



It's Time for Some

OCTOBER 2020

Propwash



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Model of The Month Winner!

Capt. Mike Porter & Jim Giallombardo's
C-130 Hercules – "FAT ALBERT"

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The IRCC President's Points

What a crazy weather month October has proven to be! Calm clear days followed by sideways rain and whipping winds! Hopefully, you've been able to fly whenever the weather has allowed for it.

TOP GUN will be hosted at Paradise Field Wednesday October 28 to Sunday November 1, 2020 and the IRCC is in need of Volunteers to staff the event. Please contact David DeWitt to set up a volunteer time. If you can only spare an hour or two of your time over the 5-day event, it will be helpful! Please volunteer and do your part on this major RC event that greatly benefits the IRCC! If you're at high risk during this pandemic or if you're sick or if you've tested positive for COVID-19, please assess your personal risk to the virus if you're high risk and if you're sick or test positive, please stay at home.

November 21& 22, 2020 we will host the Merry Boozer's Toys for Tots Fly-in. The Merry Boozers are an RC YouTube Channel. This will be a great event for our club to showcase our facility and hospitality. Any plane can fly at the fly-in as long as it is not a turbine. Entry is AMA members, \$10 plus an unwrapped toy.

Both charging stations in the main pavilion are up to 200 watts of charging power each! This does not mean everyone can charge at once, but if you're charging, be courteous and please share the power stations.

Our webmaster, Ron McKie, has made changes to the IRCC website. You will need a log-in account to gain access to the IRCC members section to get copies of the newsletter and other important information for club members.

We have filed our 501C with the IRS and our check has been cashed by the Federal Government. We are in communication with the IRS and all seems to be going well. We are awaiting final confirmation that the 501C status has been restored.

The 100 RC Missions Over Florida is alive and well and we are continuing to generate lots of sorties, which seems to be keeping the membership alive and well! Even if you get your "100", please keep logging your sorties throughout the year as it is interesting to see the number of sorties that get logged by our members! We have had three members cross the 100 Mission mark this year, see the 100 Missions roll call at the end of this article.

Please do not fly over our northern boundary, which is the Se7en Wetlands and a bird sanctuary just north of our field. If you see someone flying over the wetlands say something to that pilot! This will take all of our members to help with this matter. Awareness is key.

As a reminder, if you look in this newsletter, The IRCC membership unanimously approved a parking plan for the IRCC that is now in effect on each weekend and during events. If you are not coming to the IRCC to fly, please park away from the main pavilion in one of the approved non-flying spots. There is an approved IRCC parking diagram of the “where to park” in this issue of the Propwash and we will keep it in there for perpetuity. If you are not here to fly, please keep the spots near the pavilion open and don't park in the field, which allows flyers with trailers the opportunity to have “swing room” to back in their trailers.

As a reminder, no guest should be flying unless they are invited by an IRCC member, the member is present when their guest arrives, and the guest has a valid AMA membership. If you're unsure, ask the person in question to see their AMA and who their IRCC sponsor is. As a member of the IRCC you have that right.

Club elections are coming up at the November 2020 meeting. Per the IRCC By-Laws the following positions have the following Volunteers for the 2021 year:

Club Officer, President – Jerry McGhee
Club Officer, Vice President – David DeWitt
Club Officer, Treasurer – Steve Jaworski*
Club Officer, Secretary – George Nauck
Director – Bill Littlefield Starting Year 3 in 2021
Director – Tommy Nolin Starting Year 2 in 2021
Director – Jim Giallombardo Starting 1st year 2021
Safety Officer – Richard Moffatt
Chief of Field Maintenance – Bill Pawl
Chief Flight Instructor – Jeff Hughes

**Already elected for the remainder of 2020 and 2021 by IRCC membership during the October 3rd meeting!*

Thank you all for being awesome and taking care of business and being great RC modelers! It is truly an honor to be your President and I enjoy flying with you!

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



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IRCC MEETING MINUTES

Saturday October 3rd, 2020

Recorded by Club Secretary - Jim Giallombardo

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by 27 attending members.

Meeting to Order: The monthly meeting of the IRCC was called to order at 10:02 am by President Jerry McGhee.

New Members and Guests: Former Member Gary Marshall, and guest Rudy?

Awards and Certificates: David Raff received his Sportsmanship award for a superior newsletter for the month of August.

Richard Moffatt received his Sportsmanship award for the diligent work acquiring the much-needed fire extinguishers.

Dennis Peterson received his Model of the month for September.

Wally Sunday received his 100 mission's patch.

Minutes: A motion to accept the September minutes as posted in the club newsletter, Propwash, was made and accepted.

Treasurers Report: Jerry McGhee presented the treasurer's report for Gary Snyder in his absence. The IRCC is currently in good shape and has money in the bank. As the end of the year is approaching, non-essential spending will be curbed at this time. A special vote was held to install Steve Jaworski as the new treasurer prior to the official elections to be held in November. Steve along with Terry are working together on completing additional requested IRS forms.

Membership Report: We currently have 119 members.

Field and Maintenance Report: Bill Pawl gave his report on the status of the field. Someone had replaced a battery at the west charging station without approval. The battery is not a match to the companion battery and appears to be an older one. The matter was discussed, and a vote was held to approve a locking box be placed around the batteries for security.

The windsocks have become tattered and a motion was made, seconded, and approved to replace them.

Bill reported using the mower blade sharpening machine is a slow tedious process. He asked for help with this and Dan Hudson volunteered for this duty.

Instructors Report: Jeff Hughes stated there was not much to report. Everything is going well. All club trainers are in good shape. Student Orbin, soloed with his small FPV powered sailplane. Don Patterson soloed with his T33 Jet.

Safety Report: Richard Moffatt stated all was going well and there are no safety issues.

Club Newsletter/Website: The club newsletter is going well. David Raff thanked everyone for their submission and asked to keep them coming in. Ron McKie reported potential new members have been rejected on the website due to the lack of an incomplete current list. Ron will obtain a new list to correct any issues this may have presented. He reported graphics are needed to enhance the website.

New Field Search Committee: Jim Giallombardo reported no new search information at this time.



IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

Old Business: Jerry McGhee encouraged members to continue with the 100-mission goal for 2020. It is important all members continue to log “all” their flights to support IRCC flight activity.

All members are continuously encouraged to avoid overflight of the bird and wildlife sanctuary north of the field boundaries.

The IRS submitted a request requiring additional information for approval of the IRCC tax status.

IRCC 2021 nominations for Club Officers.

President- Jerry McGhee will continue in his present position.

Vice President- David DeWitt will continue in his president position.

Secretary- George Nauck will become the new secretary.

Treasurer- Steve Jaworski was installed early after a special vote due to the personal need for Gary Snyder to vacate the position.

IRCC 2021 Assistant Positions

Safety Officer- Richard Moffatt will continue in this slot.

Field & Maintenance- Bill Pawl will continue doing an exceptional job in this position.

Chief Flight Instructor- Jeff Hughes

Director- Bill Littlefield (3rd year 2021)

Director- Tommy Nolin (2nd year 2021)

Director- Jim Giallombardo is stepping down as club secretary and will begin his first year.

New Business and Future Events: Jim Giallombardo presented information on obtaining a 250-gallon propane tank from Coker fuel. This would reduce the need to constantly change the small individual tanks currently used. The idea was tabled for further cost study on this project.

Bill Pawl presented a list of RC items presented to him from an old builder that is moving from the area. The owner wants to sell all items together for one price without separating anything. The list was posted on the bulletin board for any interested person to view.

Top Gun October 2020 will be held as scheduled at Paradise Field. All prizes for the raffle events have been acquired.

The IRCC Toys for Tots Fly-In sponsored by Merry Boozer’s You Tube Channel is scheduled for Nov 21-22, 2020.

Participants are already planning to arrive on Friday Nov 20. It appears this year’s event will be a great success.

There will be a \$10.00 entry fee along with an unwrapped toy.

The Florida E-Jet Fest International, is AMA sanctioned for Feb 4-7, 2021.

Sportsmanship Award: Keith for volunteering to assist Bill in the grass mowing effort.

Dan Hudson for assisting Bill Pawl in acquiring the parking bumpers from a Plant City vendor.

Gary Snyder for his outstanding and long-term service as the club treasurer.

Plane of the Month: Jim Giallombardo and Captain Mike Porter presented a “joint venture” ASM C-130 Hercules aircraft in the US Navy Blue Angels support aircraft *FAT ALBERT* markings.

SAD Patch Award: This month revealed a plethora of “admitted” fumble fingers which resulted in a multitude of spectacular crashes. No less than 7 crashes were described in detail. Following the presentations of each crash, a vigorous vote was conducted to determine the winner of this non-coveted award. The proud winner was George Nauck. George described the loss of his P51 Mustang, named the “Short Fused Sallee” as a long take off followed by an instantaneous full stop landing. Congratulations George.

50/50: Tommy Nolin collected \$95.00 and split \$50.00 split \$50.00 the club and \$45.00 to the winning ticket holder, Richard Moffatt. Congratulations Richard.

Motion to Close: The October meeting officially closed at 11:22 am.

Departing Comments:

Always check your fuel supply. If you run out during flight, you could be stuck up there all day!

NEW HATS ARE HERE!



Still have a few available!

Supply & colors are limited and are on a first come - first served basis.
See Jerry McGhee at the field.

\$ 15.00 Each

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IRCC DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS

Guests and Non-Flying IRCC Members

IRCC Flying Members and Flying Guests with Planes

IRCC Member Flying with Handicap placard

IRCC Flying Members and Flying Guests with Planes

Guests and Non-Flying IRCC Members

Imperial R/C Club of Mulberry (Model...)

NO PARKING AREA TRAILER SWING AREA

Art Magarino's Parking Spot:

- 3 Designated spots for IRCC members with handicap placards and they intend to fly during their visit to the IRCC. Non-flying park in yellow spots.
- Parking for any IRCC member or guest with a plane and they will be flying during their visit to the IRCC.
- Designated 8 end parking spots for all non-flying guests and members of the IRCC who did not bring a plane or intend to fly during their visit.
- No parking area. This space is needed for IRCC members and flying guests who bring trailers to have enough swing space to properly back into a flying parking spot.

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

(RIGHT) Club Newsletter Editor - David Raff was nominated for a Sportsmanship Award for the month of September for "Producing a superior monthly newsletter to keep the members of the IRCC informed and entertained!"

(BOTTOM LEFT) Safety Officer – Richard Moffitt was also nominated for a Sportsmanship Award for his diligence and efforts in acquiring the new fire extinguishers.

Richard spent a considerable amount of time talking to the professionals, researching, and doing his homework before submitting the recommendations to purchase 2 types of fire extinguishers. Each is designed to suppress different types of fires.

BOTTOM RIGHT) Wally Sundeley has joined the ranks of the 100 Missions over Florida Squadron. Here he is after receiving his award from Club President Jerry McGhee.



AWARDS & CERTIFICATES



**Model of The Month
winner for September
was Dennis Peterson.
Dennis is shown after
receiving his certificate
from Club President
Jerry McGhee!**

**The latest
recipient of the
monthly S.A.D
Patch Award
is none other than
George Nauck.
You can read
Georges story or
the one Jerry
wrote about him
after the next
page!**





ROLL CALL

ART MAGARINO	JEFF HUGHES
JERRY MCGHEE	TOMMY NOLIN
ART DUNCAN	TODD BEATTY
DON PATTERSON	JOHN BURDIN
GEORGE NAUCK	BILL PAWL
ANDY BOLIG	RYAN ROBERTS
DIEGO ESCOBAR	RON FINGER
IAN CLARK	TERRY BUCK
JIM GIALLOMBARDO	LANCE BIDDLE
WALLY SUNDEY	



IRCC OCTOBER 2020 Award Winner GEORGE NAUCK

The October 2020 Society of Aircraft Demolishers “Aircraftus Fragmentum” was called to order by the President of the IRCC! Like a torrential rain in an outer feeder band of a Cat 4 Hurricane, SAD patch nominations blew in from the left, the right and from the center of the speaking floor! It appeared at first glance that all members of the IRCC splattered a plane or two in the last 30 days, however, as the dust settled, the new precedented all-time crash nominations of 7 hit the nomination altar! All were well deserving of this prestigious monthly award, however, the IRCC membership heard ALL nominations and, in the end, it was veteran pilot, George Nauck, who seized the opportunity to claim this not-so-coveted honor.

The P-51 Mustang, the aircraft that allowed the Allies to win the war in Europe by staying with the Allied bombers all the way to Berlin and paved the way for the total Allied victory in Europe. By all accounts, the P-51 is beloved by nearly all fighter pilots, aviation historians, aviation fans and RC Modelers across the world! George Nauck was brave enough to model this aircraft as an RC and he was successful in claiming Model of the Month at the IRCC in August with this very large sport scale ARF of the Mustang with the nose art “Short Fuse Sallee”! For no less than 2 months, George could be seen at the IRCC every weekend firing up his Mustang and going on patrol looking for Axis aircraft to dogfight and the occasional MiG! Thankfully, George kept us Fokker free during his fighter sweeps around the IRCC aerodrome!

Please excuse me with artistic license while I digress from this tale of woe to set-up the coup de grace of this P-51 Mustang! When I was a kid, I use to spend my summers on my Grandparents Tobacco farm in South Central Virginia and I helped my Grandparents tend their 168-acre tobacco farm and their 70-acre cattle farm. After many long, hot, humid, sweaty Virginia days in the tobacco field and feeding cattle, every Saturday night, my Grandfather liked to watch WWE wrestling and I enjoyed watching it with him as I usually picked up a few moves to experiment on the regular fights I would get in with my older brothers. I found that the WWE was a wonderful resource to pick up some ideas as I tested it on my classmates, brothers and as I got older and stronger, it helped me as a bouncer in college and the occasional drunken bar fights and football fisticuffs at my University! Great fun! A few of the moves that always impressed me was the top rail dive from Jimmy “Super Fly” Snuka and any wrestler that employed the Piledriver; the piledriver is a professional wrestling move in which the wrestler grabs their opponent, turns them upside-down, and drops into a sitting or kneeling position, driving the opponent head-first into the mat.

On the morning of September 27, 2020, George set-out for a routine fighter sweep over the IRCC aerodrome to annihilate any enemy aircraft in the IRCC airspace. Shortly after George’s P-51 broke ground and began to fly, the aircraft jumped to the top rail and violently pitched over into a piledriver nose in, full throttle, unrecoverable crash from about 50 feet or so. This completely turned the tables on George’s fighter sweep and wound up annihilating his Mustang. There is much speculation as to the root cause of George’s crash of his beautiful, young Mustang, but the accident is still under investigation.

It is with great honor and pride that we offer this month’s SAD patch to Mr. Nauck, who has courageously won this month’s SAD Patch Award! It is the tenth noted crash of the 2020 flying season; an award that we are all subject to earning at any given time in consolation for our stricken aircraft who we bravely launch into the skies in a constant pursuit of our Constitutional right to pursue and find happiness.

Thank you, George, for this offering to the SAD community!

Until next month...



IRCC END OF YEAR BANQUET

CHANGE OF VENUE!

We have to change the venue for our IRCC End of Year Banquet. Mas Verde has fallen through as they are requiring us to have the facility professionally cleaned to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by ServPro and that comes with a \$4,000.00 cleaning bill. SO...that's a non-starter.

Never fear!

We've been down this road before! We will now meet at:

KC's Artisan Pizza

6645 South Florida Ave Suite 5

Lakeland, FL 33813

Saturday December 5, 2020

6-9pm.

\$ 20.00 Per Person

The buffet menu at KC's will include:

Cesar Salad	House Salad
Oven Baked Meat	Chicken
Lasagna	Pizza
Rice	Lavish Breads & Butter
Desert Pizzas	Fountain Drinks

They have a liquor license so if you are thirsty you can order your favorite spirited beverage and have it served by one of their awesome hostesses.

There is a dance floor if you're so inclined to dance. We will have a few games by Tommy and Sonya Nolin. We will present our Model of the Year annual award and give a hearty thank you to those that are stepping down from leadership positions.

We hope to see you there!

Jerry McGhee
President, IRCC

MODEL of THE MONTH!



During the October meeting, Jim Giallombardo and Captain Mike Porter presented their entry for Model of The Month an ASM C-130 Hercules aircraft. The following is a short write up from Jim on the history of this R/C Model and a few pictures of the transformation from it's beginning as a multi-engine "Coast Guard" model to the presented version in the US Navy Blue Angels support aircraft **"FAT ALBERT"**

The Hercules with a 100-inch wingspan, was originally purchased by Captain Mike. Over a period of about 5 years the Captain constructed it into a beautiful Coast Guard model, representative of his Alma Mater. The model was transported around the country during the Captain's travels, achieving hundreds if not thousands of "air miles". The aircraft only flew a few times under its own power before it was retired from flight. It was later relegated for many years as a static hanging display in one of the Captain's favorite refreshment establishments. The model eventually found its way into Jim's hands. Not a builder, Jim saw the potential to revive the model into something entirely new. The restoration began with stripping the old livery down to the bare fuselage.



The wings, tail and horizontal services were covered in a monocoat finish which was removed. It took considerable time to remove the old glue and sand the surfaces smooth. Upon examination, it was discovered that the leading edges on both main wings were broken. The right main wing also suffered a broken trailing edge and 4 crushed ribs. The balsa sheeting was peeling back revealing the damage. New ribs were hand cut and fit into place. The leading and trailing edges were straightened and reinforced with stiffeners then epoxied into position. Two E-flite 52 size motors were fitted to each main wing and programmed with counter rotating propellers.

Both main wings were then weighed to equal amounts to avoid any roll tendencies on such a large aircraft. A battery box was constructed in the center of the fuselage directly under the CG to house the four 6s 5000mAh batteries, one for each motor. Robart air retracts were then mounted for the 4 main wheels and the two-small nose/steering wheels. After extensive sanding and cleaning was complete, a match for the official Blue Angel Blue was obtained.

This Blue paint was applied with a small spray bottle and compressor. It took approximately 5 coats of painting and sanding over a month. The white came from a bright white Rustoleum spray can. Some Yellow areas were also painted using a Rustoleum Sunset Yellow. Three finish coats were applied with a Rustoleum Clear Gloss. The graphics were supplied by Callie graphics and the yellow matched the painted portion perfectly. The entire project was a particularly challenging venture for a non-builder. Over the course of a year's reconstruction, the Hercules was transformed into a beautiful example of the C130 support aircraft assigned to the US Navy Blue Angels!



Above: A personal tribute to Capt. Mike as well as several of Jim's "comrades in arms".

Right: Jim (top) and Capt. Mike (bottom) are shown doing a "dual" presentation for this award-winning model.

CONGRATULATION to both!

IRCC MEMBERS IN ACTION

During the October meeting, a proposal was put forth to do away with the smaller 20lb propane tanks used when running the generator and have a larger 250-gallon tank installed. This would be professionally filled and maintained and eliminate the need to constantly be changing out the empty tanks for full ones. The upfront cost was a little pricy but would balance itself out after a few years.

Since we are at the end of the year and lost some of the usual additional revenue due to the pandemic, the proposal was tabled temporarily.

Member Al Coffey (and his wife) decided that there was no reason to wait and generously offered to provide the money to make it happen.

Hearing this from Club President Jerry McGhee, Bill Pawl and Jim Giallombardo then set out to make a concrete foundation for the tank to sit on and dug a trench to the generator to run the line underground.



A few days later the new tank was installed, tested, and filled.

This will be primarily be used to run the generator during special events held at the IRCC like the IRCC Toys for Tot's Fun Fly sponsored by the Merry Boozers in November and the 3rd Annual Florida E-Jet Fest in February.

A really big **THANK YOU** to Al and his wife Ellen for their donation and to Bill and Jim for their time and hard work getting the site ready.

COMING EVENTS!

THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE.

NEW FOR 2020!
ECP Events Official Event Co-Op. sponsored by
Elite HORIZON

TOPGUN 1 INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

~~April 29-May 3rd~~
NEW DATE
Oct. 28 - Nov. 1st
LAKELAND, FLORIDA

PowerBox Systems AMERICAS

DM PACK

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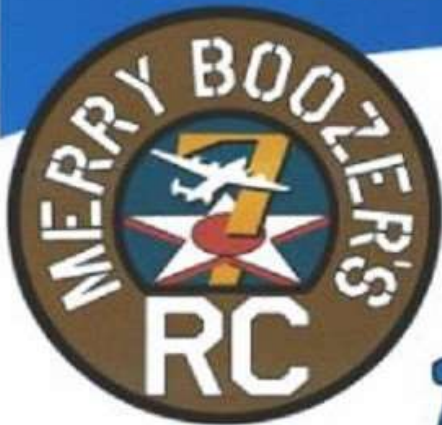
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For travel and local info contact Cindy Burkley at: Cindy@Universal-Travel.com or 954.587.8490

Reminder: This is one of the clubs most prestigious honor to be a part of as well as one of the the biggest financial income opportunities we have. Volunteering just a little bit of your time can be a tremendous help! Be sure to reach out to David DeWitt (Benz425@aol.com) and let him know when you can be available!

COMING EVENTS!



PRESENTS TOYS FOR TOTS FLY-IN

LANDING FEE:

\$10.00 PLUS TOY
DONATION

CAMPING IS AVAILABLE

NO CAMPING FEE

THERE ARE NO RV HOOK UPS
(BOONDOCK CAMPING ONLY)

NO DUMPING OF BLACK OR GREY WATER

ALL AIRCRAFT (EXCEPT TURBINES) ARE WELCOME TO
COME AND FLY.

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MERRY BOOZER RC CHANNEL AND ALL OUR FRIENDS

AT



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21 - 22
2020



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COMING EVENTS!

LARGO FLYING CLUB SWAP MEET

Saturday NOV. 28

*At the Largo Flying Club airfield.
901 8th Ave. SE Largo FL 33771*

**BUY - SELL - TRADE
ANYTHING RC**



**Contact RONWC@HOTMAIL.COM
for more info.**

Open flying after swap meet (11am?)

Social Distancing Required

NEXT IRCC MEETING



SATURDAY
November 7, 2020
10:00 AM

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Newsletter Articles

Welcome

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

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Reminder!

Be sure to renew your AMA and IRCC membership before the end of the year so you don't miss out on any of the fun!

CONGRATULATIONS

AMERICAN LEAGUE 20
CHAMPIONS 20



**TAMPA BAY
RAYS!**
**ON
THEIR WAY
TO A
WORLD SERIES
TITLE!**