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**MAY 2021**

**David Richards**  
**"Lazy Ace"**



**Model of  
The  
Month  
Winner!**

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## The IRCC President's Points

The Pilot Ryan All Electric Fly-in was a great success! 70 pilots attended from across the United States, and we even had all 4 corners of the U.S. Covered as we had attendees from Alaska, California, Oregon, Maine and Florida. Other states represented were Texas, Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, Indiana and Illinois. The YouTubers who helped promote this fly-in did an outstanding job in getting attendees to come to the IRCC! I cannot thank them enough! Several YouTubers, including Pilot Ryan, The RC Informer, The Merry Boozers and RC Air Marshall all broadcast live during the 5-day event! They also have several segment pieces they are working on to publish on their channels. If you haven't done so, please go to their YouTube channels, Like and Subscribe and you may just see yourself or your airplane on their shows! The members of the IRCC received rave reviews on hospitality from all who attended! I cannot thank you all enough for helping to roll out the red carpet for all those AMA members who attended and treating them with great hospitality! It was a huge success!!

The sale of the IRCC land is not complete. No news on how the negotiations are going with our landlord. A big challenge for anyone who purchases the property will be the environmental challenges as our field is on reclaimed land. We'll see how it goes, if we get word that it's a done deal and we have to move, we will move and find a new place to fly. We have several promising leads on a new home for the IRCC. Until that day comes, keep flying and enjoying the field and when we know something, you'll know something.

The AMA's National Model Aviation Day celebration is coming up August 14, 2021! It's time for the 4<sup>th</sup> Tri-Fecta Fun Fly and IRCC Family Day/Fly-in! Save the date!

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 are 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 on order. When they come in, I will let you know.

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 8<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. 10:00 am. We had 32 members present.

**New Members and Guests:** We had new a member Ed who lives near the South Lakeland airport.

**Awards and Certificates:** Model of the month certificate was presented to Richard Moffitt. Don Patterson received his 100 missions' patch.

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

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer Steve Jaworski reported that our finances are in good shape and that Top Gun netted our club a specified sum. The raffle TV was bought back from the winner and was presented to Carol Tiano. She was a real champion in orchestrating yet another Top Gun.

**Membership Report:** Steve Jaworski reported that we have 117 paid members. He reported that Ray La Bonte who ran the Top Gun event donated some valuable RC items to our club. He also reported that we continue receiving money through our PayPal account for registrations for the Pilot Ryan event this month.

**Field and Maintenance Report:** Bill Pawl gave field maintenance report. The charging station at the heli shed has been abandoned due to not much use and need of major repairs. The two stations in main shelter are in good condition following Bill's renovation.

**Safety Report:** Richard Moffitt said no significant issues, except that Chris Trumble got a minor burn on his hand extinguishing a jet fire at Top Gun. Chris has recovered fully.

**Instructors Report:** Jeff Hughes again stated that the Trainer fleet is fully operational and that he has several students in various stages of training. Most of his trainees now have their own airplanes. A generous member, Tony Galluppi donated a trainer airplane to give to Drew Powell. Thanks, Tony, you are a real sport!

**Club Newsletter:** David Raff reminded us to check out the interesting B-17 article and pictures from the newsletter & website.

**Club Website:** Ron McKie reported 30 registrants via PayPal on the website for the Pilot Ryan event this coming week.

**New Field Search Committee:** In process with nothing new to report at this time.

**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.

David DeWitt reported that thanks to 35 or more volunteers, Top Gun was one of the best ever. Great job and might there be another Top Gun next year. David reported that Ray LaBonte, who owns a hobby shop in Maine donated an EDF Jet, a Spectrum Transmitter, and a 6S battery to the club. A drawing was held during the meeting which included all of the Top Gun volunteers. The winners included Capt. Mike Porter (EDF Jet), Chris Trumble won the transmitter and David Richards received the battery.

## IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

**Old Business** (Continued): Pilots were reminded to register with the FAA if they have not done so.

**New Business:** Jerry announced that for the third time in three years, a contract has been offered for the purchase of our field property, which leaves us 120 days to make decisions and preparations to evacuate should the sale go through. Our Pres. McGhee contacted AMA and the IRCC Executive Committee and other members are currently searching for a new home for the IRCC.

**“Over & Above” Award:** Jeff Hughes for his excellent work in training new pilots for our club. Dan Hudson and Chris Trumble for their fearless response to emergencies at Top Gun. The Raffle Team of Wally, Tommy, Bill, Gary, Jack, George, Don, David, and Keith.

**Model of The Month:** Art Duffy presented a 3-D printed scale Humvee that was utterly amazing to come out of a printer and assemble into a great looking model. David Richard presented a very well-done biplane. In a narrow vote, David Richard was the winner.

**SAD Patch Award:** Jack Buie for a second mysterious crash of his repaired 1400 mm T-28 which sounded strangely like the prior crash. Jack was the winner by a landslide, or should I say an earthquake?

**50/50:** Gary Snyder was the winner, donating his share of the pot to the club treasury.

**Motion to Close:** Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am, leaving the skies open for a few more days before the Pilot Ryan fliers descend upon us for what may be the last notable event at this historic flying field.



## **2021 ROLL CALL**

***Jerry McGhee    Jeff Hughes    Garry Marshall***  
***Don Patterson    John Burdin***



# AWARDS & CERTIFICATES



(**Above Left**) Safety Officer Richard Moffitt was presented with his Model of The Month Certificate for April 2021. Don Patterson (**Above Right**) joined the 100 Missions Over Florida Squadron as did John Burdin (**Bottom Left**)! Jack Buie (**Bottom Right**) is shown after receiving the winning nomination for this month's S.A.D Patch.





## IRCC May 2021 Award Winner

# JACK BUIE

The May 2021 Society of Aircraft Demolishers was called to order by the President of the IRCC. Only one nominee stepped forward and that was because he lost in the April contest. He was so heartbroken that he decided to crash the aircraft for a second month in a row just to give the little plane another chance at this coveted title!

So ya see what happened was...Jack Buie, a prolific builder of magnificent scale RC aircraft is also a repeat winner/offender of model aircraft crashing! As you may recall from previous episodes, Jack is a distinguished graduate of THE PURDUE UNIVERSITY and a Nixon appointed Presidential Special Envoy to China and close personal friend of Zōng wáng wěi from Beijing! Jack is very famous in China; if you don't believe me, ask his best friend Gary!

On his most recent visit to see Jack, Zōng began discussing well known U.S. Pilots and Brian Shul's name came up. For those of you who don't know, Brian Shul is a graduate of East Carolina University, and he is a retired U.S.A.F. Major and he was a T-28 and SR-71 pilot. Brian is most known for his "LA Speed Story" which you can find on YouTube. Anyway, Zōng was telling Jack about how Brian was shot down in 1973 in Vietnam by his brother Batsheet Krazee wáng wěi and that it was his brother, Bat, who was actually responsible for starting Brian's amazing recovery from being burned 90% of his body in the T-28 crash in Vietnam!

Zōng suggested to Jack that in the interest of science and modeling, they should use Jack's T-28 to recreate the day he was shot down. So...the two best friends set out to recreate the shoot down of legendary SR-71 Pilot Brian Shul by setting up paint ball AAA and Jack's previously wrecked T-28! Needless to say, thanks to Jack and Zōngs' extensive pre-flight planning and careful attention to detail; the shutdown was a flawless execution of the real thing...minus the fire at the IRCC aerodrome!

It is with great honor and pride that we offer this month's SAD patch to Mr. Buie for the SAD Patch Award! It is the fifth 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, Jack, for this offering to the SAD community!

Until next month...



**The remnants of Jack's customized T-28 as documented by Jack immediately after the crash.**



**By Jerry McGhee**

The Pilot Ryan All-Electric Fly-in was held at the Imperial RC Club May 12-16, 2021. 70 Registered pilots came for this event making it the highest money-making event in 2021 for the Imperial RC Club!

Ryan Ramsey, a.k.a. Pilot Ryan on YouTube was gracious enough to be our marquee attraction for this fly-in! The idea was hatched during the Florida eJet Fest in February 2021 as Contest Director, Jerry McGhee, YouTuber's Wesley & Lori Miller, Kenny Canniff and Luis Lopez were having dinner at Tapatios Mexican Restaurant in Lakeland, FL. During dinner, Joe Nall announced they were canceling their event for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row due to COVID concerns. Wesley received a phone call from Ryan during the dinner to break the news about Joe Nall. The comments online were being read as everyone at the table logged on to various social media platforms to see the news and read the comments of the disappointed potential attendees.

A common theme became clear, a lot of people had vacations planned to Joe Nall and now they were dashed and probably stuck doing something else with that time with their families 😊. As the conversation evolved in the next few minutes at the restaurant, it became clear there was an opportunity to create a venue in Florida to give these RC pilots a place to go since Nall was cancelled! A discussion ensued and Jerry McGhee (author) asked the YouTubers to socialize this with their viewers, which they did and there was an immediate overwhelming response through social media that people would attend!

After assessing the numbers that attended Joe Nall every year, it became obvious to me that we did not want or need the entire population of Joe Nall attendees, just a specific population that would fit nicely into the IRCC space. That was the All Electric Flying Population of Joe Nall attendees. The idea then moved forward to the IRCC Executive Committee who unanimously agreed that this was a great idea, the only concern was it was 2 weeks after Top Gun and





that the members of the IRCC may not be willing to participate or work the event. With the blessing of the IRCC Exec Committee, the idea moved forward at the March IRCC meeting and it was unanimously passed by the members of the IRCC to host the event. With that, Pilot Ryan agreed to be the headliner as he is the “Jerry Garcia” of YouTube viewers and where he goes, they go. The AMA gave their blessing with official sanction paperwork and the prep work went off in earnest!

A HUGE shout out to Steve Jaworski and Ron McKie for setting up the web-based payments and registration as that really helped with registration! Many thanks to the IRCC ground crews for making the field beautiful for the event! Another huge help in making this possible was the volunteers who showed up if nothing more to be IRCC ambassadors and help our guests out with questions, spotters, registration, etc! I received numerous comments and glowing comments from the attendees about how awesome the IRCC is and what a great group of members we have who made them all feel welcomed and appreciated for taking the time to come down to the event!

I would be remised if I didn't take the time to mention the YouTubers as a squadron of YouTubers showed up for this event, rallying around to help make this a huge success for the IRCC! We had a massive amount of giveaway prizes that were donated by these YouTubers and industry manufacturers who support their channels!

The 70 Attendees for this event came from all 4 corners of the United States! Alaska, California, Maine, Oregon, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Virginia, South Carolina, Texas, just to name a few. The attendee from Alaska flew down with the clothes on his back and his transmitter, he registered for the event, then went and bought some clothes for the event, then went to Graves to buy a Futura and flew for the rest of the weekend. His last flight on Saturday saw his Futura go swimming in the Badcock pond, the members of the IRCC took him over with the boat, retrieved the jet that was floating on the water. He dried it off, boxed it up, took it back to Alaska. I am happy to report it is flying again!

The YouTubers went live all 5 days and covered the event live and they are still producing content from their non-live video footage! For example, Chris Trumble's 8S 80mm Futura hot rod was just published by Pilot Ryan Media! He didn't film it live, but he did record it, edit it, and then publish it recently!

The IRCC caught lightning in a bottle with this event! I am so grateful to the club members, attendees, manufacturers, YouTubers and volunteers who rallied around to make this a magnificent event! Truly first class IRCC! I couldn't have done it without you and as your President and Contest Director for this event I am truly humbled by your support and the overwhelming positive feedback that we received for hosting this event! Well done!!



Attendees of the Pilot Ryan All Electric Fly-in



The YouTubers!

The event not only brought a sizeable number of pilots from all over the country, but it also brought a tremendous number of aircraft as well! The following pages is just a sampling of what was either on display or in the air!













**Several attendees decided to make the IRCC field home for a few days and camped out!**







The event was well represented by several R/C venders & their reps. Below is a couple of pictures of the giveaways' that were donated!



Everything you see in the image above was part of the raffle held to help raise money for the club.

There was also a "Pilot Raffle" held for only the registered pilots which included hats, shirts, water bottles and other misc. R/C items that were given away!







Black Bear Concession was on-site serving up some great food!

BREAKFAST 11 AM		DONUT BURGER	
SAUSAGE OR HAM	5.00	ITALIAN SAUSAGE	6.00
EGG CHEESE	5.00	DOUBLE	
BISCUIT	3.00	CHEESEBURGER	6.00
1 Foot Loaves - No Toppings		VEGGIE BURGER	4.00
DONUT	1.00	Bacon CHEESEBURGER	5.00
GATORADE	2.00	CHEESEBURGER	4.00
SODA/WATER	1.00	HAMBURGER	3.50
COFFEE	1.00	HOT DOG	2.50
CANDY	1.50	VISA	
CHIPS	1.00	MASTERCARD WELCOME HERE	
PICKLES	1.00	\$5.00 MINIMUM PLEASE	



It became increasingly evident that I am going to need to do a two-part article on this event.

There are already 9 pages dedicated and I haven't begun to put a dent in the pictures & stories to tell so look for a continuation of this event recap in next month's newsletter!

Last month a special giveaway was conducted during the May meeting. Several prizes were donated to the club by Ray LaBonte with the stipulation that they be awarded to members of the club that helped out at the TOP GUN event! The names of those who volunteered were placed in a container and three names were drawn. The winners are shown below!



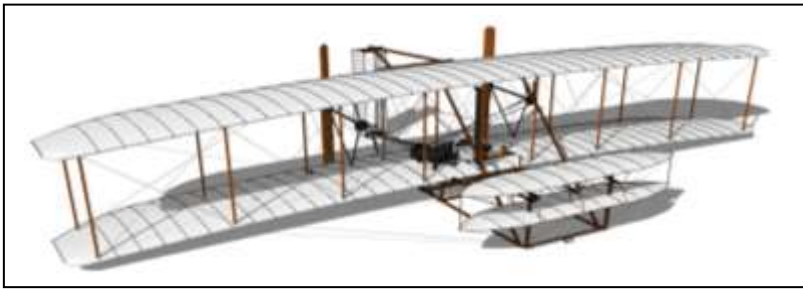
**Capt. Mike Porter**  
was the big winner  
with the  
**E-Flite SU30**  
Twin 70mm EDF JET

**Chris Trumble**  
took home  
the  
**SPEKTRUM  
NX8**  
Computerized Radio



**David Richards**  
received the  
**6S 5000mAh**  
“Smart” battery





# ***MAY 2021 FIRST FLIGHTS!***



John Burdins F-14 Tomcat in the “Jolly Rogers” Livery!



Diego Escobar's Extreme Flight  
**Extra 300**

# MEMBER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT!

The image below was sent in by Jim Giallombardo.  
**NEVER** a good idea to get into a “pissing match”  
with an A-10!

## MY PLANE HAS A GUN



## MY GUN HAS A PLANE





# NEXT IRCC MEETING



**SATURDAY  
June 5, 2021  
10:00 AM**



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