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Model of The Month Winner!

***Dave
Mineo's
F8F-1
Bearcat
"Rare
Bear"***



**PRESIDENTS POINTS MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATES /AWARDS
100 MISSION ROLL CALL S.A.D. AWARD MODEL OF THE MONTH
FIRST FLIGHTS COMING EVENTS**



The IRCC President's Points

I am writing this the day after the 4th annual Florida eJet Fest International! We had 40 registered pilots coming from Florida, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, North Carolina, New Jersey, Wisconsin and Kansas! Thank you to everyone who assisted with the event! Huge shout out to Kevin Pazda for all of his assistance for 3 days! Thank you to Bill Hoenstine & Leighton Hunter who assisted with registration for 2 days and helped run the speed contest on Thursday and Friday. Dave Mineo and new member Luke also assisted with registration. Steve Jaworski as chief flight judge for the scale flying contest and Bob Curry as chief static scale judge! Chris Trumble also returned to assist with the speed contest on Saturday. Huge shout out to our YouTubers Merry Boozers and RC Informer for their media coverage of the event as well. I appreciate the IRCC's cooperation with allowing the Florida eJet Fest International to be hosted and all the members who helped support this year as well. If I left your name off, please forgive me, but know that your contribution, big or small was gratefully appreciated! I look forward to year 5 in 2023!

Florida Jets at Paradise field is scheduled for March 9-12, 2022. IRCC Vice President, David DeWitt will be reaching out for volunteers to cover this event. We need your help!

Top Gun will be April 27 – May 1, 2022. IRCC is the host club for Top Gun! Details to follow, but we will be needing volunteers for this event as well!

The charging stations are continuing to put out reduced power causing longer charging times, here's why. Guys are not charging their batteries before coming to the field. IRCC members fly everyday as long as the weather is good and the solar station charging stations are being used so much during the daylight hours that the battery supply is being reduced and by the time the charging demand is over for the day, the sun goes down and there is no source to replenish the batteries. Also, there is so much charging activity that the available sunlight cannot produce enough energy to replenish the amount of energy that was used to charge batteries. To help resolve this problem, if you are a chronic charge at the charging stations you need to seriously consider charging your batteries before you come to the field to keep the use of the charging stations to a minimum to allow the solar panels to charge the batteries. Another option is for members who are charging station dependent, you should buy a personal generator to keep the use of the charging stations at a minimum to allow the solar panels time to keep the batteries charged.

Continuous Information Update:

The IRCC is still open for RC flying operations! We are on a month-to-month lease (as we have been for the last 30 years) with Badcock and they have indicated that they have no plans for utilization of the land we fly on in the next few years.

The 100 RC Missions Over Florida is alive and well for the 4th consecutive year! Check out the new 2022 patch at the end of this article! 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! 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 are 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 January 8th, 2022

Recorded by Club Secretary – George Nauck

Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 10:04 AM.

The December Meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM by club president Jerry McGhee.

New Members and Guests: Welcome guests and new members Luke Reither & Leighton Hunter.

Minutes: Motion was made and seconded to accept minutes for December 2021 as published in the newsletter.

Awards and Certificates: Dennis Peterson for December and Model of The Year 2021. Jim Giallombardo & Captain Mike received permanent trophy for 2020 model of the year.

100 missions – Dave Mineo and Wally Sundry finished out 2021. On to 2022!

Treasurers Report: Steve Jaworski reported all books reconciled and we were net income positive for 2021.

Membership Report: Membership – 53 current for 2022 with 12 comps and 3 juniors

Field and Maintenance Report: From Bill Pawl – Stay after the ant hills, need a charge on batteries for the west charging station.

Safety Report: (Safety Coordinator: Dave Mineo) No outstanding issues. Keep up the diligence!

Instructors Report: Jeff says all going well, George Hoekstra soloed.

Club Newsletter: (Newsletter Editor: David Raff) David says to keep sending him interesting articles and pictures.

Website: (Webmaster: Ron McKie) – Ron said that Luke was able to renew membership on the website.

New Field Search Committee: Jim Giallombardo reported a 15-acre parcel for \$69,000. Not perfect but keeping in mind.

Old Business: Gate code changed. Dave DeWitt says we are continuing month-to-month on the lease with Badcock, just as we have for the last 40 years with the former owners of our flying field.

New Business: WMI bought out our trash collector and monthly rent of dumpster will go to \$65/mo. or \$700/year. Discussed many options for how to reduce or eliminate this cost. Take your trash home when possible. Can load receptacles on an open trailer and take to landfill for free when we have an event.

IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

Future Events: Feb. 3-6 International ejet Fest. AMA is not publishing the events in advance anymore, so having to promote through social media, etc.

Planes, Trains, and Automobiles is still up in the air for 2022.

March 9-12, 2022, Florida Jets at Paradise Field

April 27 – May 1, 2022. Top Gun at Paradise Field

David DeWitt reported there will be new CDs for these two events

“Over & Above” Award: No Nominees for January.

Model of the Month: Dave Mineo was winner with beautifully painted and authentically detailed model of the Rare Bear from Reno. The full-scale Bearcat flew 528 mph at Reno. It took 5th place in 1969.

SAD Patch Award: Only two candidates, Art Duncan and Brian Evans. Brian got the nod with his Thunderbird.

50/50: Winner was new member Leighton

Motion to Close: Meeting ended at 10:52 AM.

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

2020 marked the third year of the IRCC Model of The Year award.

Our 2020 winners were a “tag-team” entry by Capt.

Mike Porter and Jim Giallombardo with their C-130 Hercules

“Fat Albert”

of the Navy’s, Blue Angels fame.

Capt. Mike and Jim received their permanent awards during the January meeting.

Congratulations to you both!



AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

(Top Right) IRCC Chief Flight Instructor Jeff Hughes is shown with his newest “soloed” student George Hoekstra.

(Bottom Left & Right) “Master Builder” Dennis Peterson laid claim to the December Model of The Month Award with his Fokker DR1 Triplane. This automatically entered him and his model into the competition for the Model of The Year Trophy. You guessed it – he won that too!
Congratulations Dennis!



AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

The 100 R/C Missions Over Florida for 2021 came to a close on December 31st but a couple more members managed to “squeeze” in a few extra flights to earn their patches.

(Below) Art Duffey is shown after receiving his patch from club president Jerry McGee as is Wally Sunde and Dave Mineo (Right).

The 100 R/C Mission Over Florida recognition was voted to be continued for 2022! Log your flights and maybe you will be the first to get the new patch!



2021 ROLL CALL

JERRY MCGHEE
GARRY MARSHALL
IAN CLARK
TODD BEATTY
BILL PAWL
MIKE WILLIAMS
STEVE KING
ART DUNCAN
GLENN GRIFFIN
JIM GIALLOMBARDO
ART DUFFEY
WILLIAM H.
WALLY SUNDEY

JEFF HUGHES
DON PATTERSON
TOMMY NOLIN
JOHN BURDIN
DREW POWELL
RON MCKIE
RICH BAKER
RON FINGER
ROGER GRIFFITH
ALAN SAMPLES
BRIAN EVANS
DAVE MINEO



ROLL CALL

WHO WILL BE THE FIRST?



IRCC January 2022 Award Winner

Brian Evans

The January 2022 Society of Aircraft Demolishers was called to order by the President of the IRCC. As with any worthwhile endeavor, many are called, few are chosen!

One of the greatest fighter pilot movies of all time was Top Gun! In that movie, Maverick had a great line when questioned about how he could see a MiG 28 during his engagement. Maverick said, “Because I was inverted!” Four simple words who’s meaning provide powerful fodder for all aviation related stories...just like this one!

For the last 6 years, Brian Evans and Jerry McGhee have been very quietly and privately flying formation with their F-16 Thunderbird and F-18 Blue Angel electric ducted fan jets. They practice and put on a simple, fun little “formation” show! In the history of their 6-year show team, they have only had two accidents! A remarkable feat considering that they’ve probably flown over 300 private shows together over the last 6 years!

As Brian and Jerry took off on their last F-16 Thunderbird show for 2021 on December 31, 2021, at approximately 4:32pm, the flight appeared normal and routine as the pair took off and Jerry slid up to Brian’s wing setting up for their first maneuver, the “Calypso”! In this maneuver, the two stack their formation with Jerry above and Brian underneath Jerry’s F-16 and Brian then rolls his jet inverted and the two fly a highspeed maneuver down the runway, which, when executed properly is pretty cool!

As the two set-up for the Calypso maneuver, the formation was especially tight with the two jets separated by a mere 19 inches at 117mph! As the two accelerated through the maneuver, the crowd on hand marveled and cheered in an epic wave of patriotic fervor!

Approximately halfway through the maneuver, Brian's inverted F-16 slid away from the formation and started slowly descending toward the Earth. Jerry assumed Brian was creating separation so Brian could roll upright and the two could set-up for the next maneuver. But that thought was quickly abandoned as a slurry of short burst of *explicatives* evacuated from Brian's mouth as his plane drastically began to head for the deck and Brian found himself quickly fighting to regain control! Brian was able to roll the airplane upright and began an immediate pull to regain altitude, however, one of the yellow starting stands suddenly appeared! Brian fought to attempt to fly under the stand, however, his alignment was off and the plane tore into the stand and destroyed itself in an impressive streak of Styrofoam giblets that stretched from the starting stand through the parking lot! Airplane starting stand score: 1 and F-16 Thunderbird score: 0.

After Jerry landed, Brian began to debrief Jerry on the mishap. Brian originally stated that he began to fly the wrong jet and obviously "Because I was inverted" lost control! However, upon further review, it is strongly believed that the F-16's left elevator servo completely failed and that was at the root cause of the problem causing the aircraft to crash!

It is with great honor and pride that we offer this month's SAD patch to Mr. Evan's for the SAD Patch Award! It is the first noted crash of the 2022 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, Brian, for this offering to the SAD community!

Until next month...



A dramatic recreation of Brian's crash

MODEL OF THE MONTH!

What started as an “out-of-the box” 1200mm (87”) wingspan FlightLine Grumman F8F-1 Bearcat would soon become a replica of one of the fastest Reno Air Racers ever built

“*RARE BEAR*”!

The Bearcat that became Rare Bear was a severely damaged wreck when discovered by Lyle Shelton in 1969. It had been abandoned next to a runway on Porter County Regional Airport in Valparaiso, Indiana after it crashed there from a throttle-on torque roll in 1962. The airplane had been stripped by parts hunters, so Shelton found a fuselage, wing center section, landing gear and a right-wing panel, but little else. Shelton bought the wreck and had the pieces trucked to Orange County, California and restoration began. One of the major modifications made during the rebuild involved installing a more powerful Wright R-3350 (from a Douglas Sky raider) in place of the Pratt & Whitney R-2800 engine that is standard for a Bearcat. A Douglas DC-7 propeller and cowl were used, and Shelton bought the landing gear fairings and doors from the wreck of Bob Kucera's Bearcat. Bill Fornoff loaned him a left-wing panel and Gunter Balz supplied a rudder. The windshield and canopy were supplied by Edward T. Maloney.¹ The rebuild was finished with the first flight on 13 September 1969.

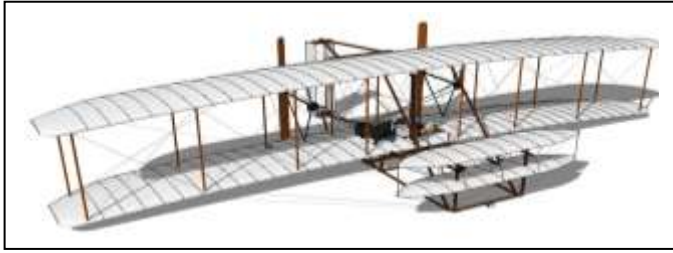


The proud owner & pilot, Dave Mineo said that he ended up using Krylon Colormaster rattle cans because they had the colors he needed. His preference would have been Rustoleum 2X.

Graphics for the Rare Bear are from Callie-Graphics, 1/9 scale. “I did have to trim the front graphic since I was having difficulty getting it on the cowl without wrinkles but overall, I am happy with the way she turned out”.

Happy flying!





FIRST FLIGHTS!

Two “masters” of the hobby at work or should I say “play”! Shown to the right is the club vice-president David DeWitt getting ready to do what he does best – maiden someone else’s airplane.

Dave is such a skilled pilot he is often called upon to make that all-important 1st flight.

Here he is with Dennis Peterson with what I believe is one of Dennis’s, Fokker D VII Biplanes.



I caught Sean & Bob Curry at the field recently just before they took this great looking Fokker D VIII up for her maiden flight.

Sean told me that they were heading to an event that weekend and wanted to get her all trimmed up & dialed in before heading out!

She flew great and with the exception of a little issue with the gear on landing, I was told that she was “*ready to go to the dance*”!



"Say ... what's a mountain goat doing way up here in a cloud bank?"

Sent in by: Jim Giallombardo



Charles, a new retiree-greeter at Wal-Mart, just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day he was 5, 10, 15 minutes late. But he was a good worker, really tidy, clean-shaven, sharp-minded and a real credit to the company and obviously demonstrating their "Older Person Friendly" policies.

One day the boss called him into the office for a talk. "Charles, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a bang-up job when you finally get here, but your being late so often is quite bothersome."

"Yes sir, I know, and I am working on it."

"Well good, you are a team player. That's what I like to hear."

"Yes sir, I understand your concern and I'll try harder."

Seeming puzzled, the manager went on to comment, "It's odd though you're coming in late. I know you're retired from the Armed Forces. What did they say to you there if you showed up in the morning so late and so often?"

**The old man looked down at the floor, then smiled.
He chuckled quietly, then said with a grin,**

**"They usually saluted and said:
"Good morning, General, can I get your coffee sir?"**

Sent in by: Jerry McGhee



IRCC FIRE ANT CONTROL

If you see a mound, kill the mound!

The IRCC Fire Ants are in full bloom. If you see a mound, kill the mound! **It is up to every member to help control these fire ants. Do not wait for the next guy to take care of it. If you see it, you are responsible for it.** Go to the West end of the main shelter, open the fire ant killer bucket, scoop out one cup, sprinkle the contents in the cup on to the target mound and return the cup to the container, then seal the lid.



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ANNUAL SWAP MEET

Saturday, February 12, 2022

- Vendors are invited to arrive at 8 am.
- Public will arrive at 8:30 am
- **Admission** for vendors and public is \$5.00
- Limited tables for \$5.00 or bring your own tables



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AIRCRAFT MINIMUM 60" BI-PLANE & 78" MONO-PLANE

JETS - 140" TOTAL LENGTH & WINGSPAN

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NEXT IRCC MEETING



SATURDAY
February 12, 2022
10:00 AM



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