

# DECEMBER 2020

It's Time for Some

# Propwash



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Model of The Month
George Nauck's
Toro Lawn-Aire
Flying (maybe?) Lawnmower

PRESIDENTS POINTS MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATES /AWARDS

100 MISSION ROLL CALL S.A.D. AWARD TOYS FOR TOTS IRCC BANQUET

MODEL OF THE MONTH WINNERS COMING EVENTS



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

WOW! The end of 2020! Hopefully 2021 will be a great year for all in the world and a great year for Model Aviation and the IRCC! This has been an unprecedented year on many levels from the Chinese pandemic to the tragic loss of life that it created around the world. Thankfully, in our little corner of America at the IRCC we were able to host all of our events, keep the gate open for recreational flying and no one that I know of in our club contracted the Chinese Coronavirus. Thank you all for your patience, tolerance, and professionalism as the IRCC navigated this pandemic!

Don't forget - Florida eJet Fest International will be held at the IRCC February 4-7, 2021! We hope to see you there. After this event we will be rolling into Florida Jets in March followed by Top Gun in April. There has been no official word on Planes, Trains and Automobiles in Plant City or the SAE Competition in March. When we know, you'll know.

I met with the IRCC Executive Committee incoming officers on December 16, 2020 and it was a very good and productive meeting over the 3 hours that we met. I am quite pleased with the suggestions from this year's EC and we will announce the upcoming course for 2021 in a responsible and productive year that should benefit the club greatly. One change that is coming, we will retire the Sportsmanship nominations and we will replace it with the "Over and Above" award that will be given quarterly. The membership will make nominations for the Over and Above award at each meeting and the Executive Committee will select the Over and Above award winners each quarter. Expect to see these awards announced at the April, July, October and January meetings. Other initiatives underway is a close and watchful eye on club spending to keep the expenditures to within our dues and build a consistent year of savings to be in a position to buy a property should we ever need to.

Congratulations to Captain Mike Porter and Jim Giallombardo for their Model of the Year win! They did so with their very large Blue Angel C-130! Great work guys! Also, congratulations to Dennis Peterson who secured 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in the Model of the Year voting!

The annual IRCC banquet was held on December 5<sup>th</sup> at KCs Artisan Pizza in Lakeland! Thank you all who attended. The food was delicious and there was plenty of room for all who attended. We will have the 2021 IRCC banquet on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at KCs. I hope to see you there!

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 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! I will announce as soon as possible the total sorties logged at the IRCC in 2020!

By popular demand and club vote, we will continue the 100 Missions Over Florida campaign. Here is a sneak peek at the 2021 100 Missions Over Florida patch:



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 in to 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.

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 December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Recorded by Club Secretary - Jim Giallombardo

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by 28 attending members.

**Meeting to Order:** The monthly meeting of the IRCC was called to order at 10:01 am by President Jerry McGhee.

New Members and Guests: New member - Dutch Weis.

**Awards and Certificates:** Sportsmanship Award for Thomas Retnower for November. All members who participated with the Top Gun event will receive a Sportsmanship Award. Model of The Month to Jim Giallombardo for his custom Blue Angel F-4 Phantom. David Raff received his 100 Mission Patch.

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

**Treasurers Report:** Steve Jaworski reported all the bills are paid and there is money in the bank. Money has been moved from the checking account to savings. IRCC members may contact the Treasurer for full details regarding the status of the club's financial account.

**Membership Report:** We currently have 121 members.

**Field and Maintenance Report:** Bill Pawl gave his report on the status of the field. Both the generator and the Hustler mower are due for oil changes. Jim and Keith will assist with duties as needed. Bill experienced a fall while at home which seriously injured his left knee. He will be out of service for the foreseeable future.

**Instructors Report:** Jeff Hughes reported everything is going well. All club trainers are in good shape. There are several junior members wanting to learn to fly.

**Safety Report:** President Jerry reported in the absence of Richard Moffatt, no concerns at this time.

**Club Newsletter/Website:** David Raff reported the club newsletter is going well. Ron McKie reported the website has been updated for commerce. The site is also now secured.

**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.

Steve Jaworski reported the IRS has restored the 501-c status for the IRCC. This is a one-time event and cannot be restored in the future if the club fails to file annually. A short form needs to be completed each year for submission to the IRS. This procedure will be written into the IRCC bylaws. The standing club president shall provide an annual "State of the IRCC" report to club members to ensure compliance with the IRS rules.

#### **IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)**

**Old Business:** David Raff and Steve Jaworski reported the Toys for Tots drive was a huge success. This was the largest collection to date resulting in six full boxes of toys. A tremendous thank you to both the RC Informer and Merry Boozers You Tube groups for promoting this and making it a huge success. The entire drive was able to support 15-16 thousand children countywide.

All members are reminded and encouraged to renew their FAA drone registration.

**New Business and Future Events:** The IRCC Annual Banquet will be held on this date from 6-9pm at KC's Artisan Pizza on South Florida Ave. The cost will be \$20.00 per person.

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

Planes, Trains and Automobiles normally held in February in Plant City may be cancelled this year due to the pandemic. David Raff will report any updates on this as they occur.

**Sportsmanship Award:** David Raff, Jerry McGhee, Rich from the RC Informers and Wesley from the Merry Boozers received this month's award for their tremendous effort with the Toy for Tots drive, making it the most successful drive ever.

Plane of the Month: George Nauck presented a wildly custom built "aircraft" named the Toro Lawn-Aire. The contraption was in the shape of a lawn mower, sported a .91 engine and was all held together by Gorilla glue. George related it was created after many months of serious thought. He provided a detailed description of all its unique features and assured all amazed members that it would surely fly. George was the proud and delighted winner for the Plane of the Month

Jeff Hughes presented his custom painted Mig 29, he dubbed the Lemon Twist. The entire upper surface was painted bright yellow, making it highly visible in all light conditions.

**SAD Patch Award:** Bill Pawl gave a description of the demise of his Corsair winning him this most coveted award for the month.

Bill also received the personal Lame Duck award. Bill was on a short final for his patio landing strip when he encountered a problem. Not realizing his main landing gear was not fully in the down and locked position for touchdown, and with a diminishing airspeed, it was too late to go around from the missed approach. Bill suddenly went into a tip stall to the left and immediately fell out of the sky at an altitude of about 3 feet. His left main gear slammed into the runway at an extremely awkward angle. The center hinge point strained to maintain its designed position, but the impact was just too great. The center hinge flexed well beyond its intended design parameters causing the main strut holding everything together to tear loose from its hardened anchor point. The crash was heard by those in close proximity who immediately raced to the scene to determine the cause of the ruckus. Bill's ground support crew Donna found him in distress in a crumpled heap of distorted and broken parts. Fortunately, there was no fire. She immediately called for the closest crash cart recovery unit. Bill was transported to the local maintenance facility and repairs were begun. Bill was able to return to his hanger, but with the extensive repairs he received, it will be a considerable time before the new paint is dry when he will be able to take flight again. As with all good and knowledgeable pilots, Bill assures us this valuable experience will not be repeated. As with all "older models" your maneuvers need to be precise as the smallest bit of complacency can get you hurt.

Bill, we hope this little story gives you a big chuckle and that we "stand" with you in your recovery. If you need anything, please give any of us a call and we will be glad to help in any way we can to speed along your recovery.

**50/50:** Tommy Nolin collected \$120.00 and split 50/50 with \$60.00 going to the winning ticket holder, Bill Pawl.

**Motion to Close:** The December meeting officially closed at 10:51 am.

### **Departing Comments:**

"GRAVITY" never loses, the best you can hope for is a draw!

# 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

### DO YOU KNOW WHAT GOES GREAT WITH A NEW IRCC HAT?

### A 2021 Imperial Radio Control Club Membership!

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

### The IRCC Gate Code will change on January 2, 2021



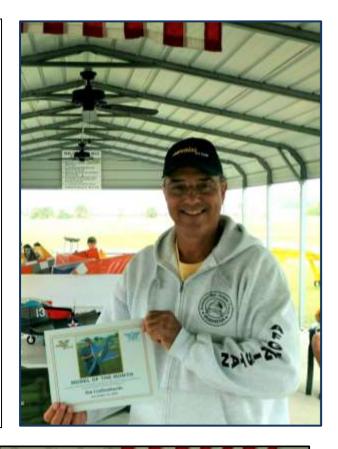
Pay your club dues to get the new combination

# AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

(RIGHT) Jim Giallombardo is all smiles after receiving his Model of The Month Certificate for November. Jim had back-to-back wins. First with the re-modeled C-130 Hercules in October he shared with Capt. Mike Porter and then again in November with another "Blue Angels" model, his F-4F Phantom. Congrats Jim!

(BOTTOM LEFT) An October <u>Sportsmanship</u> <u>Award</u> was finally presented to its recipient Keith Genske for volunteering to be a part of the IRCC Field Maintenance Team. Keith will be assisting Bill Pawl with the mowing and other duties to keep our field looking as good as it does. Thanks Keith!

(BOTTOM RIGHT) Our Newsletter Editor – David Raff was finally able to join the "elite" group of those in the 100 R/C Missions Over Florida Squadron after logging in over 105 sorties this past year!









# **ROLL CALL**

ART MAGARINO
JERRY MCGHEE
ART DUNCAN
DON PATTERSON
GEORGE NAUCK
ANDY BOLIG
DIEGO ESCOBAR
IAN CLARK
JIM GIALLOMBARDO
WALLY SUNDEY
GAVIN STREET

JEFF HUGHES
TOMMY NOLIN
TODD BEATTY
JOHN BURDIN
BILL PAWL
RYAN ROBERTS
RON FINGER
TERRY BUCK
LANCE BIDDLE
ROGER GRIFFITH
DAVID RAFF



### IRCC DECEMBER 2020 Award Winner BILL PAWL

The December 2020 Society of Aircraft Demolishers "Aircraftus Fragmentum" was called to order by the President of the IRCC! Like the Hoover dam, not everyone came forward to confess their aerial transgressions! However, there was one, Mr. Bill Pawl, who had the intestinal fortitude to self-nominate for his Corsair crash within the last 30 days.

The prop strike, perhaps the most common mishap in RC Aviation for any aircraft with a propeller on it. This type of mishap can have everything from a simple "bzzzt" sound with little to no damage, all the way up to complete catastrophic failure impacting multiple factors of an aircraft's movement resulting in a crash, which is what we had here with Mr. Pawl's mishap/crash with his F-4U Corsair!

But, before we dive into the details of Bill's catastrophic mishap, this researcher took the time to look up famous prop strikes from full-scale aircraft and believe it or not, I have found the perfect candidate! Rewind the clock to WWII, Major Francis Gabreski, who was a P-47 pilot and an ace! On July 20, 1944, Gabreski had reached the 300-hour combat time limit for Eighth Air Force fighter pilots and was awaiting an aircraft to return him to the United States on leave and reassignment. He had already advised Kay Cochran to proceed with wedding plans, and his hometown of Oil City, Pennsylvania, had raised \$2,000 for a wedding present in anticipation of his return.

Gabreski found, however, that a bomber escort mission to Russelsheim, Germany, was scheduled for that morning, and, instead of boarding the transport, he requested to "fly just one more." Returning from the mission, Gabreski observed Heinkel He 111s parked on the airfield at Niedermendig, Germany and took his airplane down to attack.

He was dissatisfied with his first strafing run on the He 111, and he reversed for a second pass. When his tracers went over the parked bomber, he dropped the nose of his Thunderbolt to adjust, and its propeller clipped the runway, bending the tips. The damage caused his engine to vibrate violently and he was forced to crash land. Gabreski ran into the nearby woods and eluded capture for five days. After being captured and interrogated by Obergefreiter Hanns Scharff, he was sent to Stalag Luft I where he spent the rest of the war. Following his repatriation, Gabreski returned to the United States and married Kay Cochran on June 11, 1945. His life was on hold, all because of a lousy prop strike!

On the late morning of "I forget when" Bill pushed the throttle forward on his F-4U Corsair; as the aircraft rolled down the runway and began to gather speed, the aircraft over-rotated and without an elevator input from Bill to counter the kinetic energy, the aircraft rotated forward and while at maximum RPMs, Bill's 3 blade propellor "bzzzted" the runway for an excessively long and unfortunate period of time. Based on this author's eyewitness account, it appeared that Bill "instinctively" and incorrectly, pulled back on the elevator control which was the fatal decision that culminated in the aircraft leaping into the air below stall speed, which in-turn caused the aircraft to pitch up and subsequently maneuver itself into a classic "roll-on-the-back-Corsair-trademark-violent-stall" and the aircraft then abruptly pitched down with only 5 feet of altitude it immediately struck the runway at a 45 degree inverted dive. To say the least, it was a "WTF" moment at the IRCC. The correct procedure would have been to pull back on the throttle (opposite stick of what Bill did), and let the aircraft come to a stop on the main landing gear and tailwheel, followed by a maintenance inspection of the propeller. Coulda-shoulda-woulda!

It is with great honor and pride that we offer this month's SAD patch to Mr. Pawl, who has courageously won this month's SAD Patch Award! It is the twelfth and final 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, Bill	for this offe	ring to the SAI	D community!	Until Next month
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### Your FAA drone registration expires this month! Renew NOW!

The official website for registration is the FAA's DroneZone.

The expiration for your drone registration is coming up. If you want to continue flying in the National Airspace System, register now at https://iaadronezone.faa.gov. It's quick and only costs \$5.

How can I access my DroneZone account to renew?

If you registered with the FAA before the DroneZone was launched, an account has been set up for you. You can access your account by following the step by step instructions here:

That didn't work, what do I do now? If you registered with a third party service such as federaldroneregistration.com, you can contact them to request the email address and password that was used to setup your FAA DroneZone account

If you cannot access your account for any reason, you will not be able to renew your registration. In this case you'll have to open a new <u>DroneZone</u> account and re-register your UAS. You'll be issued a new registration number and will need to change the markings on your UAS.

Register on the DroneZone:

- Go to the <u>DroneZone</u> and click on REGISTER.
- Enter your email address and set a password to create an account.
- Check your email for the validation message from the FAA.
- Follow the prompts to complete your registration.
- Pay the \$5 fee to complete the transaction.
- Get a copy of your registration certificate.

Still having problems? Send your registration number, full name, and address to <u>UASHelp@faa.gov</u> and put RENEW 2020 in the subject line.

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## **TOYS FOR TOTS FLY-IN**



On November 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> the annual IRCC Toys for Tots toy drive was held and what a success it was!

With the sponsorship of The Merry Boozer YouTube Channel & several others, we were able to present the Toys for Tots organization with six boxes of toys to help them meet their goal of providing toys to over 15,000 under-privilege children in what has been a more than challenging year for everyone.

Teaming up with the Merry Boozer group (Wesley, Lori & Chuck) proved to be a fantastic move as they were able to promote the event on their YouTube Channel and blogs, as did Rich Baker of the RC Informer YouTube Channel which definitely helped with the participation. In addition, they both were able to obtain assistance from several R/C manufacturers to provide some pretty sweet giveaways.

Although the weather was somewhat less than ideal (actually, pretty crappy for most of Saturday) there was still a good turnout of club members and pilots for the day's activities.

The field was open to all AMA registered pilots and the "landing fee" for the weekend was \$10.00 plus a new unwrapped toy!

Throughout the day Saturday – pilots were competing in several different events with the hope of beating out the competition and winning one of the many handmade plaques made by Lori of the Merry Boozers. The following are just a few pictures from the event....





Our Field Maintenance crew started early getting the field ready for the event. A lot of time and effort on their part was dedicated so the field would look its very best! The day before the event Bill Pawl and I set the flags into the new pole holders that Bill had installed a few months back. This made that job so much easier and of course, as you can see in the image above, really helps to draw attention to the field. We then set up separate "Spectator / Pilots Only" parking areas to allow for the new parking lay-out to be implemented which worked well for the most part.







**Above:** Club President Jerry McGhee welcomed everyone and explained the rules for the day. Jerry is flanked by Wesley Miller of the Merry Boozers and David DeWitt, the event CD.

Left & Bottom: There was a great vendor participation thanks to both the Merry Boozer and the RC Informer YouTube Channel hosts. The table to the left shows the many giveaways donated by several vendors for the Pilot Raffle. Even more impressive was the number of airplane kits that were provided. These were later auctioned off to the highest bidder!



Even the best laid plans must give way to *Mother Nature*. The morning of the event provided dark overcast skies and the predicted rain showed up causing a delay to the flying fun. Everyone sought shelter under the main pavilion and either worked on their aircraft or swapped stories waiting for the rain to stop.













At some point, after the rains let up, an opportunity presented itself to get all the different models that were done in the Blue Angels livery together for what turned out to be a great photo shot. Lead by Jim Giallombardo's "Fat Albert" C-130 several F/A-18 Hornets, a Hellcat, a Bearcat and even an F-9 Panther flanked her on 3 sides.

As mentioned earlier there was both "open flying" as well as flight competitions going on for the remainder of the day. Once all of the scores had been tallied, the awards were presented to the lucky winners. "Fat Albert" wound up taking top honors in the Best Custom Aircraft competition.







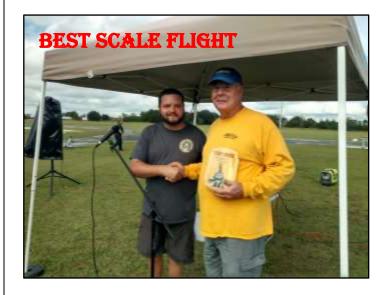
(TOP LEFT & RIGHT) Other awards included – Best Warbird, Best Crash (this poor guy lost 3 aircraft in one day).

(RIGHT) Fastest Airplane in the Speed Competition went to Club President Jerry McGhee at 172 MPH!!!

(**BELOW)** David DeWitt claimed the Best Scale Flight award flying one of Dennis Petersons "stick built" biplanes.

(**BELOW RIGHT**) To give the IRCC membership yet one more award – John Burdin claimed the Best Scale Jet Award. Congratulations to all!







A short time after the awards were presented, the auction for the donated aircraft took place.

Wes Miller of the Merry Boozers volunteered to be the auctioneer and soon learned – this was not his calling.

Assisted by his wife Lori and Tommy Nolin, each aircraft was presented one at a time and awarded to the highest bidder!



(**Below**) Sunday brought a little better weather and a lot of sorties had been flown. A little later in the afternoon, David (Wally) Waller, Coordinator for the Polk County Toys for Tots organization stopped by to check things out and pick up the donated toys. He was extremely surprised and overwhelmed by the number of toys collected this year and took a few minutes to thank everyone that helped to make this happen. **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED!** 



# 2020 IRCC End of The Year Banquet

The Third Annual End of The Year Awards Dinner was held at KC's Artisan Pizza on South Florida Avenue in Lakeland on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Approximately 25 members and guests were in attendance to celebrate the past year and to congratulate fellow members and say Thank You to a few others who have been in leadership positions who will be stepping down at the end of the month.







(**Right**) Club President Jerry McGhee was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

He took a few minutes to acknowledge those that have played an important role in the operational side of the IRCC and thanked each one. He also made certain that there was no "funny business" in the voting for the Model of The Year competition. His wife Kathie assisted and provided the final tally to determine who would be the winner.

(Below Left & Right) In what has become a tradition at these dinners, Wally Sundey stepped up to sing a rendition of "I Want to Be an Airborne Ranger" before presenting Jerry with a token of the club's appreciation for all that he has accomplished so far. Surprisingly, several patrons of the restaurant joined in the final chorus to the delight of all.









Throughout the evening we were enjoying each other's company and sharing stories about this or that.

The venue worked out better than expected even with the late notification and change. When the food was served, the room seemed to get much quieter which is typically a good sign. To confirm this, many had great comments about how good the food was, and the service provided. If you haven't tried KC's Artisan Pizza you need to! You will not be disappointed.

After everyone had finished eating it came time for the main event – the presentation of the Model of The Year Award which was the idea of Jerry a few years ago. The 1<sup>st</sup> winner was Dan Hudson in 2018. The second was Steve Jaworski in 2019 and it was now time to reveal the next recipient that will have his name engraved on this perpetual trophy.

With all the votes counted, checked and triple checked - this year's winner was the.....

C-130 Hercules "Fat Albert"!



Congratulations to Jim Giallombardo & Capt. Mike Porter!

# 2020 Model of The Month Winners

Now that the Model of The Year winner has been chosen and announced, let's take a moment to salute each Model of the Month entry and the pilots that fly them!





























### **2020 SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD WINNERS**

- 1. Chris Trumble
- 2. Bill Littlefield
- 3. Bill Pawl x6
- 4. Jim Giallombardo x3
- 5. Andy Bolig
- 6. Steve Jaworski
- 7. Jerry McGhee x3
- 8. Tommy Nolin x4
- 9. Richard Moffatt x2
- 10. David Raff x3
- 11. David DeWitt
- 12. Jeff Hughes
- 13. Wally Sundey
- 14 Dan Benhassat.
- 15. Ian Clark
- 16. Ron McKie x2
- 17. Dan Hudson x3

- 18. Don Patterson
- 19. Keith Genske
- 20. Gary Snyder
- 21. Wesley Miller
- 22. Rich Baker
- 23. All Top Gun Volunteers



# 2020 WINNERS

January	Dan Hudson	Trainer
February	Bill Pawl	Twin Otter
March	Jay Samples	Pitts Special
April	Jeff Hughes	F-18 Hornet
May	George Nauck	Dornier
June	Don Patterson	Sig Kadet F-4 Phantom
July	Jim Giallombardo	
August	Jeff Hughes	Spitfire
Septem ber	Jerry McGhee	F-5 Tiger II
October	George Nauck	P-51 Mustang
Novem ber	Tommy Nolin	Eflite Havoc
December	Bill Pawl	F-4U Corsair









# Newsletter Articles Welcome

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

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