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*Model
of*

*The Month
Winner!*

*David Raff's
"Junker
JU-52"
Tri-Motor*

PRESIDENTS POINTS MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATES /AWARDS
S.A.D. 100 MISSION ROLL CALL MODEL OF THE MONTH COMING EVENTS



The IRCC President's Points

This is it! My 60th and final President's Points monthly article as your elected President of the Imperial Radio-Controlled Club! It's been a great 60-month experience as your President, not all days were easy, but you, the members, made my job fun and enjoyable for a majority of the days. My love for this hobby and my drive to facilitate a place for RC pilots to come together and exchange ideas, learn from each other, have successes and failures; and learn from those, and poke fun at each other along the way, it's all part of the enjoyment of this hobby. The first thing that I promised when I took over in January 2018 was that whatever you bring through the gate of the IRCC you should fly...mission accomplished! When I started in 2018, I had a built-in exit strategy of no more than 5 years as your President and I am now at the end of that promise to myself. Congratulations to Kevin Pazda, the new Imperial RC Club President for 2023 and Luke Reither, the new IRCC Club Secretary for 2023! I believe the IRCC will have continued success!

Our long-time IRCC Chief of Maintenance, Bill Pawl is stepping down from his voluntary position. I cannot thank Bill enough for his dedication to the IRCC, the upkeep that he has tirelessly and passionately provided to the IRCC facility, and most importantly, his friendship! Bill, you will be hard to replace, but *THANK YOU* for your service!

The IRCC End of Year Banquet is fast approaching Sunday December 11, 2022, 5:30 – 7:30 pm at KC's Artisan Pizza 6645 South Florida Ave Lakeland, FL 33813. For \$34.95 per person the menu includes the following food in a buffet style: Chicken Noodle soup, Beef, Chicken, Rice, Pasta, Cesar salad, House salad, 10 pizzas, 10 lavash bread, Cheesecake, Fountain drinks. Alcohol is available on-site, but not included in the price. I have sent out an electronic sign-up using Google Docs which is available anytime you want to sign-up. I will also pass out a sign-up sheet at the December meeting. I have to have the final sign-up numbers into the restaurant by Saturday December 3, 2022.

The 2022 Model of the Year Voting will open on Saturday December 3, 2022. I will have ballots available at the December 3, 2022, meeting and voting will also be available online to members who will not present at the December 3rd meeting. I will send an email to the membership using Google Docs, in order to vote, you need to choose the "Use Google Docs" link in the email

that I will send out. Every member gets one vote, good luck to all of the nominees for 2022! Nominees are found in this edition of the Propwash.

The Imperial RC Club officer elections were held November 12, 2022, in accordance with the IRCC Bi laws. Here are your 2023 IRCC Club Officers:

2023 Imperial RC Club Officer Positions	
President	Kevin Pazda
Vice President	David DeWitt
Secretary	Luke Reither
Treasurer	Steve Jaworski
Safety Officer	Bob Currey
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:

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 notice anything broken or destroyed at the IRCC facility, please let someone 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 Kevin Pazda via email at modelbasher@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 5th consecutive year! The new flight log will be posted on the 100 Missions flight log at the field on January 1, 2023. 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



Above is a picture of all pilots and contributors present on Saturday for our Toy's for Tot's toy drive!

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IRCC MEETING MINUTES

Saturday November 12th, 2022

Recorded by George Nauck

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by attending members

The November meeting was called to order at 10:12 AM by club president Jerry McGhee.

New Members and Guests: Mike, John & one other were recognized.

Awards and Certificates: Bob Curry received his award for the October model of the month. Art Duncan & Daniel Bensmiller received their 100 Missions patches.

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

Treasurers Report: Steve reported that the Motion RC Toys For Tots Event was successful although a protracted discussion about whether club members should pay registration for events at our field took place.

Membership Report: We currently have 95 members. Now is the time for all members to renew their annual membership dues.

Field and Maintenance Report: Bill Pawl thanked those who helped him prepare for the Toys for Tots event. Bill Littlefield cleared the fence-line at the road. Kevin Pazda straightened the storm damaged shelter. Mowing has slowed down somewhat. Thanks to those who volunteer to help.

Safety Report: Matt Hyatt nothing to report.

Instructors Report: Jeff Hughes reported that the trainer continues in good shape and all students are progressing satisfactorily.

Club Newsletter & Website: David and Ron have these in great shape.

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

Old Business: Membership dues for 2023 are being accepted. If renewing by PayPal, add 3 percent to your dues payment to cover fees. Jerry thanked Kevin for his help with the raffle at toys event. Fire ant control needs all to pitch in. Trash – Take it all home with you except for aluminum cans. The City of Lakeland is installing their water line.

IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

IRCC 2023 Club Officers.

President - Kevin Pazda

Vice President- David DeWitt

Secretary - Luke Reither

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

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

IRCC 2023 Assistant Positions

Safety Officer- Bob Curry

Field & Maintenance- Will need a replacement or replacements for Bill Pawl

Chief Flight Instructor- Jeff Hughes

New Business and Future Events: IRCC Marquee board requires repair. \$800 approved for repairs. May cost more.

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 **IRCC End of Year Banquet** scheduled for Sunday December 11, 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 has been confirmed for April 22nd, 2023. 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 David DeWitt.

Over & Above Nominations: Kevin, Bill Littlefield, and Bill Pawl for event preparations.

Model of the Month: David Raff displayed his model of a 1930 Junkers tri-motor with 54 inch wingspan.

SAD Patch Award: Alex Hamilton, Bobby's Kadet, John Burdin's F18, and Bob Casenta. Alex Hamilton got the majority vote. Congratulations!

50/50: Steve Franc took it home.

Motion to Close: Motion to close at 11:05

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

Member Bob Curry is shown after receiving his Model of The Month Certificate for October from club president Jerry McGhee.

Bob's Tiger Moth was from a "short-kit" offered by Manzano Laser Works from a Pat Tritle design.

He is especially found of this era and airframe as I have seen him with a few others over the years.

Congratulations Bob!



The latest inductees to the "100 Missions Over Florida Squadron" were presented their patches during the meeting and are shown to the left.

This esteemed group of pilots now includes Daniel Bensmiller and Art Duncan!



ROLL CALL

Jerry McGhee

Jeff Hughes

Art Duffy

Buddy Shackelford

Glenn Griffith

Drew Powell

Matt Hyatt

Bill Pawl

Ian Clark

Wally Sunde

Roger Griffith

Art Duncan

Daniel Bensmiller

Todd Beatty



IRCC
November 2022
Award Winner

Alex
Muirhead

The November 2022 IRCC SAD Committee came to order like a 1972 Miami Dolphins practice (they went undefeated that year)! The anticipation of the IRCC SAD committee at the monthly meeting was at a frenzy of breathless anticipation to throw the other guy under the bus...er...I...I...mean nominate their fellow IRCC member for a glorified misgiving at the controls of their transmitter! There were numerous dumb thumb nominees for this month! But there can only be one and Alex was unanimously voted by the club to be this month's recipient! To win this monthly award is just like winning an Academy award and then getting slapped by Will Smith...all at once!

I don't know if you've ever read a National Transportation and Safety Board (NTSB) accident report, but they are very similar to reading a U.S. Air Force accident report as the main goal is to get to the root cause of the accident, the contributing factors and recommendations for others to read and heed as not to recreate the event. At no point, does an NTSB report discuss "gremlins" in the aircraft, but they do identify problems that can be figuratively be related to "gremlins". If you talk to pilots they will tell you wild tales about "gremlins" (reference David DeWitt IRCC SAD win in May 2018) on or in their aircraft that contributed to a problem. At no point does a pilot want to take responsibility for a problem with the aircraft, it's much easier to blame it on someone else 😊. But the NTSB is much more clinical and precise, especially when they have the opportunity to throw the pilot under the bus as the root cause of the problem.

Our unfortunate winner of this month's SAD award is now a two-time winner of the SAD award, Mr. Alex Muirhead! Alex has come a very long way since his first

SAD award in August 2018 when he won for flying through the east end trees in what was an epic re-kitting of a large aircraft! (Thank you for that one Alex!).



But several years have passed since that 2018 crash, 4 years and 3 months to be exact. Alex has evolved into a very good pilot and he can out fly most of the members of the IRCC on any given day.

Alex received a new and very nice Hamilton aerobatic Edge 540 aircraft and his mentor and fellow two-time SAD award winner, Dan Hudson was ever present through this new aircraft purchase. Dan prepped the aircraft and Alex flew it successfully and impressively for several months this year! However, on this one

fateful day that earned Alex this month's SAD patch, one of David DeWitt's Gremlins got into Alex's airplane and exploited a root cause training issue that is squarely on the shoulders of Alex's mentor, Mr. Dan Hudson; Dan never instructed Alex on the stall speed of the big acro plane! In Dan's own words "Too low, too slow, she just stalled". Alex found the stall speed on his own, but in this IRCC accident report, it is apparent that David's Gremlin got onboard the aircraft and had Dan trained Alex on the stall speed, we wouldn't be writing about this right now.

So, the root cause of this SAD report is the training Gremlin!

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

Until next month...



**David DeWitt's
May 2018 SAD Article Gremlin
The Root Cause of this SAD
report.**

MODEL OF THE MONTH!



This month's winner is the Nexa Model's "Junker" JU-52 offered by Motion RC! This model is all about scale detail and won 1st Place in Flug Model Magazine in 2016. The model's covering is in the Lufthansa Berlin silver with simulated corrugated duralumin metal skin. It also includes plastic motor cowls, dummy radial engines and operational flaps.



SPECIFICATIONS

WINGSPAN: 1630 mm / 64.1 in.

LENGTH: 107 mm / 42.1 in.

FLYING WEIGHT: 2500 g / 88.18 oz.

POWER SYSTEM: (3) 2836 / 1150Kv. Motors.

ESC's: (3) Flightline 30 Amp

SERVO'S: (6) Freewing 9g Digital Metal Gear.

PROP'S: 9 x 6 2-Blade (3)

BATTERY: (1) 8000mAh 3-Cell Lipo.

NOTE: A few slight modifications to the OEM recommended items were made after discussing with one other IRCC member who also has one of these beauties.





IRCC END OF YEAR BANQUET

KC's Artisan Pizza

**6645 South Florida Ave Suite 5
Lakeland, FL 33813**

Sunday December 11th, 2022 / 5:30 – 7:30 PM

They have a liquor license so if you are thirsty, you can order your favorite spirited beverage and have it served by one of their awesome hostesses.

There is a dance floor if you're so inclined to dance. We will also be presenting our Model of The Year annual award and a few others. We hope to see you there!

MODEL OF THE YEAR AWARD!



First introduced in October 2018, the Model of The Year trophy is awarded, as voted by the membership, to the best model based on the winners of the "Model of The Month" for the past 12 months.

The winner (announced at the End of The Year Banquet) will have their name inscribed on the trophy and will retain possession for a period of 12 months, at which time they will relinquish to the following years winner.

Previous Year's Winners:

***Dan Hudson - 2018
Steve Jaworski - 2019
Jim Giallombardo &
Capt. Mike Porter – 2020
Dennis Peterson - 2021***

The following are this year's nominees in order of the month they won the Model of The Month title. December will be determined at the meeting and will be added.

Voting will begin during the meeting and continue until the End of The Year Banquet on December 11th. Good Luck to all!

2022 IRCC MODEL OF THE YEAR NOMINEES



January

Dave Mineo
Freewing F-9 Bearcat
Custom ARF



February

Wally Sunday
Drastik
ARF



March

Bill Hoenstine
Ultra Stik
Scratch Built



April

Dave Richards
Sit Kadet
Kit Built



May

Glenn Griffith
Freewing F-22
Custom ARF



June

George Nauck
Aero Scout
ARF

2022 IRCC MODEL OF THE YEAR NOMINEES



July

Luke Reither
Goldberg Protege
Kit Built



August

Jeff Hughes
Fokker D.VII
ARF



September

Buddy Shackelford
Eflite Corsair
ARF



October

Bob Curry
Tiger Moth
Scratch Built



November

David Raff
Junkers Tri-Motor
ARF



December

To Be Determined
TBD
TBD



"THE GHOST OF KYIV"

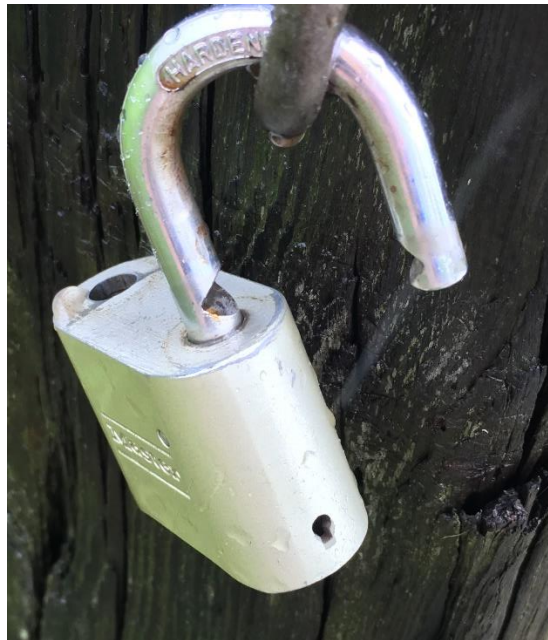
THE LEGEND OF THE UKRAINIAN ACE IN A DAY



The IRCC Combination lock will change at the January 2023 IRCC meeting.

Please make sure your AMA membership is current

Pay your 2023 IRCC dues to get the combination.



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!

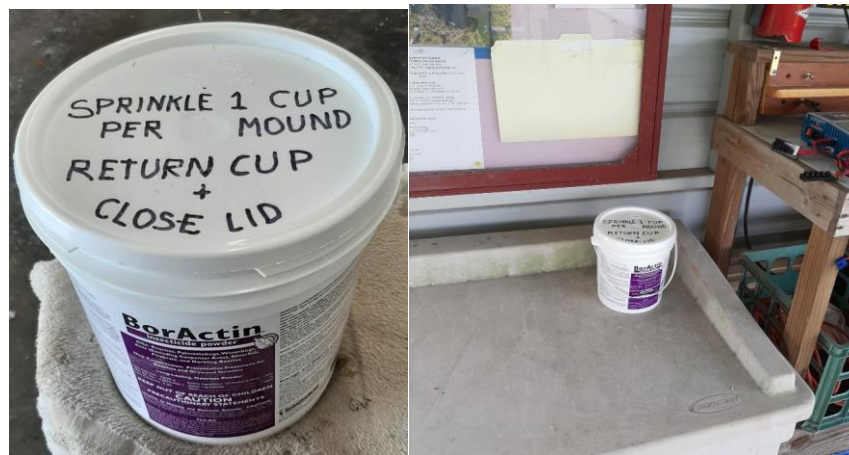




IRCC FIRE ANT CONTROL

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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December 3, 2022
10:00 AM

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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.