. Use some form of eye protection, like safety glasses.
3. After starting, move around behind the propeller to remove the glow plug igniter and to make other engine adjustments.
4. Never ever reach over a spinning propeller.
5. Be conscious of the propeller arc. Do not let spectators stand in line with, or in front of, the spinning propeller and don't you stand there any longer than necessary.
6. If starting by hand, use a thick glove or chicken stick.
7. Use an approved spinner or propeller hub.
8. Before starting, be sure the propeller is on tight. If the engine came with backup safety nuts, use them.
9. Have a first aid kit stocked and available.

It's easy to forget these safety items when at the field and some say it's just too much trouble. But safety is everyone's responsibility! →



## Coming Area Events

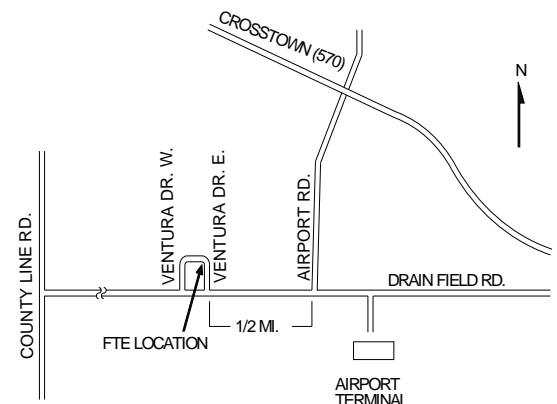
### MacDill AirFest

TBA *May be moved to November*

- Jun 4 Tailgate Swap Meet H.A.M. Brooksville
- Jun 11 2nd All-Electric Fly-In Tri-County R/C Dunnellon
- Jun 25 Club 40 Pylon Race Tri-County R/C Dunnellon
- Jul 16 Club 40 Pylon Race H.A.M. Brooksville
- Jul 25~31 59 EAA Air Venture EAA Oshkosh
- Sep 10 Club 40 Pylon Race O.F.M.C. Ocala
- Sep 10 Fun Fly H.A.M. Brooksville
- Sep 16~18 16th E of Summer Fly-In O.F.M.C. Ocala
- Sep 24 11th Chuck Yeager Fly-In Tri County R/C Dunnellon
- Sep 29~Oct 1st Inaugural Electric Fly-In Triple Tree Aerodrome Woodruff SC
- Oct 8 Club 40 Pylon Race Flying Gators Gainesville
- Oct 13-45 4th Monster Planes USA FTE Lakeland
- Oct 15 Charity Air Show H.A.M. Brooksville
- Oct 21~23 7th Zephyr All Electric Can-Am Flyers Zephyrhills
- Oct 22~23 9th IMAC Scale Aerobatics O.F.M.C. Ocala
- Oct 29 Big Bird Fly-In H.A.M. Brooksville

Here is where we meet each month.

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



**OUR NEXT MEETING IS: June 2nd**