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**Model of The Month
Winner!**
**Jim Giallombardo's
Blue Angel's
90mm F4-F Phantom**

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The IRCC President's Points

Thank you all for electing me again as your President for the 2021 IRCC Flying Season! 2020 will close my 3rd year as your President and begin my 4th year in 2021! On behalf of myself and all the members of the Executive Committee, thank you for your continued confidence in us to lead and guide the IRCC in this great hobby that we all love so much! We look forward to a great year in 2021! But before we get to far down the road, November has proved to be a very busy model aviation month for the IRCC as well as a very windy month, where only 50% of the days were flyable as a couple of late blooming hurricanes sucked air across the state at a blistering rate! Thankfully, they were uneventful for Florida and we were spared the enormous damage that hit central America.

The IRCC hosted two great events in Florida that helped our revenue stream significantly! Many thanks to all who participated and volunteered!

TOP GUN was hosted at Paradise Field Wednesday October 28 to Sunday November 1, 2020 and the IRCC army of volunteers showed up once again to ensure that it was a successful event! Thank you to David DeWitt for leading the effort, yet again, and ensuring a great event!

November 21-22, 2020 the IRCC hosted the Merry Boozer's Toys for Tots Fly-in. The Merry Boozers are an RC YouTube Channel. This was a great event for our club and a worthy cause giving to the Toys for Tots program sponsored by the U.S. Marine Reserves that benefits 16,000 Polk County children! The IRCC did not disappoint as we had 41 registered pilots in this first year of this event! Pilots as far away as Abilene, TX, Georgia, Alabama and throughout the state of Florida showed up for this great cause! Many thanks to the Merry Boozer's and the RC Informer RC Channels on YouTube who sponsored the event and were able to provide an abundance of airplanes, radio, and RC manufacturer swag that was auctioned off and raffled! We also tried something a little different for this event, as the wind was blowing from the North East, we used the cross runway for take-offs and landings and it was a huge success as there were no incidents with the new take-off and landings! Many thank you's to all who participated, and we look forward to doing it again next year!

The annual IRCC banquet will be held December 5th from 6-9pm at KCs Artisan Pizza in Lakeland! They will be serving more than pizza so please join us in a safe dining atmosphere so we can commemorate our year and honor our members that make this place great!

Congratulations to Ryan Roberts and Diego Escobar who finished 1st and 3rd respectively at the Jacksonville, FL Pattern Meet on Nov 16! Congratulations to you both!

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.

We have filed our 501C with the IRS and I am happy to report that we are in good standing with the IRS again and the IRCC's tax exempt status has been restored! Thank you to Terry Baker, Steve Jaworski and Gary Snyder who were on the front lines of this effort to restore the IRCC's tax standing with the IRS! We owe them a huge debt of gratitude!

The 100 RC Missions Over Florida is alive and well and we are continuing to generate lots of sorties, which seems to be keeping the membership alive and well! Even if you get your "100", please keep logging your sorties throughout the year as it is interesting to see the number of sorties that get logged by our members! We have had three members cross the 100 Mission mark this year, see the 100 Missions roll call at the end of this article.

Please do not fly over our northern boundary, which is the Se7en Wetlands and a bird sanctuary just north of our field. If you see someone flying over the wetlands say something to that pilot! This will take all of our members to help with this matter. Awareness is key.

As a reminder, 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.

By unanimous vote of the IRCC, the following individuals have been elected to the following positions for the 2021 IRCC Executive Committee:

Club Officer, President – Jerry McGhee
Club Officer, Vice President – David DeWitt
Club Officer, Treasurer – Steve Jaworski
Club Officer, Secretary – George Nauck
Director – Bill Littlefield Starting Year 3
Director – Tommy Nolin Starting Year 2
Director – Jim Giallombardo Starting 1st year
Safety Officer – Richard Moffatt
Chief of Field Maintenance – Bill Pawl
Chief Flight Instructor – Jeff Hughes

Thank you all for being awesome and taking care of business and being great RC modelers! It is truly an honor to be your President and I enjoy flying with you!

Get out to the field, be a friend, keep your wings level with the horizon and hit whatever you're going to hit as gently as you can! See you at the field!

Sincerely,
Jerry McGhee
President, IRCC



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IRCC MEETING MINUTES

Saturday October 3rd, 2020

Recorded by Club Secretary - Jim Giallombardo

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by 27 attending members.

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

New Members and Guests: Tommy Walker, Dave Mineo, Dutch Weis, Eric Rockey, Jim Mahonney, Laura, James & Drew Powell.

Awards and Certificates: Keith Genske, and Dan Hudson, sportsmanship award for assisting with field maintenance and grass mowing.

Gary Snyder, sportsmanship for his long-time service to the IRCC as club Treasurer.

Cpt Mike Porter and Jim Giallombardo for the C-130 Model of the Month.

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

Treasurers Report: Steve Jaworski reported the Club Financial account has been declining over the past several years, however at this time the club account is healthy. We cannot continue along the current rate of spending. Accommodations have been made with snowbirds and members, but the membership needs to rise. Steve also reminded all members they need to renew their AMA membership for club renewal. IRCC members assisted with the FTE Top Gun event, holding a raffle for prizes awarded winning participants.

IRCC members may contact the Treasurer for full details regarding the status of the club's financial account.

Membership Report: We currently have 116 members.

Field and Maintenance Report: Bill Pawl gave his report on the status of the field. Mowing has slowed greatly this time of the year. Bill continues to spray fire ant mounds as they appear.

The infield windsock has been relocated permitting TO & Landing access to the NE-SW diagonal runway.

The flag and the flagpole at the main pavilion are both damaged and need replaced. It was approved by membership to replace these items.

Instructors Report: Jeff Hughes reported everything is going well. All club trainers are in good shape. Jeff has taken on three new pilot trainees.

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

Club Newsletter/Website: The club newsletter is going well. David Raff thanked everyone for their submission and asked to keep them coming in. Ron McKie reported that several members were inadvertently deleted from the website; they will need to re-register.

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 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 not responded to the new information submitted they requested. Steve researched the archives and retrieved the original IRCC articles which were submitted to the IRS as part of the package. He placed these articles into a permanent file book which is to be passed onto each successive club treasurer. This procedure will be written into the IRCC bylaws.

IRCC 2021 nominations for Club Officers.

President- Jerry McGhee will continue in his present position.

Vice President- David DeWitt will continue in his president position.

Secretary- George Nauck will become the new secretary.

Treasurer- Steve Jaworski is the new Treasurer

IRCC 2021 Assistant Positions

Safety Officer- Richard Moffatt will continue in this slot.

Field & Maintenance- Bill Pawl will continue doing an exceptional job in this position.

Chief Flight Instructor- Jeff Hughes

Director- Bill Littlefield (3rd year 2021)

Director- Tommy Nolin (2nd year 2021)

Director- Jim Giallombardo is stepping down as club secretary and will begin his first year.

New Business and Future Events: President Jerry advised all members to pay close attention to the public comment section regarding the FAA new rules which is to become law in the next 10 days. This law will require mandatory testing for all Community Based Organizations Members.

All the furniture located at the pavilions has been donated. Many of the chairs and tables have become unusable over time and have been thrown away. It is requested the property be taken care of by members and if anyone has knowledge of free usable replacement items to please advise.

Top Gun October 2020 will be held as scheduled at Paradise Field. All prizes for the raffle events have been acquired.

The IRCC Toys for Tots Fly-In sponsored by Merry Boozer's You Tube Channel is scheduled for Nov 21-22, 2020. Participants are already planning to arrive on Friday Nov 20. It appears this year's event will be a great success. There will be a \$10.00 entry fee along with an unwrapped toy.

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

The IRCC Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday Dec 5, 2020 from 6-9pm at KC's Artisan Pizza on South Florida Ave. The cost will be \$20.00 per person. Members who plan to attend are encouraged to sign up with the total number of guests.

Sportsmanship Award: Al Coffee was nominated for his extremely generous donation to pay for the installation of the propane tank in the memory of his wife, Ellen. The tank will used to be run the generator which powers the facility during club events.

All members that volunteered their time to assist in the operation of the Top Gun event also will receive the sportsmanship award.

Plane of the Month: Jim Giallombardo presented his Freewing 90mm EDF F-4 Phantom. The Phantom was originally painted in the camo livery of the Viet Nam era aircraft. After many repairs over the past few years, the Phantom was reconditioned into the Blue Angle livery. Jim gave a detailed description of the history of the F-4 Phantom to include its service time with the Blue Angles. During its service with the Flight Demonstration Team the Blue Angels, it was the only time in history that a flight demo team exceeded the sound barrier.

Chris Trumble presented a small prop plane he converted to an EDF model. After an intensive vote by present club members, with only fractions of a point separating the two presentations, Jim Giallombardo received the nod for Plane of the Month.

IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

SAD Patch Award: This month's award went to Tommy Nolin for the description of his E-flite Havoc. After many crashes and repairs, this final build resulted in its final demise after a fatal crash upon landing.

50/50: Tommy Nolin collected \$130.00 and split 50/50 with the winning ticket holder, Greg Rowe. Greg donated his portion back to the club. Thank you, Greg, for your generosity.

Motion to Close: The November meeting officially closed at 10:57 am.

Departing Comments:

***A fool and his money are soon flying
more airplane than he can handle!***

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!



IRCC END OF YEAR BANQUET

CHANGE OF VENUE!

We have to change the venue for our IRCC End of Year Banquet. Mas Verde has fallen through as they are requiring us to have the facility professionally cleaned to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by ServPro and that comes with a \$4,000.00 cleaning bill. SO...that's a non-starter.

Never fear!

We've been down this road before! We will now meet at:

KC's Artisan Pizza

6645 South Florida Ave Suite 5

Lakeland, FL 33813

Saturday December 5, 2020

6-9pm.

\$ 20.00 Per Person

The buffet menu at KC's will include:

Cesar Salad	House Salad
Oven Baked Meat	Chicken
Lasagna	Pizza
Rice	Lavish Breads & Butter
Desert Pizzas	Fountain Drinks

They have a liquor license so if you are thirsty you can order your favorite spirited beverage and have it served by one of their awesome hostesses.

There is a dance floor if you're so inclined to dance. We will have a few games by Tommy and Sonya Nolin. We will present our Model of the Year annual award and give a hearty thank you to those that are stepping down from leadership positions.

We hope to see you there!

Jerry McGhee
President, IRCC

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

(RIGHT) Dan Hudson couldn't make it to the November meeting but Club President Jerry McGhee was able to track him down and presented him with his Sportsmanship Award for assisting in the ongoing maintenance of the field and equipment used.

(BOTTOM LEFT) Former club Treasurer Gary Snyder was nominated for a Sportsmanship Award for his diligence and work ethics in keeping the books straight and the club healthy through his many years in this position.

(BOTTOM RIGHT) Many of us have stood in this same spot with a somewhat bittersweet sense of accomplishment. Front & Center is Tommy Nolin after wowing the crowd with the story of the ill-fated demise of his E-Flite Havoc which took its last flight previously that week.

Tommy won the votes of his peers and joined the Society of Aircraft Demolishers.



AWARDS & CERTIFICATES



**Jim
Giallombardo
& Capt. Mike
Porter are
shown after
receiving their
Model of the
Month
Certificates for
October from
Club President
Jerry McGhee!**



The latest additions to the 100 Missions Over Florida squadron now include: Roger Griffith & Gavin Street. At age 14, I think this makes Gavin the youngest member to join this prestigious group!





ROLL CALL

ART MAGARINO

JERRY MCGHEE

ART DUNCAN

DON PATTERSON

GEORGE NAUCK

ANDY BOLIG

DIEGO ESCOBAR

IAN CLARK

JIM GIALLOMBARDO

WALLY SUNDEY

JEFF HUGHES

TOMMY NOLIN

TODD BEATTY

JOHN BURDIN

BILL PAWL

RYAN ROBERTS

RON FINGER

TERRY BUCK

LANCE BIDDLE

ROGER GRIFFITH

GAVIN STREET



IRCC NOVEMBER 2020

Award Winner

TOMMY NOLIN

The November 2020 Society of Aircraft Demolishers "Aircraftus Fragmentum" was called to order by the President of the IRCC! Like a traditional 1-day winter in central Florida, there can only be one SAD winner! After canvassing the membership, an honest broker stood up

stood up and self-nominated for daring to find the structural limits of their aircraft when met with terra-firma! In what was a not-so-pleasant 30-day period to be flying with wicked winds and unusual rain, we owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Tommy Nolin for stepping into the breach of not-so-many-good flying days and sacrificing his Eflite Havoc to the RC gods so that others may fly!

After several punishing landings testing the structural integrity of his airframe and landing gear on the Eflite Havoc, Tommy diligently repaired his aircraft (as we all do) after a few not so pleasant meeting with Mother Earth on attempted landings. The key to a good landing, as noted by and agreed to by all pilots, is to keep your wings level with the horizon and hit whatever you're going to hit as gently as possible, then repeat with every flight. It is also said that Take-offs are optional; the landing, however, is mandatory. These are tried and true statements of flight among men and birds!

The problem with repair jobs on an RC airframe is the addition of adhesives that tend to layer-up with each repair that culminate in a sneaky problem noted with additional weight. Just like an abandonment of one's daily diet, throwing caution to the wind, weight gain is certain, this holds true with people and when it comes to repairs on airplanes!

The Havoc is a lovely little jet! A true EDF thoroughbred designed to go fast and slow with equal precision in the flight envelope. Most pilots, including Tommy, who have flown the Havoc love it for these high and low speed characteristics. Tommy is no exception, and it was truly a great looking airplane to see in the sky. In Tommy's deposition for this SAD award, he noted that "You can only add so much epoxy before the plane can't take it anymore."

On this fateful day, Tommy gladly pushed the throttle forward with an expectation of normal flight routine to dazzle the IRCC peanut gallery and any passers-by. However, a critical calculation was overlooked from his last repair. The aircraft unhappily launched into the air and began to let Tommy know that this was not going to go as planned! Tommy gallantly fought the aircraft, trying to will it into the places he wanted to go, reaching for altitude to gain time to figure out "what the heck is going on". Some altitude was gained, but without warning, the battle for control switched back to the jet, and the jet decided where it wanted to go. Like a suicidal Kamikaze, the jet decided it had enough and headed for terra-firma! Upon impact, Tommy noted the plane eviscerated itself into a billion biodegradable Styrofoam giblets! There was literally nothing left to pick-up except the landing gear, servos, receiver, and engine.

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

Until next month...



October 28th to November 1st marked the 32nd Annual TOP GUN Invitational Radio Control Tournament held at Paradise Field in Lakeland FL. Patterned after the US Naval Combat School, Top Gun bring the *"Best of The Best"* in the radio control community to battle it out for the honor of being name Mr. Top Gun! Top Gun is about much more than just how well you can fly. It brings in all of the aspects of building, attention to detail, authenticity and of course flying!

The IRCC was once again asked to assist with the Flight Line Operations & Gate Control for this year's event. Many of you contributed some of your time to help in one or more of these areas and it was greatly appreciated. However, for those of you that couldn't make it for one reason or another, here is a small re-cap of what you missed.



(Above) The morning starts off - as it should with a rendition of the National Anthem immediately followed by a "pilots briefing"

From that point it is all about flying!

(Right) The IRCC Raffle Tent is hard to miss with the banners, American Flag and of course, all of the prizes that are available to be won.



As mentioned previously, this is all about documentation, authenticity, and attention to detail. Aircraft entered in the “advanced categories” must provide documentation of the aircraft and the markings or livery chosen.

As part of the “Static Judging” the builder/pilot must show proof with documentation that the aircraft, with the marking used, existed somewhere in time. An example of this is shown with the Albatross DV below.



Here are a few more examples of some of the aircraft that were on display.



IRCC members help to coordinate the flight line operations to assure that each pilot and aircraft successfully take off and then land upon completion of their “round”. What happens in the air is between the pilot and their spotter or caller.



Above are some pictures of the flight line team in action. Coordinated by our vice-president David DeWitt, the team works with the spotter and pilot and the other Flight Line Crew Members to safely allow the pilot at each station to enter the “active” runway for takeoff. They continue to monitor the “pattern” and communicate via the paddles you see to talk to the others crew members to set their pilots back into the pattern for landing.

(Top Left) Ron McKie, **(Top Right)** Bill Littlefield, **(Center)** David DeWitt, Bob Doherty & way in the far right is Chris “Need for Speed” Trumble. **(Right)** David DeWitt, Ron McKie, Bob Doherty and Bill Littlefield.



Another very important duty that we assist with is operating the “recovery” vehicle and “crash cart”.

Even the very best have their moments as you can see in the picture to the right.

Standing (or rather sitting) below is Dennis Peterson and Ray Volovar. (Center Right) Lance Biddle, Dennis Peterson, Steve Jaworski, Bob Doherty & Chris Trumble.

Gate Control personnel help to make sure that no one “unauthorized” enters the flight area for insurance purposes.

(Bottom Left) Gary Snyder & George Nauck.

(Bottom Right) Capt. Mike Porter & Bruce Brazaitis.





(Left) Lance Biddle, Tommy Nolin and Bill Pawl are just a part of our esteemed Raffle Crew.

The raffle held at each of these events helps to offset the IRCC's yearly operating costs. Chances to win one of the 3 prizes is offered at 6 Tickets for \$5.00 or 20 Tickets for \$ 10.00. The tickets are then placed by the purchaser into one of three containers – one for each of the prizes.

At the end of the event the winning numbers were drawn from all of the entries. The lucky winners this year are as follows:

(Right) Our Grand Prize winner was none other than Barry Voight. Barry is one of the main photographers covering this and other FTE events.

(Below Left) The winner of the 40" Flat Screen TV was Roger Ervin.

(Below Right) Dutch Weis had the lucky number for final drawing which rewarded him with the Real Flight 9 Flight Simulator. He will be putting this to good use as Dutch just recently joined the IRCC.





Did I mention the great photo opportunities? Taking a look at the shot I captured with my phone, you would swear that this was a full-size 787 on landing approach at Lakeland Linder International. This was definitely one of the showstoppers both on the ground and in the air!



STOP THE PRESSES!

Just when I thought this article was done – I came across this photo on the FTE Facebook Page!



EDF Class Added at TOP GUN 2020

Frank decided to try something new at this year's event and added a new competition class for EDF jets.

This one was more about the skill of the pilots as almost all of the jets flown were ARF's or "Almost Ready to Fly" models.

The routines had to incorporate several "mandatory" maneuvers that each pilot had to perform to the best of their abilities.

Of the pilots that entered, several were IRCC members including Sean Curry, John Burdin and club president Jerry McGhee. Rich Baker of the RC Informer also flew with our boys!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

During this event, the Imperial Radio Control Club was presented with donations from two individuals.

One was from an act of kindness from one of our members and the other was a sign of gratitude for all of the efforts put forth by the club.

A Special ***THANK YOU*** goes out to

**Steve LaRoche
& John Smith**

For their thoughtfulness and generosity!

IRCC MEMBERS IN ACTION

Member Ryan Roberts sent this in after he and fellow member and competition "pattern" pilot Diego Escobar attended a Pattern Contest in Jacksonville, FL November 14th & 15th.

Ryan noted that he wound up taking 1ST Place honors and Diego 3RD Place in the Advanced Class. Below are a couple of pictures he sent with permission from a local photographer Rich Whitlow. Congratulation to both!





MEMBER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT!



Here are a few pictures captured by fellow IRCC members!



We all know how the winds, rains and sun here in Florida take a toll on just about everything.

After many years of service, the flagpole was bent and started to show signs of rust and had to be replaced. Our “johnny-on-the-spot” Field Maintenance Officer Bill Pawl got the job done recently with the help of a few other members. The kit came with a new flag which needed to be replaced as well. The solar powered spotlight was also worn out and will be replaced soon.

(Below) Jeff Hughes our Chief Flight Instructor was spotted recently with a new member and trainee.

If his first flight was any indication – it won’t be long before this young man is soloing and moving onto EDF’s!



NEXT IRCC MEETING



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10:00 AM

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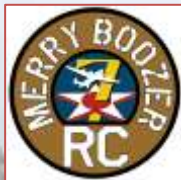
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