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The IRCC President's Points

By Jerry McGhee – President

February has once again proven to be a very busy month for the IRCC. The Florida eJet Fest International Feb 8-10, 2019 and Planes, Trains and Automobiles February 23, 2019 events occurred, and they were a great deal of fun! The weather cooperated in the 70-80-degree range and the winds were flyable!

The Florida eJet Fest International was a great success for an inaugural event! 18 pilots registered and we had several manufacturers attend offering "swag" to attending pilots or helping with the event and giving us a future plan on how other similar events are conducted. The other really great thing to see was the full parking lot with visitors! We had a great food vendor attend - R. Michael Family Catering. Tiffany did an excellent job handling the food crowd and the food was delicious! They were a great add to the event!

The 9th Annual Planes, Trains and Automobiles at Plant City Airport occurred. It too was another great event with a solid IRCC presence in attendance. Approximately 20 IRCC members attended with 40 aircraft! Congratulations to Bill Pawl winning the "Committee Choice" award with his Twin Otter. In the "People's Choice" category, David DeWitt took home 3rd place with his P-51 Mustang and Wally Sundey placed 2nd with his F-15 Eagle. Dennis Peterson once again laid claim to 1st Place with his WWI Albatross. Thank you all to everyone who took the time to attend and represent the club and talk with the huge crowd that attended the event! David Raff did another solid job coordinating this event!

We had two new inductees into the "100 RC Missions Over Florida" this month! George Gordon and Art Duncan! This is a just for fun promotion by the IRCC to make sure you're getting in your flight time to enjoy the hobby. It is not a contest. If you get your "100" let me know and I will give you a very nice 6" sticker to help market the club as you travel about. Put it on your car, your flight box, wherever you think it will cause a conversation and a reason to talk about RC Airplanes! If you're feeling sick or curmudgeonly, check the cabinet to see how many sorties you have logged this year, if your sortie count is down, that probably explains your ailment! Fly more and you'll feel better!

Last month we continued our 60 day discussion for any IRCC member to advocate for or against the operation of turbine aircraft. I had a great discussion with the AMA's Mr. Tony Stillman who discussed the AMA's position on all aircraft operations and the most liability with AMA. Surprisingly, turbines were not at the top of that list, what was at the top of the list was lipo batteries! As Tony is providing me additional information from the AMA's point of view and as they are the guiding body for model aviation and our insurer, I am going to table the turbine discussion until the AMA information is fully received and I will discuss with the executive committee and we will resume the discussion in the next few meetings.

Last month, I had written an article regarding the "elephant at the field" which is the for-sale sign posted at our field. From that article, I have received request from investors who are interested in buying a new field location. I think it would be prudent for the investors to form their own committee to pursue this endeavor.

Thank you all for being awesome and taking care of business and being great RC modelers! It is truly an honor to be your President and I enjoy flying with you!

Get out to the field, be a friend, keep your wings level with the horizon and hit whatever you're going to hit as gently as you can! See you at the field!

Sincerely,

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IRCC MEETING MINUTES

Saturday February 2nd, 2019

Recorded by Jim Giallombardo – Secretary

The February monthly meeting of the Imperial R/C Club was brought to order at 10:00am by President Jerry McGhee.

New Members & Guests: We welcomed Jason Jones & Chuck Gore from the PTA event to present and promote the upcoming event. Additional guests were Gary Shoup from Nova Scotia and Pat Douglas from Ohio.

Presentations of Awards/Certificates:
Sportsmanship Award- presented to Chris Trumble
Model of the Month presented to Steve Jaworski

Minutes: A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes for the month of January as published in the club newsletter, Propwash.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurers report was presented by Gary Snyder. The club is financially strong with money in the bank. Any member can request details by seeing Gary directly.

Membership Report: Gary Snyder reported the club currently has 92 members, with 7 being new members. Last year at this time we had 119 members. Renewals continue to come in.

Field Maintenance Report: Bill Pawl reported field cleanup will be completed this week in preparation for the upcoming E-Jet Fest. Bill also was checking into quotes for fire ant control to be spread on the field. Rayburn quoted a dry chem application effective for 4-6 months over 8-9 acres for $2000.00. Truly Nolan quoted $13,800.00, Orkin quoted a quarterly application at $3875.00, ($15,500.00 annual). A do it yourself application can be completed by club members is far less expensive but is labor intensive. This issue is tabled until Bruce (worked at a Nursery, is extremely knowledgeable of insecticides.) can report back on a suitable product and cost. Bill then brought up an issue where someone, possibly due to apparent health issue, extremely soiled the porta john but make any effort to clean up the mess afterwards. Bill personally cleaned the area and provided cleaning supplies should the need arise in the future. We all understand how this can happen but please be courteous to your fellow IRCC members that also need to use the facility.

Safety Report: Nothing to report.

Instructors Report: Jeff reported there were many students and the club trainer was doing well.

Club/Newsletter: Both the club newsletter and website are doing well.

Old Business: The 100 missions over Fl is going well, many pilots are logging the flights as needed and a few are close to receiving their patch. The turbine rule change is still is discussion for all those that want to comment can do so at the March meeting.

New Business: Jerry and Richard Moffatt discussed the placement for the signage and costs for purchasing them which show the basic club rules. 3X3 signs- $82.00, 3X2 signs- $90.00, and 2X2 signs- $60.00. A motion was made for 2 or 3 signs to be place in different areas. 10 votes to place 3 signs, 3 votes to place signs at the flight stations, and 18 votes to place 2 signs-one at each gable end of the pavilion. It was passed to place the 2 signs on the cables ends of the pavilion. A swap meet will be held at the Mid-Florida flying field on Feb 16,2019. This event is always successful, and anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

Future Events: Jerry McGhee reports the IRCC E-Jet event to be held on Feb 8-10, 2019 is posted and has generated a lot of interest and the club is hoping for a big turnout. There have been 2600 views on the web from areas at far away as Michigan and Tennessee. Motion RC and BVM will have reps attend the event. A food Vendor has been contacted and will be on site to provide hot food to all pilots and guests.
David Raff reported on the Plains, Trains and Automobiles event. Guest Jason Jones reported this is the 9th year and the IRCC club is the only RC club invited to represent the hobby.

Future Events (continued):

The IRCC display is the first display viewed by the public as they walk from the parking area to the main show area. It is and continues to be a hit with the public. Two colleges and high schools have been invited to allow students to focus on a future career path in aviation.
David DeWitt reported that Florida Jets and Top Gun are receiving lots of attention. There will be a large number of prop planes at the events this year. Wally reported, prizes that have successful in the past will be reintroduced for this year as well. A flat screen TV, flight simulator and the F4 Phantom jet have been selected for the raffle. A motion was made and passed to allow $800.00 for these raffle prizes.

Sportsmanship Award: David DeWitt and Bill Pawl shared the award for the new solar panels purchased and installed on the roof of the main pavilion.

Model of the Month: Jerry McGhee was awarded the plane of the month with his presentation of an F16 Falcon he painted in the blue Aggressor colors. It took him 5 weeks of extensive detail work to complete the project.
Jeff Hughes also showed a representation of the Grey Ghost version of an F4 Phantom in the design and colors his uncle flew in Viet Nam. Steve Jaworski presented a pusher prop aircraft he built from scratch.

Society of Aircraft Demolishers (SAD) Award: Three nominees were submitted, Jim Giallombardo for the crash of his Carbon Cub, Dave Richards for his P-34 and Art Duncan for his P-40, Jim Giallombardo won by popular vote, (although he concludes it was not his fault).

50/50 Drawing: Wally Sunday won and walked away with $60.00

Motion to Close: The IRCC monthly meeting was closed at 11:15am.

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

(**Right**) Chris Trumble is shown receiving the January Sportsmanship Award from Club President Jerry McGhee.

(**Below Left**) Steve Jaworski receives the 1st of the 2019 season "Model of The Month" Award.

(**Below Right**) Jim Giallombardo is all smiles "now" as he received the nomination and won by majority vote the first S.A.D Patch for 2019. You can read all about the events leading up to this moment on the following page.

IRCC February 2019 Award Winner

JIM GIALLOMBARDO

The February 2019 Society of Aircraft Demolishers "Aircraftus Fragmentum" was called to order by the President of the IRCC; nominations were called for like winning lottery tickets and without hesitation the guilty names were raised to the floor for consideration in this monthly "honorable" endeavor. Dave Richards was the first victim…I mean…nominee to be tossed on the floor with his latest terra firma meeting followed by Art Duncanfor his frequently crashed P-40, however Art's P-40 crash was considered cliché' by the discerning crash connoisseurs of the IRCC as it is a routine occurrence. Then came the nominee we've all been waiting for, Jim Giallombardo's nomination for his Carbon Cub. Just like great rock-n-roll bands, when a rock-n-roller is asked who were their influences, many name previous rock legends or go into the way back machine and talk about how they were classically trained. All great pilots also have influences and it is often pontificated that Jim Giallombardo's influences based on his flying style and the aircraft he chooses to fly have to be that of Bob Hoover, Jim "Sully" Sullenberger and The Great Waldo Pepper! Smooth as glass, yet fortune favors the bold as history says! Jim's flying style and field creations are that of class, technical completeness and well thought out designs. Which leaves everyone in the IRCC asking the question, "How can you crash a Cub"?

The IRCC has a resident Cub Expert in the form of our very own safety officer, Mr. Richard Moffatt. Richard exclusively flies Cubs. In fact, many have said, if you see Richard flying anything other than a Cub, he is probably having an affair and he is channeling his guilt. Conveniently, Richard was also present at the time of Jim Giallombardo's Cub Crash and he offers this expert eye witness report from the scene as our roving SAD reporter; Richard, take it away!

"Thank you, Mr. President, it is a distinct honor to be once again published in this distinguished forum! It was a very windy day with a strong southernly crosswind, the least desirable of all as some would say. I watched Jim confidently taxi out to the runway. Although he likes exciting challenges to his flying skills, I thought I should warn him of the dangers ahead but was afraid of distracting his intense concentration. If somebody was going to screw up this ill-advised take off, it wasn't going to be me! Let me tell you, from personal experiences, Piper Cubs do not like crosswind takes offs. As the Cub took off to the east, it achieved an altitude of about 4 ft. Suddenly the wind picked up the right wing and did a text book WWE body slam to the hapless Cub. Ouch!

The impact surgically removed the entire firewall and engine (choke, tears, Kleenex please) from one of my favorite types of airplane. Jim was stunned. He kept mumbling something about a strange wispy object reaching up out of the ground and grabbing the left-wing tip. Now, I don't want to start any rumors, but I think I've heard this tale before!" - Richard Moffatt

It is with great honor and pride that we offer this month's SAD patch to Mr Giallombardo, as it is the first noted crash of the 2019 flying season; an award that we are all subject to earning at any given time in consolation for our stricken aircraft who we launch into the skies in a constant pursuit of our Constitutional right to pursue and find happiness.

Thank you, Jim, for this offering to the SAD community!

Until next month…

February 8th – 10th was our first all-electric jet event:

“Florida E-jet Fest International”!

To say that this was anything less than a total success would be an understatement.

The brainchild of our current IRCC President Jerry McGhee, who was also the event C/D brought pilots in from as far away as Tennessee and even got of few of us, not previously flying EDF’s to bite the bullet and jump into the world of jets!

Here are just a few pictures for those that missed it!

As you can see not only did, we have a good turnout of pilots, but the number of spectators that came out to watch was terrific!

Making sure that no one went hungry was the responsibility of the R. Michaels Family Concessions & Catering and what a great job they did!

Tiffany was there all 3 days for breakfast & lunch and made sure that everyone was well taken care of.

Since this was an EDF Jet event you would expect to have a few jets around and that we did. There were jet's here and there and everywhere!

There were F-4's Phantom's & A-4 Skyhawk's, L-39 Albatros's and A-10 Thunderbolt's.

F-16 "Vipers" in multiple color schemes, T-45 Goshawk's F-15 Strike Eagles, F-86 Sabre's & F-35 Lightnings.

F-22 Raptor's, F-18 Hornet's, ME-262, MIG 21's, F-104 Starfighter's, Avanti's, and even a de Havilland DH 112 Venom with a custom paint job!

There were even a couple of BVM Bandits and an Electra.

Speaking of BVM, Bob Violet came out on Friday along with Rob Lynch and his son Dillon to get some flying in.

RC JetDude Steve Hodges and his son's Enoch and Nathan came all the way down from Tennessee representing Motion RC.

Sean Gallagher - a demo pilot from RC JetWerx was also in attendance.

On Sunday, we were joined by the Merry Boozer group from Webster FL covering the event for their next Podcast!

And of course, there were a few of these….

As a little added bonus for coming out to this inaugural event, there were trophies up for grabs in several categories including, Best Static Score, Best Scale Jet, Best Scale Flight, Longest Flight and yes, he had to do it – Best Crash! There was even a category for the Fastest Jet both Composite & Foam. The speeds for those by the way was 218 mph for the composite BVM Bandit and 133 mph for the foam BAE Hawk. The winners for each category are shown below with their trophies!

Best Static Score Jet
Steve Hodges

Best Scale Jet
Wesley Miller

Longest Flight
Enoch Hodges

Best Crash
Nathan Hodges

Fastest Foam Jet &
Best Scale Flight
Sean Gallagher

Fastest
Composite Jet
Rob Lynch

Announcement and Coming Events

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