

## The IRCC President's Points

By Jerry McGhee – President

I believe Mother Nature has missed a month. April Showers is supposed to bring May flowers, but we got cold weather in April and now May is turning out to be a wet month! I believe the flowers have drown! (LOL) Hopefully you find your way to get out to the field in between the rain showers and burn some fuel!

Top Gun was an incredible event this year! For the IRCC we sold more raffle tickets than we ever have! I really thought we were going to need a bigger container to hold all those tickets. If it hadn't been for the rain on Sunday, we would've needed a bigger bucket! Great job to all the club members who volunteered their time to be at Top Gun!

From the flight line, which is almost as busy as an aircraft carrier, working crowd control, the crash carts and for those who worked the booth to sell tickets and our roving salesmen, Wally Sunde and Bill Pawl - Great Job to All! Your time is extremely valuable and the fact that you chose to dedicate some of it to work this event is sincerely appreciated and was a key factor in helping make Top Gun another success after 30 years!

We honored two great leaders in the IRCC last month with the Sportsmanship Award, David DeWitt and Frank Tiano. In addition to the Sportsmanship award the IRCC presented Frank with a very nice plaque to commemorate his lifelong dedication to the Radio-Controlled hobby to create inspiring events and memorialize the club's sincere appreciation of our relationship with him as a member and a great guy! It was an honor to be a part of that presentation!

After the presentation of Frank's plaque from the IRCC, Frank asked if the club would be interested in hosting 12 O'clock High in the fall! This is great news for the IRCC. The members present at the May meeting voted, in principal, to host the event with the final vote to solidify the host agreement with FTE to be held during the June 2, 2018 meeting. This will be a non-turbine event per Frank's decree. This will be a great opportunity for the IRCC!

Build your comradery, friendships, encourage new members and generate new revenue for the club; all good things!

Once a final decision has been made, Bill Pawl and the grounds crew may call for volunteers to work on projects to get the field ready for the event, so plan accordingly. We look forward to your support and your commitment to what it takes to host this showcase event! More to follow as we finalize the hosting requirements and we get ready for this event!

On Saturday August 11, 2018, the AMA is kicking off the annual National Model Aviation Day! The IRCC will be hosting a Family Day to commemorate this day of celebration for our beloved hobby and I would also like to host an inter-club competition on that day to test your aviation skill in non-plane-breaking events that any plane can do. It may be hot that day, but we're Floridians! We live for this! 😊

Lastly, it's time to start thinking about the end of year banquet on Saturday December 1, 2018 at the Imperial Swan Hotel in Lakeland, FL. Expect to see more details and marketing on the end of year banquet starting in June! Richard Moffett has volunteered to be a point man on this as well.

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 May 12th, 2018**

Recorded by Ian Clark – Secretary

The May monthly meeting of the Imperial R/C Club was brought to order at 9:00 am by president Jerry McGhee.

**Visitors and New Members:** We wish to welcome Jonathon Fiermonti as a new member. Jonathan is new to the hobby. Our chief instructor, Jeff Hughes said he would work with him and make him a pilot quickly.

**Awards and Certificates:** A certificate for April's model of the month was presented to Jeff Hughes.

We gave two sportsmanship awards this month. David DeWitt and Frank Tiano received one each.

Our club also presented a plaque to Frank Tiano for his support of the R/C hobby and his generous support of our club.

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

**Treasurers Report:** All of our bills are current. Top Gun was very good to our club and we wish to thank all the members that participated - making it a great event!

**Membership Report:** We have 96 members total with 86 full members and 10 juniors.

**Field Maintenance Report:** Bill Pawl has been in contact with a contractor looking at the runway. Several years ago we had it patched but there are still some issues in need of attention. They will give a proposal on the cost and Bill will give it to the Executive Committee to look at. It will then be brought to the club to see how we want to proceed.

Bill is still seeing a lot of damage caused by wild hogs. The club is looking into either purchasing a trap or hiring someone to capture the remaining hogs.

Dave Raff suggested purchasing solar powered alarms to place at the locations the hogs gain access to our field.

**Safety Report:** Richard Moffett reminded that we should not fly south of the runway and under no circumstances should we run an engine or motor under our clubhouse roof. If you are flying 72 MHz, then remember to place your ID card on the frequency board.

**Instructors Report:** Jeff Hughes mentioned that a visitor from Nova Scotia by the name of Gary Schute came by the field with a model build by his late son and asked if it was possible for someone to fly it. Several members looked it over and made some minor adjustments as needed, then it was flown very successfully much to the delight of Gary. He said that when he returns next fall he wants to join our club and learn to fly.

Richard Moffett is donating a Tower Hobbies trainer to the club for the instructor program.

**Newsletter:** Dave Raff said that all is well with the web site and newsletter.

**Old Business:** We now have three windsocks in place around the field thanks to Bill Pawl and Larry McNeil. Bill asked if he could have the money to replace the one on the entrance sign next. It was approved by a majority vote.

**New Business:** It can't be stressed enough about the potential energy that is stored in our electric airplane batteries. Richard Glazer brought the remains of one he was charging at home. We need to be careful around them and dispose of them properly when they are no longer useful. Gary Snyder said Lowes accepts all batteries and they have a location near the service desk at all stores.

Frank Tiano asked if our club would consider hosting 12 O'clock high at our field. It will be taken under consideration by our EC at the next meeting on June 1.

National Model Aviation Day is to be held on Saturday August 11, 2018. A motion was made and passed to use that day as a family fun day. A menu will be decided upon. As in the past, we invite our members to bring a covered dish.

**IRCC MEETING MINUTES** (Continued)

**Sportsmanship Award:** Wally Sunday was nominated for his work selling raffle tickets at Top Gun. He stated that he would only accept the award on behalf of all the club volunteers that helped at the event.

**Plane of the Month:** Jeff Hughes brought in his Extreme Flight 540 Edge powered with a DA 35 gas engine.



**S.A.D. Patch:** We had three nominations, Dan Hudson, David DeWitt and Larry Hammond. After much consideration, the award was given to David Dewitt.

**50/50:** A total of \$xx:xx was collected and Dave Dewitt was the winner.

In closing we would like the club to know that we received a card from Dee Miller thanking us for reaching out to him in his time of loss.

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



# AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

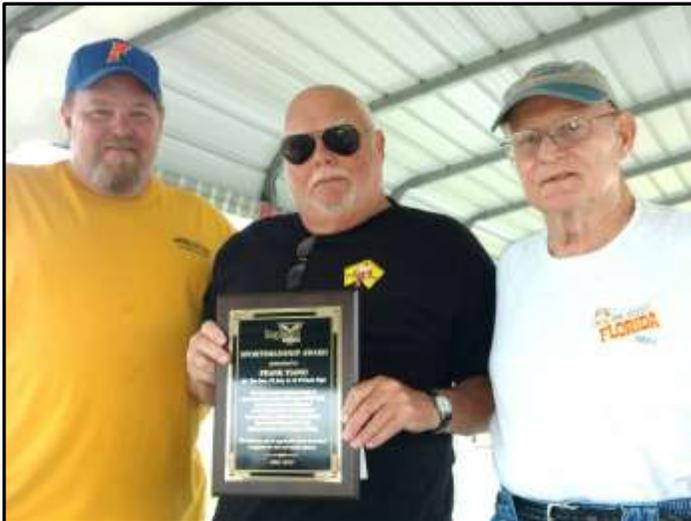


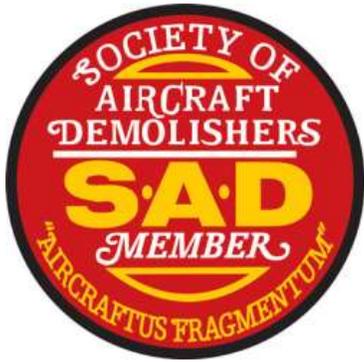
Sportsmanship Award Winners for the month of April  
David DeWitt (top left) & Frank Tiano (top right).

(Left) Plane of the Month Certificate for the month of April is presented to Jeff Hughes

(Bottom left) Special Recognition Sportsmanship Award recipient Frank Tiano flanked by Club President Jerry McGhee and Wally Sundeay after the presentation.

(Bottom right) David DeWitt received this month's S.A.D. award nomination.





## IRCC May 2018 Award Winner **David DeWitt** As nominated by A Unanimous IRCC Audience

The May 2018 Society of Aircraft Demolishers "Aircraftus Fragmentum" was nominated at the monthly Imperial RC Club meeting by most of the members present at the IRCC May 22, 2018. There was a raucous debate over who should

get the award this month between Dan Hudson's "Tree Point Landing" as described by our Safety Officer Richard Moffatt, and David DeWitt's "OMG It Happened to Me!" crashes, however, Mr. Hudson was able to produce the aircraft in question and show that his nominated aircraft was in fact - in F.O.C. (Full Operational Capability) and was completely restored from the Great Wizard of Oz Tree Grab at the east end of the runway. Mr. DeWitt however, had nothing but Styrofoam giblets to show for his full trash bagger of a SAD crash. As requested by the membership who were present and the rules of the SAD patch committee, Mr. DeWitt proceeded to tell his story.

It is said among all yard bird chatting circles within each and every RC Club on the planet, "There are those who have reversed their ailerons prior to takeoff and those who will." Sometime in the last 30 days David was eager to get his relatively new E-flite Carbon-Z Cessna 150 with an 83" Wingspan back into the safety and security of the IRCC skies. To boldly go where many have gone before to pursue their happiness. However, on this day, what most people don't realize, Mr. DeWitt was experiencing TGIE or "Tiggy" which is a non-medical term that roughly translates into Top Gun Induced Euphoria! It is a rare condition but can be contagious! As David was excited for the upcoming event he was dreaming, some would even say fantasizing, about his Cessna 150 competing in Top Gun. It is a dream that many of us have, however, duty calls for most of us in the IRCC and we instead put our blood sweat and tears into the operational support of the event and David is no exception as we all know!

As he was in full "Tiggy" fantasy in his shop making the final preparations for the days sorties with the Cessna 150, he admittedly decided to not pursue the wing set-up in the shop as it would involve putting the wing on and then removing it. As David drove to the field, a compounding problem evolved in his vehicle! A Gremlin emerged! Thanks to the lack of security cameras we were able to get this sketch of the Gremlin (see below) in question that further compounded the inevitable distraction! David arrived to the IRCC field in full Tiggy fantasy and a gremlin causing distraction and mayhem! David secured the wing to his fuselage after plugging the ailerons in, albeit, backwards, and he set out to pre-flight the aircraft! He gave all the control surfaces a wiggle, everything appeared to be normal (except for the reversed ailerons that he did not notice) and he set out to taxi to the end of the runway. David confidently applied full throttle as many unassuming RC pilots have done in this condition, he got to flying speed, the left wing dipped a little on take-off and David proceeded to correct with right aileron on the transmitter which only caused the Cessna 150 to perform as set-up with more left aileron roll and at full throttle on climb out. It is now that even more right aileron was applied on the transmitter and more left roll was applied to the aircraft which left most in the pits astonished at this amazing act of braggadocios confidence with an amazing low-level aileron roll on takeoff, however, ALL were in shocked disbelief in mere nanoseconds as the little plane began a steep and rapid descent once inverted and plowed itself into the runway at full throttle inverted speed leaving nothing more than the aforementioned Styrofoam giblets as a consolation prize from the gremlin!

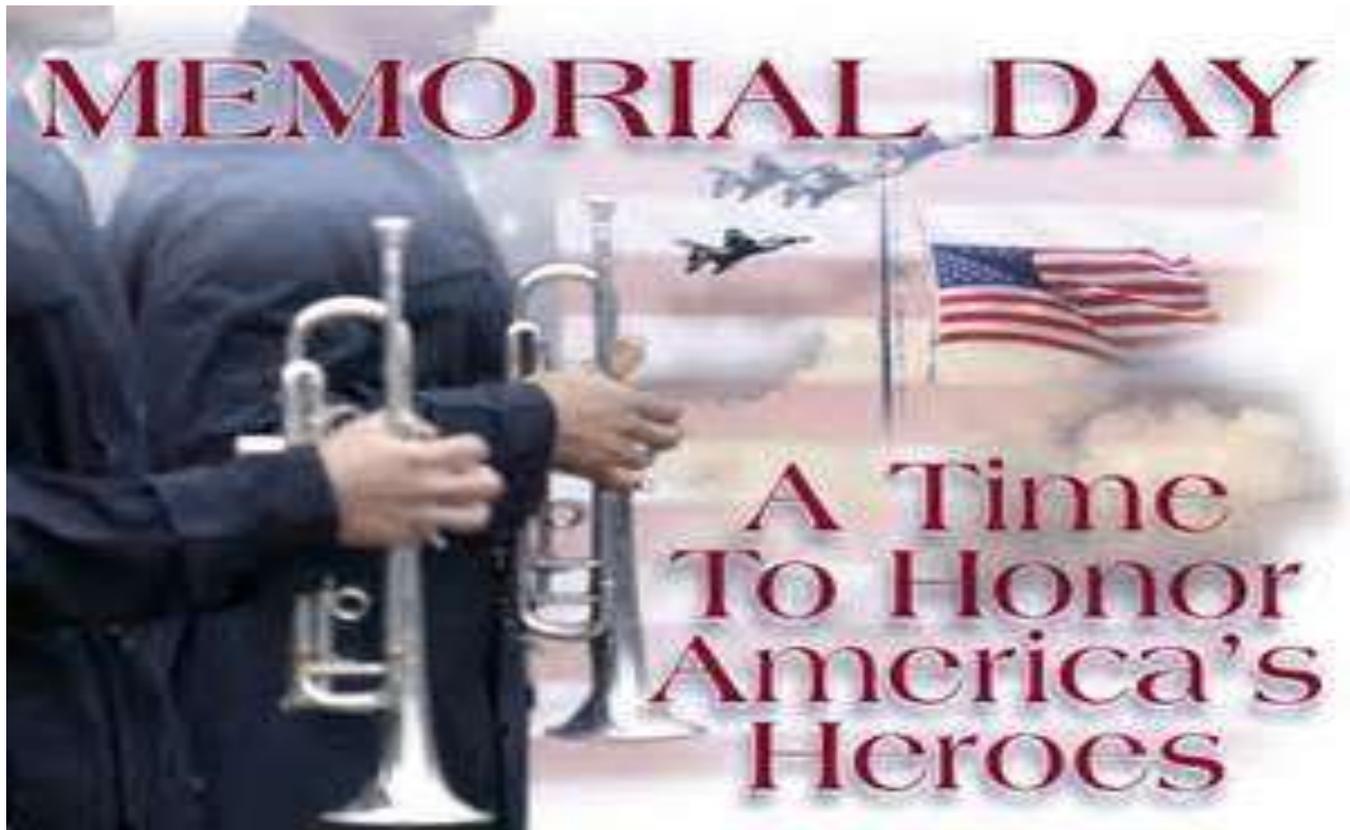
It is with great honor and pride that we offer this month's S.A.D. patch to Mr. David Dewitt as it is the fifth noted crash of the 2018 flying season, an award that we are all subject to earning at any given time in consolation for our stricken aircraft that we fearlessly launch into the skies in a constant pursuit of our Constitutional right to find happiness.

Thank you, David for this offering!

Until next month...



David Dewitt's May 2018 SAD Gremlin



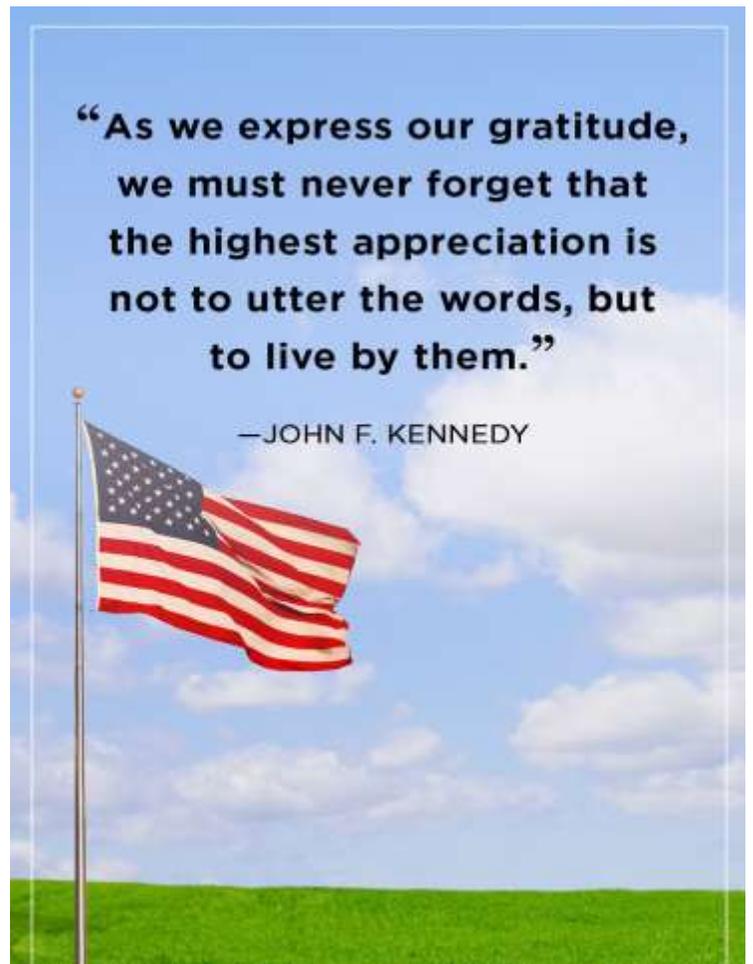
*As you celebrate this Memorial Day with family & friends - take just a moment of silent reflection to give thanks to all those serving in uniform today and those who served in the past protecting the freedom we enjoy each day!*

**“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter the words, but to live by them.”**

—JOHN F. KENNEDY



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During the May meeting, there was a brief discussion concerning LIPO batteries and their safety. With more and more people getting into electrics, the proper care and use of these high voltage batteries is something everyone needs to be aware of.

I have come across several good articles online, but they are too large to publish in full so over the next few months, you will see a different segment included for you to review.

One thing that was briefly touched on was how and where to dispose of an old or "bad" battery. Gary Snyder mentioned that LOWES Home Centers will take any battery however, you should probably follow the tips below before running down to your local store.

## LiPo Battery Disposal

Before disposing of your LiPo, check to make sure the warranty has expired. Some companies have one-year replacement warranties that you can take advantage of, but most warranties will be voided if you perform the following steps before seeking a warranty replacement.

So, you have a bad LiPo battery? No one really wants to keep them around (fire hazards that they are). So, what is the process to get rid of a bad LiPo battery safely? Let's go through it.

**Discharge the LiPo** battery as far down as you safely can. You can do this a number of ways. Most computerized LiPo chargers have a discharge feature in them. If you don't have a charger with a discharge feature, ask one of your flying buddy's that does have one if they would discharge this for you. I would be very surprised if they turned you down. Alternatively, you can build your own discharge rig with a taillight bulb and some wire. Simply solder a male connector of your choosing to the tabs on a taillight bulb, and plug the battery in. Make sure to have the battery in a fireproof container while doing this.

**Place the LiPo in a salt water bath.** Mix table salt into some warm (not hot) water. Keep adding salt until it will no longer dissolve in the water. Ensure that the wires are all entirely submerged. The salt water is very conductive, and it will essentially short out the battery, further discharging it. Leave the battery in the salt water bath for at least 24 hours.

**Check the voltage of the LiPo.** If the voltage of the battery is 0.0V, great! Move onto the next step. Otherwise, put it back in the salt water bath for another 24 hours. Continue doing this until the battery reaches 0.0V.

**Dispose of the battery in the trash.** That's right - unlike NiMH and NiCd batteries, LiPos are not hazardous to the environment. They can be thrown in the garbage with no problem.

Alternatively, if you don't feel like going through this process yourself, you can bring the battery in to us and we will dispose of it for you at no cost. If you're not in our area, check with your local hobby shop to see if they offer a similar service.

# Announcement and Coming Events

IMAC Contest 2018

Bay City Flyers



## IMAC 2018

### 22nd Annual Spring Classic

Scale Aerobatic Competition  
Saturday and Sunday - June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
at Area 52 Flying Field

Pilots brief at 8:00am. Wheels up at 8:30am  
On Saturday and Sunday mornings coffee and donuts will be available.  
Lunch will be provided free to registered pilots on Saturday.

More details at: <http://www.mini-iac.org/Event-Details/PID/536>

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