



**SEPTEMBER 2020**

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# Propwash

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**Model of The Month Winner!**  
**Dennis Peterson's - 92" Wingspan**  
***Davis D1-W***

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## **The IRCC President's Points**

Welcome back Snowbirds! Hopefully your northern pandemic was uneventful, and you were able to enjoy yourself up North out of range of the Florida Heat and Humidity! It was a scorcher of a summer, but we, the permanent residents of Florida persevered and flew throughout the long hot summer days!

As this is the October issue of the IRCC newsletter, TOP GUN will be hosted at Paradise Field 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!

As a reminder, if you look in the meeting minutes, The IRCC membership unanimously approved a parking plan for the IRCC that is now in effect on each weekend and during events. If you're 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 plan diagram of the "where to park" in this issue of the Propwash and we will keep it in there for perpetuity. If you're not here to fly, please keep the spots under and near the pavilion open and don't park in the field, which allows flyers with trailers the opportunity to have "swing room" to back their trailers in to the pavilion.

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 doesn't mean everyone can charge at once, but if you're charging, be courteous and please share the power stations.

As I write this, we had our first good weekend break in the humidity. Saturday, September 19, 2020 was a great day to fly! Hopefully, you were able to get out and celebrate the end of the humidity and the promise of awesome flying weather for the next 7 months!

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 awaiting 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.

As a reminder, 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, 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, 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 1<sup>st</sup> year 2021**  
**Safety Officer – Richard Moffatt**  
**Chief of Field Maintenance – Bill Pawl**  
**Chief Flight Instructor – Jeff Hughes**

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  
President, IRCC



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# IRCC MEETING MINUTES

**Saturday September 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 10:03 am by President Jerry McGhee.

**New Members and Guests:** Guest, Keith Genske, became a new member at the end of the meeting. Keith is an AMA member and has renewed his interest in the hobby.

**Awards and Certificates:** Awards for the Tri-Fecta Fun Fly were presented. Tommy Nolin received 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall and John Burdin received 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall.

Ron McKie received the August Sportsmanship award for stopping a web site attack.

George Nauck received his August Model of the Month for his P51 presentation.

Lance Biddle and Jim Giallombardo received their 100 missions Patch. This award will continue into 2021.

Charlie Patterson received the Lucky Duck award for the undamaged recovery of his Cessna 150 which went down in the area of the ski school.

**Minutes:** A motion to accept the August 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. Any interested member can view the status with Jerry in the absence of Gary Snyder.

**Membership Report:** We currently have 119 members.

**Field and Maintenance Report:** There are low areas in the driveway entering the field. Due to the amount of rain, large waters puddles are filling several areas on the driveway. There was discussion on how to fill in these spots. Bill gave cost estimates on the equipment and material needed to correct these places. Dave DeWitt will consult with the property owner to ascertain if he can provide any fill and the equipment to level these areas. Bill also provided estimates for 6 ft. composite parking bumpers to replace the rotten insect infested old railroad ties currently used. Both projects were tabled for further discussion until the October monthly meeting. The grass is growing fast and needs continuous mowing. Additional help is encouraged to help with mowing. Fire ant mounds are abundant and anyone noticing a new area should report this to Bill.

**Instructors Report:** Jeff Hughes stated there was not much to report. Everything is going well.

**Safety Report:** Richard Moffatt gave a report of safety issues and concerns. There have been incidents when members have taxied all the way back to the pavilion. This is against the published safety rules and everyone is advised the importance of stopping at the yellow stop line and shutting down engines or disarming their electric powered aircraft. Everyone is encouraged to continue announcing TO's and landings. Richard advised all to inform him if anyone uses the fire extinguishers so they can be replenished.



## IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

**Club Newsletter/Website:** The club newsletter is going well. David Raff thanked everyone for their submission and asked to keep them coming in. The August edition was the best newsletter published to date. Ron McKie reported safeguards are in place to prevent website attack attempts. Also, the website can now handle RSVP's from the public. A for sale page is now open to the public for open viewing.

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

**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.

There is still no confirmation from the IRS regarding the IRCC tax status.

Gary Snyder is stepping down as the club treasurer after many years of service to the club. Steve Jaworski has volunteered for the treasurer position.

Jim Giallombardo is stepping down as club secretary. George Nauck has volunteered to fill this vacancy.

Chris Trumble is stepping down as Director. Jim Giallombardo has volunteered to move over to fill this slot. If any member has a desire to fill any position, please advise President McGhee to add your name to the official ballot.

Jerry McGhee reported the National Model Aviation Day was a great success.

**New Business and Future Events:** A discussion on parking areas was conducted. Pres. Jerry proposed a parking plan to be implemented and displayed a chart explaining his plan. Non-flying members should park at the distant ends of the parking line so flying members may unload and load without having to carry aircraft and equipment long distances. A trailer swing area was explained to allow vehicles pulling trailers the needed space to allow backing to park and exiting. This plan was made into a motion, seconded and a unanimous vote of the attending members (a quorum was present) approving the new parking plan by attending members to be utilized during weekend (Saturday and Sunday) flying days and during events.

The handicap parking area, currently allowing for one space was expanded to two. This area will be measured and properly marked according to accepted handicap parking standards. A parking plan will be implemented for future upcoming IRCC events.

Top Gun October 2020 will be held as scheduled at Paradise Field. Members approved the expenditure of \$600.00 for the raffle and other prizes. David DeWitt encouraged volunteers to sign up. If we do not commit to supporting this event, other clubs will take over and the IRCC will never be able to get it back. This is a big money incentive for the club.

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. This appears this year's event will be a great success.

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

**Sportsmanship Award:** Richard Moffatt received this month's award for his diligent research and procurement of the much-needed fire extinguishers.

David Raff also received this month's award for his ongoing production of the club newsletter Propwash. The August edition is the best published to date. Great job to both Richard and David.

**Plane of the Month:** There were three nominees this month, with Dennis Peterson taking the award for his presentation of a Davis D-1 aircraft. Dennis built this from a short kit consisting of ribs and a bulkhead. As strange as it may seem for Dennis, this was only a single winged aircraft.

Richard presented his reconstructed Slo-Poke aircraft.

Bill Pawl presented his Flight Line Corsair which was presented to him by the club for all the hard work and effort he puts into to maintaining the field in pristine condition.

## IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

**SAD Patch Award:** This month revealed only three crashes but only one worthy of recognition. Yes, it's true, anyone at any time can receive this highly coveted recognition. Our very own club President Jerry McGhee, yes that Jerry McGhee was this month's recipient. While piloting his F-5 Tiger departing into the eastern sky, trouble erupted at the controls. Suddenly the Tiger pitched up wildly, then down, like a crazed house cat chasing a laser light thrown against the wall. As Jerry fought to corral this out of control "Cat", it went into a roll downward and to the right as though blow out of the sky by some unforeseen ground to air missile. It cleared the eastern perimeter into enemy territory and plummeted into the hostile Dillion Lake. This cat, which by the way was involved in other mishaps but was risen from the carnage, gave up its last and 9<sup>th</sup> life in a spectacular splashdown, the envy of any successful NASA mission. And so, goes the award to Jerry, Congratulations Jerry!

**50/50:** Tommy Nolin collected \$105.00 and split \$50.00 between the club and the winning ticket holder, Dave Raff. Congratulations Dave.

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

### Departing Comments:

*The Art of Flying; learn from the mistakes of others - you won't fly long enough to make them all yourself!*

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# NEW HATS ARE HERE!



## The wait is over!

New club hats have been received and are available for sale anytime you see Jerry McGhee at the field.

Supply & colors are limited and are on a first come - first served basis.

**\$ 15.00 Each**

# AWARDS & CERTIFICATES



**(LEFT)** Our IRCC Website” Webmaster” Ron McKee received another Sportsmanship Award for thwarting yet another attempt from “cyber-criminals” attempting to gain access and hack the IRCC Website. Great job Ron!

**(BOTTOM LEFT)** Member Dan Hudson is shown after receiving his Sportsmanship Award for his hard work and contribution to the installation of the new ceiling fans inside the main pavilion. Dan, along with several other members spent a considerable amount of time and sweat to accomplish this task that we all now get to enjoy.

**(BOTTOM RIGHT)** George Nauck received the votes and captured the Model of The Month title for August with his model of the P-51 Mustang “Short Fuse Sallee”. George is shown below after receiving his certificate from club president Jerry McGhee.



# AWARDS & CERTIFICATES



3<sup>rd</sup> Annual  
*TRI-FECTA Fun Fly*  
August 15, 2020



After the 3<sup>RD</sup> Annual Tri-Fecta Fun Fly Competition ended, trophy's and awards were present to the lucky winners however, two of the awards had to be slightly modified and could not be presented that day.

The Second & Third Place winners did receive their awards recently during the September meeting!

**(Above)** Tommy Nolin is shown receiving his trophy for the second highest point accumulated for the three events. He is flanked by Event Official Chris Trumble and Event CD Jerry McGhee.

**(Right)** Third Place Winner John Burdin is also shown with Chris & Jerry after receiving his trophy as well.

**Congratulations to both!**





The two newest additions to the  
100 R/C Missions Over Florida Squadron!  
Jim Giallombardo & Lance Biddle



**ROLL CALL**

ART MAGARINO  
JEFF HUGHES  
JERRY MCGHEE  
TOMMY NOLIN  
ART DUNCAN  
TODD BEATTY  
DON PATTERSON  
JOHN BURDIN  
GEORGE NAUCK



**ROLL CALL**

BILL PAWL  
ANDY BOLIG  
RYAN ROBERTS  
DIEGO ESCOBAR  
RON FINGER  
IAN CLARK  
TERRY BUCK  
JIM GIALLOMBARDO  
LANCE BIDDLE

# AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

There are several recognition awards offered at the Imperial Radio Control Club!

There is the Sportsmanship Award which is presented to those members that go above and beyond in service to the IRCC and/or its members.

The 100 R/C Missions Over Florida Patch for those pilots that have flown over 100 flights in a year.

And then there is the infamous Society of Aircraft Demolishers also known as the S.A.D. Award which is voted on by the membership at each monthly meeting to acknowledge one member and their forlorn aircraft.

Many of us have received at least one or more of these however, there is one award that has been bestowed on a very select few.

The “LUCKY DUCK” Award is presented to the member that has been fortunate enough to have lost their aircraft “in flight” regardless of the reason and then had said aircraft returned to them virtually

unscathed! George Nauck & Richard Glazer were the only two until now. Charlie Patterson is the latest and is shown above after receiving his. Charlie’s Cessna 150 decide to take a mid-morning stroll on its own and landed somewhere in the vicinity of Ski Paradise to the east of the field. The airplane was brought back to him undamaged. **CONGRATULATIONS CHARLIE!**



Since we are on the subject of awards, the old adage “What Goes Around Comes Around” as club president Jerry McGhee found out recently is so true!

Jerry was the one responsible for bringing the S.A.D Patch to the IRCC a few years ago and it has been a love/hate relationship ever since.

Not only does the victim need to relive the experience by recanting the best storyline they can come up with, they are then rewarded by a full page (sometimes 2) expose’ written by Jerry and published in this newsletter for all to read.

Recently he found out that no one, and I mean *no one* is beyond its wrath.

Jerry was not only the recipient (**left**) but then had to write his own article - which by the way, is on the next two pages. Just remember – It’s all in fun!



## IRCC SEPTEMBER 2020 Award Winner

### JERRY MCGHEE

The September 2020 Society of Aircraft Demolishers "Aircraftus Fragmentum" was called to order by the President of the IRCC! Self-nominations littered the speaking floor like broken glass.

All were heartfelt honest reports of truly broken airplanes that were all deserving of this prestigious monthly award, however, the IRCC membership heard ALL nominations and in the end, it was the author of this monthly report and President of the IRCC, who was nominated by Jim Giallombardo for a spectacular crash that made a huge splash on the nomination floor and sent Jerry to the nomination pool for a vote from the masses. All who were nominated were sent to the "cone of silence" and the IRCC Vice President, Mr. [David DeWitt](#), was called upon to conduct the vote while the nominees groveled over their selection. It was conveyed to this author that it was a unanimous vote in favor of Mr. McGhee's crash as the most prestigious of the crashes during the last 30 days.

The F-5 Tiger II. A lightweight fighter jet used by the USAF and USN for Adversary Aircraft training and it was a big hit as a foreign military sales aircraft to other allied nations of the United States. This month's SAD winner is a Freewing Motion RC scale replica that is an 80mm in-runner electric ducted fan that is a dream to fly if your eyes are good as it is sleek, hard to see, and a joy to fly! But it is not for everyone.

On the morning of Thursday, September 3, 2020, Jerry's F-5 Tiger II, piloted by Jerry McGhee (with Jim Giallombardo at his side to witness the flight) departed the IRCC runway to the east at 10:01:26 AM for a routine training flight and a post maintenance functional control flight. At 10:01:29 the F-5 rotated on the IRCC runway and became airborne and began a nice steady 10-degree climb. At 10:01:31 AM the F-5's nose suddenly pitched down to straight and level and, while continuing to accelerate to approximately 110 mph all-the-while, the aircraft also began a sudden turn to the left as it entered the Dillon Trucking aerial space. Jerry then executed a maximum climb on the aircraft to clear the approaching trees at 10:01:32 AM. The aircraft responded with a sudden unexpected roll right. The aircraft rolled onto its back while the attitude of the aircraft pitched wildly in the roll. At 10:01:33 AM at an altitude of approximately 30 feet, the aircraft had now turned 90 degrees, heading 180 on a 45 degree down angle and rolling wildly and continuing wild pitch changes. At 10:01:34 AM at approximately 119 mph, the F-5 entered the Dillon Trucking alligator breeding pond with a tremendous splash and all communication with the aircraft was lost. At 10:09:00 the rescue team of Jerry McGhee and Bill Pawl arrived at Dillon Trucking to retrieve the F-5 from the pond.

**At 11:03:04 AM, Mr. Bill Pawl after nearly an hour wait for permission from the Dillon Trucking management to retrieve the jet, Bill entered the water in the official IRCC pond retrieval vessel and extracted the broken aircraft from the pond and returned it to Jerry's possession.**

**After a period of 4 days, letting all electronics dry from their dunk in the pond a post-mortem examination of the aircraft operating system was accomplished. It was found that the aircraft's right elevator servo on the full flying stab had locked up on the climb out in a 30 degree down angle attitude thus causing the violent and sudden loss of control of the aircraft on the brief 8-second flight (39% of which was takeoff roll).**

**Many "thank you's" are owed to Bill Pawl for wrestling the alligator, retrieving the plane and killing the snake to bring the aircraft back so it could receive a proper non-military burial in the trash and Jim Giallombardo for his colorful review of the flight in the official IRCC minutes as "...a crazed house cat chasing a laser light thrown against the wall." Which is by far the best description of this wild ride!**

**It is with great honor and pride that we offer this month's SAD patch to Mr. McGhee, who has courageously won this month's SAD Patch Award! It is the ninth 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, Jerry, for this offering to the SAD community!**

**Until next month...**



**The Before and After of this spectacular aircraft!**



As mentioned earlier, the above image is the approved parking guideline that was proposed and voted on during the September meeting for use on the weekends and at all up-coming events. The parking spaces in “green” are only for those members and their guests that are flying that day! IRCC members, visitors and guests that are not flying should park in the yellow designated spaces. It was voted to only add one more handicap space to be adjacent to the existing one. Below is a picture of the eight designated non-flying parking spots located on the east side of the main flight pavilion.



# COMING EVENTS!

**THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE.**

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

**INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT  
TOPGUN  
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~~April 29-May 3rd~~  
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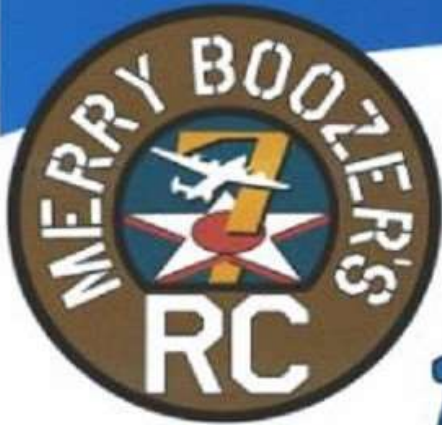
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**Reminder:** This is one of the clubs most prestigious honor to be a part of as well as one of the the biggest financial income opportunities we have. Volunteering just a little bit of your time can be a tremendous help! Be sure to reach out to David DeWitt ([Benz425@aol.com](mailto: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.

COME AND JOIN THE FUN WITH THE

MERRY BOOZER RC CHANNEL AND ALL OUR FRIENDS

AT



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2020



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# NEXT IRCC MEETING



**SATURDAY**  
**October 3, 2020**  
**10:00 AM**



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### Welcome

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