It's Time For Some

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## The IRCC President's Points

**By Jerry McGhee – President**

Welcome back to our snowbirds! Yes, you can tell it's fall in Florida as the license plates begin to change! LOL 😊. With the annual migration of our snowbirds return also brings the time change in our monthly meeting! Now that the heat has started to break we will now meet at 11:00 am at the field on the first Saturday of every month. Please make a note of it.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Mike Zellars for donating the new 12v Deep Cycle Marine batteries at our charging stations! That is a huge donation and a much-needed infrastructure upgrade. Thank you Mike!!

As of this writing we had the Golden Age/Warbird Fly-in. It was well represented by the IRCC members and fun was had by all. There were some challenges with the AMA sanction delayed, but David DeWitt and the attendees who unpacked their aircraft persevered and we made the best of it. Pictures from the event have been posted on the IRCC Facebook page and IRCC website.

I think it's important that if the IRCC is going to have events at our field that we in-turn attend other local RC Club's events as well to build the local support and comradery between our clubs. I know that several of you do, but I think it's important that we attend the ones we're interested in and go support them. I will do a better job in making you aware of other events as they are made known to me.

I would like to deploy IRCC members to other local RC flying clubs as ambassadors of the IRCC and extend our hospitality to them and hopefully it is reciprocated. I will start with the upcoming Bay City Flyers Military Fly-in on November 10, 2018. I have been working on a new P-26 Peashooter and providing that the maiden goes well, I plan on deploying it to the Bay City Flyers on Nov 10, 2018 to fly with our RC brothers there. If you have a warbird, or if you would just like to attend and maybe be my spotter, please look at the flyer and let me know if you plan on attending. I think it would be pretty cool to have a bunch of IRCC yellow shirts attend the event. Should be fun!

Saturday December 1, 2018 is our first ever banquet! I'm very excited about it and hopefully you will be too! It should be a good time and a good way to wind down the year with each other!

Saturday December 8, 2018 we will be having a Toys for Tots Fun Fly at the IRCC. I have posted the events in this month's newsletter. I have tweaked the 3rd event, no dice! Bring an unwrapped toy for your entry fee and we will get you signed up! Should be a lot of fun!

On Saturday, November 3, 2018 we will vote for the 2019 officers of the IRCC. Any IRCC member can run for any position. If you would like to put your name on the ballot, please let me know. If you are interested please refer to the IRCC By-Laws and Policies posted on our website and send me an email on your interest in filling one of our vacancies so we can start the 2019 election process. The following individuals have volunteered for the following positions in 2019:

**President: Jerry McGhee**
**Vice President: David DeWitt**
**Secretary: Jim Giallombardo**
**Treasurer: Gary Snyder**
**Safety Officer: Richard Moffitt**
**Director: Chis Trumble**

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,
Jerry McGhee
President, IRCC

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## IRCC MEETING MINUTES

### Saturday October 6th, 2018

**Recorded by Ian Clark – Secretary**

The October monthly meeting of the Imperial R/C Club was brought to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Jerry McGhee.

**Visitors and New Members:** We would like to welcome Allen Cortez and thank Tim Gomes for visiting us.

**Awards and Certificates:** Solo certificates were awarded to Trevon Merrell, Bill Turner.

The Model of the Month certificate for September went to Mike Zellars

Sportsmanship certificates were awarded to Steve Jaworski, Dan Hudson and Chris Trumble.

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

**Treasurers Report:** Dan Hudson reported that all the bills are up to date and we continue to have a positive balance in our club checkbook. Any member is welcome to see Dan and look over the checkbook.

**Membership Report:** Dan also reported that we have a total of 117 members with 90 full paid, 8 comp and 19 Jr. members.

**Field Maintenance Report:** Bill Pawl reported that the grass is finally slowing down and this makes the mowing a little easier. He also requests that when he is mowing along the runway that we do not land or take off. This is for his safety. If we will wait, it only takes a minute for him to get clear of the area.

The weather station on the west side of the building has stopped working. Bill will address this.

It was brought up that we may need to schedule a work day soon. The brush along our front border is getting out of hand. The ground is too wet to get the tractor in there.

Captain Mike Porter has volunteered to get a set of our lawnmower blades sharpened.

It was reported that we need 4 new batteries for the charging stations. As we were discussing obtaining prices, Mike Zellars stepped up and offered to donate them. The club accepted his offer and we would like to thank him for his generosity.

**Safety Report:** Richard Moffett wishes to thank us for being very safe during the month of September. He had no reports of any injuries. He would like to remind us to always announce when we take off and land.

**Instructors Report:** As announced previously we have two new pilots, Bill Turner and Trevon Merrell. Our new trainer airplane has had so many flights that some of the covering is coming loose. Jeff Hughes will address this shortly.

**Newsletter & Website:** Dave Raff reports that all is well with the newsletter and would like to thank members for sending him articles.
There have been no issues with the website.

**Old Business:** Our add promoting our club as America's Airfield came out in the latest issue of the AMA magazine. It appears on page 74. A motion was made and passed to accept the slogan.

**New Business:** Our annual election for club officers is next month. As of this time, the list of nominees is as follows:

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| President | Jerry McGhee |
| Vice President | Dave DeWitt |
| Treasurer | Gary Snyder |
| Secretary | Jim Giallombardo |
| Director | Chris Trumble |

Now is the time to step forward and become involved with the operation of our club by volunteering a little time.

**Future Events:** It was proposed we have a fun fly on December 8, 2018. We will have a few events such as seeing who has the fasted ducted fan jet and the fasted prop plane. The entry fee will be an unwrapped toy to be donated to the Toys for Tots drive. There will be more on this to follow.

Our Golden Age of Flying is in two weeks. Any aircraft from the dawn of aviation up to those produced in 1945 are welcome. This event has a $10 per day entry fee or $20 for the entire week.

Our end of year banquet will be held at the Imperial Swan Hotel on South Florida in Lakeland on December 1, 2018 from 5 to 9pm. Please contact Richard Moffett to sign up. His e-mail is righteousrichard@aol.com. The hotel is providing a hot pasta bar. The cost is $15 per person. There will be a cash bar available. There will also be a DJ and music. The voting for the model of the month will take place as well.

## IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

**Sportsmanship Award:** This month Jeff Hughes was nominated for his excellent work as our lead instructor.

**Model of the Month:** As no one brought a model airplane this month, Dave Raff showed us his balsa table saw he purchased from Hobby King for under $50. It is powered by a three cell Lipo battery and has an adjustable fence for making straight cuts. The saw became our model of the month.

**Society of Aircraft Demolisher (S.A.D.) Award:** Lance Biddle presented his story of his maiden flight on a new airplane. As the only nominee, he won.

**50/50:** This month David DeWitt became the winner of the drawing and took home his share from the ticket sales.

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

# AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

(**Top Left & Right**) Jr. Members -Trevon Merrell & Bill Turner received their wings! They are shown receiving their "Solo Certificates" from Flight Instructor Jeff Hughes.

(**Bottom Left**) Mike Zellars received the Model of The Month Certificate for September. (**Bottom Right**) Club President Jerry McGhee is shown presenting Lance Biddle with the S.A.D Patch Award for October.

# AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

(**Above**) Dan Hudson & Chris Trumble are shown receiving the Sportsmanship Award for September.

**Model of The Month –** Presented by David Raff

## HOBBYKING DIY MINI TABLE SAW

Don't feel like bringing out the big guns when working or repairing your model(s). Then this might just be for you. Measuring only 11.5" x 10.5" x 4" this little saw can be powered by a 12V Hobby Battery - 11.1 Lipo or AC Power Supply. Ideal for cutting Balsa, light plastic, thin fiberglass and thin carbon sheets and rods. Replacement motor & blades are also available.

In addition, they have a DIY Mini "Chop" Saw that utilizes the same motor and 72 Tooth blades. Look for a full review and more pictures in a future edition of ***PROPWASH***!

# IRCC October 2018 Award Winner

# LANCE BIDDLE

The October 2018 Society of Aircraft Demolishers "Aircraftus Fragmentum" was called to order by the President of the IRCC and, with much trepidation and uneasiness, the members' voices lay silent…just like a grave yard! The uneasiness and pure unadulterated silence rolled across the members like a cold chill, members reported goosebumps, several got up and walked around and began to pace the pavilion.

Something, ANYTHING, had to break the silence! The President once again spoke "Anyone? C'mon man, you can't tell me your flying is getting that good!"

What wasn't being said was the uneasiness of the members who knew that Lance Biddle had unknowingly flown his aircraft on a day and time and temperature, the perfect conditions that only a radio-controlled airplane could fly through to open the unseen Halloween portal of time! It is believed by the old guard residences of Mulberry, that only a new resident to Florida from the North country, flying a new plane on a maiden flight - at that exact moment - and over that very spot, could open this southern portal! In the town of Salem Massachusetts, it is likened to lighting the black flame candle! But it happened…right here in Mulberry!

Shortly after Lance flew through this portal, the air began to stir, a slight fog appeared, the temperature dropped for only a few seconds, there was a small flash of lightning, but no thunder! It was as creepy as it gets! Suddenly…witches! Two witches appeared out of the vapor and they let out a witch's laugh, as they were once again free to roam! They looked about and saw the members of the IRCC, Richard Moffatt flying his Cub and Lance Biddle flying his new plane. The witches followed the smell of Lance's plane as they ascended above the aircraft, looking for their opening to descend and provide a ceremonious sacrifice to their benefactor's new plane. It was needed to secure their freedom for the month of October!

The local gypsy, Madam Vadoma Florence Lavinia, felt the portal open! She lives in a small shack on the SE corner of the IRCC deep within the forestation. The last person to see her was Wally Sundey in 1838 when the IRCC was nothing more than a horseback riding club; long before the airplane or radios were invented…but I digress 😊! Madam Lavinia felt the witches portal open and she immediately summoned her tarot cards and the cards revealed the witches had it in for Lance's airplane! She tried to warn Lance through magic spells, but his moustache blocked all telepathic and psychotic signals being sent by the old gypsy woman. So, she did what any good spectator of RC airplanes would do, she grabbed her binoculars to watch the impending doom!

On this day at the IRCC, the sisters never felt more alive! Riding the air on their broomsticks, they watched Lance's plane dance and move through the sky! They waited for their opportunity and then, like a cheetah on the hunt, they struck! As Lance flew towards the east end of the field, the witches turned invisible, but Madam Lavinia could see their tricks, and they each descended and grabbed a wingtip. Up they went above the alligator breeding pond at Dillon trucking, then they began to roll, roll, roll, roll, and roll, over and over and over; Lance's eyeballs were spinning like a Vegas slot machine which caused him to get vertigo, he dug down deep, steadied himself and in a moment of desperation, he pulled back on the stick to hopefully gain altitude and stop the witch induced rolls. This would prove to be a wild and fatal mistake! As Lance pulled the stick back to make the airplane climb, the plane, unfortunately, was inverted when he pulled the stick back. At full throttle, the little plane rocketed to the

ground like a bad NASA launch and suddenly…. KAPLOW! Styrofoam giblets exploded with the aircraft's impact with terra-firma with Richard Moffatt and Madam Lavinia as the sole witnesses to the crash!

Richard wiped the sweat from his eyes and couldn't believe what he just saw. As the IRCC safety officer, Richard was immune to the powers of witchcraft, so he had no earthly idea what in the world would cause such a violent crash; he was just glad it wasn't him has he had been flying near Lance's aircraft! Richard is a good "Double E" which means "Eyeball Engineer". He estimates that based on the weight of the airplane, the debris field of the crash site and the size of the hole in the Earth that Lance's airplane left, he speculated that the plane must have been going .15 Mach or 115.09 mph in the dive!

Madam Lavinia however, has a different view of things and she knew immediately her new mission was to keep the witches at bay to protect the members of the IRCC. At night she spreads salt around the perimeter of the field and burns candles to keep the Wilde sisters away from other aircraft during this critical bewitching month of October. As of this writing though, it appears she may be out of salt as this author has received and witnessed numerous October Class A RC aircraft crashes…all to be reported in November 😊.

It is with great honor and pride that we offer this month's SAD patch to Mr Biddle as it is the tenth 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 who we launch into the skies in a constant pursuit of our Constitutional right to find happiness.

Thank you, Lance, for this offering to the S.A.D community!

Until next month…

# First Annual IRCC "End of The Year" Banquet

## & Awards Ceremony

## Saturday December 1st 2018 5:00 – 9:00PM

**What we hope to be, the first of many, IRCC End of The Year Banquet & Awards Ceremony is quickly approaching! The date set is Saturday December 1st, 2018 and will be held in the main ballroom located on the 7th Floor of the Imperial Swan Hotel & Suites, 4141 South Florida Ave, Lakeland FL 33813.**

### Hot Pasta Buffet – Cash Bar – Dancing

**Music By "Dynasty Entertainment"**

### Admission - $15.00 Per Person

**(Cash or Check - Evening of the Event)**

**Plan now to join the rest of your IRCC family and friends to celebrate the great year that we have had and see who will take top honors for 2018 laying claim to the first position on the**

### Model of The Year Award!

**Reservations can be made by contacting Richard Moffatt**

**at righteousrichard@aol.com (863) 398-6658**

**or Jerry McGhee mcghee66@gmail.com.**

# IRCC Toy's For Tot's Fun Fly!

## Saturday December 8th!

The events for this Club Fun-Fly are meant to be non-plane breaking events that any aircraft can do that will test your skill and your luck. Have fun, stay safe, keep your wings level and hit whatever you're going to hit as gently as you can. This Fun Fly will take place on Saturday December 8, 2018 at the IRCC. Admission is one unwrapped toy.

**CERTIFICATES and RIBBONS**

Three events 1st, 2nd, 3rd place for each event with a certificate for each place.
1st, 2nd, 3rd ribbons for overall combined scores to the top three finishers.

**THE EVENTS**

Event 1: Fly for 2 minutes
Event 2: Precision Landing
Event 3: Triple Loop & Horizontal Figure 8

**MAXIMUM POINTS PER EVENT:**

EVENT 1: 100
EVENT 2: 120
EVENT 3: 100
TOTAL MAXIMUM NUMBER OF POINTS COMBINED: 320 Points

**THE UNBENDABLE RULES FOR ALL EVENTS**

1. Qualifications: Must be an IRCC member, must use the same plane for each event.
2. Scoring: In order for a score to be tallied at least one wheel needs to land on the runway prior to contacting the ground.
3. Any crash in any event will result in a score of Zero for that event. Contestant will finish with the points they have earned prior to the crash.

# INDIVIDUAL EVENT RULES:

## EVENT 1: FLY FOR TWO MINUTES

Time begins when the aircraft wheels leave the ground. Pilot commences to fly his/her aircraft for two minutes without the aid of any timer or encouragement from the crowd and/or by-standers. Detection of transmitter timers will result in a zero score. Time ends when the aircraft lands on the paved runway. Closest to the 2 minute time mark + or – (under or over the 2 minutes) will be ranked. Scoring is as follows (for all events):

1st – 100 points
2nd – 75 points
3rd – 50 points
4th and below – 25 points

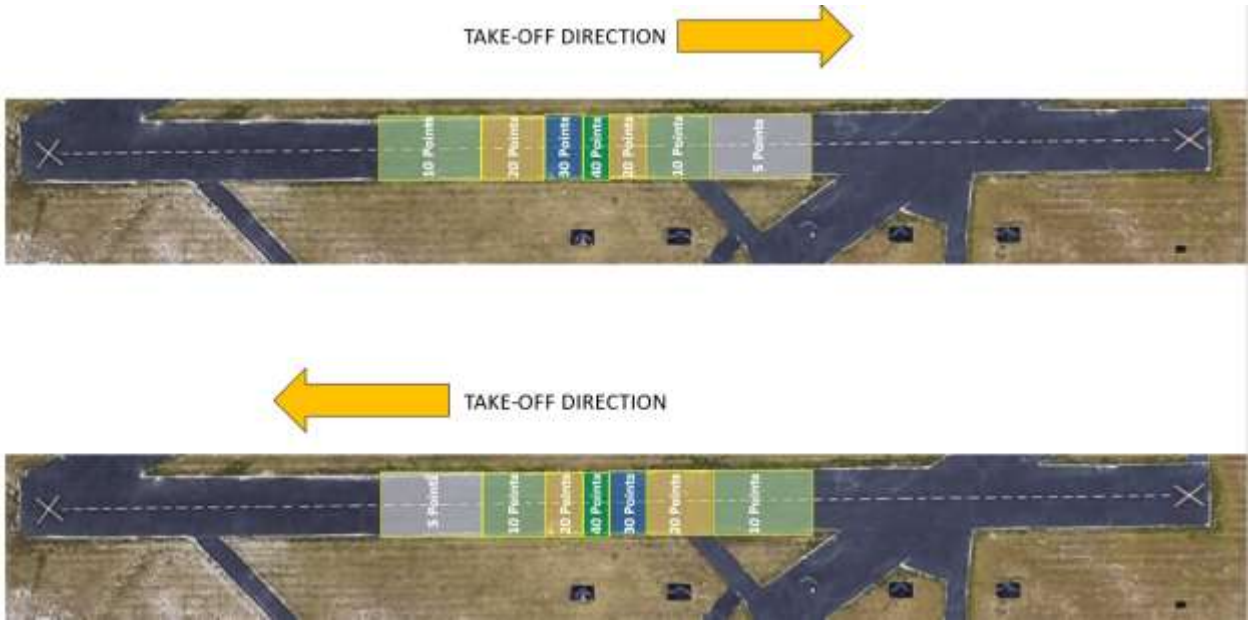
# EVENT 2: PRECISION LANDING

Pilots will take off and make three touch and go landings with each landing being scored on the zone the wheel(s) touch into. IRCC Runway is 585 feet long. The scoring portion for this event will be 152 feet of scoring zones on the runway divided in 7 zones of 32' 24' 16' 8' 16' 24' 32'. In case of wind direction change, the direction of the take-off will determine the score sequence.

i.e. left to right take off. The score will be 10/20/30/40/20/10/5

One wheel of the main landing gear has to contact the scoring section of the runway and aircraft must maintain control after landing and remain in an airworthy condition.

There will be 3 scored attempts, the pilot will have to call the landing prior entering base leg. If pilot fails to land the score will be O and one attempt will be used. Any go around without touching the runway will result in a zero score.




# EVENT 3: Triple Loop & Horizontal Figure 8

Takeoff and do three loops and then proceed into a horizontal figure 8, then land. The shortest time wins. Time begins when aircraft becomes airborne, perform 3 loops and one horizontal figure 8 and time ends when aircraft lands on the paved runway.

Scoring is as follows:

1st – 100 points

2nd – 75 points

3rd – 50 points

4th and below – 25 points

# Announcement and Coming Events

## Newsletter Articles Welcome

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

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