

## THE FLIGHT LINE

By David Raff – President

I don't know about the rest of you, but I sure am glad that we are almost at that point where we can sit back and relax a little. This past spring has been a very busy one for the club with Florida Jets, the Southern 500 Pylon Races, Top Gun and Planes, Trains & Automobiles and I for one would like to get back to flying my airplanes. Before we get too comfortable though, we have a little yard work to do! At our last meeting, it was decided to schedule Saturday morning June 7<sup>th</sup> as a Field Cleanup Day! We have been talking for quite a while about burying the cable that was purchased to run power to the two shelters from the generator near the storage shed for future events. I have arranged to get a trencher for that morning and it should take no time at all to run the lines to the "concessions" pavilion and to the main pavilion.

Several of the railroad ties have deteriorated badly and are in need of replacing. Terry Crosby (vice-president) had made arrangements with one of his neighbors that work's for CSX to have some replacements brought by the field a few weeks back. I believe that Ian Clark has already got a game plan to be able to move these close to where they need to go without having to lift and carry them.

There are approximately 5 – 6 fence posts along the front fence that need to be replaced and the wire secured to them. If we can run a few weed eaters at the same time, we can then spray the entire fence line with Round-Up. I have had a few new signs made to replace the weathered once at the front gate too.

I know that this all sounds like a lot but if we can get a good turnout of members, with a few shovels (to fill in the trench), one or two weed eaters (we have one at the field already), a set of post hole diggers (or two) and the bodies to use

to use them, it should take no more than a few hours. I would like to see us get started around 7:30 – 8:00 AM and finish by 10:00 before it gets to warm. If anyone would like to bring some things out for a swap meet – feel free to do so!

I will make sure that there is plenty of water on hand so that no one goes thirsty!

On a personal note, I am very happy to report that after many months (over a year and a half to be exact) the long awaited maiden flight of the SUKHOI 31 has finally happened and yes, she really does fly!

You may have noticed that I did not say "my" SUKHOI above. The reason for this is because there were so many of our members involved with this in one way or another that it was really a "club project". From Steve Baxley to Dan Hudson, Terry Crosby, David DeWitt, Wally Sundry, Mike Vascellaro, Steve Jaworski and many more! I will do a complete article on this "re-build" sometime over the next few months but for now I just wanted to say Thank You to everyone that had a hand in making this happen!

Have I ever mentioned what a great group of members we have!



Until next month – that is all from the Flight Line!

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**IRCC MEETING MINUTES**

**May 2014**

**Recorded by Ian Clark (Secretary)**

The May monthly meeting of the Imperial R/C Club was brought to order by president David Raff at 7:30 pm. A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes of the April 2014 meeting.

**Visitors and New Members:** We have 3 new members who joined during the month of April. We would like to welcome Daniel Brooks, Nicholas Cain and Eduardo Estevez. There were no guests at the meeting.

**Treasurers Report:** We have \$xxxx.xx in the bank. Our income for April was \$xxx.xx and our expenses were \$xxxx.xx, leaving a balance of \$xxx.xx. Our expenses were above normal as a result of purchasing club tee shirts, fuel for the mower, and a raffle prize to be used at Top Gun.

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**Field Maintenance Report:** Because of a fire in one of our members car, we used up three fire extinguishers. Gary Snyder purchased new ones and replaced them around the clubhouse.

It was decided at this meeting to have a work day on Saturday, June 7, 2014. We are asking our members to pitch in, bring a few weed eaters and shovels. It normally takes only about 1 hour to clean up our field. At this time we are going to get a trencher and bury the power cable from the generator to the cooking shed and to the clubhouse.

**Safety Report:** There have been no issues at the field and we thank all of you for your diligence. The charging of lipo batteries was discussed. There was a reported instance of a fire at a members home due to a battery catching fire. It was caught in time and there was little

damage done. The mess from the fire extinguisher we were told, was worse than the fire.

**Instructors Report:** We have one student almost ready to fly solo.

**Past Events:** Family day was a great success. We would like to thank all of you for coming to it and for all the great food! Larry Loucks, Roger Pilkenton and Dan Hudson did a really great job cooking at the grill! Top Gun came with its own wet problems. The rain shortened Friday and canceled Saturday. Sunday was a very busy day with 5 flight lines going. Frank Tiano was still able to see the event completed.

We are grateful to Wally Sunday for his tremendous effort in selling tickets for our club raffle. With his efforts we managed to do very well.

**New Events:** Keep May 17 open for Planes, Trains and Automobiles sponsored by the Plant City Chamber of Commerce. Our club has again been invited to attend and set up a static display and flight demonstrations. This gives us the opportunity to encourage others to come and share our enjoyment of the hobby. **National Aviation Day** is scheduled for August 17, at our field. All donations will go to the Wounded Warriors Project. More details to follow.

**Old Business:** Our gate combination was changed last month after the City of Mulberry removed all of their water pipes from our property. If you didn't get the new combination, contact a club officer for it. The pilot barriers were discussed again. We want to see what is available that will help protect the pilot and yet do minimal damage if an airplane runs in to it.

We are again getting pricing on resealing or resurfacing our runway. It is starting to get some large cracks in it.

**Sportsmanship Award:** This months award went to George Nauck for his work with the raffle at Top Gun.

**50/50:** This months 50/50 was won by none other than our president, David Raff.

A motion was made and accepted to close the meeting.

# COMING EVENTS!

## June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 <b>IRCC CLUB MEETING 7:30 PM</b>	6	7 <b>IRCC FIELD CLEAN UP BCF -IMAC Spring Classic</b>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <b>HAM FUN-FLY</b>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 <b>TRAC BIG BIRD FLY-IN</b>
29	30	<b>BCF - Bay City Flyers</b> <b>HAM - Hernando Aero Modelers</b> <b>TRAC - Tampa Radio-Control Aircraft Club</b>				



The next IRCC club meeting will  
be held on Thursday  
**June 5th 2014**  
at FTE starting at 7:30 PM.  
Be sure to bring a chair!

Here is where we meet each month.

Please **DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS**  
at FTE or his neighbors.

