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**MARCH 2021**

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# Propwash

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**March  
Model of The Month  
Winner!**

**Ron Finger's  
Scratch Built  
"Fleet 2" Biplane**

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

**I would like to thank each every one of the IRCC members who donated their time to work the Florida Jets event at Paradise Field. It was a little windy, but the 4-day event went great with no significant crashes, which was a very welcomed event for all involved. We had a great raffle, thanks to Art Duncan and his raffle crew! David DeWitt did his usual outstanding job of recruiting volunteers and putting them to work for however many hours a member could spend. Great job everyone!**

**Top Gun is next! The event dates are April 28-May 2, 2021. We will again be seeking volunteers for this event as well. Please watch your April email for David DeWitt's recruiting drive again. We hope that you will be able to donate some time to help the event as it is a great benefit to the club and the pilots and staff of Top Gun are also very appreciative of the IRCC members in the yellow shirts who help make the event possible! If you've never volunteered before and you're worried about not knowing what to do, don't worry, we will give you bite sized instructions on what your job is when you volunteer. If it's something you're not comfortable with, let us know and we will put you to use in one of the many billets we have.**

**May will be our last event this spring with the Pilot Ryan All Electric Fly-in May 12-16, 2021 at the Imperial RC Field! We are expecting 50-100 pilots!! If you're an IRCC member we will need your help. If you volunteer to help on one of the days of this event or have volunteered for Florida Jets or Top Gun there will be no fee to fly during this event. If you are an IRCC member who has not volunteered for any of these events and you want to fly at the event you will be charged \$20.00/for one day or \$40.00 to fly for the whole 5 days during this event. We will keep a volunteer list for this event, if you've volunteered, please feel free to attend and fly. As space will be at a premium, we will rent out the tables under the shelter for \$50 per table, we will have rental tents available to the left and right of the pavilion from a tent rental company (just like you see at Top Gun). Parking will be reserved for pre-registered attendees. Camping on site is \$10 per night. During the event parking for spectators will be \$5.**

**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.**

**The 100 RC Missions Over Florida is alive and well for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year! Remember, this is a "Health Barometer"; if you're feeling sick or curmudgeonly, come to the field, log some flights and you're guaranteed to feel better!**



**Even if you get your “100”, please keep logging your sorties throughout the year as it is interesting to see the number of sorties that get logged by our members**

**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!**

**The IRCC membership unanimously approved a parking plan for the IRCC that is now in effect on each weekend and during events. If you’re not coming to the IRCC to fly, please park away from the main pavilion in one of the approved non-flying spots. There is an approved IRCC parking plan diagram of the “where to park” in this issue of the Propwash and we will keep it in there for perpetuity. If you’re not here to fly, please keep the spots under and near the pavilion open and don’t park in the field, which allows flyers with trailers the opportunity to have “swing room” to back their trailers into the pavilion.**

**No guest should be flying unless they are invited by an IRCC member, the member is present when their guest arrives, and the guest has a valid AMA membership. If you’re unsure, ask the person in question to see their AMA and who their IRCC sponsor is; as a member of the IRCC you have that right.**

**A new batch of IRCC Club hats are in and will be available for sale at the IRCC meeting or any time I am at the field. Hats are \$15.00 each. Bring cash or check if you’re interested.**

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

**Get out to the field, be a friend, keep your wings level with the horizon and hit whatever you’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 March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Recorded by Club Secretary – George Nauck**

President Jerry McGhee called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at approx. 10:04 am.

**New Members and Guests:** We had a guest, Richard, visiting from THE VILLAGES. Another visitor, Jim Zimmerman is a flyer and plans to join shortly, perhaps after the meeting.

**Awards and Certificates:** Bill Pawl received his Model of The Month Certificate for February. Three members received 100 Mission decals for 100 missions already in 2021: Jeff Hughes, Gary Marshall, and Jerry McGhee.

**Minutes:** Motion was made and seconded to accept minutes for February 2021 as published. Motion passed.

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer Steve Jaworski reported that our finances are in good shape.

**Membership Report:** Steve Jaworski reported that we have 107 paid members. A dozen or so are Junior (non-voting) members. He also reported that we are already receiving money through our PayPal account for registrations for the Pilot Ryan event in May.

**Field and Maintenance Report:** Bill Pawl gave field maintenance report and stated that the mowing season has resumed. Asked that members refrain from climbing over our fence on the north side. The wires are being stretched. Use the gate ONLY.

**Safety Report:** Richard Moffatt was back with us and stated that he did not contract the C-19, but had been in contact with someone who had, and had used an abundance of caution by isolating himself from us for a couple of weeks. This must have been very painful for Richard, and we are glad to see him back. Pilots were reminded to stay vigilant in their safety.

**Instructors Report:** Jeff Hughes again stated that the Trainer fleet is fully operational and that he has several students in various stages of training. Students who have been using the club trainer are encouraged to buy their own aircraft and equipment when possible.

**Club Newsletter:** David Raff suggested that members send him pictures of their new aircraft so that he can post them in the newsletter.

**Club Website:** Our Webmaster Ron McKie set up the website to accept payments for registration to events, club dues, etc. He even set it up to accept donations. WOW! Ron was commended for expeditiously taking the ball and running with it.

## IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

**New Field Search Committee:** Jim Giallombardo had nothing to report.

**Old Business:** President Jerry McGhee reminded everyone to log their missions for 2021. Stated that he has had no calls about northern sanctuary overflights, so we seem to be doing a good job controlling our patterns. The FAA plans a non-failure test that will have to be completed regarding UAV rules in June.

**New Business:** A discussion was held concerning our rules and by-laws which allow for limited flying of turbine aircraft on weekends. Our president did an excellent job of moderating throughout the meeting, allowing all members to make comments and offer suggestions. Thanks, Prez! After discussion, the club voted to remove the turbine allowance from our field at all times.

A discussion was held concerning the likelihood of losing a substantial part of our income in years following 2021 unless we hold more paying events at our field. It was decided that we should increase Junior Memberships to \$25 per year. Also, we should do away with lifetime memberships based on age and years of club membership. A motion was made and seconded with the majority of IRCC members agreeing to raise the Junior membership to \$25.00 (\$1.00 members are grandfathered in) and terminate any future Lifetime memberships (current lifetime members are allowed to stay on the roster as a comp member).

**Future Events:** ***FLORIDA JETS MARCH 17-20, 2021 DAVID DEWITT IS POC***  
***TOP GUN APRIL 28 – MAY 2, 2021 DAVID DEWITT IS POC***  
***PILOT RYAN ALL ELECTRIC FLY-IN MAY 12 – 16, 2021 JERRY MCGHEE IS POC***

**“Over & Above” Award:** Ron McKie for his initiative and expertise in setting up our website for accepting PayPal receipts and establishing a menu of purchase items for the Pilot Ryan All Electric Fly-in.

**Plane of the Month:** There were three planes of the month entries, each of which were fully deserving of the award.

Ron McKie had a great 2meter sailplane. Ron Finger submitted an artfully crafted scratch built Fleet Biplane from plans and materials. Don Patterson submitted a 68” wingspan Zero powered by a 120 rimfire. Each gave excellent presentations of their submittals. Ron Finger’s extensive hand craftsmanship put him over the top for the monthly award.

**SAD Patch Award:** Art Duncan for a Corsair that strangely inverted on take-off and filled a bag. Chris Trumble for his supercharged rocket which was going great until the wing flew off in flight. Chris seemed to feel that since Jerry McGhee was flying it, he should take the credit, however, Jerry McGhee skillfully countered Chris Trumbles nomination of the pilot for the award and was able to successfully argue that the wing fell off on a speed run and that the engineering and preparation of the aircraft was the root cause of the crash and that Chris Trumble should be the nominee. The IRCC members agreed, and new precedent was established for the SAD award to go to faulty engineering and set-up to the ground crew if not clearly established that the pilot was at fault. Congratulations to Chris as the winner!

**50/50:** Bill Hoenstein was the winner and split \$120.00 with the IRCC treasury.

**Motion to Close:** Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am. At which time it was too rainy to fly.



# AWARDS & CERTIFICATES



Not so many awards presented this month so I will give Bill a little extra kudos!

Bill Pawl was presented with his Model of The Month Certificate for February from Club President Jerry McGhee at the March meeting.

His beautiful KMP Models P47D Thunderbolt "Saucy Sadie" captured enough votes to beat out his competitors.

Congratulations again Bill!





## ***2021*** ***ROLL CALL***

***Jerry McGhee***

***Jeff Hughes***

***Garry Marshall***

One more has been added to the 100 Missions over Florida 2021 Squadron.

**Congratulation to Garry Marshall!**



I made a comment in last month's edition relating to the S.A.D. award that you must be flying in order to qualify for this one. I may have been wrong as this month's recipient wasn't actually doing the flying but rather was responsible for the assembly and modifications done to the aircraft.

After considerable jabber and finger pointing, our resident "hot-liner"

**Chris "Need for Speed" Trumble**

walked away with the winning nomination. You can read the follow-up provided by Jerry McGhee on the next page for more details!



# **IRCC March 2021 Award Winner Chris Trumble**

**The March 2021 Pit of Doom...I...I...mean the honorable Society of Aircraft Demolishers was called to order by the President of the IRCC. In an incredibly competitive field of nominees, there can only be one! Art Duncan was once again called for his seemingly monthly warbird demolition derby. Lastly, Mr. Chris Trumble called the President of the IRCC as a potential nominee for the SAD patch as he was at the controls when Chris' rocket ship broke apart...and that's when the fun started as the President of the IRCC was heard to say in a commanding voice "NOW HOLD ON A MINUTE!"**

**Not since Perry Mason argued before the Supreme Court has there been a more tactically and pinpointed counter debate for the accused...I...I...mean nominated to the SAD award! Mr. McGhee opened up with a salvo of blasting and non-rebuttable argument regarding the facts surrounding the in-flight break-up of Mr. Trumble's stricken craft!**

**Mr. McGhee skillfully and interruptedly countered Chris Trumble's' attempted sack of McGhee for the crash, it was if McGhee had called in artillery on the chair Chris was seated in and then drove up in his [McGhee's] personal M-1 Abrams tank and like a fearless tank commander stood through the Commander's hatch and opened up on the .50 caliber machine gun with every round precisely delivered to the culprit of the crash, none other than Mr. Chris Trumble! Trumble sat speechless as McGhee continued to successfully hammer his point to counter his nomination with emotionless precision!**

**McGhee successfully argued before the court of opinion that he, McGhee, was nothing more than a contract pilot hired by Trumble to fly Trumble's hopped up non-stock super jet and fly the craft so that Mr. Dan Hudson could video the flight and Chris could send the promotion video to the engine manufacturer. The problem was, Chris, who was responsible for the engineering of the aircraft after he put the super-hot motor in the jet, he failed to beef up the structural integrity of the wings.**

**The hired pilot, McGhee, successfully flew the jet on promo flight number one, however, there was an issue with the camera man not able to get the whole flight as the plane was so fast that he couldn't keep up. A second flight was contracted with McGhee and he again put the plane through its paces. During the flight the plane continually wanted to climb.**



**As Chris assisted by putting down trim on the radio while McGhee flew, the plane suddenly and abruptly departed controlled flight as all witnesses saw the little jet's wing snap off and without hesitation impacted terra-firma within fractions of a second once the wings were no longer available to provide lift!**

**Mr. McGhee was heard by all in his closing argument "I'm rubber, you're glue, who ever you nominate bounces off of me and sticks to you! You bear the full responsibility and shame for this crash for failing to properly ensure the structural integrity of the jet with the non-stock modifications that YOU made! This nomination sir, belongs to you!"**

**Trumble sat in stunned disbelief as the attendee at the IRCC SAD nomination party began to pile on with comments like "Yeah Chris...you own this one!"**

**It is with great honor and pride that we offer this month's SAD patch to Mr. Trumble for the SAD Patch Award! It is the third noted crash of the 2021 flying season; an award that we are all subject to earning at any given time in consolation for our stricken aircraft who we bravely launch into the skies in a constant pursuit of our Constitutional right to pursue and find happiness.**

**Thank you, Chris, for this offering to the SAD community!**

**Until next month...**

**It is written that a picture  
is worth a thousand  
words.**

**ENOUGH  
SAID!**



# MEMBER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT!

The following pictures have been taken or sent in by other members to share with the rest of the membership!



Above is one more shot of Ron Fingers "Fleet 2" Biplane featured on the cover. The 1/8<sup>th</sup> scale model was scratch built from Pat Tritle plans available from the Air Age Store. This particular model has been featured many times in various model aviation magazines most recently in Model Airplane News.

It has a 42" wingspan, 32" length weighs about 18 ounces and is powered by a Speed 400 electric motor and 2S 1600mAh battery.

Great Job Ron!



Ray Volovar & Gary Snyder "on watch" at FL Jets!



# MEMBER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT!

We have a couple of new aircraft in the fleet!



George Nauck brought out his new Red Yak-130 - High performance EDF from Motion RC.

This model has a 12 blade 70mm EDF unit and a 60 Amp ESC for power.

It has electronic retracts and all servos are "pre-installed".

Jr. member Drew Powell is "going big or going home" with his new E-Flite Carbon-Z "Cessna 150 high-wing trainer!

This 83.7 wingspan trainer is equipped with a 50-Size brushless motor, 60Amp ESC spinning a 15 x 7 prop. She flies on a 4S-6S Lipo battery and can be fitted with optional floats or skis (if your into that whole snow & winter thing).



Buddy Shackelford also has a new jet! An E-Flite 70mm "Viper" EDF.

This one has a 43.3" wingspan, requires a 6S 3200-4000mAh Lipo battery and is touted as the first high performance jet from E-Flite to have SAFE Select Technology built in!

The model comes with 8 digital metal gear servos already installed. A 6S capable Brushless motor and 70Amp ESC.



# MEMBER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT!



Drew Powell, his mom Laura  
and Jerry McGhee at  
Florida Jets 2021



Laura forwarded these pictures of Drew and a few of the members that have been helping him along. She wanted each and everyone to know how much she appreciates the time and attention that has been shown by all of the club members.



# MEMBER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT

## *FLASHBACK!*



The following images were sent in by *loooooong* time member John Burdin.

### **IRCC Flying Field... circa 1981.**

My how thing have changed!











**Well – maybe not everything!**



John, thanks for sending these in. Gives a great perspective on how far we have come!  
Anyone else have any “older” pictures that they would like to share – send them in!



# COMING EVENTS!



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# COMING EVENTS!



Just wanted to give everyone an idea of how much of an opportunity the Pilot Ryan All Electric Fly-In will be for the IRCC! Joe Nall is a weeklong event held each year in Woodruff, SC around Mother's Day and has boasted as many as 2000 "registered" pilots in past years. This will be the second year in a row that this event has been cancelled. The image above is only ½ of the total event activities.

Offering an alternative venue, for at least some of these pilots, to be able to fly at will be a major plus for the IRCC and hopefully increase participation at future events that we may host.



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