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MAY 2022

**Model of
The
Month
Winner!**

**Glenn
Griffith's
"CUSTOM"
F-22 Raptor**

PRESIDENTS POINTS MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATES /AWARDS
100 MISSION ROLL CALL S.A.D. MEMBERS PHOTO SPOTLIGHT
FIRST FLIGHTS COMING EVENTS



The IRCC President's Points

The summer heat and humidity is starting to settle in! With that, the winds should die down, and the flying activity at the IRCC should increase. Please hydrate and watch out for each other when you're at the field. Stay cool and enjoy the great flying weather!

Congratulations to Jim Giallombardo for a successful maiden of his C-130 Blue Angel which was the 2020 Model of the Year! The flight took place on May 9, 2022, at the Imperial RC Club. John Burden and I were on hand to film the event and assist with any trim requirements should Jim need them. Congratulations Jim! Glad you got that 1st flight monkey off your back! Hopefully the airplane will make regular appearances now so that all of you can enjoy it fly!

After 36 years, the sequel to Top Gun, "Top Gun Maverick" arrives in theaters everywhere May 27, 2022! I'm really looking forward to seeing it and I hear that the best way to watch it is on the big screen in the theater and the bigger the screen the better! I hear that IMAX is the best way to watch it!

We have 2 events remaining at the IRCC for the remainder of 2022:

- 1st 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 5th Annual Tri-Fecta Fun Fly and possibly a combat contest if we can get enough interest going within the club for this.
- 2nd 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 to arrange your shirt purchase.

The 100 RC Missions Over Florida is alive and well for the 4th 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 May 7th, 2022

Recorded by Club Secretary – George Nauck

Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 10:00 AM.

The May meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM by club president Jerry McGhee.

New Members and Guests: None appeared

Awards and Certificates: Model of the month for April – Dave Richards.

Minutes: Minutes for April meeting accepted as posted.

Treasurers Report: Steve Jaworski reported that Top Gun once again proved to be good for the IRCC financially. Finances in good shape.

Membership Report: 87 “paid” members were reported.

Field and Maintenance Report: Bill Pawl needs one or more volunteers to help with weed-whacking. One volunteer stepped up. Mowing is going OK.

Safety Report: Everyone still has their fingers and toes intact 😊! Nothing to report.

Instructors Report: Jeff says search still on for youngsters to visit for free orientation flight.

Club Newsletter: David still soliciting photos and articles/stories, true or not.

Website: Ron has forum ready for discussions or postings.

New Field Search Committee: No new prospects.

Old Business: Top Gun report by Dave and Steve. All went very well. Fire ant control - Keep after them! Trash removal. Remove anything that you bring, broken or eaten or not.

New Business: No comments received on the proposed By-Law changes by IRCC EC. The club will NOT dissolve and donate cash reserves to AMA! Club and will continue as long as 6 members can be listed as officers and two reports/filings are made annually at a total cost of \$85.00.

Future Events: *National Model Aviation Day* August 13. Will have usual trifecta.

IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

Future Events (Cont.)

Motion R/C Toys for Tots Fly-in November 10-13, 2022. Publicized to 60,000 plus subscribers! Wesley Miller CD.

“Over & Above” Award: Nominated Bill Pawl for the logistics support for raffles at FTE Events.

Model of the Month: Glenn Griffith’s “customized” F-22 Raptor

SAD Patch Award: Matt Hyatt

50/50: No 50/50 this month

Motion to Close: Motion to close at 10:37 ahead of impending massive thunderstorm.

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

Our illustrious and “long-time” IRCC Raffle coordinator and leader - Wally Sundey, was presented with a long overdue commemorative “First Dollar” certificate for his hard work and dedication. Wally has taken point on this extremely important mission for the club for more years than I can remember or have space for in this article.
THANK YOU, Wally!





I am not sure if the look on Matt's face is due to his nomination for this months S.A.D Patch or that he was "photo-bombed" by Wesley Miller, but in either case, Matt's story, or at least 10% of Matt's story (the other 90% is for all practical purposes, made up by Jerry McGhee) can be read on the following page.



ROLL CALL

Jerry McGhee

Jeff Hughes



IRCC May 2022 Award Winner **Matt Hyatt**

There are very few honors in the sport of RC modeling that can compare to being nominated by your peers or to fall on your sword and admit as a self-sacrificing tribute to the RC “Gods” that you have incorrectly maneuvered the sticks on your radio to allow the “Gods” to feast on your pride. Much like the Viking pagan traditions...this is this month’s story:

The FNG “Freaking New Guy”, Matt Hyatt wandered directly into the May meeting crosshairs of the IRCC SAD committee when he told his tale of woe and the epic obliteration of his 70mm E-flite F-16! Little did he know that the tight-lipped buzzards at the meeting were all harboring their secrets of their own crash mishaps, only to hear the innocent words of the FNG say... “I crashed on this month!” The hush was incredible as all in attendance knew they could comfortably go home without the news of their own airplane crash would not be memorialized here in the IRCC Propwash!

It was a brutally sunny day when Matt pushed the throttles of his F-16 forward to delight the crowd of on-lookers, drop-ins from Route 60! Little did they know, like the hopefuls at a NASCAR crash hoping to see a big crash, their wish was about to be fulfilled!

As Matt sat out to put the jet through its paces and impress the crowd, about 90 seconds into his show, as he said in his own words, “one second it was going great and flying like it should, and the next second it was impacting the ground going back to its simplest form of de-atomization” You know...De-atomization (VERB) *The process of a model airplane reducing itself to pre-kit form as a group of individual atoms with no real recognizable form.*

It is with great honor and pride that we offer this month’s SAD patch to Mr. Hyatt 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, Matt, for this offering to the SAD community!

Until next month...



The De-atomized remnants of Matt’s F-16



MEMBER PHOTO SPOTLIGHT!



The following pictures were sent in by various members to share with the rest of the club.
Hope you enjoy!



Sent in by Jerry McGhee.

I believe this shot was taken at the last Florida Jet's event attended by the legendary Bob Violet (BVM Jets) before he passed away.

He was with his daughter Patti & that is Terry Baker on the Flight Line giving him the green light (or paddle) to take the active runway.

Another great shot sent in by Jerry McGhee.

IRCC Member - Ryan Roberts had the opportunity to be a part of the daily noon-time flight demonstrations at Top Gun 2022!

Here is a shot of Ryan setting up his Slick 580 for a very low, very tricky "torque-roll" maneuver!



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Hitec Charger Raffle



Sent in by David DeWitt

Jack Buie won the raffle held at the club meeting this past month for the Hitec battery charger. Everyone that helped at Top Gun was entered in the drawing and his name got pulled. This was donated to the club by the Hitec representative Roger Niolet.

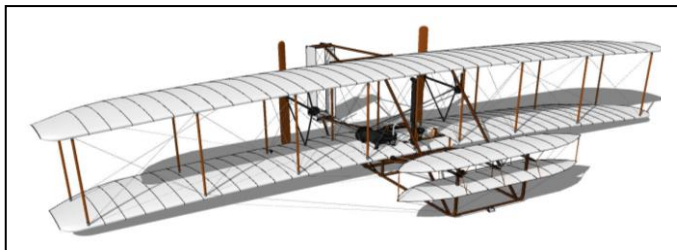
Congratulations Jack!



Also sent in by Jerry McGhee

This is a shot of the space shuttle "Columbia" being returned to Kennedy Space Flight Center aboard one of NASA's 747 Shuttle Transport aircraft. In the foreground, you can also see one of the T-38 Talon's used as a "chase" aircraft.





FIRST FLIGHTS!



As Jerry mentioned in his opening article, Jim Giallombardo recently maidenied his C-130 Hercules "Fat Albert". This has been a long time in the works, and I am sure that he is glad that he got that under his belt! Jerry also brought out one of his new EDF models from Motion R/C for her 1st Flight. This one is the Freewing 80mm A-4 Skyhawk



Don't try this at home or anywhere else for that matter!

FAR EAST ENGINE MAINTENANCE

A pilot for a Chinese carrier requested permission and landed at FRA (Frankfurt, Germany) for an unscheduled refueling stop. The reason became soon apparent to the ground crew: The Number 3 engine had been shut down previously because of excessive vibration, and because it didn't look too good. It had apparently been no problem for the tough guys on the ground back in China: as they took some sturdy straps and wrapped them around two of the fan blades and the structures behind, thus stopping any unwanted windmilling (engine spinning by itself due to airflow passing thru the blades during flight)



Note that the straps are seatbelts.... how resourceful! After making the "repairs", off they went into the wild blue yonder with another revenue-making flight on only three engines! With the increased fuel consumption, they got a bit low on fuel, and just set it down at the closest airport (FRA) for a quick refill.

That's when the problems started: The Germans, who are kind of picky about this stuff, inspected the malfunctioning engine and immediately grounded the aircraft. Besides the seatbelts, notice the appalling condition of the fan blades. The airline operator had to send a chunk of money to get the first engine replaced (took about 10 days). The repair contractor decided to do some impromptu inspection work on the other engines, none of which looked all that great either. The result: a total of 3 engines were eventually changed on this plane before it was permitted to fly again.

And you all were worried about toys with lead paint!

Sent in by Ian Clark



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

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"THE GHOST OF KYIV"

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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 “dumpsters” (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!

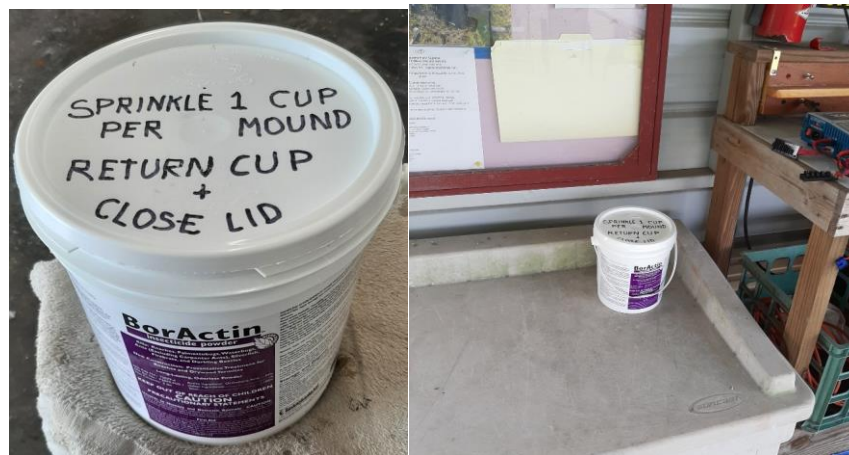




IRCC FIRE ANT CONTROL

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



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Guests and Non-Flying
IRCC Members

IRCC Flying Members and
Flying Guests with Planes

IRCC
Member
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**

**IRCC
DESIGNATED PARKING
AREAS**



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.