

### THE FLIGHT LINE

By David Raff – President

#### NEW HERE – NEW THERE – NEW EVERYWHERE!

By the time you read this there may already be some **NEW** and exciting things happening within the IRCC.

The first of these being the **NEW** Pavilion's that are graciously being donated to the club by our very own Dr. Art Magarino!

At last months meeting, Art had presented a proposal, signed by the vast majority of club members, to absorb all liabilities and cost involved with building a **NEW** 20' x 41' pavilion. This was presented to the members in attendance and unanimously approved.

This new shelter is to be located adjacent to the existing building on the west side with an approximate 15' walkway to the flight line between the two. At the same time, "Doc" has also offered to fund the relocation of the helicopter flight area, to include a **NEW** 18' x 21' shelter for our "Black Sheep Squadron" otherwise known as "THE HELI GUY'S". Both areas will have a concrete slab floor but the shelters themselves will be designed to be "transportable" so that they can be moved in the future if need be. Estimated completion time is 3 weeks from the start of the project!

There have been many positive comments about the "Plane of the Month" segment we did at the January meeting. Gary Snyder lead us off with a great presentation of his **NEW** 63" wingspan, EPP foam Corsair from Banana Hobby! This "not so little" baby comes fully dressed with a full armament of bombs, led lights, retractable landing gear which by the way, the gear doors actual open and close. Gary also was happy to report that he finally found out what that channel 7 switch on his radio was for...It operates the "**FOLDING WINGS**"!

We plan on having this as a standard part of the monthly meetings going forward and Bob Curry has already volunteered to be the presenter for the February meeting. We can also use this time to talk about some of the different aspects of the hobby or set up a "How To" clinic to talk about such things as...  
How To:

**Tune your glow engine.**

**The difference between "Nitro" and "Gas" engines.**

**Motors, batteries, esc's – How to choose the right set-up.**

So, if you happen to have something unique or exciting that you would like to talk about whether it be an airplane, a helicopter or a new piece of equipment,

please let me know and we will add you to the schedule.

Speaking about **NEW**, there also seems to be a lot of new faces at the field lately. At last count, we have 63 members on record and that number is growing. I would like to take this moment to personally welcome all of our new club members including - Terry Crosby, Chris Bledsoe, Abisai Diaz, Steven Diaz (JR), Yahaira Diaz, Andrew Durant, Gavin Durant (JR), Jeffrey Hughes, Ethan Owens (JR), Zacharey Owens (JR), Gabriella Wilson (JR), Terry Baker and their families. As I am sure that you will, please do everything you can to make them feel welcomed.

Until next month - that is all from "The Flight Line".

#### New Members

Proposed at the January Meeting

Andrew Durant  
Gavin Durant

#### IRCC Membership Update

From Gary Snyder, IRCC Secretary

**Renew your IRCC membership >>>>>>**  
<http://www.imperialrcclub.com/pdf/irccapp12.pdf>

**Renew your AMA membership >>>>>>**  
<https://www.modelaircraft.org/joinrenew.aspx>

FLORIDA



JETS

March 1-4 Paradise Field, Lakeland Florida Airport

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Keeps R/C Modeling  
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**President to President  
A New Year**

*by Bob Brown, AMA President*  
Welcome to 2012!

By now I am sure it's no secret, but I am Bob Brown, your newly elected AMA president. I hail from District III and served as its vice president for 21 years. I am excited to have this position and am looking forward to working with and for you, the membership.

The Academy will face many issues in 2012. We are still at the forefront of the FAA issue and we're working very hard to maintain our freedom to fly. We have devoted a lot of time and money to fight the FAA conflict and protect members of the Academy.

I am here to make the Academy bigger and better. I see myself as a team leader, not a president. My team consists of the Executive Council, the employees, and the membership. Our team will work together and be as productive as we can for the benefit of AMA. If you have any ideas, concerns, or comments that could help the Academy be all it can be, please don't hesitate to get involved, and drop me a line.

Although, we will have a lot of work to cover and a lot of responsibilities, I also ask one more thing of you: have fun. Modeling is fun. We are in this for fun. The best way to garner interest in our lifestyle and hobby is by showing people how much fun model aviation can be!

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

**Instructor Report**

*From: George Nauck*

Terry Baker, a new member (grandfather of Max, the 9 year old who I soloed last year) has bought a used trainer and a radio. He was soloed today by me and will be practicing as often as he can get by the field. Please welcome Terry to the club, and give him any help and/or advice that may come to mind. Terry demonstrated the ability to control his airplane, do basic trainer aerobatics, and take off and land successfully.

Also, Bill Hamilton has begun refresher

training with his trainer, and did quite well for being off the sticks for a number of years.

**IRCC Meeting Minutes**

January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
*Minutes recorded by:*  
*George Nauck, Secretary*  
*Larry Loucks Reporting this Month*

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

Minutes from the December 1, 2011 meeting were approved and accepted.

Treasurer Gary Snyder reported the current balances of the Checking, CD, and Line of Credit accounts, and discussed a fiscal report he had created as to the past 2011 and current status of income / expenses.

Gary's report confirmed the decline in financial balances for 2011 due to the additional expense of the increase in the field rent.

He stated that the actions taken by the club to increase the annual dues, in combination with the reduction of expenses for the dumpster rental, field mowing (donated by Robert Russ) and recruitment of additional new members should be sufficient to maintain our fiscal solvency through 2012, which he has set up to be evaluated on a monthly basis.

Membership report – We currently have 47 paid members for 2012 and a review of the AMA Roster indicates that 76 members listed have renewed their 2012 AMA Card which indicates we should have a number of those renewing their IRCC membership soon.

Welcome to new member Andrew Durant, Andrew and his son Gavin joined the club between Christmas and New Years and are currently student pilots getting involved in the hobby.

Thanks and Kudos goes to Ian Clarke for his many years of dedicated support for the club. Ian has again volunteered to continue his outstanding service as our Field Maintenance Officer for 2012.

Instructors Report – Current students include Andrew and Gavin Durant, Ethan

The IRCC monthly club meeting will be held at FTE near the Lakeland Airport.  
The next meeting will be on Thursday February 2<sup>nd</sup> and will start promptly at 7:30pm.

and Zachary Owens and Abi Diaz, all are being instructed in accordance with the IRCC Student Pilot Program and Safety Rules.

Safety Report - The plane crash accident at the Badcock warehouse apparently caused no damage and is being followed up by David Raff to insure maintenance of our good neighbor's relationship with them.

Mystery Report – Miraculously two of our original 5 missing sunshade tents have reappeared in the shed, hopefully the other 3 will return from their vacation soon.

New Business – Discussion initiated concerning clearing out the areas around the entrance gate to enhance visibility of the site and possible installation of a marquee type sign to promote upcoming events and perhaps entice more visitors and new member prospects. Ian Clarke will gather data as to the items necessary to make this happen, discussion will continue.

Long time member Art Magarino has generously offered to donate a new 20' X 60' portable shelter enclosure for the club to be located to the west of our existing enclosure. The new unit will be similar to what we have at the Heli area and will have patio pavers as the flooring for the area.

Sportsmanship Award – In recognition of his bighearted donation and support for the Club, Art Magarino was nominated and unanimously awarded the Monthly Sportsmanship Award.

Thanks from all of us Art, we truly appreciate your service to IRCC.

Event Report – The Inaugural 12:00 High Event was a measured success, it drew about 50 pilots and about 150 spectators which is pretty good for a first time event for this late in the year, next year should be much better.

Plane of the Month - Gary Snyder brought in his really cool F4U Corsair from Banana Hobby; this is the latest in offering of high end, structural foam aircraft that are now appearing in the market place.

This Corsair has just about everything.....63" wingspan, landing lights, retracts with doors, scale flaps, 3 bladed prop, rockets, bombs and **TA DA DA DA – FOLDING WINGS!!!!**

You can check it out at Bananahobby.com or catch Gary at the field when he does the maiden flight.

**NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS THE GATE CODE WILL CHANGE ON SUNDAY JANUARY 8, 2012, IF YOU HAVE NOT RENEWED, NOW IS THE TIME.**

**On the Safe Side  
It's an Attitude**

*by Jim Tiller, On the Safe Side Author*

After my last column I received a few emails. In that column, I remarked how lucky I was to be surrounded by fliers who stressed safety, forgave the brief lapse that caused my recent injury, and came to my aid when I needed them. The response was that this attitude among my fellow fliers was important enough to warrant an entire column.

It is very important to surround yourself with the right kind of people in any enterprise. At the field, you should surround yourself with fliers who stress and practice safety. One gentleman, who passed on an email, recounted a well-respected member of his group who was proactive on the flightline and was not afraid to step up and tell another flier if he was endangering himself or others. This is an admirable trait but his style probably would get little traction if the fliers, in general, did not put a high value on safe operation.

These are the kind of people you want in your group: those who not only "walk the walk," but "talk the talk." We all have lapses in memory or good judgment—this is how accidents happen.

Those kinds of safety-related suggestions should not be taken as criticism or as a reflection on you personally. Accept the help. None of us are perfect. We all need help at some time, as in Hilary Clinton's book titled "It Takes a Village."

You report the name of a safety officer for your club each year as your club renews its charter. Is that position in your club just another title or is it a dynamic club responsibility? The person who receives the nod for that job should be the type of person described in the previous paragraphs.

I am not saying the safety officer should be a tyrant or a policeman. That person should be a combination of a mentor, guidance counselor, and motivator. And it is the responsibility of all club members to respect that position and do their best to set a good example.

Safety in your club should not be an issue, it should be an attitude.

There are actually a couple of other issues here, so now to the second one. There is one other concern I'd like to express about the attitude toward safety among the members of your flying group.

There is a classic behavioral psychological study concerning the animal's adaptation to his environment. In this experiment, a test animal was placed on a wire screen and given a certain level of electrical jolt that would make it jump. That same test animal was then put in a cage where frequent small jolts of electricity were run through the cage volume. In the beginning the jolt was only enough to be noticed. In a relatively short time, the animal ignored the shocks altogether. Over time, the voltage was gradually increased to the point that the animal was routinely ignoring shocks that made it jump before the test began.

The same thing can happen in your flying group. Small infractions of the normal safety codes can often be ignored. "There are only a few of us here, so I guess it's okay," or "he's just learning, he can't control his plane

very well." Wouldn't it be better to follow the rules regardless of the numbers present or give a hand to the new pilot who is struggling with control?

The lesson here is that, if you have the right attitude toward safety in your club, you would not ignore even the small things. You should try your best to correct them. That way, over time, you do not live in the world where the "constant shocks" are being ignored.

Once again, I am not suggesting a police state at your field, but rather an atmosphere of high expectations supplanted with a healthy dose of respect and understanding of those who fly with you.

Safety is an attitude. Maybe that message should be on a sign at your field.

And now to the last of these attitude issues. This one is designed to head off the emails I expect to get from this diatribe. What about the member of your group who simply won't listen to reason? We all know there are a few of those out there.

The answer is quite simple. You have to get rid of that person. He or she can infect the rest of the members in short order.

You should have a section in your bylaws that outlines the procedure used to get rid of a troublesome member. Review what you have written there and if you need help, there are documents and samples in the AMA document library you can use as a guideline.

Basically, the general rules are quite similar to those in the workplace. The offender should be informed of his actions and told what needs to be corrected. He should be given a reasonable time to correct his actions and, if no positive results are exhibited, he should be summarily removed.

### AMA Vision

We, the members of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, are the pathway to the future of aeromodeling and are committed to making modeling the foremost sport/hobby in the world. This vision is accomplished through:

- Affiliation with its valued associates, the modeling industry and governments.
- A process of continuous improvement.
- A commitment to leadership, quality, education and scientific/technical development.
- A safe, secure, enjoyable modeling environment.

### AMA Mission

The Academy of Model Aeronautics is a world-class association of modelers organized for the purpose of promotion, development, education, advancement, and safeguarding of modeling activities. The Academy provides leadership, organization, competition, communication, protection, representation, recognition, education and scientific/technical development to modelers.

## Coming Area Events

### Florida Jets

March 1-4

### IRCC Spring Race Week – "Southern 500"

March 16 - 18

### Sun'n Fun

March 27<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>

### Easter

April 13th

### Top Gun

May 2 – 6

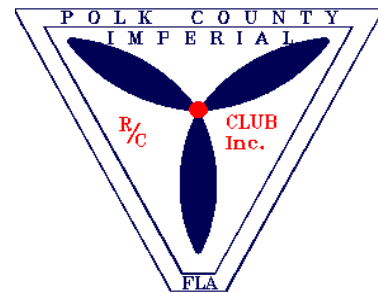
### Monster Planes USA

TBA

### Twelve O'Clock High

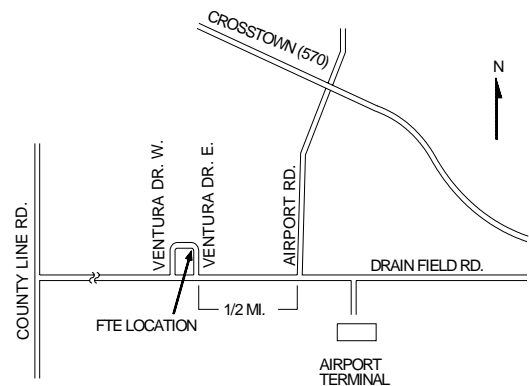
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Here is where we meet each month.

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



## **PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES**

PLANT CITY AIRPORT – SATURDAY MARCH 24TH

Many of you took part in last year's PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILE EVENT at the Plant City Airport.

This First Year event itself, was an outstanding success with almost 3500 spectators in attendance, roughly 75 scouts receiving their "Aviation" Merit Badge and over 200 kids were given "FREE" airplane rides. The IRCC "Static" display and flight demonstrations were such a big hit (I was told at a recent Chamber meeting that the large white tent on the east end of the show display area never had an empty seat with people watching us fly) that we have been asked back again this year. The event is scheduled a little earlier this year (March 24<sup>th</sup>) and should be little cooler than last year.

We have been given a slightly larger area for the static display and may have the opportunity to do both an Opening Ceremony and Noontime Demo. TIA will have an active "Control Tower" on-site so that we may be able to get some of the "larger" and more exotic aircraft in the air throughout the day.

I will be posting a sign-up sheet at the field for anyone interested in taking part in the "Static Display" and/or the Flight demonstrations and we will be talking more in detail at the February meeting so please plan to attend.

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