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The IRCC President's Points

By Jerry McGhee – President

August has proved to be another very busy month for the Imperial RC Club! What a month this has proven to be! We had an amazingly fantastic day for National Model Aviation Day on August 11 and the new concrete pads were made operational!

The Academy of Model Aeronautics' National Model Aviation Day was Saturday August 11, 2018. The IRCC celebrated that day with many other AMA clubs around the country by hosting the IRCC Tri-Fecta Fun Fly and a Family Day! What an incredibly busy day that was! Thank you to everyone who made that day a lot of fun and enjoyable as it was a very good day!

We started National Model Aviation day with a brief IRCC meeting at 0800 hours (or 8am) and we had 21 members present for that which I thought was great as we had a quorum and we could conduct club business prior to the festivities! Chris Trumble did a fabulous job as the head judge for the IRCC Tri-Fecta Fun Fly! He donated 75% of the trophies awarded for the event and was organized and thorough throughout the competition as the chief judge.

Many thanks to Mark Rohlmeier for being the assistant judge and Mark and Bill Pawl were instrumental in getting the runway properly marked and set up for the fun fly and the precision landing portion of the event. Fifteen pilots entered the IRCC Trifecta Fun Fly that day and based on feedback it is my opinion that all had a great deal of fun putting their aircraft through the paces of the non-plane-breaking events and seeing how they did! We are publishing the full details of the fun fly in this issue of our newsletter, so you can see how you did if you haven't already. There is talk about having another fun-fly for the club in December!

Continuing with the Family Day portion of the day, David Raff and his family did an excellent job as usual in getting the food on the table and communicating with the over 90 members and guests who attended, brought a covered dish and helped devour the delicious food!

George Nauck stepped-up without hesitation and blessed the food which was greatly appreciated! Jeff Hughes was able to bring several youths from the Florida Baptist Children's Home in Lakeland to introduce them to aviation and/or feed their hunger for flight!

After lunch many of the IRCC launched their aircraft to celebrate the day. David Raff organized a large combat contingent of aircraft and pilots and they put on an aerial display of streamer cutting and Mark Huntington put on another signature first class 3D airshow with his aircraft! He is an amazing pilot! He's one of the guys that inspires me and challenges me to be a better pilot without saying a word!

In late July, early August I was on vacation with my family and a situation came up that our Vice President, David DeWitt, handled expertly! One of our members was attacked by fire ants while flying at the pilot station and a load of high grade fiberglass re-enforced concrete became available. David DeWitt and Bill Pawl were able to spring into action, David did an email vote to the membership on getting the concrete for the new consolidated pilot stations and once that vote was approved Bill Pawl was able to meet the concrete truck and direct the pouring of the pads!

The new pads look amazing and I think they will go a long way in improving safety for when we have to cross the runway, calling take-offs and landings and giving the club a very professional look for our upcoming events.

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The IRCC President's Points (Continued)

Lastly, I took a poll of the IRCC Executive Committee to see who would like to return for next year. David DeWitt, Terry Baker, Mike Zellers, Bill Pawl and myself all intend to run for office and/or stay on the Executive Committee for the calendar year 2019 in our current positions. This leaves the following vacancies on the Executive Committee for next year: Treasurer, Secretary, Director & Safety Officer. If you are interested in filling any of these positions (filled or unfilled), 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.

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

IRCC MEETING MINUTES

Saturday August 11th, 2018

Recorded by Ian Clark – Secretary

The August 2018 monthly meeting of the Imperial R/C Club was brought to order at 8:00 am by President Jerry McGhee.

Visitors and New Members: We would like to welcome Tim Gomez and Bill Littlefield for visiting today.

Awards and Certificates: David Raff was presented the Sportsmanship award for the month of July. The Model of the Month award went to Moe Grandmaison.

Minutes: A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes for the July 2018 meeting as posted in the club newsletter, Propwash.

Treasurers Report: Dan Hudson reported that we are current on our bills. July is a slow month for income, so we are watching our expenses.

Membership Report: We have 108 total members with 93 full members and 15 junior members.

Field Maintenance Report: Bill Pawl reported that last week was too rainy for the concrete company to pour so they expect to be able to do it this week (August 16-17). This is for the new pilot standing areas facing the runway. This will stop the ants from attacking pilots and allow for better communication between us.

Bill also asked all our members to check the lost and found box by the west charging station. We are starting to accumulate a lot of equipment that people are forgetting when they leave the field.

Safety Report: Richard Moffatt is asking members not to run nitro or gas engines for long periods in front of the club house. The fumes that are created can cause distress to spectators. The engines can be run at either side for as long as needed.

Instructors Report: Jeff Hughes has reached out to the Baptist Children's Home in Lakeland and invited them out. He will be introducing them to our hobby and giving a couple of intro lessons.

IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

Newsletter & Website: Dave Raff reported that the club newsletter is doing well. He is always looking for articles from members. Bob Grahl has the website running smoothly.

Old Business: After discussing the issue with repairing the main runway it was decided to table it until early next year, however, the pilot pads are still scheduled to be done next week and the field will be closed on Thursday and Friday.

It is that time of the year to start thinking about next year's club officers. We are looking for someone to fill the Treasurers spot, a new Secretary and one Board of Directors position. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the operations of our great club.

Future Events: The sanction for our Golden Age of Aviation event we have planned for late this fall was turned down by the AMA as there is another event the same day somewhere in Florida. The sanction is not needed to hold it so we are going ahead with it. A motion was made and passed to purchase an ad in the AMA magazine promoting our event. Our E-Jet event planned for next February is moving along just great.

Sportsmanship Award: . We had three nominations this month. Mark Rohimeter for the work he has done helping to keep our field mowed, Dave DeWitt for the constant help he provides to pilots and Ian Clark for 6 years as secretary.

Plane of the Month: Dennis Peterson brought his Albatross WW1 observation biplane that he scratch built.

S.A.D. Patch: This month there were three nominees; Alex Murhead, Al Coffey, and our president, Jerry McGhee. After a lot of discussion, Alex was deemed the winner.

50/50: Bill Pawl collected $70.00. Dave DeWitt had the winning ticket and brought home $35.00.

Special Note: Cindy Giallombardo, the wife of club member Jim Giallombardo is recovering from an injury. We send our thoughts and heartfelt prayers for a speedy recovery.

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

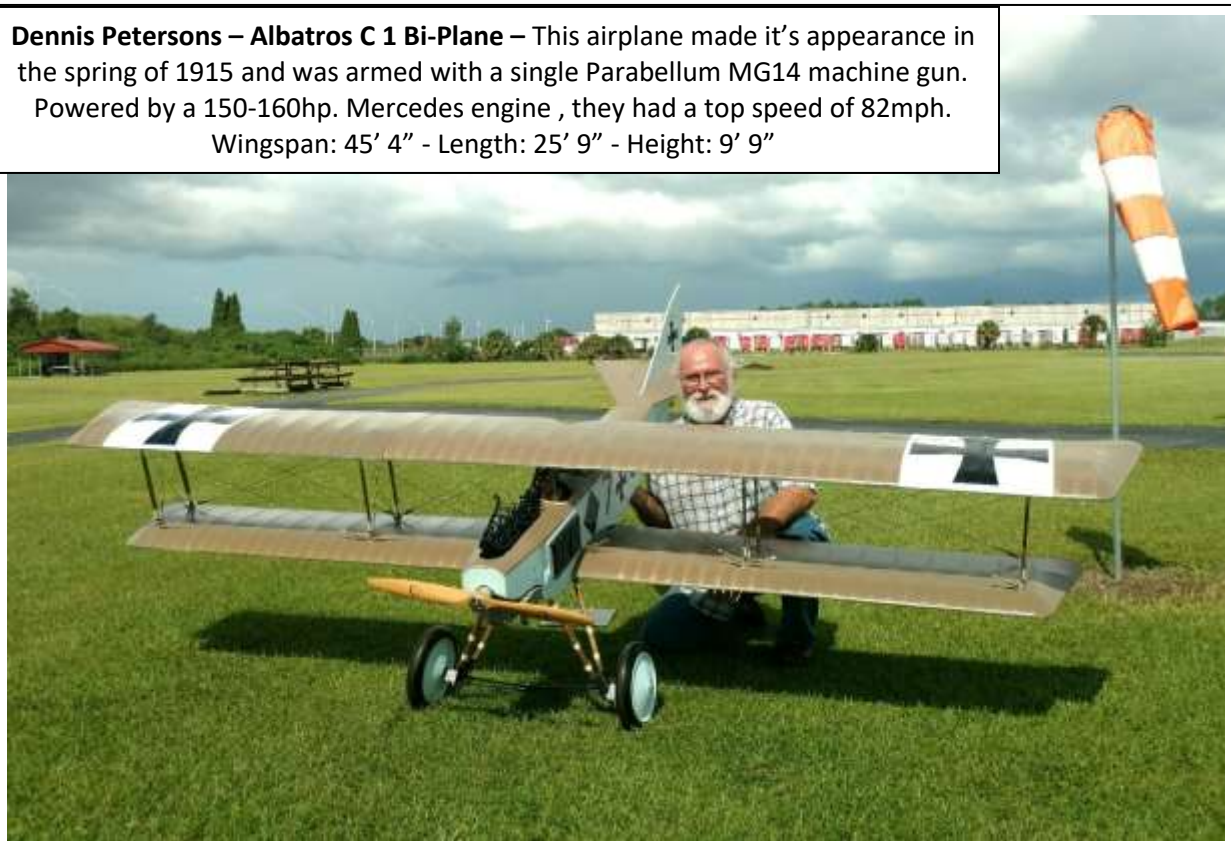
CORRECTION: The description of Moe Grandmaison *Plane of The Month* entry in last month's newsletter was incorrect. **"The plane is the Pete 'N Poke kit from Great Planes. My description of the plane (PT -18) is fictional. The PT-17 is a bi-plane. The PT-19 is a low wing. So, my plane would be called a ghost plane. One that was never built but could have been. Hence the PT-18 designation. From the PT -17 bi-plane, to the PT-18 parasol wing plane (mine, ghost plane), transitioning to the PT-19 low wing configuration". Moe Grandmaison**

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

Sportsmanship Award recipient for the month of July – David Raff.

S.A.D. Award recipient for the month of August - Alex Muirhead.

Dennis Petersons – Albatros C 1 Bi-Plane – This airplane made it's appearance in the spring of 1915 and was armed with a single Parabellum MG14 machine gun. Powered by a 150-160hp. Mercedes engine , they had a top speed of 82mph. Wingspan: 45' 4" - Length: 25' 9" - Height: 9' 9"



IRCC August 2018 Award Winner

ALEX MUIRHEAD

The July 2018 Society of Aircraft Demolishers "Aircraftus Fragmentum" was called to order by the President of the IRCC and, as always, there was no shortage of nominees. As all takeoffs are optional prior to any nomination for this "prestigious" monthly award, we salute these and all nominees for their bravery in pushing the throttle forward in a selfless act that inevitably leads to their nominations for this month's SAD award!

This month's deserving victims were el Presidente de la IRCC himself, Jerry McGhee, with his pond scum splash down of his F-4 Phantom and young 11-year-old Alex Muirhead who was thrown under the bus by his mentor and IRCC treasurer, Mr. Dan Hudson. It is young Alex who drew the majority votes of the membership to welcome him into his new Alma Mater of the SAD Award Order.

There are always "Firsts" in life. Your first kiss, your first love, your first job and for the budding RC Pilot, your first crash! One could argue that Alex's flying style is low, fast, aggressive and wrought with reckless abandon as he relentlessly bores holes in the sky above the IRCC aerodrome in his newly celebrated RC wings as a solo pilot. It is this unbridled passion for flight that we all admire as we have all been there at some point in our RC airplane careers.

Alex had the good fortune of being turned loose as pilot-in-command on a new 30cc aerobatic aircraft and he began putting it through its paces. He had flown the aircraft successfully on a few occasions, but the speed and size were still relatively new to him. As Alex looped, rolled, and maxed out the "g" meter on the airframe! At some point in his "routine", Alex came low level, full throttle across the runway heading east and pulled up into a 45-degree angle, rolled inverted and pulled back on the stick in what was sure to be an impressive full throttle ½ reverse Cuban 8. It is after this maneuver that the aircraft let out a "scream"! The scream that all RC planes let out right before they crash; it is what causes every other pilot to look just prior to impact to bear witness to the spectacle and coup-de-grâce of the aircraft.

Well…Alex's plane let out "the scream" right before Alex flew right through a 60-foot tall pine tree at full throttle. The aircraft was shredded and re-kitted into its rawest form within 3 precious nanoseconds. The bigger chunks of the airframe came exploding out of the tree like Linda Blair projectile vomiting! The heavier pieces actually made it a few hundred feet back onto the IRCC property, which is impressive in its own right! Then, silence; and there it was, a trail of balsa and plywood giblets strewn across the freshly cut grass of the IRCC with a few new divots marking the trail of absolute destruction. This author actually witnessed the last few remarkable moments of this crash and the first thing to come to my mind was that line from George of the Jungle…. "WATCH OUT FOR THAT TREE!"

A garbage bag emerged and several of the members from the IRCC walked the walk of shame with young Alex as the little-itty-bitty-teeny-tiny pieces (and the bigger pieces too) of the once proud aircraft were gathered in what resembled more of a military F.O.D. walk than an RC crash recovery. And thus, another first was counted in the "Book of Firsts" for another RC pilot; a first crash, and with this nomination, majority vote of Alex's peers at the IRCC and this final report, a first SAD patch for Alex Muirhead!

It is with great honor and pride that we offer this month's SAD patch to Master Alex Muirhead as it is the eighth 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, Alex, for this offering to the SAD community!

Until next month……..

The AMA and every single RC Pilot in the country needs your help in preserving Rule 336.

Clink on the link below to let your voice be heard!

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WE THE PEOPLE ASK THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO CALL ON CONGRESS TO ACT ON AN ISSUE:

Please keep "Rule 336" of the FAA Modernization act INTACT so it will protect model aviation hobbyists.

Created by L.R. on August 09, 2018

The FAA, Department of Defense, and certain members of congress are looking to remove a current section of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act that directly protects model aviation hobbyists. This protection called "Rule 336" exempts those involved in model aviation for "hobby & recreation" from serious & unnecessary regulation from the FAA. The FAA & officials claim they must do something about "drones/multi-rotor copters". However, there are hundreds of thousands of safe, CBO rule abiding, fixed-wing R/C pilots being included. If Rule 336 is modified or removed, our hobby will be dealt a heavy blow - hobby shops will close, club memberships will drop, flying fields will disappear, and young pilots will be discouraged from the great fun of building and flying models.

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IRCC SUMMER "FAMILY DAY"

The flyer to the right was the calling card to invite all members of the Imperial Radio Control Club, their family & friends to come together to celebrate this years National Model Aviation Day Event and out they came!

The RSVP list had nearly 90 attendees and I believe every single one (plus a few extras) showed up to enjoy the day.

Even when Mother Nature showed up with a somewhat light "torrential" downpour, it did not deter the enthusiasm of those in attendance. The 1ST IRCC TRIFECTA Fun-Fly Competition was held in the earlier part of the day, followed by lunch provided by the IRCC and many that brought a covered dish (or two or three) to share. During the noontime hour, there were flight demonstrations and then open flying for all that brought something to fly! Word on the street is - A Great Time Was Had By All! I think you will find the following pictures definitely confirms this!

(Above) You could pretty much tell when you pulled into the IRCC field that it was going to be a great day especially when you saw all the tents set up!

(Right – Below Right) Everyone was paying close attention during the 1ST IRCC Trifecta Fun-Fly competition wondering who was going to be the big winner!

(Below) Our Chief Flight Instructor Jeff Hughes had a great looking set-up to display the clubs trainer and the flight instruction program.

1ST IRCC TRIFECTA FUN-FLY Competition!

With the anticipated weather front moving in quickly, the push was on to get all of the TRIFECTA contestants through each of the (3) competition events. These consisted of a "Fly For 2 Minutes", "Touch & Go" and a "Dice Loops" event.

Here are the final standings for each event including the "overall" results to determine who would be this year's

GRAND CHAMPION!

Individual Events

Fly For 2 Minutes

Place	Pilot	Time	+/- 2:00	Points
1	Max Ness	1:56	-:04	100
2	Jerry McGhee	1:55	-:05	75
3	David Coss	2:08	+:08	50
4	Jeff Hughes	1:45	-:15	25
4	Wally Sundey	2:15	+:15	25
4	Alan Samples	2:15	+:15	25
5	Terry Baker	1:43	-:18	25
6	Alex Muirhead	2:20	+:20	25
7	Tommy Nolin	2:22	+:22	25
8	Diego Escobar	2:25	+:25	25
9	Dan Hudson	2:32	+:32	25
10	David DeWitt	1:25	-:35	25
11	Richard Moffatt	2:56	+:56	25
12	George Nauck	4:08	+2:08	25

Dice Loops

Place	Pilot	Time	Loops	Points
1	Diego Escobar	:20	3	100
2	Jerry McGhee*	:21	3	75
3	Alan Samples*	:21	3	50
4	Alex Muirhead	:22	3	25
4	George Nauck	:22	5	25
5	David DeWitt	:23	3	25
6	Jeff Hughes	:27	3	25
7	Dan Hudson	:28	3	25
8	Max Ness	:31	6	25
3	Richard Moffatt	:39	5	25
10	Tommy Nolin	:49	6	25
11	David Coss	:51	6	25
11	Wally Sundey	:51	2	25
12	Terry Baker	DNF	0	0

* Denotes tie and results after fly-off

TRIFECTA OVERALL

Place	Pilot	2 MIN	T&G	Dice Loops	TOTAL
1	Jerry McGhee	75	100	75	250
2	Diego Escobar	25	75	100	200
3	Max Ness	100	25	25	150
4	David Coss	50	25	25	100
4	Alan Samples	25	25	50	100
4	Tommy Nolin	25	50	25	100
5	Jeff Hughes	25	25	25	75
5	Wally Sundey	25	25	25	75
5	Alex Muirhead	25	25	25	75
5	Dan Hudson	25	25	25	75
5	David DeWitt	25	25	25	75
5	Richard Moffatt	25	25	25	75
5	George Nauck	25	25	25	75
6	Terry Baker	25	25	0	50

Touch and Go

Place	Pilot	Landing 1	Landing 2	Landing 3	SCORE	Points
1	Jerry McGhee	40	40	40	120	100
2	Diego Escobar*	40	40	30	110	75
3	Tommy Nolin*	40	40	30	110	50
4	David DeWitt	20	40	40	100	25
4	Alan Samples	20	40	40	100	25
5	George Nauck	30	30	20	80	25
5	Max Ness	10	40	30	80	25
6	Dan Hudson	20	20	30	70	25
6	Jeff Hughes	40	10	20	70	25
6	Alex Muirhead	10	40	20	70	25
7	David Coss	20	20	20	60	25
10	Terry Baker	40	5	10	55	25
11	Wally Sundey	10	10	30	50	25
12	Richard Moffatt	10	20	20	50	25

* Denotes tie and results after fly-off

AWARDS PRESENTATION!

TRIFECTA CHAMPION

Jerry McGhee

Diego Escobar

Max Ness

The Awards were presented to each of the winners by Event CD Chris Trumble

Top Right - 2nd Place – Diego Escobar

Right - 3rd Place – Max Ness

"Fly For Two Minutes" **3rd Place** - David Coss

"Touch & Go" **3rd Place** - Tommy Nolin

"Dice Loops" **3Rd Place** - Alan Samples

And Then Mother Nature had a few words to say!

After a somewhat quick "cool-down" shower - the show was back on!

As always, the IRCC provides for the main entrée and drinks for all. The main attraction however, is the variety of side dishes that the members and their families bring to share.

One thing you can always count on at these events – no one ever goes home hungry!

During the noontime hour, Mark Huntington put on a great 3D Aerobatic show as captured by Sue Karski, who I believe is the "sister-in-law" of our Field Maintenance Officer – Bill Pawl. These, as well as many of the other shots included in this article were captured by Sue – Thank You!

Only the bravest of pilots dared to accept the next challenge when an all-out aerial combat competition was to take place. Above are the "pilots" with their aircraft and staging for take-off. Very happy to report - all returned safely to base!

David Raff is shown doing a pre-flight check before take off to do a "smoke-on" flight demonstration for the crowd!

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What More Could You Ask For!

Thank you to EVERYONE that came out and took part to make this such a great event!

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