

## **A PLANE VIEW**

**By Mike Zellars – President**

Hello All and welcome to the almost new year. I know we are all in the middle of the holidays and I hope every one of you are enjoying everything this time of year brings.

As you know, this is my last article as your President. With that said, I want to tell each and every one of you on how much I enjoyed serving you in this awesome club we have. I can't count all the times I received a call or pat on back thanking me for what I was doing but have no doubt it didn't go unnoticed! We truly have an awesome group of people that have a common interest, to have fun!

I want to personally thank my support team who really helped me out when my mom was in bad shape this past year. You guys are awesome.

Although not as President, I am staying on as one of the directors and will be ready to help in any way I can. I have a feeling I will be able to spend more time building and flying this coming year, so I am really excited about that!

Until I see you again, thank you for being the best club in Florida and all the support you gave me these past two years.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
Mike

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE  
IMPERIAL RADIO CONTROL CLUB  
WILL BE HELD ON**

**SATURDAY January 13th  
AT THE FIELD STARTING AT 11:00am!**

*Since the December meeting was cancelled due to the weather, there were no Meeting Minutes to post.*

*In addition, the November minutes were not able to be approved. Therefore, the minutes from the November meeting are once again posted for review. A motion to accept will be made at the January meeting.*

## **IRCC MEETING MINUTES**

**November 2017**

**Recorded by  
Ian Clark – Secretary**

The November monthly meeting of the Imperial R/C Club was brought to order at 9:00 am by President Mike Zellars. A motion was made and passed to accept the October minutes as posted in the club newsletter, Propwash.

**Visitors and New Members:** We would like to welcome new member Jeff Willis.

**Treasurers Report:** Dan Hudson reported that all our bills are current and that he has started collecting dues for next year.

**Membership Report:** Our current membership stands at 131 members with 14 of those being junior members.

**Instructors Report:** Dan Hudson has two students and they are progressing well.

**Field Maintenance Report:** Wayne Pontius has been working on ant control. It has been reported that the hogs have come back and started tearing up the field again. There has been extra activity around the helicopter area.

Jim Giallombardo and Luc Boulais spent time repairing the helicopter building pad that was damaged by the hurricane in September.

**Safety Report:** All is well at the field.

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## IRCC MEETING MINUTES

(Continued)

**Old Business:** Our Golden Age of Aviation has been cancelled due to conflicts with other AMA events on the same day.

**New Business:** The 5 nominees put forth by the executive committee to lead our club were unopposed therefore a motion was made and passed to accept the following members as our next year officers.

President	Gerald (Jerry) McGhee
Vice President	David DeWitt
Treasurer	Dan Hudson
Secretary	Ian Clark
Director	Mike Zellars

Moe Grandmaison spent a lot of time and materials making a beautiful shelf that looks like an open wing section. He has offered to sell it to the club at his cost. The club will use it as a raffle prize at our next major event.



Image above is from the July 2017 Edition of Model Aviation

Jack Buie and Gary Snyder gathered all of the late Don LaPointe's airplanes and building materials. Don's wife, Marge, wanted to donate it to the club. Our club has the items for sale and proceeds will go in the club's treasury.

**New Events:** It was brought up that we are due for another family day. The club voted to hold it on December 9<sup>th</sup>. We will provide the meat and members are asked to bring a covered dish. We will hold a swap meet and a container for donations to the Toys for Tots program will be there.

David Raff just came from meeting with the Plant City Chamber of Commerce. They have again extended the invitation for our club to display our hobby at the Planes, Trains and Automobiles show at the Plant City Airport. A motion was made and passed to support the event. It is to be held on February 24, 2018 at the Plant City airport.

**Sportsmanship Award:** Our helicopter building pad was pulled up by winds from the hurricane in September. Jim Giallombardo and Luc Boulais spent a lot of time repairing it. For their work, they were given the award to take home.

**50/50:** Wally Sunde was this month's winner. After much deliberation, he donated his share back to the club.

A motion was made and passed to close the November meeting.

The IRCC has once again been asked to be the featured Remote Control Aircraft Exhibitor for next year's Planes, Trains & Automobiles event at the Plant City Airport on Saturday February 24th 2018. This is the 8th year for this event and the 8th time that we have been asked to represent the Radio Control aspect of aviation! 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 year's crowd exceeded 6000 spectators 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!



**Saturday, February 24, 2018**  
**10 am-3 pm**

### THINGS TO DO:

**Free Flights for Kids (limited)**  
provided by *EAA Young Eagles*  
ages 8-17, registration closes at 1pm

**Boy Scout Badge Opportunities**  
Aviation & Railroad badges

**Cub Scout Activities**

**Vendors**

**Kids' Play Area**

### DISPLAYS, DEMONSTRATIONS, & INFORMATION:

Planes  
Helicopters  
Remote Control Planes  
Model Trains  
Automobiles  
K9 Demos (11, 12:30, & 2)  
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# FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

The following was taken from a recent online publication from the AMA dated Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

## Registration rule reinstated

On December 12, 2017, President Donald Trump signed legislation that reverses the earlier court ruling in the John Taylor case and restores the FAA's UAS registration requirement, including for AMA members. AMA believes that registration makes sense at some level, but has pushed for a more reasonable threshold. While we address these issues, members will be legally required to comply with the FAA registration requirement.

AMA's Government and Regulatory Affairs department has put together some frequently asked questions. Answers are based on the information available at press time and are subject to change.

**Q: If I already registered, do I have to register again?**

A: You will not have to register again since this bill simply reverses the John Taylor case. We will share more as details emerge.

**Q: Do I need to register again if I requested a refund and asked to be removed from the registration list?**

A: You will need to re-register only if you received FAA confirmation that your request to be removed from the database was honored.

**Q: I did not request a refund/removal from registration database, will my registration number and expiration date stay the same?**

A: Yes, your registration number and expiration date will remain the same unless you requested that the FAA remove your information from the database, and received FAA confirmation of this removal.

**Q: How do I register?**

A: You can register at <https://registermyuas.faa.gov>. If you need assistance, please call 877 396 4636.

**Q: Do I have to register every aircraft?**

A: You only need to register your name, physical address, and email address once. You will receive a single FAA registration number which is to be placed inside all of your aircraft along with your AMA number.

**Q: Do only drones and multirotor operators need to register?**

A: Anyone who flies a model that can freely navigate in the air and uses a remote control device (e.g. RC transmitter) is required to register. This includes drones, traditional fixed wing model aircraft, model helicopters, and other remote controlled model aircraft. If you exclusively fly models under .55 pounds, indoors, control line, or free flight models - you do not need to register.

**Q: How do I register?**

A: You can register at <https://registermyuas.faa.gov>. If you need assistance, please call 877 396 4636.

**Q: Do I need to list both my AMA number and my federal registration number on my aircraft?**

A: Yes, you need to list both your AMA number and Federal registration number on your aircraft. We are advocating to allow members to use their AMA numbers. We believe an AMA membership already meets the intent of registration, but at this time place both numbers on your aircraft.



**Q: How does UAS registration affect my membership?**

A: AMA club or member benefits are not contingent on UAS registration. We encourage all members to follow Federal regulations, but we are not policing UAS registration.

**Q: Should clubs, contest directors, or event leaders require all pilots be registered?**

A: No, we are not asking our clubs or contest directors to police UAS Registration. That decision is up to each individual club and event leader.

**Q: I am an Affiliate Member, do not live in the US, or I am not a US Citizen. How do I register?**

A: Everyone, including foreign nationals and tourists, who operate a UAS for hobby or recreational purposes outdoors in the U.S. must use the FAA's online registration system. These non-U.S. citizens or non-permanent U.S. residents will receive the same registration certificate as U.S. Citizens or permanent U.S. residents. However, this certificate will function as a "recognition of ownership" document. This document is required by the Department of Transportation for foreign nationals to operate legally in the US.

Visiting pilots can only use a computer with a United States IP address to register. When arriving in the states, pilots can register using a US computer at a hotel, guest home, or even at AMA HQ. For assistance you can call 877 396 4636 or email [FAAHotline@faa.gov](mailto:FAAHotline@faa.gov).

**Q: I only fly CL, FF, or indoors - do I need to register?**

A: No. If you exclusively fly indoors, FF, or CL you do not need to register.

**Q: Can I fly my large model aircraft? Turbine jets?**

A: Yes. The Special Rule for Model Aircraft, which is part of the 2012 FAA Modernization and Reform Act, allows AMA members to operate model aircraft over 55 lbs as long as they are operating in accordance with AMA's Large Model Aircraft safety program. AMA members can also fly turbine jets provided the operator holds a current AMA Turbine Waiver.

**Q: Does my large model aircraft require an N number?**

A: AMA representatives, including AMA's legal counsel, met with the FAA on January 15, 2016, and this was one of the many questions that were raised. The FAA representatives confirmed that AMA members, operating models under the Large Model Airplane Program, should not have to apply for an N number.

**Q: Am I permitted to fly first person view (FPV)? Can I fly at night?**

A: Yes. AMA members are still protected by the Special Rule for Model Aircraft, which is part of the 2012 FAA Modernization and Reform Act. As long as AMA members continue to follow AMA's safety guidelines for these activities, they can continue to fly. The guidelines listed on the FAA UAS website do not negate the modeling activities and related safety procedures established in AMA's community-based safety program.

**Q: What happens if I don't register?**

A: According to the FAA, failure to register an unmanned aircraft may result in regulatory and criminal sanctions.

**Q: Can I register by paper?**

A: We understand there are AMA members who do not have a computer. The FAA offers a paper application, which currently is only available at local FAA Flight Standards District Offices (FSDO), but this process can take many months. If a member does not have a computer, we encourage them to have a club or family member help them register.

**Q: I do not want to give my credit card information over the internet or have a computer? What should I do?**

A: As for members who cannot or do not want to submit credit card information online, the FAA has agreed to accept gift credit cards such as Visa or Mastercard. You can purchase these gift cards, which closely resemble a credit card, through many retailers.



A Special **THANK YOU** goes out to those that braved the rain and cooler temperatures earlier this month to be Santa's helpers and brought your donations for the Toy's For Tot's Toy Drive!

# Announcement and Coming Events



***THE OFFICERS AND  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE IMPERIAL RADIO  
CONTROL CLUB WOULD  
LIKE TO WISH EACH AND  
EVERYONE A VERY  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
A HAPPY & JOYOUS  
NEW YEAR!***

**IMPERIAL RADIO  
CONTROL CLUB 2018  
MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATIONS AND  
DUES ARE NOW  
BEING ACCEPTED!**

**Don't Miss out on a single day  
of fun by not having your  
membership renewed.**

**Do It Today!**



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would like to share. Please forward to  
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