

THE FLIGHT LINE

By David Raff – President!

NEW YEAR – NEW GOALS!

Here we are in yet another new year with high hopes and expectations. The club is off to a great start already this year with over 100 members (Full & Jr.), financially stable (per our Treasurer Gary Snyder) and lots of “blue skies & fair weather days” of fun flying ahead.

Here is a question for some of you not so young guys! When, in your wildest imaginations, did you ever believe that you see gasoline prices back under \$1.99 per gal? I would have bet against it but I guess it goes without saying that “anything is possible”.

The Executive Committee (Club Officers & Board of Directors) had their first meeting last week and began putting together some ideas and goals for the upcoming year. Topics discussed included how to maximize the opportunities both financially and for new members at upcoming events, the IRCC / AMA Flight Training Program and the IRCC Website. We will be meeting again in the near future to continue conversations and finalize a few decisions.

The 4th Annual **PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILE** event is almost upon us. Hosted by the Plant City Chamber of Commerce, this year's event is going to take place at the Plant City Airport on Saturday February 21st from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM. The Imperial Radio Control Club has been the “exclusive” R/C Club representing the Model Aviation aspect of the show since the beginning. It is a great opportunity for us to showcase what we enjoy doing and help bring awareness of the hobby to all in attendance! Our location will be the same as last year - along the walkway between the parking area and the main show area which give us a fantastic opportunity to capture their interest both coming to and leaving the show. This year promises to be a fun filled day with full scale aircraft, antique and classic cars on display for the “big” kids and rides, games, magicians and face painting for the younger kids. As in years past the EAA Young Eagles Program will be giving “FREE”

Airplane rides to children between the ages of 8 and 17. Many of you will remember a few years back when the EAA's fully restored 1929 Ford Tri-Motor was the centerpiece of the show. Well, rumors are flying around that in addition to the regular list of full size aircraft that will be on display which includes a T-28, a Steerman, Cessna 172 and a Stinson, they are waiting on confirmation of a Lockheed Twin Engine Model 10 “Electra” that will be at show center. If you are not familiar with this aircraft, you can always look it up under **Amelia Earhart**. You will find more information and pictures from past shows beginning on page #3.

SAE Heavy Lift Competition is coming to Lakeland March 13th – 15th. The **SAE Collegiate Design Series AeroDesign 2014** co-sponsored by Lockheed Martin, will be bringing between 75 - 100 college level aeronautical engineering teams from all over the world to the Sun-N-Fun location in Lakeland and they are looking for volunteers. Specifically, those with R/C experience!

For the first part, they are in need of a several individuals to help with the tech/safety inspections on Friday March 13th. The purpose will be to help insure the planes are safe to fly and operate correctly. A job most r/c pilots should easily be able to do and if not - we need to talk! They would like to have up to 20 individuals but any good number is fine. All details and expectations will be explained ahead of time.

The other group would be at least 3 pilots to fly the planes in competition on Saturday & Sunday. Mostly consisting of taking off, circling the field and landing safely! Keeping in mind that these are, in most cases, “experimental” designs, these pilots will need to be highly experienced and be able to handle the pressure of competition as this could very well be what makes (or breaks) the teams year of development & design expense as well as giving these students their best chance of winning.

Event shirts and lunches are provided for all volunteers! If you are interested, let me know and I will forward your contact information to Steve Vaclav (Event Representative).

Until next month that is all from “The Flight Line”!

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IRCC MEETING MINUTES

January 2015

Recorded by Ian Clark (Secretary)

The January meeting of the Imperial Radio Control Club was brought to order at 7:30 by President Dave Raff. A motion to accept the minutes of the December meeting was made and passed.

Visitors and New Members: We have three new members. Please welcome Tim Griffin, Ron Linderman and Patrick Conner.

Treasurers Report: Our revenue exceeded our expenses last year. We had one of our strongest years ever and this year promises to be even better stated Treasurer Gary Snyder during his annual financial report. Our dues raised 51% of the funds needed and 49% was raised by events and raffles. This shows just how important our events and participating in Top Gun, Florida Jets and the Pylon Races is to our club!

Membership Report: As of today, we have 100 "Full Dues" members and 15 Junior members. Last year we were at 93 and 16.

Field Maintenance Report: It was suggested that we look into having a professional service come out and treat sections of the field to help control the fire ants. We will be checking into and as soon as we have a few bid's, they will be presented for consideration.

Safety Report: All is well! This has been another month without any incidents. We need to keep up the good work and stay observant. While Mason Benfield has been the current Safety Officer, it was once again stressed that WE ARE ALL Safety Officers. If you see an unsafe act we need to take charge and "tactfully" inform our fellow member that there is a safer way to do whatever it was that they were doing. Also pertaining to safety – NO engines or electric motors are to be run under the main shelter. As a courtesy to other members or visitors that may be present, if you are "breaking-in" a new engine or need to run at high RPM for an extended period, please move away from the main shelter. The

start-up /run in stands are designed to be portable and can be moved far enough away to reduce the high pitch sound created when these are at full throttle. Complying with this request will result in a more friendly response when you return to the shelter.

Instructors Report: We have one student very close to soloing! Our instructors have done a few "into flights" with visitors at the field.

Website: Sean McCafferty is busy updating the website and hopes to have it ready to release soon.

Past Events: The Mulberry Electric Extravaganza had a smaller crowd than expected. The highlight of the event was a beautiful C-130 brought from Miami that was flown. Thanks to the members that participated, we collected over 70 toys for the Toys For Tots Drive.

New Events: Our club has once again been invited back to Planes, Trains & Automobiles by the Plant City Chamber of Commerce. This event will take place on Saturday February 21 at the Plant City Airport. It is a great opportunity to display our hobby and once again represent the model aviation aspect of this show. All members are invited to come and show off their favorite aircraft and maybe do a little flying!

Florida Jets is scheduled for March 4 through the 7th. This will be held again at Paradise Field. We also have a pylon race as well as Top Gun later in the spring. Volunteers will be needed to help staff both of the events.

New Business: The gate combination has been changed. An email will be sent out to all current IRCC members.

Sportsmanship Award: This month it was decided to award the "propellered plaque" to the person that takes such good care of the clubs finances, Gary Snyder. All present agreed!

50/50: Mark Huntington won this month's raffle. He generously donated it back to the club – THANK YOU MARK!

A motion was made to close this month's meeting. All agreed.





The 4th ANNUAL PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES EVENT hosted by the Plant City Chamber of Commerce is right around the corner and the Imperial Radio Control Club has once again been invited to represent the Remote Control aspect of Aviation for this show!

This “family oriented” event has a little bit for everyone Including games, rides, magicians and face painting for the kids. “Full scale” aircraft, exhibits from CSX and several model railroad clubs as well as antique, classic and hotrod cars from all over the area. The event also promotes a strong emphasis for the scouting program as scouts have the opportunity to complete all of the segments required to earn their Merit Badges in Aviation, Search & Rescue and others.

In years past, club members have assembled at the Plant City Airport proudly displaying their IRCC colors and their favorite aircraft to crowds that have exceeded well over 5000 attendees. Flying demonstrations are done throughout the day and 3 lucky members will have the chance to win one of three beautiful “People’s Choice Award” Trophy’s in the R/C Airplane category.

Here are a few pictures of past events and what you can expect to see.









































So be sure to put it on your calendars and plan on being a part of this year's Great Event! More information including directions and set-up times will be made available soon.

COMING EVENTS!

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2 	3 	4 	5 	6 	7 IRCC CLUB MEETING 
8 	9 	10 	11 	12 	13 	14 HAM Combat/Pylon Meet 
15 	16 	17 	18 	19 	20 	21 PLANES TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES (Plant City) 
22 	23 	24 	25 	26 	27 	28 

March 2015

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Greater Plant City Chamber of Commerce presents:



FEBRUARY 21, 2015

10 A.M. - 3 P.M.



At the
Plant City Airport - 4007 Airport Road

Displays, Demonstrations, and Information:

- Planes
- Helicopters
- Remote Control Planes
- Model Trains
- Automobiles
- K-9 Demos (11, 12:30, & 2)
- PC Police & Fire Departments
- Largo Central Railroad Display
- CSX Safety
- Lego Club Display

Other things to do:

- Free Flights for Kids (limited)
Provided by the **EAA Young Eagles**
(ages 8-17, registration closes at 1pm)
- Kids Play Area
- Vendors
- Boy Scout Badge Opportunities
(Aviation & Search and Rescue)
- Cub Scout Activities
- Computer Flight Simulators

Opening Ceremonies at 10:30am
Trophy Presentation at 2:30pm

FREE ADMISSION * \$5 PARKING

For More Information Contact
Greater Plant City Chamber of Commerce - 813-754-3707



Shell Aviation



**The next IRCC club meeting
will be held on Saturday
February 7th 2015
at the field starting at 10:00 AM**



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the Jets
the ROAR!**

March 4-7

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SAE Collegiate Design Series AeroDesign 2014

Competition Support Volunteers

- SAE & Lockheed Martin co-sponsored event
- International collegiate design competition
- 150 Teams between East & West Divisions
- 3 Competition Classes
- CRASHES EXPECTED!!
- Support a FUN & INTERESTING student competition

- Paper Scoring Open to All - Scoring Rubric & Guide Provided
- Fly-Off and Competition March 13th thru 15th at Sun 'n Fun Lakeland, FL
- Presentation Judges - March 13th - Volunteer Shirt & Lunch Provided
- Flight Line Stewards & R/C Pilots - March 14th & 15th open 18 yrs old & Up - Volunteer Shirt & Lunch Provided

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Are you ready to RACE?

Welcome to the 11th Annual **SOUTHERN 500!**

What could make life any better than being in Florida in the springtime? Only one thing, RC Pylon racing in Mulberry Florida! So come on down to the Southern 500 race weekend for the 11th 2015 pylon race of the SEMPRA season. All current SEMPRA rules will apply. 424 will combine standard and expert pilots in one matrix. Saturday, March 21st we will run SEMPRA 426 Quickie (SEMPRA sport JET engines) and SEMPRA 424 sport quickie (Thunder Tiger Pro40, APC 9-6 prop, and a 17,000 rpm maximum peak) on the AMA SHORT course. Sunday, March 22nd will be AMA 422 class Quarter 40 and SEMPRA 424 sport quickie on the AMA LONG course. Friday practice is open to all classes and there will be plenty of help for anyone interested in getting started in Pylon racing.

Practice - March 20, 2016
Racing - March 21 - 22, 2016
Racing Starts At 9:00am daily!

Entry fees: \$35.00 per day, per event.
(SEMPRA members receive \$5 off 1 event each day)
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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions

Hotel information and directions can be found at: www.ImperialIRCClub.com