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A PLANE VIEW

By Mike Zellars – President

Hey All! Welcome to the best flying time of the year (in my opinion). For those at the February meeting, I apologize for not making it. I had an unavoidable out of town commitment that weekend. But, from I been told, it was another constructive meeting led by David D.

One of highlights of the meeting was the approval to purchase a zero turn mower. It goes without saying how much nicer the field looks since Jim Giallombardo has been using his own zero turn for at least the last year (probably longer). Obviously it wasn't right for Jim to be creating wear and tear on his own equipment so it goes without saying the club needs to have its own.

As I write this, we have the quotes and should be purchasing soon. Fortunately, it's not the rapid growth season right now. The tractor is still needed for the rough stuff toward the northern boundary so we will be keeping it. Thanks Jim for using your own equipment for so long, the club appreciates it!

I would like to also thank David Raff for once again heading up the Planes, Trains and Automobile's event where many of our club members bring their planes to show the crowds. David has been involved with this since the first one several years ago and every year it seems to get bigger.

For me, I have started my next project although it has been going pretty slow. I am building a composite 1/4.5 scale Corsair. It will have a 110" wing span and be powered by an electric start 250cc radial engine. I am as excited about the electric start engine as much as the plane! Hopefully I will be able to pick up the pace a bit and get moving on the build.

Until next month, keep them in the air and have fun!

IRCC MEETING MINUTES

February 2017

Recorded by Secretary - Ian Clark.

The February monthly meeting of the Imperial R/C Club was brought to order by Vice-president David DeWitt at 11:00 am. A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes of the January meeting as published in the club newsletter, Propwash.

Visitors and New Members: As of the first of February we have no new members and there were no guests at today's meeting.

Treasurers Report: Dan Hudson reported that all bills are paid and that we have a positive cash flow. As of right now we have a total of 108 members. 19 of these are new people. As a reminder, you must renew your AMA membership before you can renew or join our club. The AMA membership gives you the added liability insurance that is required to fly at our field.

Field Maintenance Report: There was no report today.

Safety Report: Richard Moffett reminded us that we need to stand behind the pilot barriers for our own safety and always keep your aircraft north of the runway when flying.
Larry McNeil and Will Powers both told the club that they had experience getting aircraft out of trees. Larry has access to a bucket truck if needed.

Instructors Report: We have three instructors still working with students.

Newsletter: Dave Raff is always looking for any articles to publish in our club newsletter, Propwash. If you have anything you would like to contribute, contact Dave at raff7113@msn.com.

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Old Business: Jim Giallombardo researched prices on zero turn mowers. Jim has been using his personal mower for the last two years to do the close-up work at our field. It was decided that the club should look into purchasing one. Prices run from $5400 to about $7300. They all come with a full warranty. If the club decides to purchase a mower then we will need to put up a shelter for protection. Vick Allen offered to look into erecting a building. A motion was made and passed to allow the club to spend up to $6400 for the purchase of a zero turn mower.

New Business: Gary Snyder announced that we no longer have a bucket filled with salt water for the disposal of Li-Po batteries. As they are not considered an environmental hazard, we need to dispose of them on our own. Lowe's has a battery disposal drum at most of their stores.

A motion was made and passed to allocate up to $700.00 for the purchase of prizes to be raffled off at Florida Jets.

New Events: Planes, Trains and Automobiles will take place again at the Plant City Airport on February 25, 2017. It is sponsored by the Plant City Chamber of Commerce. Our club had once again been invited to show off our hobby. We had Jason Jones of the Plant City Chamber of Commerce give us an overview. We set up mostly a static display but are allowed to fly our smaller, mostly electric aircraft in the field behind us. All visitors entering the event pass our club when coming in and out.

March 15 through the 18th is Frank Tiano's, Florida Jets event. This is a big event for our club. Frank gives us a location to set up a raffle which is always a good money maker for our club. David DeWitt will be looking for volunteers to help with the flight line and crowd control. It is a great opportunity to see some fantastic aircraft!

Scotty Smithwick announced that the following weekend the pylon race will be held at our field. The dates are March 25 and 26. Scotty will need about 14 people each day to help.

Sportsmanship Award: Because he has been willing to mow our field, using his personal equipment, and taking the time to research mowers for the club, it was decided that Jim deserves the much coveted award for the month of February.

50/50: This month's total was $150.00. Scotty Smithwick had the winning ticket and donated his winnings back to the club treasurer.

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

FOR YOUR SAFETY

On several occasions, it has been noticed that members are powering up electric aircraft inside of the shelter or are connecting the batteries and the motors are going to full throttle!

For your safety and the safety of all around you, DO NOT test run the motor if you are under the shelter and ALWAYS double check the throttle position on your radio before you connect the battery to the ESC.

Remember, just like our aircraft, we want each of you to go home the same way you came – *all in one piece*!

IRCC FIELD RULES

1) Flying is restricted to current IRCC club members and their guests. Sponsoring club members must be present and are responsible for their guests. A "Guest" is defined as a current AMA member and who has not been a member of the Imperial Radio Control Club within the previous six months. A guest will be permitted to fly up to two days per calendar year. *Any person who had been denied club membership or any previous member who was removed from the club shall not be allowed to fly as a guest.*

2) When flying on the 72 MHz frequency, the member/guest **must** place his/her club card or AMA card on the frequency board over the corresponding channel. Those flying on 2.4 GHz should also do so as a courtesy to others.

3) On arrival at the field, all 72 MHz. transmitters or modules must be turned off. **DO NOT TURN ON** until the Frequency Board has been checked.

5) The AMA Safety Code must be observed at all times.

4) All models must comply with AMA safety requirements.

5) Flight ready aircraft should be placed on the grass area south of the east/west taxiway and must be restrained by some means when starting. Ideally, a flying buddy should assist you with this unless you are using one of the "start-up" stands. All aircraft (including electrics) should only be started in this area. *UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES* should an engine/motor be started under the shelter(s) or in any area that could pose a threat to the safety of the operator or others around them.

7) Flying must be conducted north of the East/West runway. Do not fly south (behind you) of the main runway. Observe the no-fly areas and help protect our flying site. Helicopter & Heli "3D" flights should be flown at the southwest portion of the field. These flight operations are limited to one flight at any one time, and may in no way interfere with normal runway flight operations. Pylon testing, practice and races will be conducted in the location designated for their operations or on the main runway.

8) All flying should be performed with the pilot positioned on any of the designated pads or at least 25' south of the main runway. Pilots should always announce their intentions - Take off, Landing, Touch & Go, On the Runway, etc. to the other pilots on the flight line. ***Under no circumstances*** should a pilot or individual be on the runway or open flying area until **ALL** pilots on the flight line acknowledge that they have heard the intention and give the OK!

IRCC FIELD RULES

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9) Test flights and solo flights are permissible when such a request is made to other pilots at the field and they are agreeable.

10) Low speed and high speed passes shall be made only parallel to the East-West runway and, when other pilots are present, at least 25 feet north of the main runway.

11) There will be no taxiing into the pit area from the flight line. **ALL** aircraft, regardless of power systems, will be shut down prior to crossing the yellow lines. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

12) Always point the nose of the aircraft with an engine running toward the infield, not toward the spectators. This courtesy will also keep you from blasting your buddies aircraft and flight box.

13) Only designated Introductory Pilot Instructors may fly others that do not possess valid AMA and membership credentials.

14) Flight instructors and club officers are responsible for enforcing all flight, field and safety rules. They are required to call infractions to the attention of the violator. Any member may do so if neither an instructor nor club officer is present However, it is expected that all such incidents will be handled "tactfully and with discretion". Remember, *w*e are trying to maintain safety, not alienate anyone.

15) Mowing of the field takes precedence over flying. If the person mowing feels it is unsafe to fly while out in the field, he has the authority to close the field.

16) No littering.

18) The last member to leave the field at any time will close and lock the gate. If any guests are present they must leave at that time as well.

19) If all else fails and you are not sure what to do, courtesy and common sense should prevail.

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FRIDAY, March 24 All Day Practice
Safety Inspection and Registration Closes at 4 PM.

Saturday, March 25 -- On the SHORT Course 9AM
426 & 424 (11 Pro40, EVO NX46, APC 9-6 prop)

Sunday, March 26 -- On the Long Course 9AM
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
The Matrices will be Finalized Friday, after 4 PM., No Changes!!!!
Five Entries & Pre-Registration REQUIRED for 424!
Send 424 Registration Fee to Scotty at 12201 Shiloh Acres Dr, Clermont Fl 34715
Rich's Brew Fuel also available for purchase

CD: Scotty Smithwick (870) 421-4864, airplanescotty@gmail.com
This IS my first EVER CD Race, ONLY easy questions will be considered!

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THE NEXT IRCC CLUB MEETING WILL BE

SATURDAY

MARCH 4th 2017

AT THE FIELD
STARTING AT 11:00 AM!

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Newsletter Articles Needed!

Have something of interest that you would like to share. Please forward to the editor at

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