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## ***APRIL 2022***

### ***Model of The Month Winner!***

***Dave Robertson's  
"Kadet Senior"***

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

So long to our IRCC Snowbirds who have gone back north for the summer! Have a safe trip and we'll see you in the fall!

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Top Gun is in the books! The scale-flying contest was a great success and the IRCC raffle brought in perhaps the highest grossing raffle sales of all time! Hats off to Wally Sundry for leading the team of raffle sales for a job well done! The IRCC received donated prizes from Horizon Hobby who provided the Eflite F-18; The McGhee Consulting Group LLC provided the HSD Cessna and HobbyTown USA (Brandon) provide the RealFlight Simulator. The IRCC is grateful for the assistance in keeping our costs low and raffle sales high! The weather cooperated, the crowds came, and it all came together nicely! Thank you to everyone who had a hand in this effort!

I sent an email to all IRCC members in April posting the proposed changes to the IRCC By-Laws. This is an annual scrub of the by-laws by the IRCC Executive Committee. We will vote on this at the May 6, 2022 IRCC meeting. I am also publishing the changes in this newsletter.

The 1<sup>st</sup> half of the 2022 IRCC events are over, the remaining events for 2022 are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> National Model Aviation Day at IRCC August 13, 2022; this is a celebration of Model Aviation in conjunction with the AMA. The IRCC will have fly-in, the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Tri-Fecta Fun Fly and possibly a combat contest if we can get enough interest going within the club for this.

2<sup>nd</sup> The Motion RC Toys for Tots Fly In at IRCC! Our YouTube friends, the Merry Boozers, Wesley, Lori and Chuck Miller have been hired by Motion RC and Motion RC has asked to be the sponsor for this fly in! More details to follow as they develop!

### **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.



David DeWitt has new yellow IRCC T-Shirts. The shirts will be available for purchase at the monthly meeting. Please contact David via email [benz425@aol.com](mailto:benz425@aol.com) to arrange your shirt purchase.

The 100 RC Missions Over Florida is alive and well for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year! Check out the new 2022 posted on the 100 Missions flight log at the field. 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 April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

**Recorded by Club Secretary – George Nauck**

Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 10:00 AM.

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

**New Members and Guests:** None reported

**Awards and Certificates:** Bill Hoenstine - Model of the month for March. No 100 missions completed for 2022 but getting close!

**Minutes:** Minutes for March accepted.

**Treasurers Report:** We did well at Florida Jets. The Raffle Crew worked overtime to see to that. Club finances in good shape.

**Membership Report:** 85 "paid" members were reported. On a somewhat sad note, this is down by one after the passing of member George Gordon.

**Field and Maintenance Report:** Bill Pawl reports that mowing season has started again. Could use another couple of volunteers. Would only mow one day a week.

**Safety Report:** Dave Mineo removed the fire extinguisher that was low on charge. May be cheaper to replace it.

**Instructors Report:** Jeff Hughes still encouraging members to help recruit youth. Hoping to get boys and girls club out for orientation. Still converting another trainer to electric. Has high praise for the over-ride feature of the buddy-box transmitter.

**Club Newsletter:** David Raff soliciting items and pictures for newsletter.

**Website:** Ron McKie still hoping for more use of the Forum on the website.

**New Field Search Committee:** Nothing promising.

**Old Business:** Keep after the fire ants and take all your trash home.

**New Business:** Pray for Richard Moffat's health.

**Future Events:** Top Gun -April 27 thru May 1. Club approved up to \$500 for Wally Sundry to select a non-jet aircraft for raffle.

Tommy Nolin volunteered to assemble the two jets.

National Model Aviation Day August 13. Will have usual trifecta.

## IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

Jerry McGhee and David Raff are putting together plans for "R/C Combat" Saturdays in June and July. Will have combat flying at high noon on second Saturdays of June and July.

Merry Boozer Toys for Tots Fly-in November 10-13, 2022.

**"Over & Above" Award:** Over and above nominations - Wally nominated the Florida Jets Raffle Team, namely : Wally, Tommy Nolen, Art Duncan, Jack Buie and Lance Biddle.

**Model of the Month:** Submissions by Tommy Nolin, Dave Robertson and Art Duncan. Award on close vote went to Dave for his Sig Kadet Senior.

**SAD Patch Award:** Buddy Shackelford for an incinerated Piper Cherokee. The pilot disclaimed any responsibility for in-flight fire.

**50/50:** Winner was Art Duncan

**Motion to Close:** 10:55 Meeting adjourned.

# AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

Bill Hoenstine is shown after receiving his Model of The Month Certificate for March.

Bill's 54" Wingspan Ultra Stick was "scratch-built" from plans he found online.  
Great job Bill!







It almost seemed that Buddy Shackleford was hoodwinked into this month's SAD award nomination as the conversations took place during the last meeting.

When it was all said and done though, Buddy graciously accepted the award with a big "Thumbs Up"!

You can read the story as presented by Jerry McGhee on the following page.



***ROLL CALL***

***Jerry McGhee***

***Jeff Hughes***



**IRCC April 2022  
Award Winner**

**Buddy  
Shackleford**

The April 2022 Society of Aircraft Demolishers was called to order by the President of the IRCC. Many were called, but there can only be one! Nothing is more impressive than fire in the sky, and that's the tale we will tell today!

Any fire arcing across the sky is impressive, rocket launches, flaming aircraft, rocket's red glare, day or night...it's usually impressive and inspiring! Francis Scott Key was so inspired that he wrote a song about the rockets' red glare that in-turn inspired and helped launch a nation! After interviewing Buddy about this crash, I learned that as the plane caught fire, he said that the song written by the The Doors "Light My Fire" started the soundtrack in his head; as the fire grew, the soundtrack in Buddy's head then quickly turned to Bruce Springsteen's "I'm on Fire", and as the aircraft engulfed itself in flames and ballistically tracked toward the ground the sound track changed yet again to Jerry Lee Lewis' "Great Balls of Fire!" to which the aircraft arced across the sky and impacted the ground!

Upon further analysis, speculation and actual science, Buddy determined that the ESC ignited as it was overloaded for the set-up that he followed in the manual. A hard lesson to learn, not to always trust the little Chinaman writing the instruction manual as much could get lost in translation.

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

Until next month...



All that remains of Buddy's Cherokee is the left wing!

# ***EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE***

## ***ANNOUNCEMENT!***

### IRCC Executive Committee Proposal

In January 2022 the IRCC Executive Committee met in accordance with the IRCC By-Laws. During that meeting, the Executive Committee reviewed the IRCC By Laws, Field Rules and Policies to identify any areas that are outdated or need to be amended to properly execute the business of the Imperial RC Club. The Executive Committee found that there were no needed changes to the IRCC Field Rules and IRCC Policies, however, there were some changes to the IRCC By-Laws that need to be incorporated into the business practices of the IRCC.

On April 25, 2022, the President of the IRCC emailed all members the proposed changes to the IRCC membership for comment. To date, no comments have been received. The changes are being published in this edition of the IRCC Propwash to ensure all members are reached. If you have any comments, please contact the President, Jerry McGhee at [mcghee66@gmail.com](mailto:mcghee66@gmail.com). The proposed changes will be moved to the floor of the IRCC for a vote on May 7, 2022.

IRCC FIELD RULES: No proposed Changes

IRCC POLICIES: No Proposed Changes

IRCC BY-LAWS:

**Change 1: IRCC Executive Committee proposed changes to Article III Membership A. Qualifications by adding Paragraph 3 as follows:**

3. Membership Application Challenge Procedures: Any member of the Imperial RC Club may challenge the acceptance of a new member to the IRCC. In the event that a new membership is challenged, the proposed new member's application will be reviewed by the Imperial RC Club Executive Committee to understand the challenges associated with the proposed new member; the Executive Committee will in-turn bring the proposed new member's application to the membership of the Imperial RC Club for a vote with a full understanding of why the application is being challenged by an Imperial RC Club member. Once the concerns associated with the proposed new member has been vetted by the Executive Committee. The product of that vetting will be presented to the membership. The prospective member's application will be voted upon by the IRCC membership at any monthly meeting where a quorum is present. In order to be accepted as a member of the Imperial RC Club, the membership application must be approved by 2/3 vote of the Imperial RC Club in the meeting where a quorum is present. In the event that the applicant is not voted into the IRCC after a membership challenge, the applicant must wait 2 years before applying again for membership to the IRCC. The intent of this membership challenge is to keep harmony within the membership of the Imperial RC Club and allow for a process to review candidate members who may have been expelled from another club for AMA safety violations or poses a behavioral problem to the Imperial RC Club due to their prior actions or has a criminal history that would pose a threat to the good order of the Imperial RC Club. In the event that the proposed member is a former IRCC member who has previously been expelled from the IRCC, then paragraph D of the Imperial RC Club By-Laws is applicable, and the member is not eligible for reinstatement



# ***EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE***

## ***ANNOUNCEMENT!***

**Change 2: IRCC Executive Committee proposed changes to B. Resignation paragraph 1 as follows:**

1. Any member may resign his/her membership by giving written or verbal notice to any club officer of the IRCC.

**Change 3: IRCC Executive Committee proposed changes to E. DUES paragraph 5 as follows:**

**5. Complementary Member:** An adult member who has dues waived. Includes Lifetime Members and any member with exceptional service to the Club. Comp Member list will be reviewed annually and approved by the Executive Committee. All rights and privileges, voting. Any eligible club member must request Comp Membership to be considered.

Comp Membership classification may be abolished by two thirds vote of a quorum of the club membership during periods of club economic hardship.

**Change 4: IRCC Executive Committee proposed changes to F. Financial Arrangements paragraph 1 as follows:**

1. All Imperial RC Club budgeted club financial issues that have been approved by the IRCC Executive Committee and/or IRCC membership shall be handled by the Treasurer and/or President in the event the Treasurer is unavailable.

**Change 5: IRCC Executive Committee proposed changes to Article IX Miscellaneous Provisions paragraph D as follows:**

D. Dissolution of Club: In accordance with and at the direction of Article 4 of the IRCC Articles of Incorporation filed with the State of Florida in January 1969, which states that the IRCC was organized to remain in existence in perpetuity.

For the purpose of defining dissolution of the IRCC as it pertains to these Imperial RC Club By-laws the following shall be deemed to be the sole circumstances which if contravened either individually or severally occurring, must exist to dissolve the Corporation.

1-The AMA requires a minimum 5 members to constitute a duly Chartered club. Of those 5, 3 shall be officers one of whom shall be designated the safety officer. Said Charter shall be renewed as required by the AMA .

2-The IRCC shall maintain its corporate status with the State of Florida Division of Corporations and file its required Federal Tax Returns on a timely basis.

3- The IRCC shall remain solvent. Any and all accumulated assets shall remain in the custody of the IRCC and used for the purpose of attaining the afore mentioned organizational requirements.

4-It is deemed that only in the circumstance of non-conformity with any the aforementioned standards (1, 2 and 3 above) that the IRCC be formally dissolved, and its net assets accrue to the benefit of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

\*\*\*\*\***END OF PROPOSED IRCC BY LAW CHANGES**\*\*\*\*\*

# “TOP GUN” RECAP!

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Top Gun Invitational R/C Competition took place from April 27<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup> at Paradise Field on the south end of Linder International Airport. While the overall participation was down, the competition was not! The following are just a few pictures taken of some of the different aircraft that were competing and on display! This is just a small sampling. I hope to have a more in-depth recap in the next newsletter.





The variety was all across the board with warbirds, civilian, prop's, turbine powered jets and even a turbo-prop or two.

Almost every country was represented and of course, as you would expect, the detail on these aircraft was absolutely superb!







IRCC brought out the big guns with the raffle prizes, opting to go with two aircraft this year instead of one and a TV which seemed to pay off very well. In addition to the two airplanes there was also a flight simulator for those that want to learn or just keep in practice.











Four flight stations were in operation to accommodate the pilots and judges. Flight line operations maintains control of the active runway allowing for safe take-offs and landings during the competition. Below is a group picture of all of the volunteers that helped out on Sunday taken by Barry Voight. Look for this in upcoming editions of R/C magazines that feature the event coverage.



**IMPERIAL R/C CLUB**



Member Ryan Roberts got to take part in the noontime demonstrations on Friday, Saturday and Sunday! Ryan is a very accomplished "pattern" competition pilot but showed that he also has the right stuff when it comes to extreme 3D aerobatics as he put his Slick 580 through its paces. Great Job Ryan!



Sunday afternoon brought a close not only to the event but to the IRCC club raffle as well! Surprisingly, two of the raffle prizes were won by IRCC members. The Flight Simulator was won by a gentleman in Naples, but John Burdin was the lucky recipient of the HSD Cessna 182 and Art Duffey's name was drawn for the E-Flite F-18. Congratulations to you both!





# **"THE GHOST OF KYIV"**

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





# 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! 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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# NEXT IRCC MEETING



**SATURDAY**  
**May 7, 2022**  
**10:00 AM**

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