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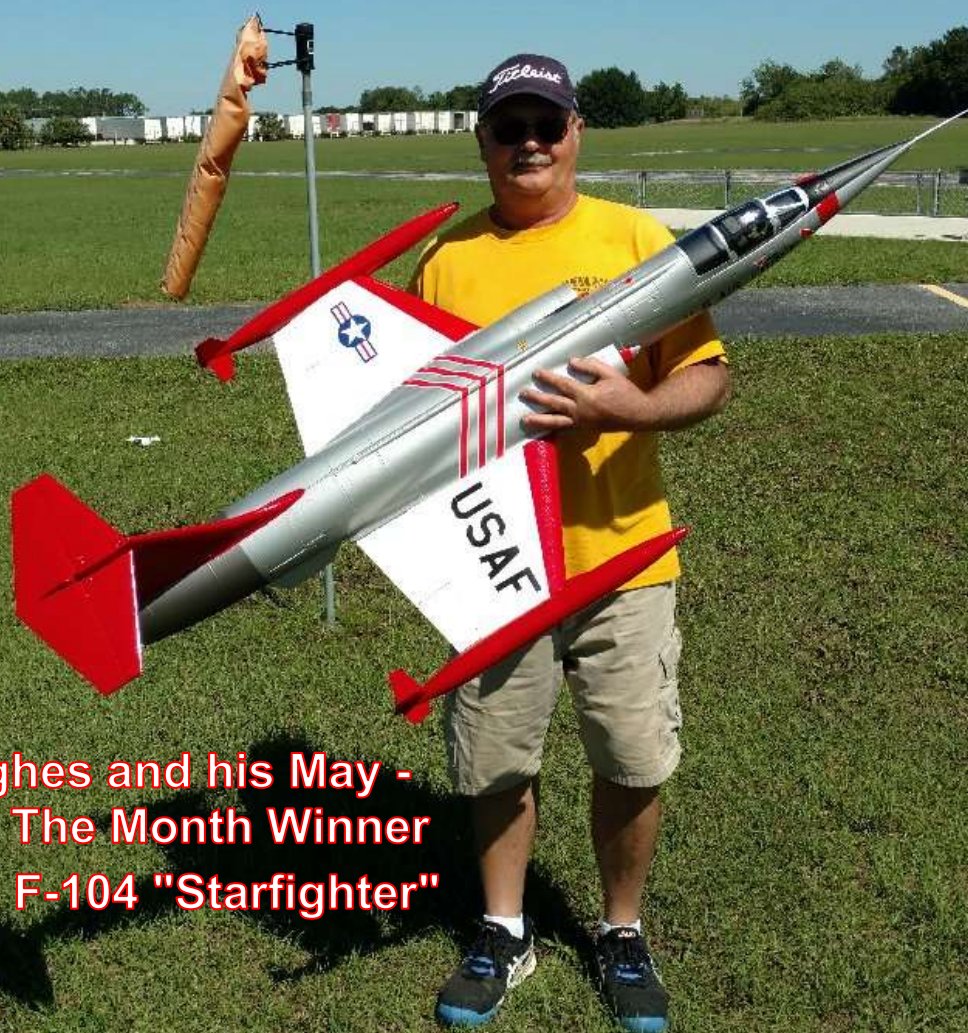
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**Jeff Hughes and his May -
Model of The Month Winner
Freewing F-104 "Starfighter"**

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**100 Mission Roll Call
First Flights**



The IRCC President's Points

This has been a crazy month! As the Chinese Coronavirus pandemic continues amid varying reports of its actual impacts to the world population, Flying at the IRCC has continued without interruption or delay and we have had some gains and losses among our ranks that we must reflect on and celebrate their value and appreciation to our club.

Long-time member Jerry Morris passed away April 30, 2020. Jerry was a great member of the IRCC, an avid RC helicopter pilot, his dedication to the club and his interaction with the membership was greatly appreciated. A great guy whose quiet demeanor was a great asset in helping guide this club to where it is today! Our thoughts and prayers are with Jerry and his family.

Celebration & congratulations are in order for Diego and Lauren Escobar on the birth of their twin girls, Sofia and Madelyn who were born on May 7, 2020! Big Sister Lana is extremely excited!

By now, most of our Snowbirds have flown the nest back to their northern homes! We hope you all had a safe journey North and we look forward to seeing you again in the fall! Stay safe up there!

Hopefully, you have taken advantage of the IRCC and gotten some flights in to give yourself a recreational break from everything we have to deal with in this, the craziest few month of this century! It appears most states are opening back up in an effort to return to normal. At least here in Florida we can eat at restaurants, get a haircut, and go to the grocery store with relative ease. For me personally, I have reduced my "footprint" on where I go, buying more on-line, but still getting around with ease. Hopefully, you are assessing your own risk/reward in your travels; this means assessing your vulnerability and susceptibility to contracting this virus and assessing whether or not a simple trip out is worth the risk for the reward that you will gain.

We will have our next club meeting on June 6, 2020. If you are sick or at risk, please stay home. If you are in a key leadership position and you have a speaking part and you are not going to be in attendance, please send me your comments for your area of responsibility.

The bi-annual IRCC Executive Committee meeting is June 3, 2020. I will provide a re-cap of that meeting in the next newsletter and at the meeting on June 6th.

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. I will be making a motion in the next meeting or two that we have an update to the By-Laws and 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.

The 100 RC Missions Over Florida is alive and well and we are generating 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 10 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 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, I flew my first turbine aircraft on May 17, 2020. My long-awaited F-106 Delta Dart with a JetCat P-80 turbine with 22 lbs. of thrust and guided by my Futaba 16SZ. The jet weighs 24 lbs. dry and 28 lbs. wet. It was a very exciting flight for me personally and as I worked the jet, which was slippery fast and I found myself “behind the jet” quite a few times, meaning I was going through my learning curve while flying, I actually did have a few moments of extreme enjoyment while flying it! Which was only interrupted by David DeWitt, who was standing by my side helping with the trim setting who said, “OK, you should probably land now.” The landing was less than perfect for my standards, but it did land and it flew well. Don’t worry, I did not fly it at the IRCC, nor do I plan to.

Many Thanks to David DeWitt, Steve Jaworski, Bob Violett, John Burdin, Mike Zellers, Sean Curry, Frank Tiano, Mark Durkac, and former owner Ralph Esposito who helped me get this project off the ground!

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 May 2nd, 2020

Recorded by Club Secretary - Jim Giallombardo

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by 23 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: No new members or guests were present for the May meeting.

Awards and Certificates: William Fiermonti and Don Patterson received their Solo Certificates.

Bill Pawl, David DeWitt, Jeff Hughes, Tommy Nolin, and Wally Sunday received their Sportsmanship Awards.

Dale Harwell received his Model of the Month Award.

No 100 mission patches were awarded this month.

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

Treasurers Report: Gary Snyder reported the club is well into the green. Gary will show and explain details to any interested member.

Membership Report: We currently have 107 members

Field and Maintenance Report: Bill Pawl reported he is keeping ahead of the spread of fire ants with the application of bait. He has added a wheel to the bottom of the entry gate to prevent it from sagging. He added several bags of concrete to the base of the gate post to solidify it to hold the heavy gate. He also attached a catch on the top to prevent the gate from swinging in the wind. Don't let the gate swing or slam while operating it.

Safety Report: Richard Moffatt reported there was a small short article in the AMA magazine regarding unintentional starts with electric motors. All is going well at our field and there has been good progress on safety.

Instructors Report: Jeff Hughes reported that all the trainers are in good condition. There is one new trainee, a small child named Dallas. Jeff will work with him when Dallas is able to get to the field.

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.

New Field Search Committee: Jim Giallombardo reported on a property in the Alturas area east of Bartow. The property could be used but is very high priced and currently, most likely out of the club's range. It will be noted to review at a later time if the need arises.

Old Business: Jerry McGhee encouraged members to continue with the 100-mission goal for 2020. It's 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 MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

New Business and Future Events: IRCC Snowbird members will be departing for their annual migration northward from the sandy shores for “greener” pastures. We wish them safe travels and will see them in the fall upon their return.

Member Dan Benbassat has homemade facemasks available for purchase to other members.

David Raff will get estimates from United Rental for a skid steer for leveling out the runway ends and edges. Bill Pawl will obtain other estimates as needed for this project.

The AMA National Model Aviation Day will be held August 15, 2020. Th IRCC will hold our annual family fun day at during this time.

Top Gun tentatively scheduled for October 2020 is still on. David DeWitt announce updates.

Sportsmanship Award: Due to a mask shortage, Dan received the award for the making and sale of facemasks to members.

Plane of the Month: Jeff Hughes received the plane of the month award for the presentation of his F104 Starfighter.

SAD Patch Award: George Nauck upon his own descriptive admission, crashed his Dornier aircraft into the station fence while attempting a dead stick landing.

50/50: Tommy Nolin collected \$90.00 and split \$45.00 between the club and the winning ticket holder, David DeWitt.

Motion to Close: The May meeting officially closed at 10:42am.

Departing Comments:

You realize you've landed gear up when it takes full power to taxi clear of the active runway!



ROLL CALL

ART MAGARINO

JEFF HUGHES

JERRY MCGHEE

TOMMY NOLIN

ART DUNCAN

TODD BEATTY

DON PATTERSON

JOHN BURDIN

GEORGE NAUCK

IAN CLARK

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

(**Right**) David DeWitt is shown after receiving his **Sportsmanship Award** for his tireless efforts taking “point” (that’s lead for some of you non-military guys) for several of the clubs major events including – Florida Jets and the SAE Collegiate Aeronautical Competition.

(**Below Left**) Also receiving their awards for April is Bill Pawl for all of the work he puts into keeping the field maintained.

(**Below Right**) Jeff Hughes – IRCC Chief Flight Instructor for the time spent working with all the trainees new to the hobby.



AWARDS & CERTIFICATES



(Top Left) Tommy Nolin for his outstanding efforts on raffle ticket sales at both Florida Jets and the SAE Competition.

(Top Right) Richard Moffitt for his participation and assistance with the "Planes, Trains & Automobiles" event in Plant City.

(Left) Chris Trumble for organizing & coordinating the highly successful 2nd Annual IRCC End of The Year Banquet.

Wally Sunday for raffle ticket sales at Florida Jets but was not present to receive. We will get his picture hopefully at the June meeting.

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

The following IRCC members earned their wings after successfully completing the training program provided by Flight Instructor - Jeff Hughes.

(Right) Jr. Member William Fiermonti was “officially” presented his certificate during the May meeting.

(Below) Don Patterson is shown with Jeff after receiving his Certificate of Radio-Controlled Flight.

(Below Right) Rene Toussaint is one of our “winter members” and had to go back to New Hampshire but not before completing the course and earning his wings.

No, we are not done yet!





(Above) Dr. Art Magarino apparently has been getting in a lot of flight time lately and received his 100 Mission patch. (Above Right) Dale Harwell was presented with the April Model of the Month Certificate for the winning entry of his 15+ year old Yak 54. (Below Left & Right) George Nauck joined two very prestigious (OK- one prestigious and one - not so much) groups when he was presented with both – his 100 R/C Mission over Florida patch and then a little later in the meeting, by his own admission, the May S.A.D. patch.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!





IRCC MAY 2020 Award Winner

GEORGE NAUCK

The May 2020 Society of Aircraft Demolishers “Aircraftus Fragmentum” was called to order by the President of the IRCC! There were a few nominees, however, there can only be one!! Like the movie “O’Brother Where Art Thou”; the paterfamilias, Mr. George Nauck, surpassed all comers with his unfortunate Ker-splat within the last 30 days.

Oh, how the mighty have fallen! It is said by many in this hobby that every airplane has a date on it; that date is in reference to it’s end date where it is no longer flyable due to catastrophic trauma caused by rapid vertical descent and contact with a firm fixed object, such as the Earth; as is the case in this report.

As many of you know, George is a religious man, and a good one at that! As George navigates his model aviation career, he is always thankful for his blessings and humble in his flying. He has successes in aviation and he, like all of us, experiences non-successes. George’s prize-winning Model-of-the-Month from October 2019, his Dornier ARF from Richmond RC, which he successfully flew from October 2019 to May 2020. This aircraft was the pride of the Nauck fleet for many months, however, like most of us, George also likes to get new aircraft.

It is widely debated among RC aficionados and theological scholars that this desire for the want of new RC aircraft actually invites 4 out of 7 of the deadly sins into one’s life! As we are mere mortals toiling here on this planet, an overindulgence in any of the 7 deadly sins is more than likely to spell the end of one’s mortality.

For the secular reader, I will recap the 7 deadly sins: 1. Lust; 2. Gluttony; 3. Greed; 4. Sloth; 5. Wrath; 6. Envy and 7. Pride. These seven make up the capital vices or cardinal sins, most commonly referred to in popular culture as the 7 deadly sins. As long as one is not overindulgent in any of these 7, you will be alright, however, temptation is the devil’s brew and corrosion of the soul if you let it!

After flying his Dornier successfully for many months, George began to want a new aircraft, and he set his eyes on the “Cadillac of the Sky”, the P-51 Mustang! As the dream for a new Mustang became reality, George began to struggle with what to do with the Dornier as space is at a premium in George’s extensive model collection and shop space!

As the dream of the new Mustang progressed and the Mustang began to consume valuable shop space, George grew more and more concerned regarding how to store both aircraft.

As George is a religious man, he prays. Prayer is a mighty commodity to have and in times of trouble it is often said that prayer is chicken soup for the soul. I’m a believer!

As George continued to struggle with this relatively minor issue in his life, he decided to turn it over to the Almighty! As he is well aware that the Almighty has many other more important issues to contend with on the planet, George slipped in his shop space dilemma and asked for a little help in solving the problem. The problem with prayer is, sometimes, God will answer them in ways you never imagined! But it usually works out, that's what makes it so amazing.

As the devil tried and tried to sink his hooks in George's soul with 4 of the deadly sins in the want for a new airplane, it just wasn't working. The devil tried using Lust, Greed, Envy and Pride on George, but it just didn't take. Realizing the epic struggle for good and evil, God usually helps us out when we pray, even on seemingly insignificant stuff like RC aircraft storage space. But, knowing that George's very soul was on the line, God did not want George's armor to crack, so God helped him out with the storage problem.

On this fateful day, the Mustang was almost completed and 95% ready for a maiden flight. George launched the pride and joy Dornier into the sky as he usually does and he set about to bore holes in the sky and chase his happiness. All was going well, then without warning, on this pleasantly clear, calm, chamber of commerce day, a lightning bolt from out of the blue came and zapped the Dornier! The Dornier pitched wildly and gyrated in the sky and as it unscrewed itself in the air, it rapidly changed its heading and pitched straight down for terra firma! KER-SPLAT went the Dornier!

As George walked out to scoop up the pieces of the re-kitted Dornier, he was overheard giving thanks, as his shop space trouble was now resolved! The power of prayer! More importantly, it is widely reported that George's soul is still intact with the army of God!

On the occasion of George's nomination for this month's SAD patch, George said "This was a good airplane that has gone from Model-of -the Month to Dumpster-of-the-Month!" George, we appreciate your lighthearted look at the end of your Dornier, and we thank you for being a good example in this club and a great member!

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

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





FLIGHTS



MAY 2020



Dan Hudson's Super Cub



**Tommy Nolin's AvantiS
80mm EDF from Motion RC**



**John Burdin's F-4 Phantom II
90mm EDF from Motion RC**

If you have had a maiden flight in the last 60 days, send your picture and a brief write-up in an email to the Propwash Editor – David Raff raff7113@msn.com



**Jerry McGhee's Outlaw
from Extreme RC**



**IRCC Main Flight Shelter
August 2012**

Provided by Jerry McGhee

Thought it might be fun to share some of the “nostalgic” picture that have been taken or collected over the years. Kind of a walk down memory lane for some of us and a small education on the history and people that have helped make this club what it is today. I plan to include just a few in each upcoming edition. Have something that you would like to share? Send it to me with a short background story and I will be more than happy to include!

IRCC Pavilion – October 2014!

This structure was provided through the generosity of one of the clubs oldest and cherished members – Dr. Art Magarino





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

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

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CELEBRATING!

Saturday August 15th, 2020

3rd IRCC TRIFECTA Fun-Fly Competition.



RSVP TO David Raff at raff7113@msn.com

NEXT IRCC MEETING



**SATURDAY
June 6, 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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