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Model of The Month Winner!

Bob
Curry's
ScratchBuilt
'Tiger
Moth"

PRESIDENTS POINTS MEETING WINDTES CERTIFICATES /AWARDS

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The IRCC President's Points

Welcome back snowbirds! Hopefully you all had a great time up north! You all missed Hurricane lan! As devastating as that was for the state of Florida, the IRCC did fair fairly well as the Hurricane passed it did cause damage to the IRCC with 90 mph winds from the North for several hours! Thank you to everyone who took the time to clean-up and repair the damages that our flying site incurred. Our main shelters were pushed back and our team of voluntary engineers with specialty tools were able to bring the shelters back to an upright position!

The Motion RC Toys for Tots Fly In at IRCC was November 3-6, 2022! Thank you to everyone who attended and assisted in making this a great inaugural event with our sponsors Motion RC and Polk County Toys for Tots! We had 62 registered pilots! We were able to fill 4 large bins with toys from donations! If you were not able to come out for this fly-in, we will collect toys for the event the entire month of November.

There were lots of great planes in attendance and the flightline was buzzing with non-stop flying activities! The pilots in attendance did a great job flying with each other as there were no safety related incidents and everyone flew very professionally, and no safety issues were reported! Thank you again to everyone who made this a great event and a great success for the U.S. Marine Corps, Polk County Toys for Tots!

The IRCC End of Year Banquet. This will be held at KC's Artisan Pizza in Lakeland on Sunday December 11, 2022. The restaurant is preparing a menu much like last years. I will pass out a sign-up sheet at the monthly meeting on Saturday November 12, 2022, and I will also push out an email if you're unable to attend the meeting.

Our 100 missions log was wiped out by Hurricane Ian! The strong winds from the North cased the door to the cabinet to open and the pressure ripped the log out of the cabinet. If you were approaching your 100th mission, please keep count on your own and if you get your 100 please let me know and I'll hand you your 100 missions patch and add you to the log! I will post a new 100 missions log in January, and we will log the 2023 100 missions!

If you have turned off the news and this is your only source of news, there is an approaching Tropical Storm Nicole that is forecasted to provide rain and wind over much of Florida this Thursday and Friday. Hopefully Nicole doesn't turn into a Hurricane and really dork things up for Florida!

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 2nd Year	Bill Littlefield*
Director 1st Year	Jerry McGhee

*Already voted-in by IRCC Membership

Continuous Information Update:

The annual summer-time Thunderstorms proved to be quite violent on a few occasions decimating 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 October 1st, 2022 Recorded by Jim Giallombardo

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by 25 attending members

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

New Members and Guests: Welcome back to past member Pete Kerner. Mike Loucks, son of member Larry attended to speak about his father's love for the model aviation hobby. He also donated all of Larry's hobby items to the club for auction with the proceeds being donated to the IRCC club.

In honor of Larry's past dedication to the club, the members approved an AMA "memorial" brick be purchased. In addition, a memorial web page will be created for deceased members, upon approval of family members.

Awards and Certificates: Buddy Shackleford received his award for the September model of the month.

Wally Sundey and Roger Griffith received their 100-mission patch. Steve Franc received the SAD award for his crash of a P51 mustang. Jim Giallombardo received the SAD award for the untimely demise of his giant scale C130 Fat Albert

Minutes: A motion to accept the September minutes as posted in the club newsletter, Propwash, was made and accepted.

Treasurers Report: Jerry McGhee presented the treasurer's report for Steve Jaworski in his absence. The IRCC is in good financial shape. All bills are currently paid and there is money in the bank. Members can conduct the IRCC Treasurer for a detailed account.

Membership Report: We currently have 92 members. Now is the time for all members to renew their annual membership dues.

Field and Maintenance Report: Bill Pawl gave his report on the status of the field. Bill secured the tables and chairs prior to the arrival of Hurricane Ian. The hurricane caused damage to the IRCC field. The Road Frontage Sign had wood damage. The main shelter was pushed about 4 inches from its original mounted position and is leaning. Damage to the metal sides was repaired by Bill Redig and Kevin Pazda. The east pilot station bench was blown across the field and returned to the pilot station. The helicopter shed was pushed back and is also leaning. The windsocks were shredded. Attending members approved \$200.00 for the purchase of 3 new socks and a new flag.

The zero-turn mover is in for extensive service. Members approved \$1000.00 for repairs.

Safety Report: Matt Hyatt nothing to report.

IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

Instructors Report: Jeff Hughes stated there was not much to report. Everything is going well. All club trainers are in good shape. The club has two trainers ready for use and a new trainer is on order.

Club Newsletter: David Raff reports the newsletter is going well. All members are encouraged to submit photos of themselves along with a favorite airplane or two for posting in the member's page.

Website: Ron McKie has the pre-registration set up for the upcoming Toys for Tots U-Tube event.

New Field Search Committee: Jim Giallombardo reported no new search information at this time.

Old Business: If you see an ant mound, kill an ant mound using the supplied bait located at the west charging station. If you develop or create trash, pick it up and take it home for disposal. The supplied trash cans are for aluminum can recycling only.

Jerry McGhee encouraged members to continue with the 100-mission goal for 2023. The flight log was destroyed by the hurricane and a new log will be posted. Members are encouraged to continue where they left off. (And no, everyone does not start at 99 flights.)

All members are continuously reminded to avoid overflight of the bird and wildlife sanctuary north of the field boundaries.

IRCC 2021 nominations for Club Officers.

President Elect - Kevin Pazda accepted the nomination for the club President position and gave a rousing campaign speech.

Vice President- David DeWitt (incumbent) will continue in his present position.

Secretary Elect - Luke Reither will become the new secretary.

Treasurer - Steve Jaworski (incumbent) will retain his position as treasurer.

Directors- Jim Giallombardo, Bill Littlefield (incumbents). Jerry McGhee will become the third director stepping back from the president's position.

IRCC 2021 Assistant Positions

Safety Officer- Matt Hyatt

Field & Maintenance- Bill Pawl will continue doing an exceptional job in this position.

Chief Flight Instructor- Jeff Hughes

New Business and Future Events: The City of Lakeland will be installing a new water line along the eastern fence. This project (in the works for several years) continues to be delayed for other pending projects. When it is scheduled to begin, the IRCC will receive timely notice to close the field for a day or two to allow construction to cross the field unimpeded from overhead flights. All members are expected to comply with the field closure during this time.

IRCC is accepting 2023 membership dues beginning Oct 1, 2022.

- a. If renewing by PayPal, add 3% to your dues.
- b. If renewing via cash or check, no additional fees.

The **Motion RC Toys for Tots** by Merry Boozer's You Tube Channel is scheduled for Nov 3-6, 2022. Tents will be available for rent and includes reserved parking. Reserved parking is also available with two tables included under the main shelter. You must decide immediately to reserve one of these coveted spots.

The **IRCC End of Year Banquet** scheduled for Sunday December11, 2022 will be held at KC's pizza on South Florida Avenue.

The Florida E-Jet Fest International, is AMA sanctioned for Feb 2-5, 2023.

Planes, Trains and Automobiles normally scheduled in February is still undecided. POC David Raff Both events, the Florida Jets March 15-18, 2023, and Top Gun April 26-30, 2023, will have further info to follow by POC DeWitt.

IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

Over & Above Nominations: Kevin and Luke for their unsolicited volunteer efforts to clean up and repair of the field and building after Hurricane Ian.

Jim G for using his personal mower to mow the field while the club mower is in for much needed maintenance

Model of the Month: Bob Curry presented a scratch-built Tiger Moth from Pat Trattle design plans he acquired from Model Airplane News. He had the wood parts made by Manzanar Laser wood cutting. The finished fuselage was covered with Microlite, and the wings were finished using Ultracote. The model is powered by a 400 electric motor using 3s LiPo battery.

SAD Patch Award: This month's envied recipient of the much-desired SAD award was the very accomplished pilot, Steve Franc. Steve was piloting a P51 Mustang in a photo event with four other P51's and had completed several successful flights. On the final flight conducting a banking turn, his P51 failed to respond to his controls and spiraled in-to a spectacular crash, leaving little to recover.

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

Motion to Close: The September meeting officially closed at 11:09 am.

Departing Comments: You can land anywhere on the field, ONCE!

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

Member Buddy Shackleford received his Model of The Month Certificate from President Jerry McGhee during the October meeting.



AWARDS & CERTIFICATES



Steve Franc is shown after receiving the nomination and S.A.D Patch for October from club president Jerry McGhee. You can read all about why and how Steve was nominated in the summation written by Jerry in this publication.

Jim Giallombardo formally received his S.A.D Patch from last month.

Jim made the fatal mistake of not being present to defend himself at the September meeting.



AWARDS & CERTIFICATES



Our two latest additions to the 100 RC Missions Over Florida Squadron are shown above – Wally Sundey & Roger Griffith



ROLL GALL

Jerry McGhee – Jeff Hughes
Art Duffy – Buddy Shackleford
Glenn Griffith – Drew Powell
Matt Hyatt – Bill Pawl
Ian Clark – Wally Sundey
Roger Griffith



IRCC October 2022 Award Winner

Steve Franc

The October 2022 IRCC SAD Committee came to order like a runaway boulder in a landslide! Oh, to be fortunate enough to be on the radar of the IRCC SAD committee at the monthly meeting! It is truly a cherished experience full of excitement and anticipation to be selected by this elite review panel who discusses the finer elements of a pilot's crash and assess whether it is worthy of being entered into this monthly epistle!

There is nothing more awesome than being a total bad ass RC pilot and elite U.S. pattern pilot champion and being asked to fly someone else's airplane! It's an honor and a prideful moment as it's a nod to your talent and abilities, and yet it's also a moment filled with trepidation for the budding test pilot in your Chuck Yeager moment because you don't know if the engineer set the airplane up correctly and you don't know if there's something persnickety about the flying characteristics of the aircraft, you'll soon be piloting. If you sprinkle a little paparazzi into the test flight...well, there is a 60/40 chance that the flight will end in a disaster...and if you ask the 4 test pilots to fly all of them at once in close formation, there is a 90/10 chance that something is going to go wrong...as was the case with this story!

Enter famous YouTuber "The RC Informer" Rich Baker! Rich has his trusty paparazzi cameraman Steve film all of Rich's exploits on YouTube. On this fateful day, Rich asked the IRCC President to gather some Sierra Hotel RC Pilots to put fly several new racing P-51 mustangs for the camera! Now, in all fairness, these little FMS pylon racing airplanes that Rich Baker brought to the IRCC are a great deal of fun to fly, as this author was a participant with the "Miss America" P-51.

As the four of us ripped around the sky in these very zippy P-51s, we started out just flying in a gaggle. We got good at that and then we were asked to go from an oval to an arc in front of the camera! The first pass, semi-successful, the second pass, better success, the third pass...perfection, the fourth pass, low on gas, all aircraft began the pass and review in front of the camera in wicked tight formation! Without warning, Steve's P-51 went a little crazy as he got in a high speed stall and spin! With little to now time for correction, Steve waited for the little plane to stop tumbling, which it did upon impact with the ground! KER SPLAT! Steve was gracious enough to say the crash was pilot error, which was kind of him as they are awesome little flying/racing planes!

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

Until next month...



Recreation of Steve's crash

The Imperial RC Club has Club Officer openings for the <u>2023 Calendar</u> <u>Year</u>. 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.

Unless someone steps up to assume the Treasurers position, Steve Jaworski will run for one more term in that capacity. 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

MODEL OF THE MONTH!

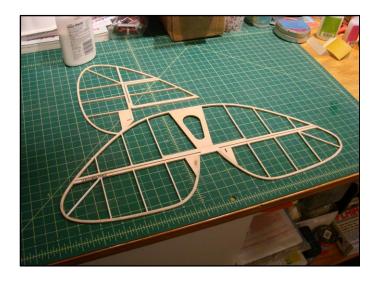
The Tiger Moth kit is one of many scale models of this type designed by Pat Tritle. Manzano Laser Works now offers plans, laser cut "short Kits" and vacu-formed plastic parts for all of Pat's designs. (manzanolaser.com)

As I mention at the meeting...although it was not difficult to build, it is not a beginner's kit, requiring a bit of patience, traditional wooden "Stick-Built" modeling skills. Covering is lightweight heat shrink "Coverlite". It's powered by an e-flite 400 out-runner motor with a 3s 1300 mAh lipo. Wingspan is 44 inches, and the total flying weight is under 16oz.

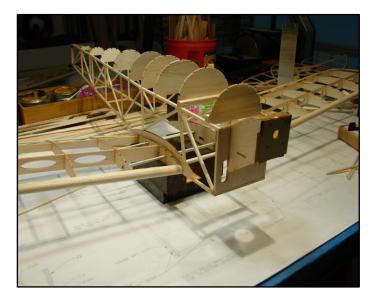
It has turned out to be my favorite model to fly in light wind conditions, with extremely slow, scale-like flying qualities. With full aileron, rudder and elevator controls, it is capable of any aerobatic maneuver typical of a full-scale Tiger Moth.

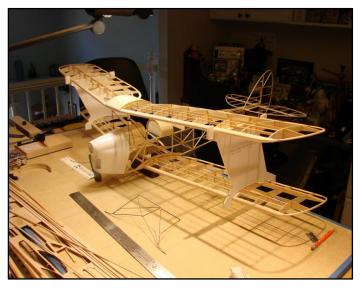
Below are a few pictures of the build process.

Bob Curry













FUN FLY EVENT

The IRCC kicked off its annual Toys for Tots toy drive this past weekend with one of the larger online RC hobby stores as its primary sponsor. Motion RC requested the honor of sponsoring this year's event, with the assistance of the Merry Boozers YouTube Channel to make this a resounding success!

By the comments received and smiles of everyone in attendance (over 62 registered pilots by the way) this is sure to become an annual ever-growing event.

James with Motion RC was in attendance as well as Wesley Miller and family with the Merry Boozers. For weeks prior to the event, both James & Wesley were promoting and getting the word out to their followers to come down to sunny Florida and fly to their hearts content. Thankfully, Mother Nature was very accommodating!

In addition, Angela Davis, Coordinator for the Polk County Toys for Tots organization came out Saturday morning to talk a little bit about the TFT organization and to thank everyone for their generous donations. Following are just a few pictures I took on Saturday.





Above: Toys for Tots Polk County Coordinator - Angela Davis stopped by and shared a little history with everyone about the organizations mission and how it got started. They are celebrating 75 years of helping to put smiles on as many children's faces as they can on Christmas morning!







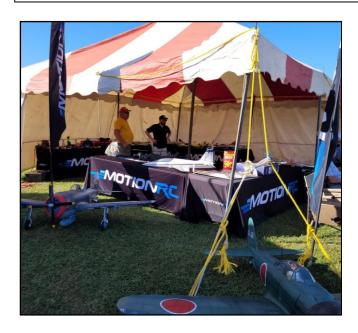
We knew that this was going to be a big event so our field crew set up a special parking area for both pilots and spectators

There were tents, tents and more tents.
Both sides of the main pavilion were lined with tents.





We even had a couple of large "carnival style" tents that were rented by several of the attendees. Motion RC and HiTec both set up shop next to the main pavilion. I believe our HiTech rep. was just there to have fun flying but James and staff from Motion had several "demo" airplanes that they sold for very, very good prices. They even had some giveaways for the pilots as they registered.







On a couple of days Genesis Caribbean Cuisine was on site serving lunch. At one point, I was told that they had to leave because they ran out of propane. After a short time, they returned and started serving again.

Below: While several drove in just for a great day of flying, others made camp at the field and staying overnight, some for all 4 days.



The event was open to any and all aircraft with the exception of turbines.

It didn't matter what the size was, if it was powered by gasoline, nitro or electric. Prop or ducted fan, if you brought it – you could fly it!















On Saturday, there was a noon time air show to dazzle and amaze the ever-growing crowd of pilots and spectators.







Demonstrations included a beautiful "scale" flight with the slightly smaller version of the Coast Guard Sikorsky MH-60T Jayhawk.

A neck breaking 3D helicopter routine and our own Ryan Roberts flying some really radical 3D aerobatic maneuvers with his Extreme Flight Edge 540.

Ryan is shown below doing his "pre-flight" check before heading to show center.



Several prizes were donated for a raffle that was held including a RDXI PRO charger from HiTec. Two Skynetic models and a Freewing Banshee 64 from Motion RC.

And yes, two of the models were won by the same pilot but check out that roll of tickets in his hand.







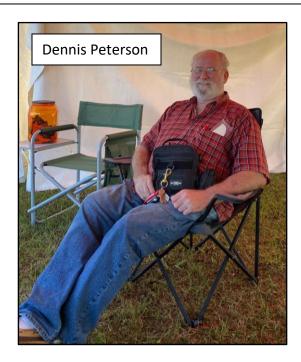




One of the highlights of the event was this sortie of 5 (count them 5) Freewing Mig 29 Fulcrum Twin 80mm EDF jets. All five entered controlled flight and safely returned to base!

It was also good to see a couple of IRCC's own out flying or just hanging out having a good time.

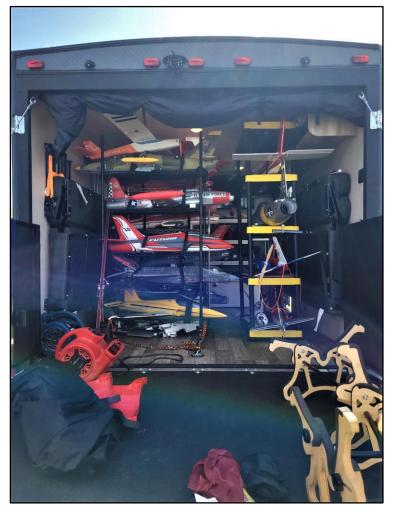
Check out that rainbow behind Bob Curry. I think there may be a little leprechaun in that bloodline....











If you are ever planning on traveling around the RC event circuit, this is definitely the way to go. Style, comfort and a mega storage area for all your toys is a definite must have!

Thanks to all of those that came in from all over the southeast to join us – it was a blast!

Thank you to the member of the IRCC that helped to put this event together and make it the success it was. Looking forward to next year already!

NOTE: The IRCC will be collecting toys through Thanksgiving so if you didn't have a chance to attend the event but would like to contribute, you still have time to do so!





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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