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**Model of  
The Month  
Winner!**

**AUGUST 2021**



**Ron McKie  
"Fly Baby"**

**PRESIDENTS POINTS   MEETING MINUTES   CERTIFICATES / AWARDS  
100 MISSION ROLL CALL   S.A.D. AWARD   4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL IRCC TRIFECTA  
COMING EVENTS**





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

Long-time IRCC member, Al Coffey, passed away on August 9, 2021. Al was a great IRCC member and a generous donor to the IRCC. Last year, Al donated \$1,000 to the IRCC to install the propane tank for our generator. This year, with his passing, Al left his entire RC collection to the IRCC. David DeWitt and I were called by Al's brother, Bill, who stated that Al left his RC collection to the IRCC in his will and asked that we come and pick it up. David has Al's collection, and he is going to hold a sale and auction of Al's collection. We will conduct this sale & auction immediately following the next IRCC meeting on September 4, 2021.

We found a field to purchase! It's \$220,000.00, it is 17 acres and it is located 17 miles east southeast of the current IRCC field. I have sent a letter to the IRCC membership detailing the acquisition strategy of the new field in three phases: Phase I acquisition, Phase II development and Phase III sustainment. This is a chance for the IRCC members to build on our 50-year history from our current location and own our own property that we can develop, grow and continue the legacy of the Imperial RC Club for decades to come! The question now is, will you the reader support this move and continue the IRCC history and legacy for generations to come. I need every member of the IRCC to respond to the survey that I sent out. It will help the IRCC Executive Committee assess whether or not the purchase of the new field will be possible or not.

The AMA's National Model Aviation Day celebration was held Saturday August 14, 2021! The 4<sup>th</sup> Tri-Fecta Fun Fly was held 13 participants competed in non-plane breaking events to test their flying skills and be a medal winner. In conjunction, we had an IRCC Family Day and Fly-in and the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual IRCC Speed Runs! A lot of fun was had by all and I thank you all for your participation in helping to celebrate the AMA's National Model Aviation Day.

### **Continuous Information Update:**

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 Seven Wetlands and a bird sanctuary just north of our field. If you see someone flying over the wetlands say something to that pilot! The IRCC membership has been doing a great job not flying over this boundary since it was made aware to us in February 2020!

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.

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 August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Recorded by Club Secretary – George Nauck**

President Jerry McGhee called the meeting to order immediately after the pledge of allegiance at approx. 10:03 AM.

**New Members and Guests:** Returning member Luke was introduced. Jonah Griffin was visiting

**Awards and Certificates:** Richard Moffit for his years as Safety Officer. Mike Williams was awarded his certificate for July Model of the month. The first Over & Above Award for 2021 went to Jeff Hughes for his dedication to training.

**Minutes:** Minutes for July as posted in newsletter were approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Steve Jaworski stated that finances in good shape and that our club is mortgageable by the bank. Stated that the City of Lakeland has approved use of Paradise Field for potential Florida Jets and Top Gun 2022.

**Membership Report:** No update recorded.

**Field and Maintenance Report:** Bill Pawl reported that there is new fire extinguisher bracket and use care in removing the extinguished. Also, there is a back-pack water fire extinguisher with a 5-gallon refill available. Will Demo following meeting.

**Safety Report:** New Safety Officer David Mineo reminded all to use throttle cut inside the shelter. Also said the FAA test is a required item. Also required by AMA.

**Instructors Report:** Jeff Hughes says all is going well.

**Club Newsletter:** Be sure that David has your email address to get notifications and Propwash.

**Website:** – Ron McKie has everything in top shape.

**New Field Search Committee:** Nothing new to report as of this meeting.

**Old Business:** There has been no response to our ad placed in The Ledger for a lead on land for a new field. Pending sale of field still waiting core sample results.

**New Business:** One prospect for leasing land wanted \$6,500 per month. Not feasible.

Jerry passed out a non-binding pledge for members to make an extra financial pledge for field development if we find a site.

**Future Events:** National Model Aviation Day Trifecta is on for August 14<sup>th</sup>.



## IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

**Future Events:** Fly for 2 minutes, Spot Landing, and guess your speed. Will begin at 8:30. Need help setting up field at 7:30. Concessionaire would have been Black Bear but had to cancel due to Covid. Bring your own snacks/lunch.

**“Over & Above” Award:** New Over and Above nomination was Jerry for offering his weed-whacker.

**Model of The Month:** Was won by Ron McKie for his Sig Fly Baby powered by K&B .61 glow engine. George Nauck’s Draco 2.0m was disqualified due to an undetermined location.

**SAD Patch Award:** SAD Award went to Jim Chapman for his tree seeking Sportster.

**50/50:** Was donated back to the club by the winner.

**Motion to Close:** Meeting adjourned at 10:51 AM after Bill demonstrated the back-pack fire extinguisher that was donated to the club by Alan Sale. Thanks, Alan.

# AWARDS & CERTIFICATES



(Left) Mike Williams is shown after receiving his Model of The Month Certificate for July from club president Jerry McGhee.

(Below) Richard Moffitt was presented with a token of the club’s appreciation for his time served as Safety Officer.



# AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

**(Right)** Jeff Hughes received the first “Over & Above” Award for 2021.

**(Below)** Jim Chapman has joined the S.A.D Society of Aircraft Demolishers alumni after receiving the majority of votes in a volley of nominations presented during the August meeting. You can find the complete and 10% truth of what happened in this month’s SAD article.



**(Below Left & Right)** There were several entries presented for this month’s Model of the Month nomination. They included Chris Trumbles custom “Stinger 90” (I think), and John Burdin’s “Blue Angels” FA-18 90mm Hornet.







But when all the votes were tallied, it was Ron McKie's 69" wingspan SIG "Fly Baby" powered by K&B .61 glow engine that claimed the top prize and cover shot for this month's newsletter!



## **2021 ROLL CALL**

<i>Jerry McGhee</i>	<i>Jeff Hughes</i>
<i>Garry Marshall</i>	<i>Don Patterson</i>
<i>John Burdin</i>	<i>Ian Clark</i>
<i>Tommy Nolin</i>	<i>Todd Beatty</i>
<i>Drew Powell</i>	



## IRCC August 2021 Award Winner

# JAMES CHAPMAN

The August 2021 Society of Aircraft Demolishers was called to order by the President of the IRCC. Like the final night of the Burning Man Festival, the IRCC nomination call for recent dumb thumb incidents were received on the altar of doom as an unprecedented 9 nominations were submitted! George Nauck was nominated for his Draco “how’d that happen crash”; Don Patterson who has had a flurry of bad luck was nominated for two trainer crashes; John Burdin for a first time ever aileron reversal on an SU-30 in his 50+ year RC aviation career and again for an F-14 ground collision with a corner of concrete pilot barrier; long-time IRCC member Wally Sunday for his Valliant Crash; another unidentified member for the crash of a Dolphin sport plane; Ian Clark for an F7F Tiger Cat; but the best crash-of-the-month was our own James Chapman for flying his sportster into a tree!

Like the hit TV Show “George of the Jungle” you could hear the IRCC membership shout in unison “WATCH OUT FOR THAT TREE!”; then CRUNCH, SNAP, MORE CRUNCH and WHUMP! Unfortunately, the Sportster landed on the other side of the fence in the Dillon Trucking side of the fence and an expedition rescue force was dispatched to recover the stricken aircraft.

During the recovery, it is rumored that the Dillon Alligator, Gus, came out to greet Jim and try and take his airplane and drag it into the swamp for future dining as alligators will eat anything. Undeterred Jim took it upon himself to wrestle the alligator and keep his aircraft to be repaired at a later day! Just like the Jim Croce’ song Gus now knows not to mess around with Jim.



It is with great honor and pride that we offer this month’s SAD patch to Mr. Chapman for the SAD Patch Award! It is the eighth 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, Jim, for this offering to the SAD community!

Until next month...





# 4th Annual IRCC TRIFECTA FUN FLY

## RECAP

The Fourth Annual IRCC Trifecta Fun Fly took place on Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup> in connection with the AMA's National Model Aviation Day. While the field of pilot competing may not have been as large as years past, it is safe to say that a good time was had by all! The following is a recap of the events and winners for each.

### 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:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – 100 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 75 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 50 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> and below – 25 points

Fly For 2 Minutes				
Place	Pilot	Time	+/- 2:00	Points
1	Rich Baker	2:02	2	100
2	Jeff Hughes	2:08	8	75
3	Wally Sundry	2:16	16	50
4	Bill Pawl	2:20	20	25
5	Chuck Miller	1:40	20	25
6	Ian Clark	2:24	24	25
7	George Nauck	1:35	25	25
8	Joe Burdzy	1:31	29	25
9	Wes Miller	1:22	42	25
11	Orbin Lopez	1:15	45	25
12	Gavin Street	3:00	60	25
10	John Burdin	0:00	0	0

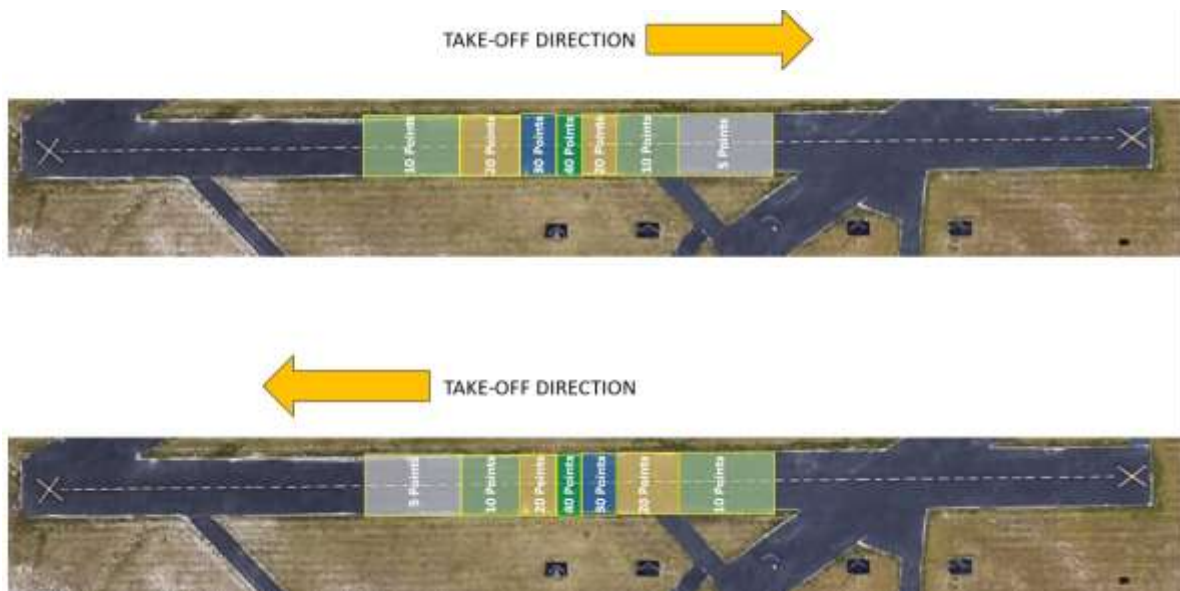
## EVENT 2: PRECISION LANDING

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.



Touch and Go					
Place	Pilot	Landing 1	Landing 2	Landing 3	Points
1	Rich Baker	40	40	40	120
2	Gavin Street	40	40	40	120
3	Joe Burdzey	40	30	30	100
4	Jeff Hughes	40	20	20	80
5	George Nauck	20	20	40	80
6	Wes Miller	20	20	40	80
7	Orbin Lopez	20	0	40	60
8	Wally Sunde	40	5	10	55
9	John Burdin	0	30	10	40
10	Chuck Miller	30	0	0	30
11	Ian Clark	20	0	0	20
12	Bill Pawl	5	5	0	10



## 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:

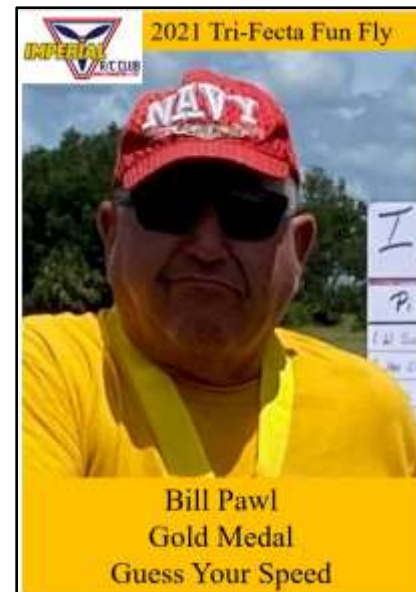
1<sup>st</sup> – 100 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – 75 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – 50 points

4<sup>th</sup> and below – 25 points

Guess Your Speed				
Place	Pilot	Speed	+/-	Points
1	Bill Pawl	35	0.2	100
2	Wes Miller	40	0.3	75
3	Rich Baker	30	0.4	50
4	Orbin Lopez	25	0.6	25
5	Ian Clark	55	0.8	25
6	Gavin Street	30	1.1	25
7	Wally Sunday	45	1.5	25
8	Chuck Miller	40	2.1	25
9	Joe Burdzey	9	4	25
10	George Nauck	25	5	25
11	John Burdin	43	5.6	25
12	Jeff Hughes	74	0	0



# 4th Annual IRCC TRIFECTA FUN FLY

## Overall Competition Winners

At the end of the day – after all point had been tallied, checked, double-checked and even triple-checked, three competitors stood out from all the rest. These three would go on to claim the First Place, Second Place & Third Place Trophies. The results and their pictures are shown below – Congratulations to All!

TRIFECTA OVERALL					
Place	Pilot	2 MIN	T&G	Speed	TOTAL
1	Rich Baker	100	120	50	270
2	Wes Miller	25	80	75	180
3	Gavin Street	25	120	25	170
4	Jeff Hughes	75	80	0	155
5	Joe Burdzey	25	100	25	150
6	Bill Pawl	25	10	100	135
7	Wally Sundry	50	55	25	130
8	George Nauck	25	80	25	130
9	Orbin Lopez	25	60	25	110
10	Chuck Miller	25	30	25	80
11	Ian Clark	25	20	25	70
12	John Burdin	0	40	25	65



Rich Baker  
1st Place Overall



Wes Miller  
2nd Place Overall



Gavin Street  
3rd Place Overall



# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual IRCC SPEED CONTEST

To be held in conjunction with the AMA National Model Aviation Day August 14, 2021 at IRCC

## *Top trophies:*

### ***Fastest Prop - Fastest Electric Ducted Fan (EDF)***

Both categories of aircraft (Prop and EDF) will adhere to these rules:

Two consecutive passes, straight and level at the radar gun.

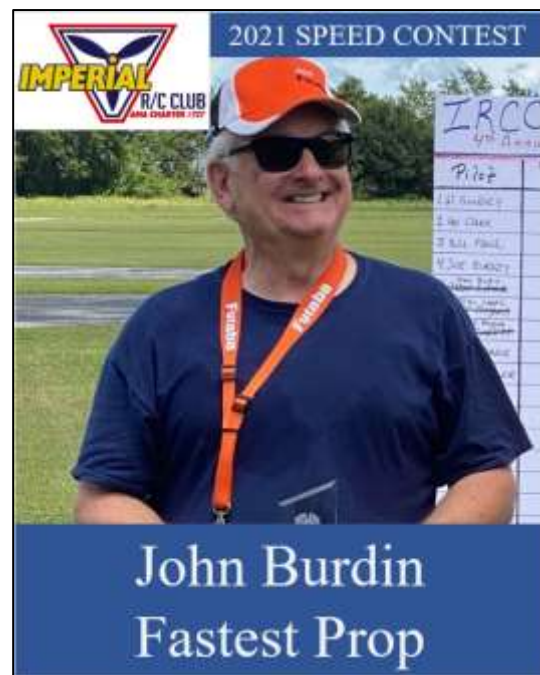
No diving, passes must not be more than a 10-degree dive angle.

The radar gun operator is the judge for whether the pass is valid or not.

One upwind pass and one downwind pass. Speeds will be averaged from the two passes

Fastest average speed wins for each class (prop and EDF)

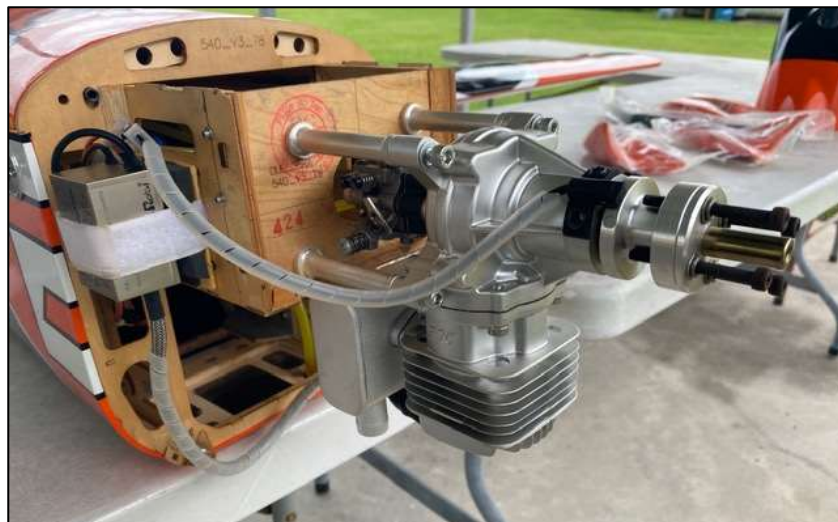
In the event of a tie, the two pilots tied will make new passes through the radar gun in conjunction with these rules.



As Jerry mentioned in his lead article, we recently lost another IRCC member – Al Coffey. In his “typical” generous nature, Al had his entire collection of airplanes and r/c trucks left to the IRCC. These will be on display prior to the meeting this Saturday and will be placed up for sale and /or auctioned after the meeting. Here are some of the pictures of what will be available.







# ***COMING EVENTS!***



*Cape R/Sea Hawks*

## **Swap Meet**

# **THIS SUNDAY**

## **First Sunday EVERY month**

**FREE! NO SELLERS FEE!**

**1030 NW 28th St., Cape Coral FL 33993**

- Time: Sunrise - 11 a.m.
- Bring your own table & chair(s)
- Porta-potties: On-Site
- Parking: Provided  
(please be considerate of club flyers)
- Need things for the new plane? You might find it!
- Many great deals in the past! Come find out or sell!
- Need to free up space this is the time and place.
- More info: Club web site <http://www.rseahawks.org>

**Location: Seahawk Park**

**1030 NW 28th St. , Cape Coral FL 33993**



# NEXT IRCC MEETING



**SATURDAY**  
**September 4, 2021**  
**10:00 AM**



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## Newsletter Articles

### Welcome

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

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**IRCC  
DESIGNATED PARKING  
AREAS**

**Guests and Non-Flying  
IRCC Members**

**IRCC Flying Members and  
Flying Guests with Planes**

**IRCC  
Members  
Flying with  
Handicap  
placard**

**IRCC Flying Members and  
Flying Guests with Planes**

**Guests and Non-  
Flying IRCC Members**



NO PARKING AREA  
TRAILER SWING AREA

3 Designated spots for IRCC members with handicap placards and they intend to fly during their visit to the IRCC. Non-flying park in yellow spots

Parking for any IRCC member or guest with a plane and they will be flying during their visit to the IRCC

Art Magarino's Parking Spot

Designated 8 end parking spots for all non-flying guests and members of the IRCC who did not bring a plane or intend to fly during their visit.

No parking area. This space is needed for IRCC members and flying guests who bring trailers to have enough swing space to properly back into a flying parking spot.