

## **A PLANE VIEW**

By Mike Zellars – President

Hi all and welcome to this month's article. By time you read this, Christmas will be fast approaching or happening! I would just like to take a minute to wish every single one of you and your families a very merry Christmas and superb New Year! It really has been a pleasure enjoying this wonderful hobby with all of you and I look forward to another year of the same.

Speaking of enjoying this hobby, I would bring up just what makes this hobby so enjoyable to me:

- 1) Building Aircraft
- 2) Flying Aircraft
- 3) The camaraderie that comes with it
- 4) The satisfaction that I belong to a group that (mostly) "get it".

What do I mean by "get it"? 99.5% of you get the fact that you are in this hobby TO HAVE A FUN THING TO DO. That may include any or all of the above 4 reasons I listed.

I have been around this world long enough that no matter what, I know there will always be a couple that just like to create chaos or are never content just playing with our toy airplanes. For whatever their reason - that is what they like to do. But fortunately they are few and far between and easily identifiable and avoidable if needed.

I just always know that I am in this hobby for all four of the above reasons and to

me, it makes dealing with any other small annoyances worth it.

With that said, I would like to hear from any of you if you have ideas on how to make this hobby even more enjoyable. Please drop me an email if something comes to mind. [mikezellars@gmail.com](mailto:mikezellars@gmail.com).

Finally, I would like to thank all of you who have expressed to me your compliments on how the club is being run by our volunteer leadership group. I can't explain how great it feels to hear the "good stuff", thank you!

Until then, be safe over the holidays and enjoy every second. Hopefully I will see you out at the field!

## **THE NEXT IRCC CLUB MEETING WILL BE**

**SATURDAY 1/7/17**

**AT THE FIELD STARTING AT**

**11:00 AM!**



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**IRCC MEETING MINUTES**

**December 2016**

**Recorded by Secretary - Ian Clark**

The December monthly meeting of the Imperial R/C Club was brought to order at 11:08am by President Mike Zellars. A motion was made and passed to accept the November minutes as posted in the club newsletter.

**Visitors and New Members:** We had Randy from New Hampshire join us as a guest and would like to welcome Ben Dawson and Arnold Schmidt as new members.

**Treasurers Report:** Dan Hudson started one month early as our new treasurer. Dan reported that he received several new applications. All our bills are current and we have a positive balance in the club checking account. Dan has stated that any club member is welcome to look at the checkbook and club finances.

**Membership Report:** Dan also reported that we had six former members rejoin in the month of November.

**Field Maintenance Report:** There was none.

**Instructors Report:** Dan Hudson reported he has 4 pilots that are moving along very well. He requested the help of other instructors if they are available during the week.

**Safety Report:** Dave DeWitt brought up that there have been several times that people have been flying south of the runway. He reminds us that all flying must be north of the runway. The only exception is a sanctioned pylon race. All other times we must stay to the north.

It was also brought up that we need to communicate when we are at the flight line. It is important for all pilots to announce when we are accessing the

runway, taking off, landing, as well as doing touch and go's. It was suggested that the club put up signs to remind us

**Newsletter Report:** Nothing to Report.

**Old Business:** Our Golden Age of Flying event went very well. All attendees were happy. Our club made a profit from the event and more importantly, we were able to fill 2 ½ boxes of toys for the Toys for Tots program. Dan Hudson made a video and has posted it on our web site.

**New Business:** Club member Scotty Smithwick has assumed the leadership of the pylon racing organization. He has requested the use of our field next March 24, 25 and 26 for practice and racing. A motion was made and passed to allow Scotty to move forward with it and for the club to provide the funds needed. It was brought up that pylon pilots need to fly in the normal pattern just like all other pilots. It has become a problem trying to police who is a member and who is a guest. A motion was made and passed requiring any person flying pylon aircraft to be a member of our club. The only exception would be when we hold a sanctioned race.

Two years ago, the SAE (Society of Automotive Engineers) had an event at Lakeland Linder airport. This event is all about designing and flying model aircraft. Colleges from around America as well as around the world send students here to fly airplanes of their own design and build. There are several categories such as how much weight they can get off the ground, and some of them must fit in a tube and be flight ready in 90 seconds. This event is coming back and the SAE has requested volunteers from our club to act as technical advisors and

## IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

They asked if some of the teams could practice at our field during that week. The event is going to be April 21, 22 and 23. A motion was made and passed to permit them to use our field.

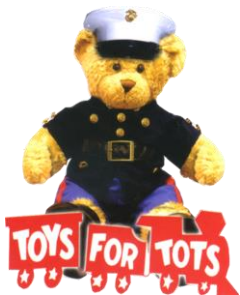
A motion was made to lower our dues. After a discussion it was decided to leave them the way they are and next August review our finances to see if it is something we want to do. A motion was made and passed to readdress this at that time.

We have a signup sheet for the family day that is scheduled for December 10, 2016. This will also include a swap meet and we will again be collecting toys for the Toys for Tots program.

**Sportsmanship Award:** Because of the hard work and hours he put in to make the Golden Age of Aviation meet a success, Mike Zellars was given this hard to find award.

**50/50:** Wally Sundry collected \$154.00. Jim Giallombardo took home \$77.00 and the club treasury got \$77.00.

A motion was made and passed to close the December meeting of the Imperial R/C Club.



At our December Family Day Event, not only did we have a great turn out of members and their families to enjoy the day, once again you came through to help your community! With the addition of all of the toys collected at the November event, we were able to present to the Polk County Toys-For-Tots organization - 4 full boxes of toys!



# THANK YOU!





# Flight of the QUESTION MARK ?

A quick update for those of you that have been asking.

Unfortunately the wife and I have been going through a few little household issues over the past couple of months dealing with two water leaks in the house. The last one completely flooding the interior.

While all of the repairs are not done yet, things are starting to get back to normal and I have been able to squeeze a little time in here and there to work on her (the airplane that is). Look for the continuation of this story after the first of the year but until then – here is the latest picture.



## CALENDAR of EVENTS!

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>NEW YEARS DAY</b> 1	2	3	4	5	6	<b>IRCC CLUB MEETING</b> 7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup>

11AM till 3PM



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