

THE FLIGHT LINE

By David Raff – President

Here we are, the middle of July, and the typical weather forecast is cloudy and overcast early in the morning. Sunny and HOT during the mid-day hours and torrential down pours in the afternoon! And we love it here - right?

I know that the weather, vacations and a list of other things have been keeping a number of our members from making it down to the field so I wanted to give you all a brief update on what's going on. As I am sure you are all aware the "old" shelter had been taken down a few weeks back making way for the installation of a new, slightly larger one to match the one installed last year.

The existing slab was also modified to allow the concrete to be poured to join both together. The building was put up last Thursday evening (yes evening) when Art Magarino received a call from the installation crew stating that they were at the front gate and needed to get in. Even though they were not supposed to be there until the next morning, Art went down and stay with them until they were done around 10:00 pm – THANK YOU ART!!!



Here is what your new club pavilion looks like now!

With the number of "Electric" flyers increasing, we have outgrown the current "solar" charging station. The existing charge station is being moved to the helicopter pavilion and we will be installing 2 charging stations in the next week or so - one in each corner.

We will also be updating the AMA Safety Rules and a installing a new – more compact frequency board for

our 72Mhz pilots. Something else that is coming along is the new "marquee" sign board at the front entrance. A few weeks ago we had the post holes dug and Steve Baxley set took charge of setting the post for us.



Steve Jaworski is now busy cutting and building the framing that will go in between these before the "face" is installed. If all goes according to plan, everything should be completed and in place in time for the August 17th National Model Aviation Day event at the field.

Please take a moment the next time that you see or talk to Art Magarino, Steve Jaworski and Steve Baxley to shake their hands and say THANK YOU! A lot of time, planning, sweat and expense is being put forth by these members to make it a better and more fun club for each and every one of us.

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



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IRCC Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2013
Recorded by Ian Clark, Secretary

Minutes for July 11, 2013

Our meeting was brought to order at 7:30 by President David Raff.

Visitors:

We had no visitors at the meeting.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as posted in our June newsletter, and accepted.

Treasurers Report:

We started July with \$xxx.xx in our checking account. We had a large expense this month which was the replacement of the mower deck. It cost \$3355.00. The old one was no longer repairable and had become unsafe to operate. Robert Russ reported that this deck cuts much better and with the larger tires, the tractor is able to pull it through the soft sandy places much easier.

At our current rate, the club will be debt free in 16 months. The tractor will be paid off and there are no other unforeseeable expenses at this time. We now have 78 open members thanks to Mark Huntington's membership.

Field Maintenance Report:

Our new building is on back order and will be installed as soon as one becomes available. The sign posts are up and Steve Jaworski is getting ready to build our sign. The existing solar panels are going to be used on the helicopter building and we will get a new one at our building.

Safety Report:

Take the time to check and cycle our ni-cad and ni-mh batteries. It is important to know their capacity. We had an instance where a member failed to check a set and lost an airplane because of it. The battery was rated at 2000 ma and after a crash, it was tested and found to have a capacity of only 445ma. Dave Raff brought a visual example to the meeting to remind us the dangers of propellers. He mounted a saw blade to the motor of his airplane to remind us of the potential danger we face every time we connect a glow starter, or arm an electric

model. It is always wise to turn your transmitter on first, then the receiver, and turn it off by disconnecting the receiver then the transmitter. Some ESC's can arm the motor if it loses the transmitter signal. This can start the propeller spinning by surprise.

Instructors Report:

We have several students that are nearly ready to solo. Thanks go out to our instructors.

Old Business:

Despite the heat, our family day was a success. We had a good turnout and would like to thank everyone for bringing some great food. Larry Loucks and his crew did a great job cooking the dogs and burgers.

New Events:

The AMA's National Model Aviation day is coming up on August 17, 2013. The purpose of this event is to entice people into our hobby and raise money for the Wounded Warrior Foundation. We are looking for ideas and help on that day. Please contact Dave Raff at raff7113@msn.com if you have any suggestions.

October 18-20 will be the Mulberry Southern 500 Pylon Race by Scott Smith. As it gets closer, Scott will be contacting us for help with this event.

October 24-26 will be 12:00 high and Monster Planes, presented by Frank Tiano. This will be another excellent show put on by Frank. Again our club has been invited to help with crowd control and the flight line. This is always a fantastic opportunity to get up close to some pretty amazing aircraft.

Our club is looking into having another helicopter event this November. We will provide more information as it becomes available.

Old Business:

We have been talking for several months about getting business cards with a map on the back to hand out to potential guests and members. We have gotten prices of \$66.00 for 3000 cards.

New Business:

We need to keep Ray Bruneel and Henry Soldano in our thoughts and prayers. They

The IRCC monthly club meeting will be held at the IRCC Flying Field.
The next meeting will be on Saturday, August 3rd and will start promptly at 9:00 am.

are going through rough times right now.
Jim Taylor is doing well after a brief illness.

Robert Russ, our vice president, is going to relocate the black mats we have scattered around the field. His plan is to put 4 in a square under each pilot stand. This will not only give us a nicer place to stand, but he will have less trouble when he mows. It will not require him to get off the tractor and move each stand so he can mow around it.

Sportsmanship Award:

This month's award was unanimously awarded to Larry Loucks's wife, Sue, for her support of our club.

Plane of the Month:

Robert Russ brought in his 2 cylinder, 4 stroke, 170cc VALACH motor. This was quite impressive. He plans on mounting it on his 46% Pitts when it is complete. Robert also gave us a talk on safety. He was running this new motor on a test stand when the 32 inch propeller came off the engine. He was behind the motor so he was able to watch how far it would go without being attached. His advice: never stand in front of an airplane or motor on a stand when it is running.

A motion to close was proposed and carries at 8:10

NATIONAL MODEL AVIATION DAY

By David Raff

Just a quick update on what is being planned for the National Model Aviation Day event on August 17th.

I have enlisted the assistance of George Nauck, Bob Curry and Wally Sundry to help me with the preliminary planning for this event. For those of you that may not have heard, the AMA is promoting a nationwide 1 Day event to boost the general awareness of the hobby we enjoy so much. At last count there are approximately 200 clubs across the nation taking part. All AMA clubs have until August 1st 2013 to enroll so I am sure that this number will be growing.

Not only will this be a great opportunity for you to invite your friends, family and other members of the community to check us out, but we will also be helping to promote and collect funds to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. Founded in 2003, this organization works to help raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of injured service members. They also provide unique, direct programs and services to meet the many needs of today's injured service members.

All of the specifics are yet to be determined but at this point some of the ideas we are working on include:

- 1) \$5.00 Parking Donation for the day with 100% of the proceeds going to the WWP.
- 2) We are busy soliciting and collecting items for a raffle.
- 3) A separate 50/50 drawing is in the works.
- 4) An invitation to surrounding clubs is going out to ask them to come and take part.
- 5) We may offer "Buddy Box" intro flight for donations
- 6) We are making contacts with local newspapers and radio to see what assistance we may be able to get to help promote the event.

If anyone else has a thought or idea(s) that they believe may make this a more successful event please let them be known.

