

THE FLIGHT LINE

By David Raff – President

In last month's Model Aviation magazine, the "President's Perspective" starts off with the following opening line...

The Bottom Line: Have Fun By Enjoying Model Aviation!

For each one of us, this is what the hobby is all about. No matter what you as an individual enjoys more whether it is building, designing, working with others, flying or just hanging out with other IRCC members it is all about the fun we have together as a club. And it shows!

Just take a look at the share numbers of new members over the past year. Yes, opening up the entrance has helped but it is what they see and feel when they come in that makes them want to come back and be a part of it! For this, I would like to personally say "Thank You" to each and every one of you.

I have told you this before that one of my primary goals as president of this club is to do whatever I can to insure that the Imperial Radio Control Club is left in better condition (to whatever degree possible) than it was before I took office. This goes back to my days as a Boy Scout, when we were instructed to make sure that when we vacated a campsite that it be left in better condition than it was found. Because of the excitement, enthusiasm and fun that people see us having - achieving that goal is that much easier.

While we are on the subject of fun I hope that everyone who attended our first Family Day for 2013 enjoyed themselves. Although we did not get to do a lot of flying due to the gusty winds we still had a good time with close to 75 people in attendance. A Special Thank you goes out to Larry Loucks and crew who did an outstanding job (as always) cooking and those that brought the covered dishes ---YUM YUM!!!



We are planning on having at least 2 more of these this year but wanted to have the first one before our northern members head back home.

We also had a few VIP's that came by from the Plant City Chamber of Commerce. Jason Jones is the committee chairman for the Planes, Trains & Automobiles event being held March 23rd at the Plant City Airport. Jason's lovely wife and 2 children joined him and had the chance to watch him get some stick time with Larry.



Jason Swilley with Jared Scott Ford who is also on the planning committee brought his son and nephew with him and we put him on the sticks for his first flight as well. I have a feeling that they will both be back!

Until next month, that is all from the Flight Line!

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IRCC Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2013
Recorded by Ian Clark, Secretary

The meeting of the Imperial R/C Club was brought to order at 7:30 by our president, David Raff.

We had one new member present, Larry Odom, and two guests, Joe Nash and Steve Griffin. We extended a hardy welcome to them.

A motion to accept the minutes of last months minutes was passed.

Treasurers Report

Gary Snyder proceeded to inform us that the finances of the club continue to grow. We have \$xxx.xx in the checking account. There were no unexpected expenses reported for last month. This time last year we had 70 members, we now have 79. The junior members are growing very well. We welcome them as they are the future of our club.

Field Maintenance Report

Our 5000 kw generator is in place and looking well thanks to Steve Baxley who checked it out. A motion was made to look into purchasing and burring the wire needed to go to our shelter. We then discussed placing a solar charging station at the helicopter flying station, and replacing the batteries at the present location. It was decided that we will start the process and get a price for it.

Safety Report

There was no report, all has been well at the field.

Instructors Report

Larry Loucks reported his students are doing well. George Nauck said that one of his students is ready to solo. We thank all of our instructors for the work they do helping new students learn our hobby.

Newsletter/Website

We are looking for ideas and articles for our web site. Anything aviation related is welcome. Please send any ideas to John King at shinodavette@gmail.com.

Florida Jets

Florida Jets is set to run February 28 through March 2 of this year, at Paradise Field. It was reported that Frank Tiano was considering another location, but this was not true. David Dewitt is still looking for volunteers. This is a wonderful opportunity to see some fantastic jets up close and benefit our club. Please let David know you want to volunteer by e-mailing him at benz425@aol.com. We are going to have a raffle at Florida Jets. A motion was made and passed to purchase a raffle prize.

Southern 500 Pylon Race

The 9th annual Southern 500 Pylon Race is going to be held at our field on March 16th and 17th. Friday March 15th will be used for practice. Scott Smith is looking for volunteers. Here is another chance to help our club and see some incredibly fast airplanes. Some of them approach speeds of nearly 200 mph. Scott can be reached at ssmith4710@aol.com.

Planes, Trains and Automobiles

For a change of pace, the Planes, Trains and Automobiles will be held again at the Plant City Airport on March 23, 2013. We have been invited to set up static displays maybe with some flying. The Plant City Chamber of Commerce has invited us back for the third time. They tell us that everyone seemed to really enjoy our participation.

Family Day

February 23, 2013 is going to be the family day at our field. All members and their family and friends are invited. We ask you to bring a covered dish and the club will provide the meat and drinks. We invite you to bring out anything pertaining to our hobby and we will have a swap meet. You might go away with some money, which is always a good thing.

Night Flying

Remember, the second Friday of every month is our night flying event. By the time this rolls out, the February 8th flying will be over, but March 8th will be another opportunity to watch or participate.

Junior Members Day

This is held the second Saturday of each month. We encourage all junior members



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

to come out to the field and meet each

other, and enjoy some flying. The field is still open to all members.

We are looking into putting together an Event Calendar, both on our web site and a hard copy at the field.

Sportsmanship Award

This month we would like to thank Steve Baxley for his work maintaining our generator, and getting it ready for us to use. He gets the coveted award for the entire month.

Plane of the Month

Dave Raff brought in the plane of the month, It was a Sensei RTF foam electric trainer by Flyzone. It was still in the box. It comes with a transmitter and receiver completely ready to fly (with a little assembly) for less than \$300.00. Quite a bargain for a new pilot. It has a 58 inch wingspan and weighs about 3.5 pounds at take off time.

50/50

This month's 50/50 by Wally Sundry was won by Jack Buie. Congratulations on your windfall.

A motion to close was made and accepted.



Here is where we meet each month.

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



Coming Area Events:

Top Gun
May 1st - 5th

9th Annual Southern 500
March 15th - 17th

Planes, Trains & Automobiles
March 23rd

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.

PLANES TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES

The IRCC has once again been asked to be the feature Remote Control Aircraft Exhibitor for this year's Planes, Trains & Automobiles event at the Plant City Airport on Saturday March 23rd 2013. This is the third year for this event and the third year that we have been asked to represent the Remote Control Community! Although this is primarily a "static" display, we will have the opportunity to do some flying demonstrations, show off our finest aircraft and help promote the R/C Hobby as a whole. There will also be the "PEOPLES CHOICE" Awards where three lucky members will be presented with a 1st PLACE - 2nd PLACE or 3rd PLACE trophy as voted on by those in attendance. Last years crowd exceeded 3500 and it is expected to be larger this year. Additional information will be made available but put this one on your calendars ... you will not want to miss it!

Greater Plant City Chamber of Commerce presents:



March 23, 2013
10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

At the
Plant City Airport - 4007 Airport Road

Displays, Demonstrations, and Information:

- Planes
- Helicopters
- Remote Control Planes
- Model Trains
- Automobiles
- PCPD K-9 Demos (11, 12:30, & 2)
- Fire Department
- Fly Overs
- Lowe's Kids Clinic

Other things to do:

- Free Flights for Kids (limited)
Provided by the *EAA Young Eagles* (ages 8-17, registration closes at 1pm)
- Kids Play Area
- Vendors
- Scouting Badge opportunities (Aviation and Search & Rescue)
- Computer Flight Simulators

Trophy Presentation at 2:30pm

FREE ADMISSION * \$5 PARKING

For More Information Contact:
Greater Plant City Chamber of Commerce - 813-754-3707





Are you ready to **RACE?**

Welcome to the 9th Annual

SOUTHERN 500!

Imperial R/C Club, Inc.

What could make life any better than being in Florida in the springtime? Only one thing, RC Pylon racing in Mulberry Florida! So come on down to the Southern 500 race weekend for the 1st 2013 pylon race of the SEMPRA season. We will run AMA 426 class Quickies on March 16th, and AMA 422 class Quarter 40 on March 17th. SEMPRA 424-sport quickie (*Thunder Tiger Pro40, APC 9-6 prop, and a 17,000 rpm maximum ground launch ready tach reading*) will run both days, each day as a single race. We will run the 3-pole AMA short course on Saturday for 424 & 426, and the AMA L-O-N-G course on Sunday for 424 & 422. Friday practice is open to all classes and there will be plenty of help for anyone interested in getting started in Pylon racing. Come on down and see what you are missing!

This event is a fundraiser event for the new SEMPRA Judgeman digital lighting & scoring equipment, sponsored by the AMA and the Imperial R/C Club. All donations made will be matched by the AMA to help pay for the new equipment.

Practice - March 15, 2013
Racing - March 16 - 17, 2013
Racing Starts At 9:00am daily!



Entry fees: \$35.00 per day per class (426, 424 & 422).
Current SEMPRA members will receive \$5.00 off of one event each day.
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Hotel information and directions can be found at:

www.ImperialRCClub.com