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

***Buddy
Shackleford's
"Corsair"***

PRESIDENTS POINTS MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATES /AWARDS
S.A.D. 100 MISSION ROLL COMING EVENTS



The IRCC President's Points

With the impending approach of Hurricane Ian, I hope you all have done your hurricane prep and are ready to weather the storm! As we're all in the cone of uncertainty, hopefully the storm stays at sea and weakens to an uneventful thunderstorm. However, all forecasts seem to indicate that we will get Hurricane outer band thunderstorms and wind; stay vigilant and stay safe, if you do go out during the storm watch out for downed power lines, flash flooding and hopefully you have a generator if you are in an area that loses power. As of this writing, it looks like the storm will be long gone before this Saturday's meeting on October 1st. If the storm stalls or we get a lot of damage and it is unsafe to travel to the field I'll push out an email to cancel the meeting, but as of right now, plan on having the meeting on Saturday October 1st.

Former IRCC member and President, Larry Loucks passed away in August 2022 from COPD. Larry was President when I showed up to the IRCC in 2010 and he was an excellent host as I got introduced to the club! I appreciated Larry's wit and skill as a modeler, he was a great guy to have on the flightline and a great leader for the IRCC. His son, Mike, has been doing the estate settlement. He has several RC items (kits and radios) of his dad's that he will bring to the meeting on October 1st for an estate sale at the end of the meeting on Saturday.

We have two events remaining for 2022:

1. Motion RC Toys for Tots Fly In at IRCC November 3-6, 2022! 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! 65 pilots have signed up for the event through the Motion RC site so far! I'm hoping to have the IRCC pre-registration open before this article posts.
2. The IRCC End of Year Banquet. This will be held at KC's Artisan Pizza in Lakeland on Sunday December 11, 2022.

The Imperial RC Club officer elections is coming up November 2022. If you are interested in running for any club officer position, please send me an email at mcghee66@gmail.com and I will put you on the ballot. Here are the current applicants for each position:

2023 Imperial RC Club Officer Positions	
President	Kevin Pazda
Vice President	David DeWitt
Secretary	Luke Reither
Treasurer	Steve Jaworski
Safety Officer	Matt Hyatt
Director 3 rd Year	Jim Giallombardo*
Director 2 nd Year	Bill Littlefield*
Director 1 st Year	Jerry McGhee

**Already voted-in by IRCC Membership*

Continuous Information Update:

The annual summer-time Thunderstorms are proving to be quite violent as they have on a few occasions decimated anything not strapped down under the shelters. If you are the first one to the field and you notice things strewn about, please try and do what you can to bring order back to the shelters. If you notice anything broken or destroyed, please let Bill Pawl know about it and set the item aside, out of the way so that we may dispose of it properly.

If you're interested in joining the Grass cutting crew and you can spare some time to join the crew, it would certainly be appreciated to give those who are currently on the crew some welcomed relief as it takes a few hours to cut the field so that all of our members can fly safely on our well-manicured field and runways! Please contact Bill Pawl via email at proppusher64@yahoo.com to join the crew!

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 September 3rd, 2022

Recorded by Club Secretary – George Nauck

Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 10:00 AM.

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

New Members and Guests: There were no visitors or new members present at this time.

Awards and Certificates: (a) Jeff Hughes presented Model of The Month Certificate for August. (b) 100 mission patches – Bill Pawl and Ian Clark.

Minutes: Motion made, seconded and passed to accept minutes for August.

Treasurers Report: Treasurers Report given by Jerry. Money is in the bank, bills are paid.

Membership Report: Now at 91 members.

Field and Maintenance Report: Bill has no outstanding issues. He described how interesting it was for the TECO contractor to get their machine OVER the fence.

Safety Report: No issues to be concerned about at present.

Instructors Report: Jeff Hughes stated that all is going well. Daniel and Drew have soloed officially.

Club Newsletter: David Raff states all good with the newsletter.

Website: Ron will set up for online registration for the upcoming Toys for Tots event.

New Field Search Committee: Nothing noteworthy to report.

Old Business: Keep after the fire ants. All trash and crashes goes back home whether repairable or not! IRCC Officer Elections and openings:

Club President: OPEN

Vice President: David DeWitt (Incumbent).

Treasurer: OPEN

Secretary: Luke Reither (Nominee)

Board of Directors:

Jim Giallombardo, Bill Littlefield, Jerry McGhee

National Model Aviation Day Trifecta on August 13th. The 50/50 raised \$300 for club.

IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

New Business: City of Lakeland installing a new water line on east side of field. George Nauck announced that today's new business was actually OLD BUSINESS dating back 62 years when on September the 3rd, 1960 he snared for keeps his beautiful wife, Bobbie! IRCC is accepting membership dues starting 1 October. If renewing by PayPal, add 3% to your dues amount. Cash or check, no additional fees.

Future Events: **Motion R/C Toys for Tots Fly-in:** November 3-6 2022. CD McGhee says at least 65 already committed. Expect a great attendance. **IRCC End of Year Banquet:** Sunday Dec. 11th 2022. **Florida eJet Fest International:** February 2-5 2023. **Planes, Trains and Automobiles** is not yet certain, but could be in March if at all. **Florida Jets:** March 15-18 2023 – DeWitt. **Top Gun** April 26-30, 2023 – DeWitt

Over & Above Nominations: Bill Pawl nominated Keith, Jim, James, and John for stepping up to help with field maintenance.

Model of the Month: Bill Pawl home-made electric boat, and Buddy Shackelford's Corsair. Buddy got the edge in a close vote.

SAD Patch Award: Candidates included: Jim Giallombardo's C-130 big splash. Kevin's Badcock parking lot indentation. Daniel's demise after motor came off in flight and landed before the rest of the aircraft. **Jim's big splash covered more territory and got the award!**

50/50: There was no drawing this month, bring your cash in October.

Motion to Close: Motion to close at 10:40 am.

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES



(Left) Jeff Hughes is pictured after receiving the Model of The Month Certificate from club president Jerry McGhee for August 2022.

(Right) Jeff later was able to be the presenter. One of his students, Daniel Bensmiller, received his Certificate of Radio-Controlled Flight after soloing recently!

**Congratulations
to you both!**



AWARDS & CERTIFICATES



Our two latest additions to the 100 RC Missions Over Florida Squadron are shown above – Bill Pawl & Ian Clark



ROLL CALL

***Jerry McGhee – Jeff Hughes
Art Duffy – Buddy Shackelford
Glenn Griffith – Drew Powell
Matt Hyatt – Bill Pawl
Ian Clark***



IRCC September 2022 Award Winner

Jim Giallombardo

The September 2022 IRCC SAD Committee came to order like an approaching hurricane, with new nominees...such as Kevin Pazda and Daniel Bensmiller! These gentlemen told their tales of woe, and they were pretty good crash stories, however, nothing could compare to Jim Giallombardo's C-130 "Fat Albert" crash!

This once proud C-130 has had quite the story! Over the last 10 years, this aircraft was built, flown, crashed, rebuilt, flown and then refurbished by Jim who flew it and unfortunately crashed it to a level of re-kitted status that made it unrepairable. This aircraft was the 2020 Model of the Year for the IRCC and it died on National Model Aviation Day August 2022!

There were several witnesses to this crash, all who, from their own vantage points heard and saw the same thing with slight variations and they all bore witness at the monthly meeting.

All accounted for the departure from controlled flight, into a spin and a massive splash in the alligator breeding pond just east of the IRCC! One witness, Daniel, who was probably closest to the aircraft at the time of impact, heard the engines making a rubbing sound just prior to the departure from controlled flight as to indicate a loose prop or engine mount.

Regardless, the end state is that a once proud aircraft with a rich heritage was lost and as sickening as the death of an airplane is, it hasn't stifled Jim's spirit as he is currently in process of building a new C-130 and continues to fly and enjoy model aviation!

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

Until next month...



The Imperial RC Club has Club Officer openings for the 2023 Calendar Year. Please reply to this email if you would like to be considered for any position, vacant or proposed candidate, to be voted on in November 2022:

President – Kevin Pazda (Candidate)
Vice President – David DeWitt (Incumbent)
Secretary – Luke Reither (Candidate)
Treasurer – Steve Jaworski (Incumbent)
Safety Officer – Matt Hyatt (Candidate)

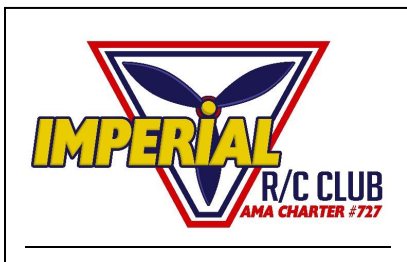
Director: Jim Giallombardo 2023 3rd Year
Director: Bill Littlefield 2023 2nd Year
Director: Jerry McGhee 2023 1st Year **(Incoming)**

After 5 years as your club President, I need to step down to dedicate time to my new business that I started in late 2021. As is tradition, I will move to a director's position to assist with continuity and the new club leadership.

Steve Jaworski is stepping down (sort of) as Treasurer. Subject to club approval, Steve will move from the elected treasurer position to financial advisor in 2023. Steve has agreed to retain his name on the club bank account (along with the new President and new Treasurer) as signatory and continue to provide continuity and assist the new Treasurer candidate and new President. Steve worked very hard to get the club right with the IRS and our club tax filings and his added continuity and advise will keep the club in good financial order.

George Nauck is stepping down as Club Secretary and we thank him for his service and long-time membership in the IRCC!

If you are interested in filling any of these positions, please send me an email, mcghee66@gmail.com and I will make sure you name is on the ballot in November 2022 for the new club officer elections for 2023.



Thanks!
Jerry

v/r
Jerry McGhee
President



LARRY LOUCKS 1950 - 2022

As many of you are already aware and Jerry mentioned in his opening article, the IRCC was notified by his son Mike, that former club member and club president Larry Loucks passed away on August 6, 2022.

I was a member of the club for two years before Larry was voted in as the club's president (2008-2011) replacing David DeWitt. I served as his vice-president for the last two years of his term in office. Larry was a great help to me as I transitioned to the president's position in 2012 and continued to be a great asset and "sounding board" for me for years to come.

He was also our Chief Flight Instructor for several years as well as the "Chief Cook & Bottle Washer" for almost all of our Family Day events. Larry stepped away from the hobby several years back but his memory and what he brought to the club will not be forgotten.



(Left) Larry was the master chef for all our events and family days held at the field. He enjoyed "burnin burgers" as he would refer to his cooking style for everyone in attendance.

(Right) As our Chief Flight Instructor he loved getting new people and visitors "on the sticks" for the first time!



(Left) Larry and his wife Sue were a driving force in keeping the IRCC a fun place to fly. So much so that in 2015 after Sue passed away, a "memorial" brick in the AMA's **Walk of Fame** was dedicated to Larry and his family in her honor.



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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!

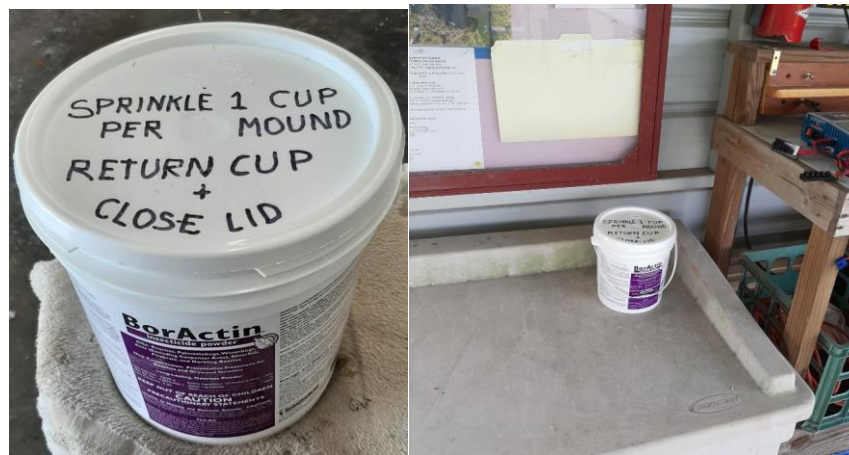




IRCC FIRE ANT CONTROL

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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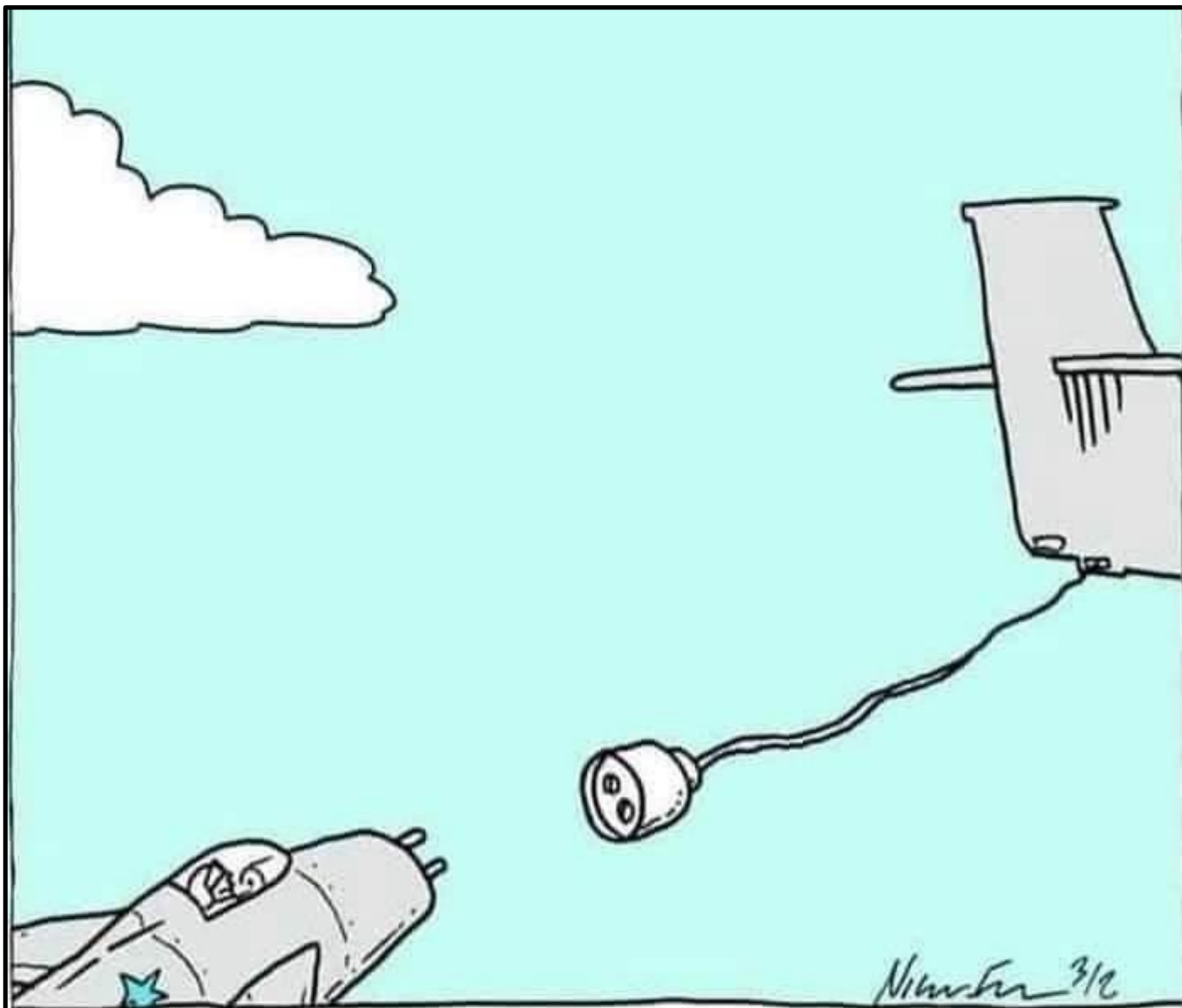
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**WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING
TODAY, THIS WOULDN'T SURPRISE ME IN
THE LEAST!**

Thanks to Jim Giallombardo for sending in.



JET FIGHTERS OF
THE FUTURE.

The following was sent in by our Field Maintenance Officer Bill Pawl. I don't know about you - but we may need to take a closer look at the tools he is using to maintain the equipment at the field....

DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh sh--!'

SKIL SAW: A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

BELT SANDER: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

WISE-GRIPS: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

OXYACETYLENE TORCH: Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing.

TABLE SAW: A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed new brake pads, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

BAND SAW: A large scary stationary power saw primarily used by to cut expensive aluminum sheets into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST: A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old style paper and tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER: A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

PRY BAR: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket (cost > \$5.00) you needed to remove in order to replace a 50-cent part.

HOSE CUTTER: A tool used to make hoses too short.

HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

UTILITY KNIFE: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

SON-OF-A-BITCH TOOL: (A personal favorite!) Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling 'Son of a **BITCH!**' at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.

Hope you found this informative.

Bill Pawl – Field Maintenance Officer Extraordinaire!



Cape R/Sea Hawks

Swap Meet

THIS SUNDAY

First Sunday EVERY month

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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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IRCC Flying Members and
Flying Guests with Planes

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Member
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IRCC Flying Members and
Flying Guests with Planes

Guests and Non-
Flying IRCC Members

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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.