

THE FLIGHT LINE

By David Raff – President

With temperatures reaching into the middle to upper 90's, high humidity and almost daily afternoon thunderstorms (yes, I know – Welcome to Florida) many are making the shift to get to the field earlier in the morning when it's cooler to get a little flying time in. Then it's clean-up, pack-up and head back home to the A/C! Fortunately, we only have another month or so to endure and then around mid-September the weather we wait all year for will start to make it's way back – Just in time for the **TEAM USA F3D 2013 Team Trials**.

The dates are set for September 27th thru the 30th and will be the start of the IRCC event calendar for the fall. For those of you that were not around last year you will not want to miss this one. World class pilots – cutting edge aircraft capable of speeds in excess of 200+ miles per hour – and the selection of the 3 pilots who will represent the **USA** in the 2013 FAI World Championship in Deelen Netherlands - What more could you ask for!

This will be the second time in a row that the Imperial Radio Control Club has been awarded the honor to host this event and only the second time in over 12 years that this event was not held out west. We have Scott Smith and the great job that the volunteers did 2 years ago to thank for this opportunity. I know that Scott will be talking more about this during the next month or two and looking for a little assistance in making this event another success story.

On the subject of upcoming events and volunteering I want each and every one of you to try your best to plan to give a little time back to the club this fall. We have several events coming up beginning with the Team USA Trials in September, followed by The Mulberry 500 Pylon Races & Monster Planes in October, the Mulberry Heli Spectacular (if that is what we are going to call it) in November and possibly an electric "Fun-Fly event in December. These events are fun, exciting to be a part of and offers the club a great opportunity to generate a little extra \$\$\$\$.

Keep in mind that very few clubs in the country get the opportunity to take part in the world class events that the Imperial Radio Control Club does. To be able to rub elbows with some of the best R/C pilots in the country or the world for that matter **and** be able to get up close to the finest and most impressive R/C aircraft anywhere is a real privilege.

Also, the more people that we have taking part in these events reduces the amount of time that each individual person has to commit to. Let's take one of the major events for example. If we have 5 flight lines operating and 3 gate entrances that need to be covered for crowd control you are looking at approx. 320 hour over a 4 day period. Divide that by 20 members and each one is looking at roughly 16 hours total. Now, take that same number 320, divide it by 80 and the commitment time per member is reduced to only 4 hours.

So please, keep this in mind when you get the emails or see a sign up sheet at the field. Let's each of us plan to commit to donating at least a half of a day at one or more of these upcoming events. Who knows, you might even enjoy yourself!

Until next month –That is all from "The Flight Line".

**The Next IRCC Club Meeting
will be held on Thursday,
August 2nd at 7:30 PM at FTE.**

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IRCC Meeting Minutes

July 5, 2012

Recorded by George Nauck, Secretary

President David Raff called meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

June meeting minutes accepted.

Financial Report – Balance in checking at \$XXX. Monthly income was \$XXX with XX + expenses. Included cost of \$XXX to have remaining trees and brush from clearing removed.

Now at 101 members. Gary already met his goal of 100 members by the end of 2012. Chris Odom and 3 new pylon racers joined. Now at 17 juniors. This will ensure a future of the hobby! It was reported that we lost another member, Tom Olson.

Field Maintenance – Steve Baxley did an outstanding job totally replacing the bulletin boards and the wall sections that held them. Great improvement to the appearance and function of the shelter. Two new airplane starting tables were delivered by the anonymous builder and donor. Thanks, Jerry! New informational and promotional club sign for the front entrance is in the process of getting approvals from the city of Mulberry. Sign must be hurricane resistant. Robert Russ asked that wheels be installed on the metal tables west of the shelters to facilitate movement for mowing. This will be taken care of.

Safety – No safety issues have been reported.

Instructors report – Just a few folks getting help with their airplanes and an occasional buddy-box session.

Old Business – The IRCC participation with the Vacation Bible School event at the FBC at the mall was weathered out, and several club members who showed up were not able to do any demonstrations. We received a nice thank you note from the youth pastor for our efforts.

New business – Ren, the President of Central Florida Indoor Free-flight Club, gave

a talk about their activities and an invitation to visit their monthly flying session in Hanger E at Sun N Fun.

Robert Russ informed us that he will be out from September 8 to October 4, and will need volunteers to mow the field. Contact Robert for information.

Looking at holding a possible Electric event sometime in the late September time frame.

Gary Snyder stated that Fantasy of Flight is running a 2 for 1 special, and that this is a truly great facility to visit often.

Future Events - We will hold FAI Qualifying event in September 27-30. Scott Smith will need volunteers.

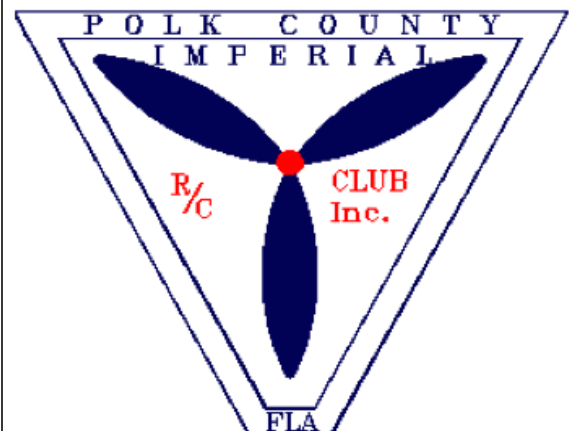
October 19-21 will be our Mulberry 500 pylon race event for SEMPRA. Scott Smith will again need lots of volunteers to run this event.

November 9-10-11 –IRCC will host a Helicopter Event at the club field.

Plane of the month was a foamie Cessna 310 shown by Ian Clark. A beautiful electric twin for only \$100!

The sportsmanship award went to Jerry Ruthven for the anonymous gift of two new airplane starting stands.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM



The IRCC monthly club meeting will be held at Frank Tiano Enterprises.
The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 2nd and will start promptly at 7:30 pm.

Let's Go Flying! At Night?

By: David Raff



If you think that it is challenging to fly when there are 2 or 3 other aircraft in the air at the same time on a bright, sunny day – try doing it at night!

That is exactly what a large group of pilot did recently at the Can Am Flyers Club in Zephyrhills. The “First Annual Night Fun Fly Event” was held a couple of weeks ago and although the event had to be re-scheduled due to weather from the weekend before, the turnout was fantastic.

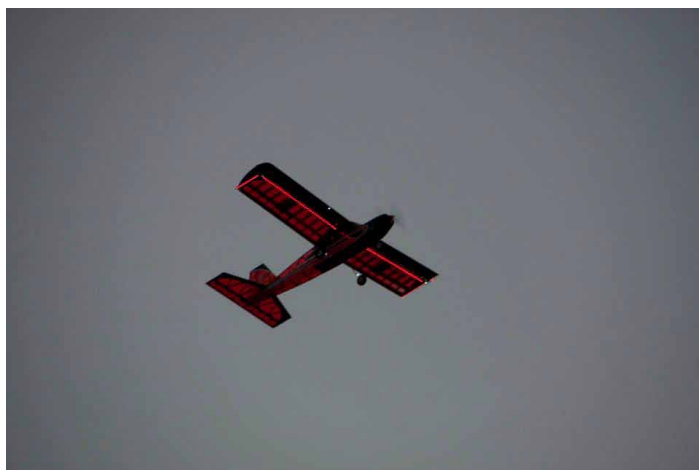


HOW CAN YOU FLY AT NIGHT YOU ASK?

You could talk to Steve Baxley and his grandson Jordon Bavaro, our resident night flying experts, but the process is really very simple.

- Select one of your favorite (well, maybe a not so favorite) airplane.
- Secure a few or a few hundred LED lights to the airframe.
- Wait for it to get dark – Turn on the lights and **GO FLY!**

The Fun Fly started around 5:00 PM and everyone was busy with their Pre-Flight checks and getting some trim flights in before the main show.



A few (including yours truly) took advantage of a fantastic sunset for that "Special" photo opportunity!





BUT THEN IT WAS

LIGHTS OUT

OR IS THAT

LIGHTS ON!

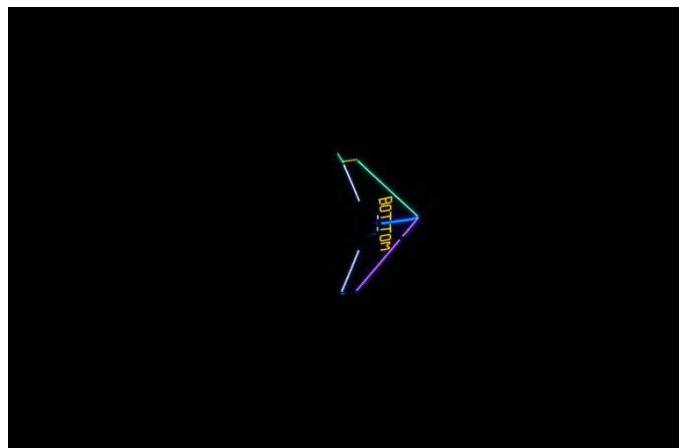


As you can see, the LED lights are extremely bright making it easy to see these aircraft in the dark.

Not only were the aircraft lit up - but some of the pilots were sporting LED's on their hats too!

*Available from your favorite "foamie" guy!

There was one very clever pilot who had no problems orientating between Top and Bottom while he was flying!



With the exception of the mosquitoes that decided to join in later in the evening, this first year event was a great success and a good time was had by all. Something for the IRCC to consider as an upcoming event.....hmmmm?

July 2012 Field Maintenance Report

The summer rains have gotten the grass growing, keeping Robert busy mowing. Remember, when Robert is cutting the grass, he has the right to stop all flying if he feels it is unsafe for him.

At our last meeting, it was decided that we needed to make the tables easy to move before mowing. With help from Gary Snyder, Ben Dawson, Joe Manzella, Dan Hudson and Robert Russ, we put wheels under the tables. Robert tested them out to be sure they moved easily.

As always, if you have any issues that fall under field maintenance, you can call, text or e-mail me with the specifics.

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Fantasy of Flight Visit

IRCC is planning a visit to Fantasy of Flight in August. Through the end of September FOF is having a special for Florida residents with two admissions for the price of one. So the normal price of \$ 28.95 will now admit two people.

FOF is a truly unique place for aviation enthusiasts. It is advertised as the largest private collection anywhere. The planes are restored to "better than new" condition in most cases and they feature everything from a 1909 Curtis Pusher through a lot of WWII fighters and bombers.

Included in the admission are tours of the engine shop, wood shop, maintenance hangar, and restoration facilities. Also each day about 1:30 a vintage aircraft is flown.

For those needing more excitement, biplane rides, a rope course, and zip line are available at additional cost. Hours are from 10AM – 5PM daily.

If interested, contact President David (raff7113@msn.com) or Treasurer Gary (gmsnyder@tampabay.rr.com). A final date for the visit will be established at the August club meeting.

Gary Snyder
IRCC

Coming Area Events:

**Team USA F3D
2013 Team Trials**
September 27 - 30

Mulberry 500 Pylon Racing
October 19 - 21

Monster Planes USA
October 25 - 27

Twelve O'Clock High
January 10 - 12

Visit www.ImperialRCClub.com for more details!

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