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A PLANE VIEW

By Mike Zellars – President

Shortly after the June meeting, I was already working on my "A Plane View" article for this newsletter. Later that morning, I received the news of our treasured club member, Scott Smith, untimely and shocking passing. So needless to say, I am starting over.

As most of you know, Scott had a passion for racing RC planes but also had a passion for RC flight in general and equally had a passion for our club. I first got to know Scott well when he served as my VP when I was doing my first tour as President around 2002. He then served as President for a couple years and during that time he handled the club exceptionally and at same time kept building one friendship after another.

Scott was an easy person to like. He always had a positive attitude and just loved life. At the time of his death, Scott was already planning another pylon event for 2017. I believe this would have been the 25th or so pylon event he and Rick Ruede CD'd for the club. For anyone that has CD'd an event can appreciate just how much commitment that takes!

On a non RC point, anyone that knew Scott also knew what a passion he had for his family. He would talk of them often with a gleam in his eyes. I could go on and reminisce all the memories I have since the early 2000's but I think it is best to just say what we all know. Scott was just a great friend and quality human being. You will be missed Scott!

Trying to make some positive out of such a tragic loss, the club has decided a great way to celebrate Scott's life in a way I am very confident he would approve of with a big smile.
On 7-23-16, IRCC will host the "Scott Smith Memorial Family Fun Day". This is open to everyone and anyone, whether a RC Flyer or not. The club will provide a free lunch and drinks in return for a little generosity. All monies received will be donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in Scott and his family's honor.

This will be a "FUN" day where we can all do what we love to do in Scott's memory and for a great cause. Please consider coming and please invite anyone you like. We will have some trainers and instructors on hand to give anyone a taste of RC flight so they can experience what Scott loved so much.

I will need to have a RSVP so we have a general idea of how much food we need so please respond to me at the field or better - by email at mikezellars@gmail.com.

Alternatively, for Facebook users, I have set up a FB event on our IRCC FB page where you can simply click "going" and that will serve as a RSVP. The FB link is: https://www.facebook.com/events/2073675272856705/. If you cannot make it please consider still donating to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation by sending your contribution to:

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P.O. Box 6662
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I am confident we will have a fantastic turnout so please save the date. In meantime, let's keep our thoughts and prayers for his family going, I am sure they appreciate it. Until next month, keep them flying and keep smiling. MIKE

THE NEXT IRCC CLUB MEETING WILL BE

SATURDAY

JULY 9th 2016

AT THE FIELD STARTING AT 11:00 AM!

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IRCC MEETING MINUTES

June 2016

Recorded by Secretary - Ian Clark

The monthly meeting of the Imperial R/C Club was brought to order at 11:00 by President Mike Zellers. A motion was made and accepted to approve the May monthly meeting as published in the club newsletter, ***PROPWASH.***

Visitors and New Members: We would like to welcome Rodger Griffin as a new member. Also, we had Mike and Linda Greer visiting us.

Treasurers Report: We started the month of June with a checking account balance of $xxxx.xx. We brought in about $xxxx.xx during May with expenses of $xxxx.xx.

Membership Report: We have 128 members at this time which is a new record.

Field Maintenance Report: We are still looking into repairing the sliding doors at our tractor storage.

Safety Report: We were reminded to shut off our motors and engines when taxiing back to the pits as we come to the yellow stripe. It is recommended pilots stand behind the barriers when flying to protect them from other aircraft that may be landing.

Old Business: All issues have been addressed at this time.

Instructors Report: Terry Crosby reported that with just minimal instruction, Bill Turner learned to fly and soloed very quickly.

Newsletter Report: David Raff has volunteered to take pictures of our members and post them with their names in the newsletter to help everyone remember names. With 128 members, it is next to impossible to learn everyone's name.

New Business: Over the last year or so there have been a rising number of reports of pilots losing radio contact with their aircraft. Because of this, many of us have lost planes. Terry Crosby has researched this and his statistics show that at our field we seem to have a higher ratio of Spektrum failures then with other brands. It has been suggested that because Spektrum receivers take up to 5 seconds to rebind after an issue, this could be why they seem to have a higher failure rate. Several sites on the internet recommend Spektrum users don't use the receivers marked a DMS2 but instead change to DSMX type. These are reported to rebind in about 1 second after a failure.

Terry also recommended that the club purchase a radio spectrum analyzer so we can monitor the field. A motion was made and approved to allow the club to purchase one. We had two club members come forward saying they had access to an analyzer and would let the club use them. At this time the club put the purchasing of an analyzer on hold. David Raff has started to contact our neighbor, Badcocks, to inquire if they have anything broadcasting signals that could interfere with our hobby. If there is then we will work on a solution.

Last month several members went and looked at possible new sites for our club. At this time we are not actively looking to relocate but we know that our field could be sold sometime and it is in our best interest to look for an alternative site. It was suggested that a committee be formed to pursue this. If anyone is interested in being on this committee you should contact Mike Zellers.

Future Events: A motion was made and approved for a pylon race on the weekend of September 17-19 of 2017. *(Note: Due to the tragic loss of Scott Smith since this past meeting, who along with Rick Ruede CD'd these events for years, the club will look into whether this event was ever officially sanctioned and converse with other club pylon racers to determine the future of this event. As of this writing, our thoughts and prayers are just on Scott and his family during this very difficult time.)*

IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Cont.)

Sportsmanship Award: David Raff was nominated for all the work with the event, Planes, Trains and Automobiles put on every year by the Plant City Chamber of Commerce. This event showcases our club, many thanks to Dave. A motion was made and approved.

50/50: New member Tommy Dean got to split the $185.00 with the club.

A motion was made to close the June meeting of the Imperial R/C Club. It was approved.

Scott Smith Memorial Family Fun Day!

Saturday July 23rd,2016

COME AND JOIN THE REST OF YOUR FELLOW IRCC FLYING BUDDIES FOR A DAY OF FUN, FLYING, FAMILY AND REMEMBERANCE !

This Family Fun Day is dedicated to the memory of long time IRCC Club Member Scott Samuel Smith!

For this event - the club will be providing a free lunch and drinks for everyone participating! We simply ask that, in return, a donation be made. All monies received will then be donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation in Scott and his family's honor!

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Please be sure to RSVP to Mike Zellars at mikezellars@gmail.com