

The IRCC President's Points

By Jerry McGhee – President

Welcome to 2018! First and foremost, I want to thank each and every one of you who voted for me to be the President of the Imperial RC Club. I have been flying RC Aircraft for the last 38 years (since 1980 when I was 14-years old) and I have been a member of the IRCC for the last 8 years. I am truly honored for this opportunity and I look forward to serving this great club and working with all of you as we collectively pursue our Constitutional right to pursue happiness.

At the January 2018 IRCC meeting I laid out my agenda as your President. If you weren't present or if you were and you want a re-cap here we go. First and foremost, my main priority is to ensure that the gate to the club can always be opened by its paid members and that the facilities and airspace are operational and can be enjoyed by all members regardless of their aircraft type interests and ensure the communication and operation of the IRCC business are communicated to the members as we navigate our future activities with the club.

I have met with the IRCC Executive Committee (EC) and we had a great meeting! They did a great job bringing me up to speed answering my questions and listening to me on my plans as the new President. We have a very good EC and with their corporate knowledge of the club's members, history, operations, and events I'm confident that the club will continue to succeed with your continued support as we move forward.

We have a very unique opportunity as a club as we support Frank Tiano's international RC events. I love going to Frank's events and providing support as they are a massive undertaking and I always learn a lot as I get to meet the other pilots in attendance. The IRCC has a long-standing relationship with Frank supporting his events and I fully support the club's continued involvement and support with these events. If you haven't been to watch or come out to volunteer, I highly encourage you to do so. You'll be amazed!

At both the EC and Club meetings I laid out three things I wanted to accomplish in this first year.

- 1. Revive the Model-of-the-Month contest with a Model-of-the Year contest in December with an annually engraved traveling trophy of the member's name with the model of the year and an individual trophy to replace the traveling trophy presented when they surrender the traveling trophy.**
- 2. I would like to have an end of year banquet for all the IRCC members at a hotel with a catered event. An opportunity for us to come together as a family, bring your date or come stag, and come dressed in something you're comfortable in. I'm currently scouting locations and costs and will have more information as the year progresses.**
- 3. Lastly, I would like to have a Tri-Club Fun Fly with clubs in the Tampa area. I will write details on that event as they progress. I have sent invitations to two clubs to begin discussions. The intent is to get to know some of the members from other clubs in a fun fly and build and strengthen our relationships with them.**

As a former military officer, be forewarned I am a master delegator and evaluator of performance! But don't let that scare you! In order to succeed, we need everyone's involvement and commitment when we execute and if you commit to an operation I will make sure that all aspects of that operation are covered down with specific areas of responsibility with the hopes that no one is ever stuck doing it all. If you volunteer for an event or if you volunteer for a leadership position within the club, it is my sincerest belief that you are empowered to successfully fulfil that event and execute within your authority. Never be afraid to fail, and if you do we'll figure out how to make it better on the next go around, but we want you to be successful and confident.

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I fell off a horse once when I was a kid and I was instructed by my grandfather to get back on the horse even though I felt like crap and was scared to death. I got back on the horse and that has made all the difference.

I have an extensive history in my personal model aviation career from sport to scale and WWI to current scale jets. As some of you may have seen me at the field, my latest endeavor for the last few years at the club is flying EDF jets. In particular, I have been flying "formation" with my friend and fellow IRCC club member Brian Evans. It is a great challenge for both of us and we have a lot of fun flying them! Hopefully you're entertained if you ever get the chance to see us. My only wish is that the batteries lasted a little longer, but I'm confident the technology is advancing to make that happen.



If you see me fly something other than an EDF jet, don't freak out, I love all airplanes.

As previously stated, I look forward to working with all of you and I'm very excited about this opportunity to lead the IRCC and upholding the rich heritage, membership and legacy of this well-established Radio-Controlled Airplane Club!

Sincerely,

Jerry McGhee
President, IRCC



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& SWAP MEET!**

SATURDAY February 10th

Rain Date Saturday February 17th

IRCC MEETING MINUTES

January 2018

Recorded by

Ian Clark – Secretary

The January monthly meeting of the Imperial R/C Club was brought to order at 11:00 by President Jerry McGhee. Jerry then introduced himself to the club. A motion was made and passed to accept the November meeting.

Visitors and New Members: We welcome a new member, Dan Derringer to the club.

Awards & Certificates: The following individuals received special recognition:

Wally Sunday, finishing his third year on the Board of Directors, received an award for his many years of service to the club.



Mike Zellars was given one for the two years of service as the club's president.



Alex Muirhead received his pilots' certificate for soloing.



Congratulations to all!

Treasures Report: Dan Hudson reported that we have money in the checkbook and all the bills are paid. Money has increased due to renewals.

Membership Report: Currently we have 50 full members.

Field Maintenance Report: We would like to thank Bill Pawl for taking over as the new Field Maintenance Officer.

Safety Report: Richard Moffatt is asking all members to stay behind the pilot barriers when at the flight line. There was an incident recently where the barrier protected a pilot after an airplane struck it.

Instructors Report: Alex Muirhead has soloed and Samuel Stephens should be there this month.

Club Newsletter: Dave Raff has asked club members to send him articles and ideas for the newsletter.

Website: There was no report.

Old Business: At our last meeting in November there was discussion about moving our meeting from the first Saturday of the month to the second Saturday. A vote was taken today and 29 of the 35 members present wanted to keep the meeting on the first Saturday.

We are planning another Family Day. Dave Raff volunteered to be the committee chairperson for it. As the details are worked out, Dave will e-mail to all members.

IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

The FAA registration process has been reintroduced. If you have already registered within the past three years, there is no need to do it again. Our clubs position is to recommend you register but we won't police it. We need a Chief flight instructor. Jeff Hughes said he would be glad to take the position.

New Business: President Jerry McGhee wants to reintroduce the plane of the month. He said that we will have some kind of recognition as well.

Jerry also brought up our club having an end of year banquet. This will be open to spouses/partners. He would like to keep the cost down to about \$10.00 each. At the banquet we will vote on the plane of the year.

Another idea is to have a tri-club fun fly. We will contact two other clubs to get their take on it. It would be hosted one time at each club with three contests.

We have a new gate code. If you did not get it then see one of the club officers for it.

Past Events: The Golden Age of Flying event was canceled due to a conflict with another AMA event. The club is looking in to reinstating it this year.

Future Events: The Planes, Trains, and Automobiles event sponsored by the Plant City Chamber of Commerce is set to take place on February 24, 2018 at the Plant City airport. Our club has been invited to be a part of it again. The chamber expects this to be the largest showing yet.

Frank Tiano's events, Florida Jets, 12 O'clock High and Top Gun have all been scheduled. Between the raffle and what we earn working at these events, they add a lot to our treasury. Wally Sundeby will be working with Bill Pawl on the raffles. Our club voted to be a part of these events and a motion was made and passed to allocate \$700.00 toward the purchase of raffle prizes.

Sportsmanship Award: The propeller award was last seen heading west and feared lost. We will start issuing certificates to the winners of this award. Dan Hudson was nominated, and the club approved it so he gets to take home the first of the new certificates.

Plane of the Month: Osiris and Zoser Lee presented their Hobby King Sky Sword ducted fan jet. It features an upgraded 90 mm fan and motor, retracts and 9 gram servos. They claim the top speed of this jet is about 115 mph.



IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

S.A.D. Patch: Society of Aircraft Demolishers patch is issued to the most colorful story about the loss of one of our aircraft. The aircraft owner will receive it regardless of who is reporting it.

This month it was presented to Larry Hammond after the loss of his Giant Stick. Dan Hudson was test flying it and having a great time with it. When he handed the transmitter to Larry, the plane started to go down. Nothing would bring it back to level flight. The plane ended up in water where it sat for several days before being rescued. When Larry tested all the servos he found that the elevator had failed causing the loss of the aircraft.



50/50: Wally collected \$130.00 and Al Coffee won. Al donated his share back to the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.



IRCC January 2018 Award Winner **Larry Hammond** As nominated by Dan Hudson

The January 2018 Society of Aircraft Demolishers "Aircraftus Fragmentum" was nominated at the monthly Imperial RC Club meeting by Mr. Dan Hudson. Mr. Hudson so witnessed the crash of a Great Planes Giant Scale Das Ugly Stik owned and operated at the time of the incident by this month's award winner, as voted on by his peers, Mr. Larry Hammond.

Sometime in the last 30 days Larry's Ugly Stik began an ill-fated flight that resulted in the loss of control of the aircraft during flight and caused the aircraft to rapidly descend in a vertical manner approximately a few hundred feet north of the pilot station with splash-down occurring in the northern snake and gator infested swamp area not owned or operated by Imperial RC club.

A search and rescue effort was launched and the pilot was found in-tact at the RC pilot station with transmitter in hand and a stunned look of disbelief. Additional S&R efforts for the aircraft resulted in its location in the norther border swamp of the airfield - inaccessible by club members. A representative of the property owner was called and after four to five days, the stricken aircraft was fetched from the bottom of the muck and slime.

Post-mortem analysis by Mr. Hudson and Mr. Hammond resulted in the evaluation of an inoperative elevator servo, consistent with the lack of elevator response immediately following departure of controlled flight and the rapid vertical descent into the swamp.

It is with great honor and pride that we offer this months S.A.D. patch to Mr. Hammond as it is the inaugural crash of the 2018 flying season and the first rendering of this award; 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 find happiness.

Thank you Larry & Dan for this offering!

Until next month...



The 8th Annual Planes, Trains & Automobiles Event hosted by the Plant City Chamber of Commerce and Tampa International Airport is right around the corner and the Imperial Radio Control Club has once again been invited to be the featured R/C Club representing the "Remote Control" aspect of aviation.

This will be the 8th year as well that the IRCC has taken part in this fun-filled family event and as in past years, club members will be proudly displaying their IRCC colors and their favorite aircraft.

Entry to the event for those taking part will be free and a special reserved parking area is also being provided. The display area is the same as last year, along the taxi-way between the spectator parking and the main event!

For those that have not taken part yet, here are a few pictures of what you can expect to see and be a part of!





THE NEXT IRCC
CLUB MEETING
WILL BE
SATURDAY
FEB. 3rd
AT THE FIELD
STARTING AT
11:00AM
See You There!

If anyone finds themselves with an old 9 Cylinder Radial Engine laying around and not quite sure what to do with it. Do what these guys did and start thinking out of the box or in this case – OUT OF THE AIRPLANE!



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Announcement and Coming Events



Saturday, February 24, 2018

10 am-3 pm

FREE ADMISSION \$5 PARKING

THINGS TO DO:

- Free Flights for Kids (limited) provided by EAA Young Eagles ages 8-17 registration closes at 1pm
- Boy Scout Merit Badge Opportunities Aviation & Search and Rescue badges
- Cub Scout Activities
- Vendors
- Kids' Play Area

DISPLAYS & DEMONSTRATIONS:

- Planes
- Helicopters
- Remote Control Planes
- Model Trains
- Automobiles
- K9 Demos (11, 12:30, & 2)
- PC Police & Fire Departments
- CSX Safety
- Computer Flight Simulators

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