It's Time For Some

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A PLANE VIEW

By Mike Zellars – President

Hello all and welcome to this month's article. We have had some beautiful flying weather lately and I have noticed on a few days when I was out at the field, there are many taking advantage of it. Good times!

This month I would like to discuss volunteering for events that either the IRCC sponsors or events like Top Gun and such where we help out with flight line, crowd control and a few other things. Every event we partake in creates a certain revenue that helps offset club expenses.

For example, the money we made off the raffles alone we do at Top Gun and others just last year paid for the brand new zero turn mower we just obtained. For a club like ours, it is always good for the bank account to slowly increase instead of slowly decrease each year and we have been fortunate enough for a while now to end each year with just a little more than we started with.

We are lucky that we have a group of members that take turns mowing for nothing in return or someone like Vic Allen and crew who spent countless hours and hard labor, building shelters for our equipment. It wasn't too long ago we were paying $300+ a month just for mowing services.

With all this said, I need to point out, that we have been having a harder and harder time getting enough volunteers to work events. This creates not only a problem for David Dewitt who pulls out what little hair he has left trying to get volunteers, but also makes it harder for the ones who consistently volunteer and instead of maybe a half day worked, they end up spending all day out there and sometimes days in a row. That creates burnout, plain and simple.

We, as a club, need to start asking ourselves whether we want to continue with these events or not. If the answer is yes, *WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS*. If the answer is no, then we need to collectively decide that too. I along with the rest of the board's ears are open. I am just one person who as president tries to promote what the club wants.

So I am asking you to please give this some thought and please feel free to email me your thoughts. I plan to reserve some time at next month's meeting to discuss. If you decide to email me some ideas or thoughts, I will keep the names confidential but bring the thought itself to the discussion table. Also, for those that can make it, please consider coming to the next meeting for the discussion.

Thanks and hope to see you at Top Gun!

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IRCC MEETING MINUTES

April 2017

Recorded By Board Member Terry Baker

The April 2017 meeting of the Imperial RC Club was called to order by President Mike Zellars at 11:00 AM. A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes of the March meeting as published in the club newsletter Propwash.

Visitors and New Members: Visitor Rich Johnson as well as new members Andy Bolig and Gilbert Francois were recognized.

Treasurers Report: Dan Hudson reported that bills have been paid and we have sufficient money in the bank. Major expenses last month were tractor maintenance and the extension of the shed to house the new mower.

Membership Report: Dan reported that we currently have 123 members including junior members.

Field Maintenance Report: President Mike Zellars reported that Wayne Pontius has accepted the position of Field Maintenance Officer. All communication regarding the field should now go directly to Wayne.

Safety Report: Richard Moffatt reported no new safety issues this month. It was noted that with summer coming, stay hydrated and don't allow yourself to become overheated.

Instructors Report: Dan Hudson reported several members are proceeding well in their training. He made a request for a volunteer who can help instruct for electric planes **.**

Newsletter: No report was given but we always need articles and pictures for inclusion in the newsletter.

Old Business: Florida Jets: Wally Sundey recognized and thanked all members who volunteered for the event. The raffle brought in over $2500 net to the club and we recruited 3 new members. This was a very successful event for the club. Bill Paul was recognized for making new paddles for the flight line crew. Shed extension: Vick Allen and Jim Giallombardo were recognized for completing the extension to the shed to house the new mower.

New Business: Scott Smith Memorial Pylon Race: Scotty Smithwick reported that the pylon race was very successful with about 30 participants and thanked all who volunteered for this event. Special thanks went to Mo Grandmaison and Vick Allen for their help. The club was presented with about $800 net profit for this event and a plaque thanking the club for hosting the event was given to President Mike Zellars.

Meeting Time: A motion was made by Dave DeWitt to change the meeting times to 9AM for April – November and 11AM for December – March. The motion was seconded and passed.

New Events: Guest Joshua Childs, representing the SAE Aero Design Competition discussed an upcoming event to be held at Paradise Field April 21 through April 23. Entrants from around the world participate in this aircraft design competition. He asked for volunteers from the club for various positions during the event.

Top Gun May 3-7: Wally Sundey made a motion to allocate $700 for raffle prizes, seconded and approved. Wally reported we bought back the raffled T-45 Jet from Florida Jets for $300 and will raffle it again.

Volunteering: Dave DeWitt appealed to all members to volunteer at Frank Tiano's Paradise field events. Although we have a core group that participates, we need more members involved in order to reduce the burden on this group and allow more flexibility in scheduling.

Sportsmanship Award: Wally Sundey was nominated and accepted the award on behalf of all the volunteers at the Florida Jets event.

50/50: was won by Jerry Ruthven.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM.
Members present: 33

The 1st Annual **"SCOTT SMITH MEMORIAL" Southern 500 Pylon Race** was held at the IRCC field on Saturday March 25th and Sunday March 26th. Contestants from all over came to take part in the recently re-named race to honor former club member Scott Smith, who was the driving force of pylon racing in Southeast until his un-expectant passing last year. Over 30 racers took part in this year's "inaugural" event said IRCC member and race C/D- Scotty Smithwick, including two champions in the sport, "Rocket" Ray Brown and Randy Bridges. Randy is the current reigning FAI World Champion.

SCOTT SMITH MEMORIAL

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426 & 424 (T1 Pro40, EVO NX46, APC 9-6 prop)

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AMA 422 and 424

Entry fees: $35.00 per day, per event (SEMPRA members $5 off 1 event each day)

Use NMPRA Forum for Sign-Up, Desired Classes & 3- Person Max Teams
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CD: Scotty Smithwick (870) 421-4864, airplanescotty@gmail.com
This IS my first EVER CD Race, ONLY easy questions will be considered!

Sport Pylon AIR RACES

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ABOVE: Ray & Randy with Ray's "vintage" 1970's Formula One Racer!

RIGHT: Randy took home the fastest time award. Here he is shown with his wife and daughter. Oh yea – the trophies too!

IRCC IN ACTION

FLORIDA JETS 2017!

Members of the Imperial Radio Control Club took part in this year's Florida Jets event at Paradise Field March 15th – 18th.

The IRCC Raffle booth helps to promote the club and the raffle provides an increased source of revenue for the club. The prizes this year included a "Realflight" Flight Simulator, a 40" big screen TV and the big hit of the show the T-34 Goshawk EDF Jet from Motion RC.

Right: Walley Sundey stated several times…

"I GOTTA HAVE ONE OF THESE"!

As in years past, the IRCC members provide Flight Line Operations to get the aircraft into the air and safely back on the ground.

This year, they had their hands full at times with up to 8 aircraft in the air all at the same time.

We also provide Gate/Crowd control for the event by keeping the access to the Flight Line clear and accessible for the pilots, their aircraft and crews.

RIGHT: Several members are shown including Ron Wyncoop & Dennis Peterson.

Florida Jets has become an international event bringing some of the best turbine pilots in from all over the world as well as a few from our own back yard.

Not only has the quality of the pilots flying increased but so has the size of the aircraft their flying.

LEFT: David Schulman is preparing for his next flight with the all new Elite Aerosports **HAVOC**.

The drawing for the raffle prize giveaway is held on Saturday afternoon towards the end of the event.

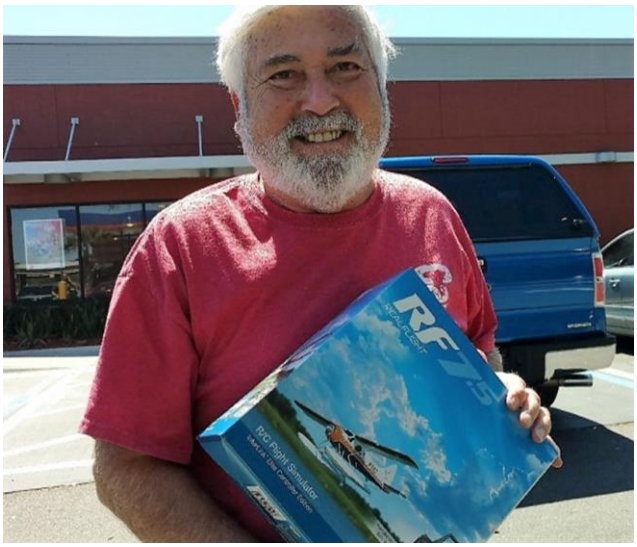
Wally Sundey acts as the M/C for the giveaway. To get the crowd involved, he always has one of the spectators draw the winning numbers.

The winners need not be present to win although it certainly makes it easier.

WINNERS!

Right and below are the big winners of this year's IRCC Raffle giveaway with their prizes.

Fortunately, the winner of the T-34 was still at the event and the winner of the TV was called and came back. I met the winner of the Flight Simulator the next day in Plant City and presented him with his prize.



THE NEXT IRCC CLUB MEETING WILL BE

SATURDAY

MAY 13th 2017

AT THE FIELD STARTING AT

9:00 AM!

Joe Nall Week

Fun, Fellowship and Hospitality

May 13-20, 2017

Gates open Friday May 12th 5:00 pm

Newsletter Articles Needed!

Have something of interest that you would like to share.

Please forward to the editor at

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Your help is requested!

Please be sure to contact David Dewitt to offer a little of your time to help out at the upcoming Top Gun Event May 3rd through the 7th.

Contact David at benz425@aol.com

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