

*It's Time for Some*

# Propwash

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## ***Model of The Month Winner!*** ***Wally Sundey's*** ***"DRASTIK"***



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## The IRCC President's Points

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. If your name is on the volunteer for Florida Jets, you will be permitted into the event for free. Please report to the IRCC tent located at the corner of main entrance and runway. There are some who will volunteer for all 4 days, and these are the IRCC "Ironmen", however, we still need volunteers to fill in, so please donate whatever time you can to the event as it will provide much needed breaks to the "Ironmen". We cannot do this without your support and if you have a few hours to spare, please contact David DeWitt via email at [benz425@aol.com](mailto:benz425@aol.com) and let him know what days and times you can volunteer.

The Florida Jets raffle prizes have been secured! This year's Florida Jets raffle prizes will be:

1. Real Flite 9.5 simulator; 2. Eflite 70mm A-10 Warthog and 3. Eflite 70mm Viper. Wally Sundry will be leading the mobile raffle sales; any assistance you can provide Wally is greatly appreciated. The IRCC will also be selling tickets from the IRCC Event Tent as well.

David DeWitt has put in a new order of yellow IRCC T-Shirts. The shirts will be available for purchase at the meeting March 5, 2022. They will also be available during the year, but you will need to contact David to arrange a pick-up time.

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 dumpster and trash cans are no longer at the IRCC. Whatever trash you generate at the field, please take it home with you. We will post the trash cans for events and Bill Pawl has agreed to use his dump trailer to haul the event trash away. Waste Management decided to unilaterally raise the rent on the dumpster from \$540 per year to \$780 per year. The IRCC had a very small amount of time to decide whether or not to approve this change. At the January 2022 meeting this change was discussed. At the February 2022 meeting it was reported that Waste Management was unyielding on their price hike and the IRCC agreed to get rid of the dumpster and a new policy was adopted that if you generate trash at the field to take it home with you. Furthermore, the IRCC members and executive committee reviewed the use of the dumpster contents which were found to be food wrappers and cups in the trash cans and in the dumpster, contents were boxes of aircraft kits, crashed aircraft and trash bags from the trash cans. It was also learned at the January and February 2022 IRCC meetings that other clubs in the central Florida area do not have dumpsters onsite, nor do they have trash cans, and this is a widely used practice to have RC club members carry their own trash home. For events, we will bring the trash cans back and we have a process for removing trash with our field maintenance officer for those events only.



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:**

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 February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Recorded by Club Secretary – George Nauck**

Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 10:00 AM.

The December Meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by club president Jerry McGhee.

**New Members and Guests:** New Member Matt Hyatt, and re-joining members Ron Finger & Chris Trumble???

**Minutes:** Motion was made and seconded to accept minutes for January 2022 as published in the newsletter.

**Awards and Certificates:** Awards and Certificates - Model of the month award for January to Dave Mineo for that beautiful oldie F8F Bearcat. Jerry asked if everyone had seen the new patch shown in the newsletter. (100 mission patches for 2022)

**Treasurers Report:** Jerry proxied that finances are still good. The International e-Jet Festival netted the club a good return on investments in spite of miserable weather.

**Membership Report:** Current paid-up members at 72, but one new member today makes 73. Still have work to do bringing members up to date with dues.

**Field and Maintenance Report:** Bill Pawl reported that the new power line from the generator is in thanks to help of some great volunteers. Solar stations up and running except for the Heli shelter.

**Safety Report:** (Safety Coordinator: Dave Mineo mentioned a take-off toward the gallery during Jet Fest. No harm done!

**Instructors Report:** Jeff Hughes reported that he will be converting the Avistar trainer to electric. Trainers are still in good shape due to Jeff's over-ride and quick reflexes.

**Club Newsletter:** (Newsletter Editor: David Raff is grateful for submissions that members have made for the newsletter. Keep them coming. Pictures are fine!

**Website:** (Webmaster: Ron McKie) – Ron says he would like to see more activity in the Forum that he set up on the website.

**New Field Search Committee:** Nothing new to report.

**Old Business:** All help perform fire-ant control. Reiterated that dumpster has been removed and trash receptacles will only be brought out of the shed for events, after which they will be loaded on a trailer and taken to the dump at a cost of \$15 per dump.

## IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

**New Business:** The Merry Boozer YouTube channel would again like to sponsor a Toys for Tots event at IRCC on November 10-13. Motion passed and accepted to make this happen.

There was a LENGTHY open discussion over a measly dollar. Never have so many contributed so much about a dollar. Issue was whether to reduce Junior Members back from \$25 to \$1 for annual dues. Many good points made for either case. Ron must have been shaking his head and holding his peace about the lack of forum activity. This would have exceeded the band-width of our website. Finally passed a motion to go bac to the \$1 per year (I think!)

**Future Events:** Florida Jets at Paradise Field, March 9-12 is a go. David DeWitt needs volunteers as usual.

Top Gun at Paradise Field, April 27-May 1, 2022, is also a go.

National Model Aviation Day will be a family day at our field on August 13, 2022. More on that later.

Planes, Trains and Automobiles in Plant City still a possibility for 2023. David will keep us posted.

**“Over & Above” Award:** Over and Above Nomination made for Dan Hudson for his contribution to entrenchment for the power cable.

**Model of the Month:** Wally won with a great big gasoline powered Stik with a 90-inch wingspan and powered by 70 cc.

**SAD Patch Award:** Tom Stark from Wisconsin won it for February at Jerry's insistence.

**50/50:** Won by David Raff

**Motion to Close:** Meeting ended at 10:58 AM.

# AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

Well, the second month of the new year has started off a little slow with regards to Awards & Certificates.

Dave Mineo though, was presented with his certificate for the “Model of The Month” for January for his customized F8F-1 Bearcat







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# ROLL CALL

*A few getting close!*

***WHO WILL BE THE FIRST?***



## **IRCC February 2022 Award Winner**

# **Tom Stark**

(Of Wisconsin)

**The February 2022 Society of Aircraft Demolishers was called to order by the President of the IRCC. In an overwhelming show of professionalism and airmanship by the members of the IRCC, no one crashed for the last 30 days! As a gesture of goodwill, the members of the IRCC decided to throw a visitor under the bus and bestow this award Mr. Tom Stark, from Wisconsin!**

**Tom came to Florida for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Florida eJet Fest International and for a solid 5 days, Tom flew with magnificent precision and without fear from the crosswinds! He was an inspiration and a great guest for the Florida eJet Fest!**

**However, on the last day of the event, Tom's Avanti lost control, departed controlled flight, and landed squarely in the Badcock alligator breeding pond! Tom went to the fence and saw his plane gently floating on top of the water with an 8' alligator nose sniffing it out! Tom decided that discretion is the better part of valor and once he realized the logistical nightmare to retrieve the airplane, a land voyage through security at Badcock, followed by a boat launching, then entry into the boat, alligator fighting followed by aircraft retrieval, then more alligator fighting, getting out of the boat, putting the boat back in the truck, back through security and then dry out the aircraft...well, needless to say, Tom hit the wall and he decided to let it go.**

**He announced that if anyone wanted to retrieve the aircraft, they could have it. IRCC members Kevin Pazda and Bill Pawl retrieved the stricken aircraft, and we are proud to report that the aircraft is currently being restored by Kevin!**

**It is with great honor and pride that we offer this month's SAD patch to Mr. Stark for the SAD Patch Award! It is the second 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, Tom, for this offering to the SAD community!**

**Until next month...**



Actual "NTSB" crash reconstruction  
photo of Tom's Avanti



# ***MODEL OF THE MONTH!***



## ***TEXAS MODELS "DRASTIK"***

Landing gear comes with your choice of tail dragger or tricycle gear, and both are included in this ARF.

The nose gear (if you use) is double spring loaded wire system connecting to a single heavy alum. strut, then to the motor box. The main gear is 2-piece alum. and has a brace wire about halfway down each side connecting the 2 halves together for additional support.

Plane has a top front hatch that is 3 1/2" wide and 8 1/2" long and opens with a spring-loaded thumb latch.

Comes with hardware kit including 4" rubber tires (not foam) Fuel tank, push rods and connectors, hinges etc. but does not include a spinner. Engine and electronic equipment are not included.

Plane weighs 14 lbs. including all supplied hardware but not your engine and radio gear.

**Wingspan: 2360 mm (93 in)**

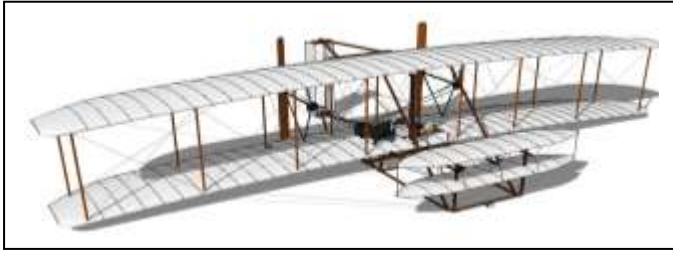
**Wing area: 123.6 dm<sup>2</sup> (1916 sq.in)**

**Length: 1950 mm (76.7 in)**

**Engine: 35-50 gas engine**

**Radio: 6 Channles;8 Servos**

**Empty weight: 5 k**



## ***FIRST FLIGHTS!***



Above is the club Treasurer Steve Jaworski with his latest Sailplane. This is a 120" wingspan Pierce 970 and was "scratch-built" from plans by Steve.



# **“THE GHOST OF KYIV”**

**THE LEGEND OF THE UKRAINIAN ACE IN A DAY**







Sent in by: Jim Giallombardo

# A few changes to note at the field!

## ALUMINUM CANS ONLY

The only trash can that is at the field is for Aluminum cans only and it is clearly marked no trash and no plastic. If you generate plastic bottles or trash, please take them home with you.

Bill Pawl collects aluminum cans in this trash can and provides the cans to a local charity. It is not fair to Bill, or the charity to have to pick out your trash or plastic. The IRCC is hosting this aluminum can recycle plan for a charity and we need the individual who is putting plastic and trash in here to stop being stupid. I'm asking every club member, if you see someone putting trash or plastic in this can, call that individual out and make them take their trash or plastic home; if they refuse or repeatedly throw trash and plastic in here, please notify any member of the IRCC Executive Committee and we will handle it.



One of the "dumpster" (sorry, couldn't resist) has been removed! As Jerry mentioned in his leading article, the cost to keep this with the recent change of service providers and increase in the monthly bill made it necessary to bring up at the February meeting to discontinue this service and have the dumpster removed. This was discussed, voted on and approved by members present. The trash cans that were in the main pavilion have also been removed. Be sure to take whatever "trash" you may have home with you and dispose of there. Thank you all in advance for your cooperation!







## 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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# FLORIDA JETS



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AEROSPACE EXPO

Presented By:  **FLORIDA  
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 **APRIL 5-10, 2022**

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1030 Northwest 28th St, Cape Coral, FL. 33993



**Pilot  
Information**

## 2022

SANCTION #11910

## GATHERING OF THE GIANTS

**March 18th & 19th**

**Friday 10AM - 4PM Saturday 9AM - 4PM**

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

**JETS - 140" TOTAL LENGTH & WINGSPAN**

**No Pilot Registration Fee**

**AMA SAFETY DECLARATION REQUIRED**



**Contact event Chairman - Steve Cohen [stephen\\_cohen@msn.com](mailto:stephen_cohen@msn.com)**

**CD is Ted Stickler - [tstick8341@embarqmail.com](mailto:tstick8341@embarqmail.com)**

**Picnic Tables Available . Bring Lawn Chairs**

**Open Flying after 3:00PM**

**FOOD AVAILABLE ON SITE**

**CAMPING AVAILABLE ON SITE - *No Services***

**PORTA POTTIES ON SITE**

**NOON TIME FLIGHT  
DEMONSTRATIONS**



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# NEXT IRCC MEETING



**SATURDAY**  
**March 5, 2022**  
**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**



Imperial RC Club of Mulberry (Model...)

**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.