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Saying Goodbye to a Legend!

Frank Tiano

The real "Mr. Top Gun"

1944 - 2021

**PRESIDENTS POINTS MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATES /AWARDS
100 MISSION ROLL CALL S.A.D. AWARD MODEL OF THE MONTH
MEMBERS PHOTO SPOTLIGHT COMING EVENTS**



The IRCC President's Points

As you all may know, we lost Frank Tiano Jan 4, 2021. He was an amazing force in the RC Airplane Community that can never be replaced. Frank had a tremendous influence on this hobby as a promoter, hobbyist, and businessman. He helped many people across this community that I personally believe is immeasurable. Our sincerest condolences to his wife, Carol, and his family and friends.

On a personal note, my mother passed away on Jan 17, 2021. She was 81 years old. I loved my mother very much and we had a lovely ceremony for her at her home church, Mulberry Baptist Church in Nathalie, VA. I will miss her forever.

As I write this, we have just completed day 3 of the Florida eJet Fest International. This is a 4-day event. We have had 50 registered pilots from across the United States of America and by all accounts, this is looking to be a solidly profitable event for the IRCC. Many thanks to the IRCC members who have stepped up to help ensure this event's success! I cannot thank you all enough for rallying around this event, whether your involvement was big or small, it is greatly appreciated by myself and all of our guests who attended. I would also like to thank our sponsors, the RC Informer, Rich Baker and his YouTube Channel; The Merry Boozer's Wes and Lori Miller and their YouTube Channel; HSD USA, RC JetWerx; Frank Tiano Enterprises, BVM, FMS, Horizon Hobby, Flex innovations and Futaba.

Florida Jets is on! The event dates are March 17-20, 2021 at Paradise Field. Once again IRCC will be assisting with the running of this event. David DeWitt will be sending emails for volunteers to sign-up. It is important that all of our members step up to volunteer even if it's for an hour or two. It helps give guys that are available for the whole event to take a break. Anything you can do to help is valuable!

Top Gun is also on! The event dates are April 28-May 2, 2021. We will be seeking volunteers for this event as well.

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.

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.

The 100 RC Missions Over Florida is alive and well for the 3rd consecutive year! We had a total of 6,559 flights logged on the 100 Missions Board in 2020. We had 65 members participate and 25 members make the 100-mission milestone! Remember, this is a "Health Barometer"; if you're feeling sick or curmudgeonly, come to the field, log some flights and you're guaranteed to feel better! 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 member's.

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. I would like to add the IRCC membership has been doing a great job not flying over this boundary!

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'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 into the pavilion.

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

A new batch of IRCC Club hats are in and will be available for sale at the February 13, 2021 IRCC meeting. Hats are \$15.00 each. Bring cash or check if you're interested.

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 are 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 January 2nd, 2021

Recorded by Club Secretary – George Nauck

10:02 President Jerry McGee called the club to the Pledge of allegiance to the Flag of The United States of America. Upon completion, at 10:03 the meeting was called to order.

New Members and Guests: Call was made for new members and visitors to introduce themselves. Cory Odom and Matt were acknowledged with a warm welcome. James Chatman and Tommy Writnaur also were acknowledged with same. Welcome Richard Baird who joined as new member.

Awards and Certificates: President McGee began presentation of certificates for month of December.

Don Patterson for joining the IRCC Jet Set with his solo certificate from Chief Instructor Jeff Hughes.

George Nauck for his spectacular (or spectacle) model of the month Flying Lawnmower (yet to be demonstrated).

Sportsmen of the month, to David Dewitt and David Raff, for valuable services to the club.

Steve Jaworski received his permanent plaque for his Model of the Year 2019. Chris Trumble for 3 years as Club Director.

Jim Gallambardo for 3 years as excellent Club Secretary.

Gary Snyder for many years as Club Treasurer.

Model of the year 2020, Jim Giallombardo and Captain Mike for the beautiful C130 Fat Albert.

Larry Minot for his 100 plus missions over Florida.

Terry Buck and Travis Buck for 100 total missions.

Minutes: Motion was made and seconded to accept minutes for December 2020 as published. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Steve Jaworski gave Treasurers Report. Finances are in good shape with a “plus” amount in excess of expenses for 2020 year. Steve stated that although we are fortunate to raise significant funding from outside events, he feels we should strive to become internally independent through memberships and internal events. Steve reported that IRS exempt status has been re-instated.

Membership Report: Membership stands at about 70 members to date, against a final membership of 123 for all of 2020.

Field and Maintenance Report: No critical issues, in spite of Bill Pawls misfortune. Thanks for Jim and Kevin for stepping up to co-chair this all-important function.

Safety Report: Richard Moffit still in recovery. No glaring safety issues have been noted due to George Nauck’s reluctance to fly his lawnmower in December and to date in 2021.

IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

Instructors Report: Jeff Hughes continues to advance the flying skills of old and new members and wanna-bees. How fortunate is our club to have Jeff as chief instructor!

Club Newsletter: David Raff continues his excellence in editing our “Propwash” David mentioned his practice of featuring a picture of the model of the month as front-page highlight.

Club Website: Ron McKee stated that he has continued his cleanup and security improvements for the site and is setting up an ability to use PayPal for payment of club dues. More on this later.

New Field Search Committee: Nothing new to report at this time.

Old Business: President Jerry reminds all to continue logging flights, even after completing 100. A new board has been installed.

Continue to avoid the over-fly of the Northern boundary to maintain good relations with the Audubon groups bird sanctuary immediately north of the tree-line.

The club’s IRS 501c3 status was successfully reinstated thanks to Steve’s hard work, and the bylaws have been amended to prevent any future oversight that could cause a lapse.

President Jerry stated that at an Executive Committee meeting, it has been recommended that the monthly “Sportsmanship Award” be changed to a quarterly “Over-and-Above” award, with nominations to continue monthly, and a vote taken quarterly for the winner of the award. The club approved this recommendation, so it will be!

New Business and Future Events: Don’t forget to renew FAA Registration. Will cost you another 5 bucks. The February meeting will be move back to Feb 13th due to E-Jet Fest at our field Feb. 4 thru 7. Gate code changes in January. Be sure to lock gate when last one out. There will be NO Planes, Trains, and Automobiles this year. Florida Jets March 17-20 and Top Gun April 28-May 2 at Paradise Field. Need more members to step up as volunteers even if for only a half-day. See David DeWitt.

Sportsmanship Award (Now known as the “Over & Above” Award): Nomination was put forward for David DeWitt and also for the entirety of the Field Maintenance Crew.

Plane of the Month: Jeff Hughes presented a beautiful twin jet Messerschmitt with 90 mm fans, 12S battery, and electric brakes. Won the award unanimously. Can’t wait to see it fly!

SAD Patch Award: Nominees were Gary Marshall (with help of David DeWitt who said the tail was too short!), Art Duncan, who visited Badcock with a Dynam Citation, (whose flight was too short). Art Duncan narrowly won the month’s award due to his dauntless commitment to the award.

50/50: The winning 50/50 drawing numbers of 095344, 095345, and 095346, held by your new Secretary, were somehow ignored in a questionable drawing which turned out to the benefit of the club due to the un-named (wives sometimes read the PropWash) winner E.J donating his winnings back to the club. Thank you, Eddie,!

Final Comment(s): Captain Mike reported that he has donated a number of his excess aircraft to be hung in LaLa Land Bar and Lounge on South Florida Ave. in Lakeland.

Motion to Close: 10:44 - Meeting Adjourned until February 13.

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

(RIGHT) Our Chief Flight Instructor recently presented one of his students with a new set of wings. Jeff Hughes (left) is shown after presenting Don Patterson with his Certificate of Solo Flight with an EDF Jet. With this, Don has moved up the next rung on the ladder to going deeper in debt.

(BOTTOM LEFT) George Nauck is all smiles after receiving his Model of The Month Certificate for December from Club President Jerry McGhee. The as yet untested flying lawnmower is still the talk of the field by many including our field maintenance crew.... wonder why?

(BOTTOM RIGHT) David DeWitt received another Sportsmanship award as did David Raff (not shown) for their service to the club. David D. for his efforts to coordinate the volunteers for Top Gun and David R. for coordinating the Toys for Tots portion of our Fun Fly Event sponsored by the Merry Boozer YouTube Channel.



AWARDS & CERTIFICATES



(**Above**) Gary Snyder and Jim Giallombardo received acknowledgement for their many years of service. Gary as the club's treasurer and Jim as the club's secretary. (**Below Left**) Chris Trumble also was acknowledge for his time on the Board of Directors. (**Below Right**) Art Duncan started off the year as our first recipient of the S.A.D. Patch Award for 2021 – sorry Art!



AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

(Below Left) A model of this caliber deserves one last moment in the spotlight. Capt. Mike Porter and Jim Giallombardo with the Model of the Year model and trophy for the C-130 "Fat Albert". (Below Right) Larry Minott is shown after receiving his 100 Missions over Florida Patch.



Larry was the final recipient of the 2020 100 Missions Patch but definitely not the last. By popular demand this prestigious award has been brought back for another year with an all-new design. It's very simple to qualify, simply come to the field, log your flights and once you attain 100 or more, you get yours. As you see below, two members have already qualified. Congratulations!



2021
ROLL CALL

Jerry McGhee
Jeff Hughes



2020 FINAL ROLL CALL

ART MAGARINO

JERRY MCGHEE

ART DUNCAN

DON PATTERSON

GEORGE NAUCK

ANDY BOLIG

DIEGO ESCOBAR

IAN CLARK

JIM GIALLOMBARDO

WALLY SUNDEY

GAVIN STREET

TRAVIS BUCK

JEFF HUGHES

TOMMY NOLIN

TODD BEATTY

JOHN BURDIN

BILL PAWL

RYAN ROBERTS

RON FINGER

TERRY BUCK

LANCE BIDDLE

ROGER GRIFFITH

DAVID RAFF

LARRY MINOTT



IRCC January 2021 Award Winner **ART DUNCAN**

BREAKING NEWS (not really 😊)

AP MULBERRY, FL JANUARY 1, 2021

ART DUNCAN CRASHES EDF JET and is credited with THE first crash of the new year!

This is Art's 3rd SAD Patch win in the last 3 years and his 7th nomination! This was confirmed by the IRCC President who was present when the crash occurred and conveniently, the wreckage was pulled from the eastern trash can where the entire IRCC quorum verified Art's name in the fuselage of the wreckage which caused quite the uproar from the attending members!

It is with great honor and pride that we offer this month's SAD patch to Mr. Duncan, who has courageously won this month's SAD Patch Award!

It is the first noted crash of the 2021 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, Art, for this offering to the SAD community!

Until next month...



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FRANK TIANO

1944 - 2021

On January 4th, 2021, the radio-controlled aircraft community lost one of the great driving forces in this, the hobby that we all share and love. By now, most have heard that Frank Tiano passed away. A husband, father, friend, modeler, builder, promoter and a fellow member of the Imperial Radio Control Club. Many knew of him, most tried to stay out of his way until you got to know him a little better. One member in particular though knew Frank much better than any of us – Bob Curry. On the following pages are Bob's thoughts and memories of a relationship that spanned over 55 years and gives insight to who Frank really was.....



Frank & Carol Ann



Bob Curry & Frank

I would like to begin my memorial by letting our Club Members in on a secret: Frank was "Frank"

I can't tell you how many times I've had people try to describe or explain to me their understanding of Frank's unique personality by just shrugging their shoulders and saying, usually with a smile, "That's just Frank".

To some folks that met him at the flying field or had dealings with him at the FTE shop, he may have given a negative first impression of being aloof or "Short" with them, but I can tell you, he was that way with most everyone..... that is except small kids or dogs.

Please don't take it personally. We were very close, but I considered it a minor miracle to engage him in a phone conversation for much more than a minute or two. He was continually busy with multiple pressing business issues, or as he would say, "Earning a Living" and usually had little time for idle chat. That was "Just Frank".

His relentless drive to not only create and market ZAP Glue products, but also his unique vision to singlehandedly create and promote his Annual International Scale Modeling events, is nothing short of remarkable.

For Top Gun to survive as long as it has, Frank was continually forced to address the evolving ARF technology that challenged our long held understanding of the "Builder of the Model Rule" in Scale Competition. We all witnessed his determination and creativity, "Thinking Outside the Box", continually tweaking and revising multiple Top Gun Model Classes and Contest Rules. He was ultimately successful in maintaining Top Gun's reputation as the "Premier" Scale Competition event that attracted some of the best Scale Modelers from the US and around the world.

I should mention, the success of Frank's events is due in no small part to the dedication and hard work of Dave Dewitt and the Imperial RC Club Flight-line support team. I know Frank fully understood and appreciated that our "Yellow Shirts" were a critical component he depended on to conduct an organized, reliable and safe flight-line for his events, it truly could not have been done without you.

As far back as the 70's, as Frank was becoming more involved with the RC hobby, he began to write Product Test and Modeling "How To" articles for several RC modeling magazines like Model Airplane News, Flying Models, and Scale RC Modeler. His colorful writing style was always very popular, instructive and enjoyable to read, resulting in close to a hundred articles published over the years, both in US and International Modeling magazines, a practice he continued through 2020.

I'll share what may be another revelation to some. At his very core, Frank simply loved to build and fly model airplanes.

As much as he was driven by his many entrepreneurial interests, he was truly happiest when he was in his workshop, content to just tinker with a latest scale model project. P-47 Thunderbolts were a perennial favorite. One time when multiple Thunderbolt projects were underway in the workshop and as they were coming close to completion, I remember kidding him that we were in danger of running low on P-47s.

In recent years, it seemed more difficult for him to break away from the pressing needs of his business, but I'll tell you the hours we spent "making Balsa dust" together in the workshop will remain one of my fondest memories of our friendship.

Finally, I would like all of you to be aware of Frank's many acts of unselfish generosity I was aware of or witnessed directly. He never sought any recognition, and it was something he never wanted me to ever mention to anyone. (Sorry Frank) Some of you reading this may have actually been recipients of his generosity. In my experience, Frank rarely refused help to anyone who asked.

I'm also certain most of you have witnessed his seemingly uncharacteristic "Good Heart" at his events: e.g. Supporting our Club Raffle, ZAP Glue Product Donations, Pre-paying his food vendors for them to provide a free breakfast or lunch for some of the event staff and workers, and who could forget "Uncle Frank" calling all the kids out to the runway to be "attacked" by the Top Gun "Candy Bomber" or him just picking up the mike from time to time to announce that any kids on the field rush over to the ice cream vendor for "Free" Treats, all this out of his pocket.

Well, enough about Frank.....

I had grown up in Brooklyn, N.Y. and Frank, about 100 miles north, in Saugerties, N.Y. We first met shortly after I had joined IBM and moved upstate in 1965 to work at the Kingston IBM Plant. I was on an IBM service call at the Buick dealership where he was a salesman. On my way out of the building, I just happened to walk by an empty sales office and noticed Airplane Photos on the wall and a few Model Airplane News magazines on a desk. I asked to have the salesman paged and was soon approached by this guy who looked a lot like Captain Kangaroo (that's another story...ask my son, Sean). I introduced myself and that was the beginning of a life-long friendship (of course he did try to sell me a car!)

We have known each other for more than 55 years. Shortly after our meeting, we both joined the local RC club in Kingston, New York; the "Kingston Aeromodellers". We began building our first kits and learning to fly RC at about the same time and I remember sharing many enjoyable hours building or just hanging out in his basement workshop. Then it came time to attempt to fly and land our first RC Models more than once. Exciting times!

We became fast friends as I found we shared a common life-long interest in Aviation History and Scale Model Aircraft. I also discovered we had both grown up building, flying and crashing every type of model airplane we could get our hands on. It was fair to say we were both "Airplane Nuts".

It started for us by building simple plastic model kits in the 1950's, moving on to free flight rubber powered as we got little older. As teenagers, we had both worked odd jobs shoveling snow to scrape together enough money to buy our first Glow Engine (McCoy 29 Red Head) for Control Line Stunt. Ironically, I discovered we had both received Sterling "Ringmaster" Control line Kits as Birthday presents when we turned 14. We were both the same age, Frank being 17 days older than me. He was November 9, 1944, I am November 26, 1944.

Our story ends now. An unlikely story of two guys with completely different personalities, becoming as close as brothers, bound with a common love of building and flying RC models, sharing this wonderful hobby together over most of our adult life and we never stopped.

I miss him terribly.....

Respectfully.....Bob Curry for "Just Frank"

The following are just a few pictures of Frank that were either sent to me or I was able to find. Looks like even in his earlier years Frank was all about the detail.

Remember, the Me109 shown to the right is not an ARF. Back in the day they were built from kits or plans that often took months to put together.





When it comes to getting all the points you can on the “static” judging at Top Gun, you pull out all the stops including having a “life-like” figure of the event promoter made to pilot your aircraft. Below is Frank with his huge P-47 Thunderbolt at Monster Planes USA 2011. He will be missed!



MODEL of THE MONTH

Jeff Hughes entered his big Me 262 from HSD Jets USA into the Model of The Month competition during the January meeting.

(Right) Jeff is shown talking about the design & features of the model.

(Below) The winning Me 262 and its owner / pilot.

Congratulations!



HSDJETSUSA.com

Me-262

Twin 90mm EDF Jet

Wingspan: 1890 mm (74.4 inches)

Length: 1626 mm (64 Inches)

Weight: 7kg (15.4 lbs.)

Radio: 7 Channel Required

Motor: 3560-1550KV x 2

Servos: 25g Metal Gear x 9
12g Metal Gear x 4

Batteries – Power: 6S 5000 to 6000 45C x 2

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MEMBER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT!

George Nauck has joined (or possibly re-joined) the jet set with the purchase of his new model a Freewing F35 Lightning from Motion RC. This is a 70mm EDF flying off a recommended 6S 22.2V battery. He is shown below with Jerry McGhee after the maiden flight.



The 3rd Annual Florida e-jet Fest International was held last weekend at the IRCC Flying Field and by all accounts – it was a huge success!

Competitions were held in different categories and awards presented to the winners of each on Saturday afternoon!

Our own John Burdin took the award for Best Scale Flight. This picture was sent in “anonymously” with the caption above. Must be talking about the radio!



NEXT IRCC MEETING



**SATURDAY
February 13, 2021
10:00 AM**



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Members
Flying with
Handicap
placard

IRCC Flying Members and
Flying Guests with Planes

Guests and Non-
Flying IRCC Members

Imperial RC Club of
Mulberry (Model...)

**NO PARKING AREA
TRAILER SWING AREA**

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

Art Magarino's Parking Spot

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.