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THE FLIGHT LINE

By David Raff - President!

The new 2016 membership cards are in and they look great! Gary ordered the cards incorporating the new logo this time and they will be available for anyone wishing to re-new for next year at the October meeting.

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On the subject of membership does everyone know that we are currently at 115 total members! Only 10 more needed to hit our goal of 125 for 2015 so start talking to your friends, neighbors and family members about coming by and checking us out. Who knows, they might "Catch The Bug"!

At the September meeting, we discussed the need to start looking for possible candidates to fill the four club "Office" positions for 2016. The "Term of Office" for these positions are based on a (1) one year term and voted on by the club membership in November. As most of you are aware, during this past year these positions were held by the following:

Club President: David Raff Club Vice President: Terry Crosby Club Treasurer: Gary Snyder Club Secretary: Ian Clark

Nominations for anyone wishing to be considered to fill any of these positions will be accepted at the October meeting. To be nominated or considered for nomination, you must have been an AMA and IRCC member for the immediate past 12 months. In addition to the elected officers above, the club leadership includes a Board of Directors. The Board consists of the current club President and three additional club members. The Director positions are

also an "elected" position however their "term of office" runs for a consecutive three year period. Your Directors at this time are: David Dewitt (3rd year), Dan Hudson (2nd year) & Wally Sundey (1st year). This is David's 3rd and final year so a Directors seat will be opening.

Once a slate of nominees has been assembled, it will be published in the next newsletter for everyone to view. The final vote will take place during the November meeting.

Also in November, the IRCC will be holding a **SWAP MEET and FUN-FLY** event! This was discussed and voted on at last month's meeting and will take place on Saturday the 14th from 9:00 AM till 3:00 PM. To make it even more interesting and taking the suggestion of member Al Petrella, we are going to open it up to all of the surrounding clubs. A flyer has been put together and is being sent out to AMA clubs within 75 miles of Mulberry. There will be a \$5.00 Set-Up Fee which will also cover the Landing Fee for anyone wishing to fly with us for the day. No contest, no prizes, just a good "old fashion" fly-in.

In addition to the "standard" features that you see in the newsletter, this month's edition includes an article on one fantastic looking model and the member that built her! I am of course talking about Robert Russ and his award winning "RED EAGLE" Pitts Bi-Plane.



His "Once In-A-Lifetime" story is featured beginning on page 9.

Until next month that is all from "The Flight Line"!

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IRCC MEETING MINUTES

September 2015 Recorded by Ian Clark - Secretary

The September monthly meeting of the Imperial Radio Control Club was brought to order by President David Raff. A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes of the August 2015 meeting.

Visitors and New Members: Dennis Holloway, Bob Grahl, Larry McNeil & Philip Bond were welcomed as new members.

Treasurers Report: For the month of August we had an income of \$xxxx.xx, expenses of \$xxx.xx, leaving us with a balance of \$xxxx.xx. This is more than we had last year at this time.

As we are financially better than we were last year, it was proposed by Gary Snyder that we offer first time members a one-time offer to join for \$100.00. A motion was made and passed.

Membership Report: Our head count is now 103 adult members.

Field Maintenance Report: David Raff replaced two windsocks, one on our sign and one at the west end of our field. Our weather meter broke and was replaced. The large crack on the east - side runway needs to be repaired. A motion was made to authorize an amount not to exceed \$100.00 to purchase the patching material. The motion was seconded & approved. We will try to have this done before the runway is re coated. After receiving a notice of increase in the cost for the dumpster, Gary Snyder called to inquire about cancelling the service and ended up re-negotiating a new rate saving the club almost \$80.00 a month. A motion was made and passed to approve a three year contract with the dumpster company, locking in the price.

Safety Report:. We were reminded to always fly North of the runway. The only exception is for small electric aircraft which may fly East of our shelter, just North of the control line area.

Instructors Report: Larry reports that his group of students are doing well. He has several that are almost ready to solo.

Website: Sean McCafferty reports that he has set up a password for club members enabling them access to the club only area of the web site. This is being done to cut down on deliberate attempts at spamming and therefore shutting down the site.

Old Business: None to discuss.

New Business: A committee was set up to review and update our club by-laws. A copy was passed out to everyone in attendance. A copy will be emailed to all members, giving everyone the opportunity to comment. They will be reviewed and possibly voted on at the October meeting.

A motion was made to make Family Day a regular event, not to exceed four times a year. The motion was passed.

A suggestion was made to set up a "Donation Jar" to help offset some of the cost associated with these and all event held at the IRCC Field.

Shelly Smith suggested the club get new hats. There appeared to be enough interest to look into it. We will get prices and bring it to the club for orders.

Past Events: None to Report.

New Events:

12 O'clock High - October 15,16 and 17 at Paradise Field, The club will participate with volunteers for Flight Line, Gate Control & Club Information & Raffle.

Red Flag – October 29, 30 & 31st at Paradise Field. A motion was made and passed to support the two events listed above.

IRCC Swap Meet & Fun Fly – Saturday November 14th. This event will be open to all members and surrounding clubs. There will be a small set-up fee for tables.

Family Day – Saturday December 5th. This will be combined with our annual Toys For Tots Drive. Collection boxes will be made available to anyone who would like to set up at their place of business (if permitted). Toys will need to be at the field for pick-up on 12/5/15.

Sportsmanship Award: Larry Loucks was nominated for his dedication in working with new pilots. It was carried and Larry gets to take home this much coveted award.

Plane of the Month: Mark Durkac brought his wonderfully detailed T-28 Trainer. Mark put it together from a kit he won at an earlier meeting. It is a .60 size airplane with a .91 four stroke engine in it.

50/50: There was a total of \$144.00 collected. The winning ticket went to Al Coffee. Al graciously returned his winnings to the club treasury.

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



Mark's T-28. Look for more on this in next months *PROPWASH!*

Newsletter Articles Needed!

Have something of interest that you would like to share. Please forward to the editor at raff7113@msn.com!

THE NEXT IRCC CLUB MEETING WILL BE

SATURDAY

October 3rd

AT THE FIELD STARTING AT 11:00 AM!



IRCC BY-LAWS REVIEW

A few months back, a decision to review the current IRCC By-Laws was announced. With the exception of modifications to the Annual Dues, there has not been a full review since 2004. With all of the changes that have taken place since then, it was time to take another look.

Gary Snyder volunteered to be the chairman for this task and a committee consisting of several other club members was assembled. This included Wally Sundey, David DeWitt, Dale Anderson & Larry Loucks.

Both the AMA Guidelines and the current IRCC By-Laws were reviewed and used as a "template". The team also researched the By-Laws of several other local clubs for ideas & direction.

As you will see, most of the document remains the same however, there were a few areas that needed to be addressed. The highlights of these changes are listed below. The full proposed revision is included on the following pages with the changes shown in blue to help you identify them easier.

Imperial Radio Control Club By-Laws Update September 2015

AMA, Sparks & Tracs Inputs considered.

Membership Requirements Updated

Comp Membership Defined

Spending Levels Re-defined

President
Executive Committee
Approval from Membership

Transparency Improved

Disciplinary Procedures

Disciplinary Actions Modified

BY-LAWS OF THE IMPERIAL RADIO CONTROL CLUB, Inc.

ARTICLE I; NAME

The official name as recorded with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations is:

The Imperial Radio Control Club, Inc.

P.O. Box 6662 Lakeland, Fl. 33807

ARTICLE II; PURPOSE

A. Objectives: To promote the safe and enjoyable sport of radio controlled flight to the members of our organization, and to potential members from the community at large.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

A. QUALIFICATIONS:

- 1. Proof of AMA membership required.
- 2. A new members name shall be submitted to the membership at the meeting following receipt of an application. The new member shall be granted full club privileges from the time of dues payment.

B. RESIGNATION:

1. Any member may resign his/her membership by giving written notice to the Club.

C. EXPULSION:

- 1. If any member ceases to have the qualification necessary for membership in the AMA, his/her membership in the Club shall be terminated.
- 2. This section provides for enforcement of the Safety Rules or any other unacceptable behavior or action by an individual member or members. Any individual may be expelled from the Club by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum of the membership if in the Executive Committees determination, such individual willfully commits any act which is a violation of the terms of these By-laws, the rules of the AMA, or which is detrimental to the IRCC, the AMA, or model aviation.

D. REINSTATEMENT:

- 1. A two-thirds vote of the membership is required for reinstatement to the club.
- E. DUES: The cost of each classification of membership is listed in the club policies and shall consist of:
 - 1. Adult Member Entitled to all rights and privileges without limitation, Voting.
 - 2. **Junior Member** A family member less than 19 years of age with a valid AMA card. Must be supervised by an adult family member and checked out by an instructor. A Junior Member is entitled to full club privileges, Non-Voting. Other children shall have proof of parental authorization to fly or train at IRCC.
 - 3. Associate Member
 - A. A non-flying member who may participate in club activities, Non-Voting.
 - B. Spouse of a current IRCC member. Entitled to full flying and all club privileges. Proof of AMA membership required. Non -Voting.
 - 4. **Lifetime Member** An adult member for twenty (20) consecutive years, and at least seventy (70) years old. All rights and privileges, Voting.
 - 5. **Complementary Member** An adult member who has dues waived. Includes Lifetime Members and any member with exceptional service to the Club. Comp Member list to be reviewed annually and approved by the Executive Committee. All rights and privileges, voting. Comp Membership classification may be abolished by a two thirds vote of a quorum of the club membership during periods of club economic hardship.

ARTICLE IV; Officers, Board of Directors, Executive Committee

- A. Responsibilities: The responsibilities of the Officers are to oversee that the club goals and vision of its members are carried out, and that the rules and policies (By-laws) are followed by all members. The elected officers are to provide an example to the members, and are not to be set apart and beyond reproach.
- B. Board of Directors: The Board of Directors shall consist of no less than three (3) members plus the current President. The Directors are to be elected for a three (3) year term by the club membership. The Board of Directors shall meet at least once per year and are responsible to evaluate the clubs goals, objectives and vision, and to verify that the club is being operated in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. Minutes of this meeting shall be kept and placed in the Corporate Minutes Book.
- C. Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall consist of all Officers and Directors of the club. The Executive Committee shall meet at least yearly and is responsible to approve financial budgets, propose club policy, and handle routine operational matters. In addition, the Executive Committee shall coordinate all grievances and disciplinary procedures. The Executive Committee may authorize up to \$300.00 in addition to the President's spending authority of \$200.00 (\$500.00 total). Any club member may attend Executive Committee meetings with a request to the President.
- D. Term of Office: The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are to be elected for a one (1) year term by the club membership. The Directors are to be elected for a three (3) year term by the club membership. Officers shall serve from the first (1st) day of January to the last day of December through the calendar year following their election. A Director shall serve from the first (1st) day of January to the last day of December for three (3) consecutive years following election. Directors may not succeed themselves, or fill un-expired terms until a period of one year has passed after serving as a director.

Duties: The duties of the executive officers are as follows:

- 1. The President shall:
 - a. Preside at all club meetings.
 - b. Appoint committee chairmen.
 - c. Have the Authority to spend up to \$200.00 between meetings.
- d. Have the authority to sign checks in the Treasurers' absence.
- 2. The Vice President shall:
 - a. Preside at club meetings when the President is absent.
 - b. Perform duties as assigned by the president.
- 3. The Secretary shall:
 - a. Keep minutes of all club meetings.
 - b. Maintain a file of all club records.
 - c. Handle club correspondence when so directed by the president.
 - d. Take over the duties of Treasurer in the event the Treasurer is unable to perform his duties.
- 4. The Treasurer shall:
 - a. Keep adequate records of income, expenses, and treasury balance.
 - b. Collect and be responsible for the safe keeping of all club dues, fees and other
 - c. Make all authorized disbursements consistent with the yearly budget.
 - d. Establish a yearly budget to be approved by the Executive Committee.
 - e. Any current member of the Imperial R/C Club, Inc. may request to view the financial records and arrangements will be made through the President.

E. Appointed Officers: The president shall have the authority to appoint special officers to govern aspects Of the club operations. Some such officers are safety officer, chief flight instructor, field maintenance officer, newsletter editor, and webmaster. However, he may appoint other officers, as he sees fit or the need arises, to conduct normal club business.

F. Financial Arrangements:

- 1. All budgeted club financial issues shall be handled by the Treasurer.
- 2. Any special disbursements not already approved by the club shall require the approval of the Executive Committee prior to arrangements being made. Any disbursement in excess of \$500.00 shall require a two thirds vote of a quorum of the membership.
- 3. Club activities or events which require obligation of club personnel or funds greater than \$500.00 shall not be undertaken without a two thirds vote of a quorum of the club membership. Dollar amount for expenses to be incurred plus expected profits must be discussed with the membership for approval before the activity will be authorized.
- 4. The Executive Committee may authorize disbursement of club funds not to exceed \$300.00 during any monthly period for club purposes without prior membership vote. The President may authorize disbursement of club funds not to exceed \$200.00 during any monthly period for club purposes without prior membership, or Executive Committee vote.
- 5. All checks issued in the name of the club shall be signed by the club Treasurer or President.
- G. Vacancies: A vacancy in the office of President is filled by the Vice President. Vacancies in the office of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director are filled by special election.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

- A. Regular meetings of the Imperial Radio Control Club, Inc. shall be monthly. The time and place, due to circumstances, to be determined by the President.
- B. Normally, all business of the club will be transacted at the regular meetings. However, the President shall have the authority to call special meetings when necessary. Such special meetings will carry the same authority as the regular meetings.
- C. A quorum shall be compromised of 20% of the club open membership including at least two (2) officers to conduct an official meeting provided all members were notified in advance. An officer must conduct an official meeting.

ARTICLE VI: RECORD KEEPING

All club records for the Imperial R/C Club, Inc. shall be kept by the Secretary and shall be passed from the previous Secretary to the newly elected Secretary upon completion of his tasks as Secretary. This will take place during the normal transfer of duties in January of the new Secretary. Any current member of the Imperial R/C Club, Inc. may request to view the records and arrangements will be made through the President.

ARTICLE VII: COMMITTEES

- A. Standing Committees: Standing committees are comprised of a chairperson and the members who he appoints to carry out the tasks. The committee chairperson shall report progress to the Executive Committee as well as the needs to perform the tasks.
- B. Special Committees: Special committees may be formed by the Executive Committee to meet the goals of the club. The Executive Committee shall appoint a committee chairperson to oversee the tasks involved and that person is responsible to report the progress of the committee to the Executive Committee.
- C. Committee Membership: Committee membership shall be comprised of members as appointed by the committee chairperson.

ARTICLE VIII: NOMINATION, ELECTIONS and RECALL

A. Nominations:

- 1. Nominations for office shall be made at the regular meeting during October. A nominating committee consisting of the club officers and directors shall prepare a list of willing candidates, at least one for each office, for presentation at the meeting. Nominations shall be accepted from the floor to complete the final slate of candidates. All nominees must be current AMA and adult club members for the immediate past twelve months.
- 2. The complete slate of candidates shall be published in the subsequent issue of the newsletter. A ballot, with a voter signature block, shall be provided to each club member with voting privileges.
- B. The election of officers and directors shall be held at the regular club meeting in November. The total ballot count shall include all mail-in ballots received at the clubs mailing address by the meeting date, as well as ballots cast at the meeting only one vote per member. A majority of the votes cast is required for election. If no candidate receives a majority, a run-off election between the two candidates receiving the most votes shall be held at the December meeting.
- C. Recall by Election: A recall election for elected office only, may be pursued by any club member. A petition for recall which will require signatures of two-thirds (2/3) of the active members shall be presented to the Executive Committee. Upon receipt of the petition and verification of the petition request, the Executive Committee will organize a special recall election. This election must take place within sixty (60) days after the certification by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- A. Fiscal Year: The fiscal year shall begin at 12:01am on January 1st and conclude on December 31st at midnight.
- B. Use of Club Mark and Logo: The usage of club insignias and logos for reasons other than aircraft markings is prohibited. The usage of printed materials must be approved by the Executive Committee or shall be considered a copyright infringement.
- C. Standing Rules: The Club Policies and Field Safety Rules shall be considered binding as any part of these By-laws. Any infringement of the policies or rules shall be deemed as a violation of membership and a grievance for action.
- D. Dissolution of Club: The duration of the club shall be perpetual. The club may be dissolved with the approval of two -thirds vote of the membership. In the event of dissolution of the Imperial Radio Control Club, Inc., all net assets shall be donated to the Academy of Model Aeronautics Building Fund or Scholarship Fund.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENT OF THESE BY-LAWS

- A. Proposed: Any section of these By-Laws may be amended or repealed at any regular monthly meeting of the membership by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum provided that the proposed amendment or repeal has been published at least once in the Newsletter or by special notification preceding the meeting for adoption or presented to the full membership at a prior meeting.
- B. Approved: Any approved bylaw change shall be added to the bylaws and available to the membership as a revised bylaw document within 60 days.
- C. Balloting: All bylaw changes shall be voted upon by the membership after newsletter or special notification at the next regularly scheduled club meeting. You may, however, mail in a ballot or give the ballot to a member of the Executive Committee if you will be unavailable for the meeting.

ARTICLE XI: GRIEVANCE and DISIPLINARY PROCEDURE

The grievance procedure provides a mechanism to enforce existing safety rules or to eliminate behavior or actions detrimental to the IRRC by providing a disciplinary system when needed. Any member can initiate a grievance procedure with at least one witness required. Although most complaints can be resolved informally, if a complaint is serious or cannot be resolved informally, the matter should be referred to the Executive Committee for its consideration by means of a Grievance Form. The Executive Committee shall use its judgment in carrying out action on the following:

- A. A grievance form will be filled out and turned into the Executive Committee. At least one witness is required.
 - 1. **FIRST VIOLATION**: Viewpoints of both the complainants and the accused will be considered by the Executive Committee. Complainant's and accused names will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal. A written reprimand will be given to the accused by the Executive Committee if required, and this will be recorded in the Club records.
 - 2. **SECOND VIOLATION**: Viewpoints of both complainant's and the accused will be considered by the Executive Committee. Complainant's and accused names will be disclosed. The accused has the right to a written rebuttal to be reviewed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will notify the accused of its decision in writing and the Club members via the Club newsletter that the Club will vote on the expulsion of the accused at the next meeting. Said expulsion will last for a one-year minimum. A member may be expelled from the Club upon a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of a quorum of the membership present at the meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot at a regular monthly meeting. The expelled member may reapply for membership after the expiration of the expulsion time period. A two thirds vote of the membership is required for reinstatement.
- B. Any member receiving a Grievance, who directs any retaliation action against the person filing said grievance, will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club. This is to include threats, intimidation physical harm, intentional equipment damage, or any other action deemed to be retaliatory by the Executive Committee.

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Keep in mind that this is a proposal for submission to amend the current IRCC By-Laws. Any additional input, recommendations and or suggestions are welcomed and should be forwarded to the Committee Chairman: Gary Snyder (gmsnyder@tampabay.rr.com) or any of the committee members. This includes: David DeWitt (benz425@aol.com), Wally Sundey (wsunf15@aol.com), Dale Anderson (dalejanderson@gmail.com) and Larry Loucks (dummthum@yahoo.com).

Every once in a while that Once-In-A-Lifetime opportunity presents itself and you find that all of the time, effort and hard work - really was worth it! That moment was realized by IRCC member Robert Russ recently when he had the chance to meet and talk with Jacquie Warda, the female aerobatic pilot who flew the full scale version of the Pitts S-1S that he patterned his latest project on. The article below was featured on the website "**AllThingsAero.com**".



Jacquie B Comes In Miniature Size

by Kevin Hong / Aug 18, 2015 11:26am GMT

Flying an airplane can be fun and a challenge whether you are in the cockpit or flying by remote control. At Thunder Over Cedar Creek Lake Airshow in Texas, two different types of pilots met each other halfway across the country. Jacquie Warda, aerobatic pilot of Jacquie B Airshows flew from California and Robert Russ, an R/C modeler, and his wife from Florida met to show off a special R/C airplane he built that was an exact 46% scale of Jacquie's Pitts biplane she used to fly.

Russ has been building R/C planes for almost 20 years. He came across Jacquie's Red Eagle Pitts looking online for a new project to build and fly. The search ended when he came across a photo on Airliners.net and was inspired when he saw the patriotic paint scheme.

Jacquie Warda's Pitts was one of three built and painted to fly around the Statue of Liberty on July 4, 1986, which was the 100th anniversary of having the Statue. Afterwards, they sat in a showroom in Manhattan (owned by Kiehl's Cosmetics) until Jacquie's friend in Spokane, WA bought all three. Jacquie bought the Red Eagle some years later from that friend. The White Eagle is an S-2B Pitts and is still in Spokane, WA. The Blue Eagle is an S-1T like mine was and is in Phoenix, AZ. Both still fly. Unfortunately Jacquie was involved in an incident with the Red Eagle so it was extra special to see Russ' project completed in the Red Eagle colors.

After searching on the Internet the meticulous R/C modeler was able to find numerous photos to capture all of the details of the Pitts including the stickers and sponsor logos even inside the cockpit. The cockpit instrumentation and flight controls were exactly like the real ones in the airplane upon closer review by Jacquie. A vinyl guy at Decal-it.com made the sponsor logos look new with exception of the rear cockpit of which he requested to copy with existing wear.

According to Russ, "The airframe has many modifications from the kit version such the cabane being reversed and all the fuse panels. And there were many scale add-on's such as the antenna, aerobatic indicator, fuel caps, scale functioning canopy. In the plane is a Valach 170cc four stroke."

After looking over the model, Robert Russ said the plane might not be able to fly due to transporting the model. Since there was a risk of crashing the plane, the decision was made not to fly. The controls were still presented to the nervous aerobatic pilot to taxi the plane around and get a little taste of what it is like to control an airplane remotely. It was amazing to see how much power could come out of a small R/C propeller plane. Jacquie's hesitation turned into a joyous moment when she took the controls and was reassured by Robert nothing would happen. With a great smile on Jacquie's face it was a great morning to see a tribute to the plane she lost. Robert Russ said the project took one year and eleven months to complete and has a couple of new projects in the works.





ABOVE: The Pitt's S1-S in Robert's shop before final construction and painting.

ABOVE RIGHT: Jackie trying to figure out how to get into the cockpit!

RIGHT: A great shot showing the authentic detail that went into this fantastic model.













Great job Robert & Congratulations!

COMING EVENTS!











