

## THE FLIGHT LINE

By David Raff – President

By the time you read this, we should be right in the middle of our last major event for spring 2012 – Top Gun! This is the one event that I personally enjoy more than any other. As the name implies – TOP GUN (just like the Top Gun Naval Aviation Training School) is the “Best of the Best” that the R/C community has to offer. The attention to detail on these aircraft is spectacular and the flying skills of the pilots are second to none! What makes this even more enjoyable is that several of our own IRCC members will be flying in this “World Class - Invitation Only” event.

This is also one of, if not the largest money making opportunities that the club has available. In addition to the donation from Frank Tiano for the time that the club members dedicate to helping him with this event, we will be doing another raffle. We will be giving away not only a 32” flat screen TV, but we also have an F-20 Tigershark ARF (donated by FTE) and a RealFlight G 4.5 Basic Flight Simulator. Provided the weather cooperates we anticipate being able to beat the total income from Florida Jets held just a month or so ago.

This will also give us a great opportunity to set up an IRCC Information Display to help promote the club and hopefully peak the interest of a few new potential members. I know that at last count, we had 25 members who offered to donate some of their time to make this a success. I also know that we could still use a few more people so if you can spare a couple of hours on Thursday Friday, Saturday or Sunday give David Dewitt a call or drop him an email.

I am sure by now everyone has seen or possibly heard about the additional clearing of some of the brush on the west side of the field entrance. Although the majority of the members so far have expressed positive comments about doing this - that is not the case for all. A few of the members have expressed their disapproval and concerns. I appreciate the fact that they took the time to make their opinions known however since there could be valid points made on both sides of the fence on these I would rather reserve this for a one on one conversation.

Doing this has been a topic of conversation for several years now and has been going back and forth between those wanting to do it and those that felt that we would jeopardize the field if someone actually saw what was behind the trees. This property has been for sale now for many, many years and at the price they are asking, the chances of that happening is very slim. Add to that the amount of money that will be needed to prep the property to be able to build on – and those chances go down even more. The truth is our greatest risk at this point of losing this field would be our inability to pay the property owner for the lease.

Personally, I try not to spend much time on those things that I can not control and focus my attention on those that I can. You and I both know that tomorrow someone could make an offer to buy this land - we cannot control that.

We can however control the latter.

Over the years, there has been much discussion about increasing the membership and holding more events to raise money to help offset the cost. Guys, it is time to stop discussing and time to start doing. Opening up the entrance was just the first step to increasing the public’s awareness that we are there. Steve Jaworski has been kind enough to design a Marquee Sign Board that will replace our existing sign and is working on getting this approved by the City of Mulberry. This will allow us to “advertise” upcoming events that are being held at the field or simply be able to invite people in to watch or “LEARN TO FLY R/C” with one of our experienced flight instructors. I have been told that in years past when this club held events there were times when you couldn’t fit another car because so many people were there to watch. I would like to see that happen again! With your help and support I believe that we can get there and make this club better, stronger and more fun than it has ever been for the members and their families.

Until next month – that’s it from “The Flight Line”.

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**IRCC Meeting Minutes**

April 6th, 2012

Recorded by George Nauck, Secretary

President David Raff called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM with 20 members and one wife present.

Minutes from the March meeting were approved.

Treasurer Gary Snyder reported the current balance of the Checking Account at \$XXX which is the same a bit more than last month. The Southern 500 pylon race created \$XXX income with a profit of \$XXX.

*Membership report* – We now have 84 paid members for 2012. Gary Snyder reported that with the help of Steve Jaworski and Wally Sunde, a potential problem with a Polk County tangible property tax issue appears to be resolved. He is looking into an issue as to whether the club should file as a 501(c) organization. Gary asked for anyone with expertise to contact him.

*Field maintenance report* – Ian Clark mentioned that the yellow ropes creating a field barrier need replacing. Authorization to procure new ropes was given.

*Safety* – It was reported that an elderly gentleman with a group of strangers tripped and fell coming in from the parking. It appeared that he was not seriously injured, and the group left without any identification.

*Instructors Report* – Larry Loucks reported that Terry Crosby has soloed. Larry made up a certificate, framed it, and presented it to Terry. George's students have been short-changed!

*Old Business* – The issue at the field which was discussed at last month's meeting was handled by the board. The issue is closed.

*New Business* – The board met and discussed needed revisions to the club Bylaws. Recommendations will be forthcoming and voted on by the club. AMA recommendations will be incorporated.

*Past Events* – Scott Smith reported on the

Southern 500 pylon event. We had 25 pilots and 49 entries. There were rave reviews from all who attended the special steak dinner on Saturday evening. Larry and his helpers did his usual wizardry with grub and concessions.

Planes, Trains, and Automobiles – The chamber reported 6,800 attending. There were 125 Scout Badges earned and 300+ youth got free airplane rides in at least 15 aircraft. Those who purchased Ford Triplane rides got the thrill of their lives.

Jordan Bavaro got the first place trophy for favorite airplane (covered with blinking LED's) Allen Sale got 2nd and Wally Sunde got 3rd. It was unanimously agreed that Dennis Peterson had best display with his WWI attire and his three beautifully crafted WWI bi-planes. Motion was made and seconded and approved that the club will provide Dennis with a trophy in recognition for his display. The young ladies with Steve Baxley's delegation who pushed the IRCC raffle will be recognized for getting us over the hump in ticket sales so that we will not take a loss on the raffle.

*Future Events* – May 2-6 will be Top Gun at Paradise Field. David DeWitt will be accepting volunteers for manning this fun event. We will raffle another TV, and an F20 Tiger Shark airplane donated to the club by Frank Tiano.

*Sportsmanship Award* – Went to Wally Sunde for his heroism at Planes, Train, and Automobiles.

The 50/50 was won by Steve Baxley, but unfortunately Martha was in attendance and Steve was not able to keep it a secret.

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

**The Next IRCC Club Meeting  
will be held on Saturday, May 12th  
at 9:00 AM at the IRCC Flying Field!**

The IRCC monthly club meeting will be held at the IRCC Flying Field this Month!  
The next meeting will be on Saturday, May 12th and will start promptly at 9:00 am.

### Persistence and Perseverance! (Pays Off)

At the recent Florida Jets Event held at Paradise Field members of the IRCC set up this great looking display to promote the raffle that we were having and pass out information about the club to "potential" new pilots.



Dennis Peterson brought out several of his majestic aircraft that were definite show stoppers and caught everyone attention as they passed by!



Although the winds had been somewhat strong from the beginning of the event – Mother Nature decided to really let loose on Saturday with average sustained winds of 15mph and gust exceeding 25mph as you can see by the flags in the next picture.



We were no match for her fury and our fantastic display fell victim to her wrath. Fortunately, Dennis was able to get all of his airplanes to safety before the final demise below.



This did not stop Wally Sudey from completing his appointed task. On Sunday morning with temperature in the upper 40's to low 50 and winds still blowing strong, he set up shop in one of the empty show tents and continued selling raffle tickets!





And I got one more!!!!

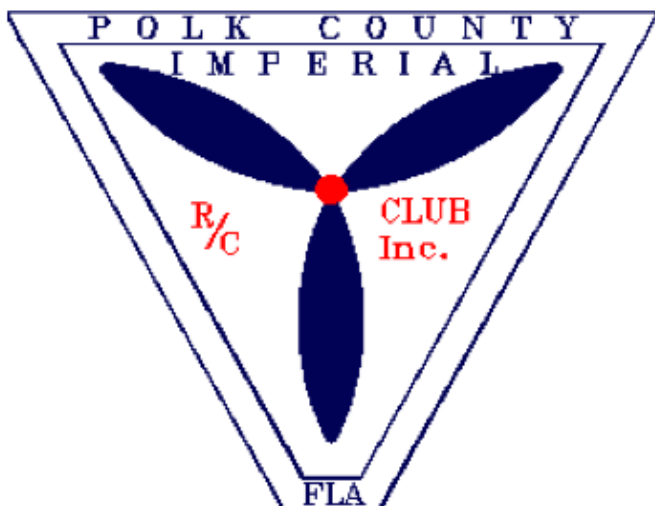


The rest of the Sunday or was that the Sundry Motley Crew!



Between the combined efforts of those working in the tents and Wally "working the crowd" we collected a sizable amount to add to the treasury.

**Congratulations to everyone that helped make this a success!**



## Coming Area Events:

### Top Gun

May 2 - 6

### Monster Planes USA

TBA

### Twelve O'Clock High

TBA

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## From the FAST LANE...

By: Scott Smith

Well, the 8th annual Southern 500 race in Mulberry Florida is in the books. The weather was uncharacteristically warm, with lows in the low 60's and highs in the upper 80's. The winds have been very high in central Florida this spring, but we caught a break on the race weekend with fairly mild winds from turn 1. The event began on Friday, March 16th with an all day practice for all participants. Friday practice is always a good time to test your equipment and get some laps on the course and about 15~20 pilots took full advantage of it.

Saturday is our short course race day, and we ran 424-sport quickie and 426-super sport quickie alternating thru 5 rounds. We were happy to see some of our buds at the race, as well as some new faces. Barry Ruede from Georgia made a transition from Club 40 to 424 and did very well for not having been on a 3-pole course in a number of years. Randy Etken made it down from the frozen north just in time to give David Doyle some needed competition in 424 expert and show the standard pilots how to really knock down a low time. 426 had a great mix of new pilots moving up from 426, as well as pilots who had gone away from racing over the past few years returning because of the new 426 format. Considering how intense the flying was all day long, it was amazing how little carnage we actually had. 426 ended with a 2-way tie for first and a 3-way tie for third place. The final standings are listed below.

After all the awards were presented, the course was modified to the long course and the guys were allowed to practice into the late evening. We had a steak and chicken dinner at the field prepared by our local chef and pilot Larry Locks and it was wonderful! Lots of good food, hanging with the boys and maybe a little St. Patty's day style refreshments topping off a great day of racing.

Sunday we ran 424 and Q40 on the long course. We were pleased to have another returning racer in 424, Jeff Kerlo who hadn't raced in years, seemed to pick right up where he left off with some great times and impressive flying skills (just ask my starter about the finish of round 3 of 424 and the importance of wearing dark colored shorts!!). Q40 was greeted with good air for speed and a bunch of guys took advantage of it. The Jetts of Randy Bridge, Dub Jett & Dennis O'Brien were locked in battle all day with the Nelsons of Matt Fehling, John McDermott & Gabriel Tahhon. A few scattered Q40's (sorry Joe Llanos!) and an obsession with cutting turn 1 (yeah Gary!) took some of the top performers out early in the day. You could have thrown a blanket over the planes in half of the heats all day long. The final standings below tell the rest of the story.

Thanks to all the members for the tireless work to put on an excellent event and for volunteering your time so we can all play. I have received thank you letters from all over the country from the guys who were here and they all loved the event. We had pilots from Minnesota, Georgia, North & South Carolina, Venezuela, Texas and of course Florida. Thanks again to all the volunteers who made all of this possible.



*The East side of the flight line – wall-to-wall tents*



*A few Quickies in the staging area ready for battle*

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS ON SATURDAY, MAY 12TH, 9:00AM AT THE IRCC FLYING FIELD!**



# 8th Annual Southern 500

Ordered By Points Within Class

After 5 Rounds			
424	Name	Low Time	Points
1	Trey Witte	C 1:31.50	14
2	David Doyle	1:31.86	13
3	Jack Fehling	1:34.89	11
4	Allen Sale	1:30.06	10
5	Berry Reade	1:39.56	9
6	Randy Etken	** 1:26.43	8
7	Ray Coletto	0:00.00	2

After 5 Rounds (Expert)			
424	Name	Low Time	Points
1	David Doyle	1:31.86	13
2	Randy Etken	** 1:26.43	8
3	Ray Coletto	0:00.00	2

After 5 Rounds (Standard)			
424	Name	Low Time	Points
1	Trey Witte	C 1:31.50	14
2	Jack Fehling	1:34.89	11
3	Allen Sale	** 1:30.06	10
4	Berry Reade	1:39.56	9

# 8th Annual Southern 500

Ordered By Points Within Class

After 5 Rounds			
426	Name	Low Time	Points
1	Ray Brown	1:03.81	F1 14
2	Dubb Jett	1:03.33	F0 14
3	Matthew Fehling	1:06.07	F2 12
4	Gabriel Tahhon	1:07.23	F2 12
5	Dennis O'Brien	** 1:02.07	F0 12
6	Ray Coletto	1:03.21	11
7	John McDermott	1:04.66	11
8	Tim Yousey	1:08.44	11
9	Robert Vess	1:06.53	10
10	Gary Freeman Sr	1:08.03	10
11	Joe Linsangan	1:04.47	8
12	Gary Freeman Jr.	1:05.60	8
13	David Doyle	1:10.39	6
14	Richard Zisa	1:23.53	6
15	Randy Etken	1:07.61	5
16	Scott Smith	1:13.75	5
17	Randy Bridge	1:05.42	3
18	Bob Greer	C 1:21.63	2



Joe Linsangan – AKA Jacksonville Joe!



Robert Vess with Matt & Jack Fehling in the background

# 8th Annual Southern 500

Ordered By Points Within Class

After 5 Rounds			
424	Name	Low Time	Points
1	Jack Fehling	1:49.63	14
2	Jeff Kerlo	** 1:44.64	13
3	Richard Zisa	1:46.36	11
4	Allen Sale	1:58.98	8
5	Barry Reade	2:00.83	7
6	Trey Witte	1:49.27	1

# 8th Annual Southern 500

Ordered By Points Within Class

After 5 Rounds			
Q40	Name	Low Time	Points
1	Randy Bridge	1:00.77	15
2	John McDermott	1:00.77	14
3	Dubb Jett	** 0:59.83	13
4	Matthew Fehling	1:01.66	12
5	Dennis O'Brien	1:00.54	11
6	Gabriel Tahhon	1:03.81	11
7	Tim Yousey	1:04.86	11
8	Gary Freeman Sr.	1:04.93	10
9	Mario Travieso	1:04.28	8
10	Ray Brown	1:10.50	8
11	Ray Coletto	1:06.12	6
12	Gary Freeman Jr.	C 1:10.33	4
13	Joe Llanos	0:00.00	0



*Dubb Jett & John McDermott*



*Rainey Coletto & Gabriel Tahhon preparing an FAI*





*Randy Etken & Randy Bridge*



*Dub Jett, Dennis O'Brien and Barry Ruede*



*Allen Sale headed back to the pits after his 424 heat*



*Trey Witte and Barry Ruede*



*Barry Ruede – Your photographer and newest 424 pilot!*