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Phillip Avonds F-15 "Strike Eagle"**

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The IRCC President's Points

Hard to believe that we are halfway through the year 2020! I hope you all had a happy Father's Day and as this will get published around the 4th of July, Happy Independence Day! Despite the reports of Coronavirus, I hope you are able to get out and enjoy on your terms!

On June 16, 2020, our runway improvement project kicked off! Our landscaper came and cut the sod around the runway and leveled the edges of the runway with the grass. Our troops in action, Bill Pawl, Jim Giallombardo and Tommy Nolin provided muscle for getting the runway right. I served as errand boy and got the sod cutter. After the landscaper did his work the aforementioned IRCC members seeded the edges of the runway and rolled it. Pray for rain so those little seeds will grow! I'm hoping that the edges fill in by the middle of July or the 1st of August. Please take care when flying near the edges or walking to retrieve your plane while we this repair work is healing. Thank you, Bill, Jim and Tommy, for a job well done!

We recently had two non-IRCC members fly aircraft beyond their 2-visit limit and crash an IRCC members plane in the Se7en Wetlands! The IRCC member was not present. As I'm sure this report is circulating within the club, I wanted to address it here. The non-members were spoken to and they now understand the visitation rules. I also reached out to the Se7en Wetlands director, Ms Sarah Malone, and explained that the crash occurred by non-IRCC members and we addressed the matter and she was satisfied with the IRCC leadership action. Needless to say, I was not impressed with the incident and it did require damage control on a sensitive topic with our northern neighbor, the Se7en Wetlands. I want to thank all involved who helped by stepping-up and assisting with the damage control on this matter. I believe we are still in the good graces of the Se7en Wetlands, however, it will take every member to check and ensure that every pilot that comes to fly and you have not seen them before, don't be afraid to go and ask them for their IRCC membership card or AMA card. 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 are unsure, ask the person in question, as a member of the IRCC you have that right. Let's not lose our flying field due to knuckleheads who aren't IRCC members or AMA members! Also, take the time to read the IRCC by-laws, policies, and rules.

We have had some recent hackers and swindlers invade the IRCC website and/or gather emails and phone number from IRCC Executive Committee. These swindlers have posed as me in text messages and emails "asking for favors". Please note, I do not ask for favors. If I have business to discuss and it involves you, I will more than likely pick up the phone and call you or see you at the field. Do not take the bait. My phone number and email are published on the IRCC website, if you receive a text or email from me, make sure it matches my published number on the website or pick up the phone and call me. The Executive Committee numbers are published for outreach to prospective members. I will see if there is some added steps to take with our webmaster Ron McKie to add a layer of security.

The National Model Aviation Day is coming up August 15, 2020. We plan to make this a family day, open fly-in and we will have the 3rd Annual Tri-Fecta Fly-In competition. Start thinking about the aircraft you want to fly for the event and start practicing! I am publishing the rules for the Tri-Fecta Fly-in. We will have two flight-lines in operation. The west pilot pad will be for the Tri-Fecta Fly-in and the East Pilot pad will be for open flying.

We have filed our 501C with the IRS and our check has been cashed by the Federal Government. The motion to update to the By-Laws that the President give a State of the IRCC at each January meeting with affirmation that we have renewed our 501C each year with the IRS and that the club is in good standing was accepted at the June 2020 meeting. That change will be read at the July meeting.

The 100 RC Missions Over Florida is alive and well and we are generating lost 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.

Club hats will be reordered when the manufacturing company re-opens their business and should be available by this summer 2020.

On a personal note, John Burdin and I traveled 2,000 miles to fly at the EDF Jet Jam hosted by the Rosewood RC Flyers near New Albany, Indiana. It was a great 4-day event! The weather was absolutely perfect in the high 70s to low 80s and the wind was less than 10mph straight down the runway for all 4 days. Together, John and I logged 60 sorties over the 4-day event! They had 104 registered pilots and a great time was had by all! If you get a chance, consider coming to the EDF Jet Jam in 2021 in June 2021!

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 June 6th, 2020

Recorded by Club Secretary - Jim Giallombardo

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by 24 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: No new members or guests were present for the June meeting.

Awards and Certificates: Jeff Hughes received his Model of the Month award Wally Sundry received his Sportsmanship award & Andy Bolig received his 100 missions award for the 2020 flying season.

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

Treasurers Report: Gary Snyder reported the club received a check from SAE in the amount of \$2000.00. IRCC should receive a second check from them in about 6 months. The IRCC is currently well into the green with a \$3800.00 positive cash flow. Gary will show and explain details to any interested member.

Membership Report: We currently have 112 members with two new members, Don and Cindy Derringer.

Field and Maintenance Report: Bill Pawl reported the rainy season here and the mowing is in full swing. Someone left the gate open; it is a reminder to all members to lock the gate if they are the last one to leave. Also, do not throw the gate open as it will break at the hinges and damage the latch. Please walk the gate to its fully open position. There is a chain on the trainer shed to hold the door open, please use it keep the door from slamming in the wind. There are old project planes in the shed, should anyone want or need a project. Wally will auction or dispose of these at the end of the meeting. There is also a raft that is no longer needed, and anyone interested may bid on it. Buddy Shackelford also has items for sale to anyone interested.

Safety Report: Richard Moffatt reported there were no safety violations and he thanked everyone for their attention. Richard will check on obtaining 3 new fire extinguishers after a motion to purchase was passed.

Instructors Report: Jeff Hughes reported that all the trainers are in good condition. There are 3 people interested in the hobby.

Club Newsletter/Website: The club newsletter is going well. A new cover feature has been added to show members completing a maiden flight, solo or other special event. David Raff asks for pictures for the cover or any other article. Ron McKie reported outsiders tried to post on the website but were successfully blocked. Other than that, the website is doing well.

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 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.

IRCC has paid their taxes and has received confirmation from the IRS that our check has been cashed.

A motion was passed to spend approx. \$1300.00 to a contractor to grade and smooth the edges and ends of the runway for a smooth transition. Also grass seed will be spread in these areas which fill in quickly during the rainy season. George Nauck volunteered to supply his drop spreader to apply the grass seed. Straw will be needed to spread upon the area to keep the birds from attacking the seed and to keep it from washing away with the rain.

New Business and Future Events: The IRCC July 4th meeting will be rescheduled to July 11 due to the holiday. A motion was passed to require the President to give a state of the IRCC report each January. This would include the confirmation that the IRCC is in good standing with filing the necessary IRS forms to maintain the clubs 501C (7) charter.

The charging stations at each end of the building are of different sizes. Estimates will be made to bring both stations up to the same capacity. Currently, the at field charging stations have limited capacity for high demand charging. Members are encouraged to try to charge multiple batteries at home prior to coming to the field.

Members can also use a personal generator or their vehicle for additional charging needs. Bill Pawl will review the requirements for wiring and connections needed so members can plug in their own generators to power up the system. Jim Giallombardo will get rental estimates for a large propane tank to power up the club’s main generator for large events.

The IRCC will have two club officer positions, club treasurer and secretary will be open at the end of the year if anyone has an interest is serving in either position. Both Gary Snyder and Jim Giallombardo are resigning these posts at the end of 2020.

The AMA National Model Aviation day, and IRCC family fun and fly in day will be held August 15, 2020.

The FTE Top Gun event is still scheduled for Oct 28-Nov1, 2020

The IRCC annual Toys for Tots fun fly-in will be held on Nov 21, \$10.00 entry plus a gift toy.

The IRCC end of year banquet will be held on Dec 5, 2020. Jim Giallombardo has reserved the date with the caterer. A tentative menu will include pork and chicken or turkey with the traditional vegetables. A limited vegetarian menu will be discussed with the caterer as well.

Sportsmanship Award: Ian Clark received the award for his assistance in many projects. Ron KcKie received the award for his web blocking of possible hacker posting on the clubs’ website.

Plane of the Month: Wally Sunday received the Plane of the Month for the presentation of his Phillip Avonds F15. Wally also asked that the airplane stand that someone may have borrowed from his shed be returned as it is needed.

SAD Patch Award: This month revealed an exciting collection of crashes, however there can only be one winner of this prestigious and coveted award. The honor went to Don Patterson who personally stepped forward to describe his heroic Kamikaze attack directly into the side of the Dillion Maintenance building.

50/50: Tommy Nolin collected \$94.00 and split \$47.00 between the club and the winning ticket holder, Richard Moffatt.

Motion to Close: The June meeting officially closed at 10:52am.

Departing Comments:

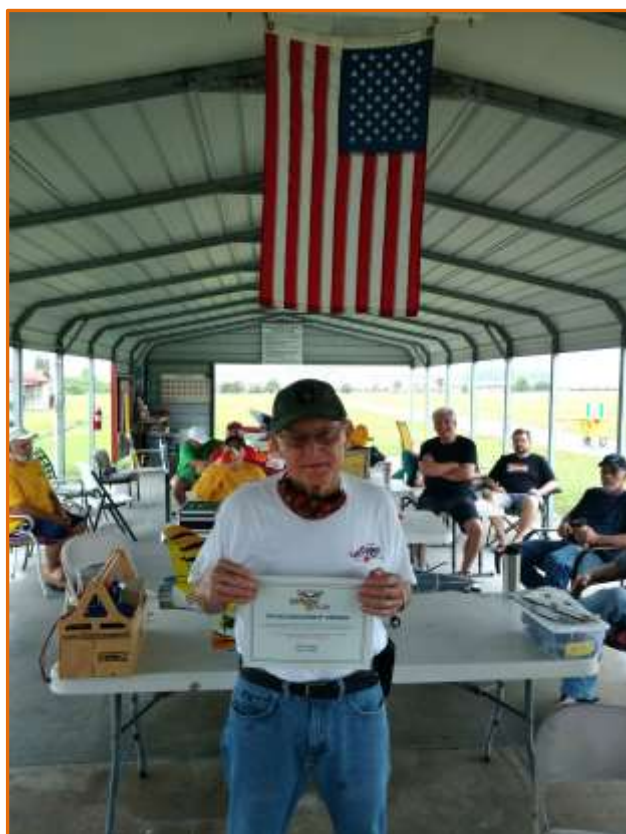
***The biggest aviation mystery:
Why did Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?***

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

(Right) Jeff Hughes received the Model of the Month Certificate for his winning entry from last month. Jeff's entered his F-104 "Starfighter" from Freewing Models.

(Below) Wally Sundeey finally received his Sportsmanship Award for his continued leadership and outstanding success with the IRCC Raffle ticket sales at Florida Jets. Wally's protégé, Tommy Nolan already received his last month.

(Below Right) Andy Bolig received his 100 R/C Missions Over Florida patch. Andy makes the 12th member to join this elite squadron this year!



AWARDS & CERTIFICATES



Don Patterson is all smiles (I think) after receiving the majority of the votes for the June S.A.D Patch Award.

Don was up against several other nominees however, by his own admission & rendition of what transpired – the members in attendance had no other choice but to give Don the honor!

If you did not get a chance to attend, read on and you will find the full story as captured by our esteemed president – Jerry McGhee.



ROLL CALL

ART MAGARINO

JEFF HUGHES

JERRY MCGHEE

TOMMY NOLIN

ART DUNCAN

TODD BEATTY

DON PATTERSON

JOHN BURDIN

GEORGE NAUCK

IAN CLARK

BILL PAWL

ANDY BOLIG

RYAN ROBERTS



IRCC JUNE 2020 Award Winner

DON PATTERSON

The June 2020 Society of Aircraft Demolishers “Aircraftus Fragmentum” was called to order by none other than the President of the IRCC! Nominations were epic and rich with story and disaster! There was the Moe Grandmaison flame out on take-off in a Decathlon; the John Burdin literal flame out with flame on, no kidding a fire, trailing smoke like a WWI Fokker D VII spiraling to it’s doom, with more of a steady glide while on fire; then the Tommy Nolin fence run with the Avanti and the Grand Puba of crashes, Mr. Don Patterson with his Sig Kadet ramming speed crash into a building!

In preparing for this month’s potboiler, the author noted some amazing facts in this aerial disaster that warranted further investigation. The great Shirley MacLaine was brought in as an advisor and literary expert on reincarnation as spiritual Sacajawea which further expanded into a litany of unknown spiritual mediums who assisted in this journey to help discover, who really is Don Patterson?

It is said by serious thought scholars that it is possible to get to the “inner circle of thought” which is a place least known to most humans but experienced by only the lucky few! The inner circle of thought is that spectacular place in thought when you can be in the middle of an act that you love so much, with great passion, that you unlock emotions and experiences from your past and that of your past lives! It is theorized by many that reaching the inner circle of thought unknowingly unlocks one’s past lives on this planet and beyond! This my friends, is exactly the quest that we embarked on in getting to the truth for this SAD story!

In researching Mr. Patterson, Ms. MacLaine requested a blood sample which she analyzed and upon microscopic analysis, she discovered a concentration of evidentiary hormones in Don’s blood that concretely proved that Don reached the inner circle of thought! This revelation propelled the investigation into rapid fire succession into the further exploration of the possibility of unleashing the past lives of Don Patterson as this was now a bon-fire of rich and unprecedented laboratory evidence that had to be explored further!

The setting was pleasant, the mood was exciting, and with great anticipation, Mr. Patterson agreed to be hypnotized to help unlock the mysteries in his latest achievement of reaching the inner circle of thought to sample the past lives that Don experienced that culminated in his complete loss of concentration while flying his Sig Kadet that resulted in the crescendo and the untimely destruction of his aircraft into the side of a building!

As Don slipped into hypnosis, relatively quickly I might add; you could literally watch the screen credits of Don's life broadcast on the big screen. It was an amazing process to watch and as Don slipped further and deeper into his unconscious the secrets of Don's past lives were revealed as Ms. MacLaine coaxed the details of Don's past!

The first past life to reveal itself was the fact that Don was once a WWII Japanese Kamikaze pilot who was in the battle of Midway and was shot down and crashed into the ocean. Further lives revealed that in the spirit world, before entering his current form, Don's spirit sister was Judy Garland! Going further and deeper into time and space in Don's inner circle of thought, it was revealed that he was once the son of an Oklahoma cattle farmer in the early 1800s. As he was playing in his front yard a tornado came and swept him up along with the house, as he swirled about in the open air, getting sucked up into the tornado he found the house, walked through the front door, went into his bedroom and curled up in his bed. The house swirled and landed a hundred feet from its foundation and Don, who was completely unscathed, was now the toast of the town as the tornado slayer! Little known fact, the producer of the Wizard of Oz, Mr. L. Frank Baum, was in a past life with Don in Oklahoma as he was the reporter who told the story on Don's tornado adventure! This story stuck in Mr. Baum's permanent memory and manifested itself in his next life in the classic, The Wizard of Oz which featured Don's spirit sister Judy Garland!

As the session continued, Ms. MacLaine coaxed the inner circle of thought that prompted Don to crash his plane! Don revealed that as he flew the plane and unknowingly entered complete ZEN at the inner circle of thought his mind was captured at the inner circle of thought and like lightning in a summer thunderstorm the secrets of his past lives rose from his subconscious and intertwined with his task at hand of flying his plane and with a moment of chaotic thumb movements, Don increased the throttle, yelled BONZAI and while ripping out a few choruses of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow", Don aimed his Kadet straight down at the Dillon Trucking building in a legendary past life remembrance that culminated in the head on kamikaze attack into a building that bore no resemblance to the house Don once flew in! The crashing thud into the metal building was a thunderous thud that broadcast itself to all present at the Imperial RC Club and the residents of Mulberry!

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





MEMBER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT!



Here are a few pictures sent in by fellow IRCC members!



(Left) Ryan Roberts had his picture taken with his favorite competition “pattern” airplane after logging over 100 flights!

Ryan is the latest member to join the 100 R/C Missions Over Florida Squadron.

Congratulations Ryan!

(Left) Jim Giallombardo is looking mighty proud in this picture showing his new “Blackhorse” Cub from Motion R/C.

The model is 52.76” long and has a 76.77” wingspan

Jim stated that the “maiden” flight went smoothly, and she flies, well “just like a Cub should fly”.

He is now waiting on the finishing touches to be added once he receives his decals from Callie Graphics!



Kathie McGhee, wife of IRCC club president Jerry McGhee donated the storage box below to keep the chair cushions in when not being used. If you use one, please remember to place it back in the box afterwards. Thanks Kathie!





This collection of pictures was sent in by Terry Baker. Above is Terry's grandson Max (right) who is also a member.

They took advantage of one of the more pleasant days at the field to capture some images from Max's drone.

(Right) Here is a great overall shot of the IRCC flying field. The other is showing the far-left side of the field including "Little Lake Wogey" and the Badcock Home Furnishings - Mulberry Distribution Center.

(Below Left) is a shot of the southern section of the Se7en Wetlands Nature Preserve.

The "NO R/C PLANES" sign was taken at Loyce E Harpe Park off of West Carter Road in Mulberry.



IRCC MEMBERS IN ACTION

The membership finally agreed that enough was enough and voted to allocate the funds necessary to fix the runoff ends of the main runway that had claimed the landing gear and wing tips of so many aircraft!

A landscaper was called in, fill dirt was obtained, and a small but determined workforce was assembled. As you see in the images - the ends of the runway were cut back and leveled as were the sides running the entire 600' length.



This was then seeded with a “quick growing” grass seed. The little bit of dirt left over was used to help fill some of the bomb craters left behind by the notorious *Feral Hog Squadron* over on the west side near the “heli” shelter.

Many thanks to (from right to left) Bill Pawl, Jim Giallombardo and Tommy Nolan for braving the heat of the day to get this accomplished.

Also, a shout of thanks goes out to club president Jerry McGhee, who took the time to go and rent a sod cutter which significantly sped up the whole process!

3rd Annual IRCC TRIFECTA FUN FLY

The events for this Club Fun-Fly are meant to be non-plane breaking events that any aircraft can do that will test your skill and your luck. Have fun, stay safe, keep your wings level and hit whatever you're going to hit as gently as you can. This Fun Fly will take place on Saturday August 15, 2020 at 08:30 start time in conjunction with the IRCC Family Day and the AMA's National Model Aviation Day.

TROPHIES and RIBBONS

Three events 1st, 2nd, 3rd place for each event with a ribbon for each place.
1st, 2nd, 3rd place trophies for overall combined scores to the top three finishers.

THE EVENTS

Event 1: Fly for 2 minutes
Event 2: Precision Landing
Event 3: Dice Takeoff & Loops

MAXIMUM POINTS PER EVENT:

EVENT 1: 100

EVENT 2: 120

EVENT 3: 100

TOTAL MAXIMUM NUMBER OF POINTS COMBINED: 320 Points

THE UNBENDABLE RULES FOR ALL EVENTS

1. Qualifications: Must be an IRCC member, must use the same plane for each event.
2. Scoring: In order for a score to be tallied at least one wheel needs to land on the paved runway prior to contacting the ground.
3. Any crash in any event will result in a score of Zero for that event. Contestant will finish with the points they have earned prior to the crash.

INDIVIDUAL EVENT RULES:

EVENT 1: FLY FOR TWO MINUTES

Time begins when the aircraft wheels leave the ground. Pilot commences to fly his/her aircraft for two minutes without the aid of any timer or encouragement from the crowd and/or by-standers. Detection of transmitter timers will result in a zero score. Time ends when the aircraft lands on the paved runway. Closest to the 2-minute time mark + or - (under or over the 2 minutes) will be ranked. Scoring is as follows:

1st – 100 points

2nd – 75 points

3rd – 50 points

4th and below – 25 points

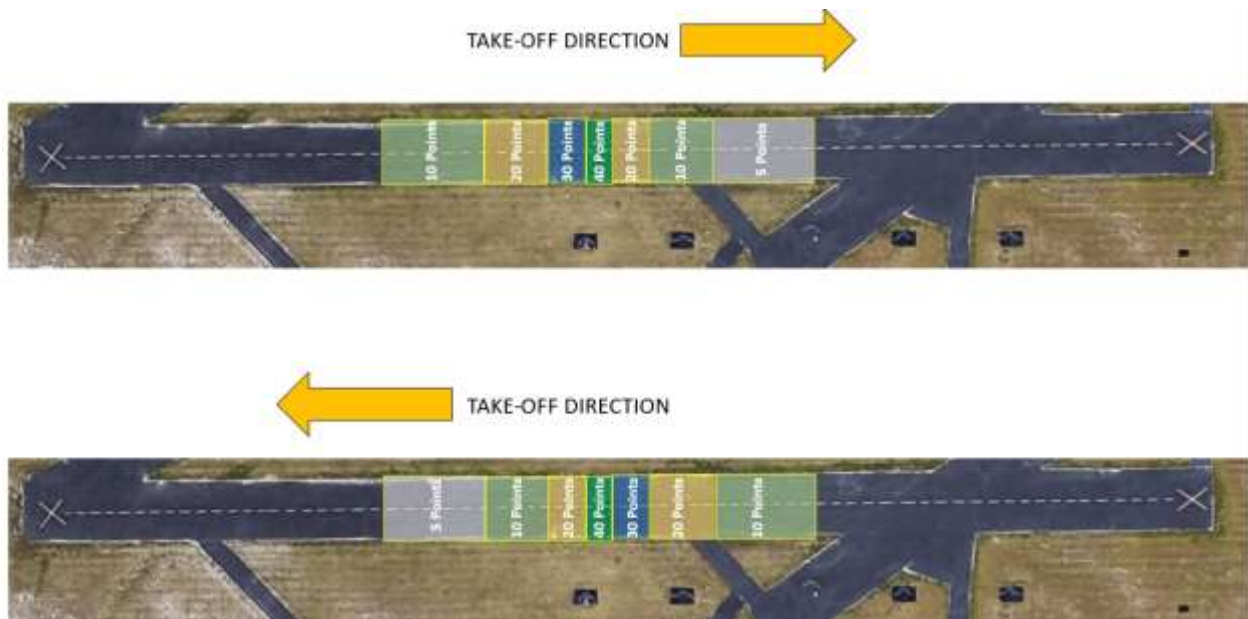
EVENT 2: PRECISION LANDING

Pilots will take off and make three touch and go landings with each landing being scored on the zone the wheel(s) touch into. IRCC Runway is 585 feet long. The scoring portion for this event will be 152 feet of scoring zones on the runway divided in 7 zones of 32' 24' 16' 8' 16' 24' 32'. In case of wind direction change, the direction of the take-off will determine the score sequence.

i.e. left to right take off. The score will be 10/20/30/40/20/10/5

One wheel of the main landing gear has to contact the scoring section of the runway and aircraft must maintain control after landing and remain in an airworthy condition.

There will be 3 scored attempts, the pilot will have to call the landing prior entering base leg. If pilot fails to land the score will be 0 and one attempt will be used. Any go around without touching the runway will result in a zero score.



EVENT 3: Guess Your Speed

The pilot will call his speed prior to flight. The pilot will then take his/her aircraft off and have three attempts to fly that speed. Speed will be measured by a Doppler radar gun. The closest matched speed of the three attempts to the speed called by the pilot will win. The pilot may call any speed prior to take off. For example: Pilot 1 calls 45 mph and flies 46mph. Pilot 2 calls 55 mph and flies 53 mph. Pilot 1 would win as they are +1mph and pilot 2 is - 2 mph. If 1 pilot fails to land on the paved runway the score is 0.

Scoring is as follows:

1st – 100 points

2nd – 75 points

3rd – 50 points

4th and below – 25 points

WISHING ALL



A HAPPY 4TH!



**We'll provide the
entree - drinks - fun!**

**You bring the family, a covered dish to
share& of course - Something To Fly!**

FAMILY DAY!

CELEBRATING!

Saturday August 15th, 2020

3rd IRCC TRIFECTA Fun-Fly Competition.



RSVP TO David Raff at raff7113@msn.com

NEXT IRCC MEETING



**SATURDAY
July 11, 2020
10:00 AM**



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Welcome

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

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