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# DECEMBER 2022

*It's Time for Some*

# Propwash

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



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***Phoenix Models  
Stinson  
"Voyager"***

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## Stick and Rudder

My fellow members,

This is my first crack at authoring an article for the newsletter. I am looking forward to serving as your president. I want to commend Jerry on the job that he has done over the last 5 years. The more I learn about what he has done as president, the more I realize that Jerry is a tough act to follow.

The IRCC End of Year Banquet was held at KC's Artisan Pizza and was a smashing success. There was good food, good fellowship, recognition and awards. Thanks to Jerry for arranging this soirée, it was a delightful event.

One of the awards was the 2022 Model of the Year. It was incredibly close, so close that an automatic recount was demanded and supplied. The winner this year was Bob Curry. Bob's Tiger Moth was from a "short-kit" offered by Manzano Laser Works from a Pat Tritle design. Congratulations Bob!

A few people have asked about my goals for the club:

First, for the club to prosper, and grow. I believe that long term sustainment requires the steady influx of new members. These may be retreads like myself returning to the hobby after a hiatus, but more important to us are the youth and young adults. I say this because the education and advancement of modeling activities helps everyone. The model aviation experience can open a world of opportunities. Technology is advancing at an exponential rate. The future of aerospace operations is difficult to imagine. I'd like to think the knowledge and experience gained in modeling activities will help the next generation see success and prosperity.

Second, I am keenly interested in the club finding a "forever home". As silly as that may seem, there are other success stories to point to. I am learning as I go, talking to people that may be able to help. I have an image of what the ideal flying site may look like, we just need to find that Goldilocks situation.

Electrification – Several members have been asking about a solution for charging batteries at the field. I am pretty sure that we have a collection of engineers and electricians that can collaborate to develop some options here. There are a lot of factors to consider as part of the study so a committee for this initiative may be the best option.

Lastly, I want to see everyone enjoying the hobby. Everyone gets something different out of the experience. We have passionate builders, precision pattern fliers, drone and helicopter pilots, sport pilots, 3D magicians, story tellers and entertainers of all types. I see the comradery, fellowship, aid and advice offered freely. Remember, even a crash or two does not mean a ruined day. Sometimes they make the best stories.

Our long-time IRCC Chief of Maintenance, Bill Pawl shall be focusing his activities in the area of equipment maintenance. I cannot thank Bill enough for his dedication to the IRCC. Bill, THANK YOU for your continued service!

This does mean that we will need to organize volunteers to perform the mowing, edging, weed eating, ant killing, storm preparation, event setup, event tear-down, trash hauling... Yep, quite a list, but it's not all done at once and not every week, and not necessarily by a single person. I expect that we will discuss this more at the January meeting.

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	Matt Hyatt
Director 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	Jim Giallombardo*
Director 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	Bill Littlefield*
Director 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	Jerry McGhee

*\*Already voted-in by IRCC Membership*

Our 2022 100 missions log was wiped out by Hurricane Ian! The strong winds from the North caused the door to the cabinet to open and the pressure ripped the log out of the cabinet. If you were approaching your 100<sup>th</sup> mission, please keep count on your own and if you get your 100, please let Jerry know and he'll hand you your 100 missions patch and add you to the log!

### **Continuous Information Update:**

The 100 RC Missions Over Florida is alive and well for the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 down 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

If you notice anything broken or destroyed at the IRCC facility, please let someone in leadership 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 let me or David DeWitt know via email at [modelbasher@yahoo.com](mailto:modelbasher@yahoo.com) or [benz425@aol.com](mailto:benz425@aol.com) if you want to help out!

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.

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.

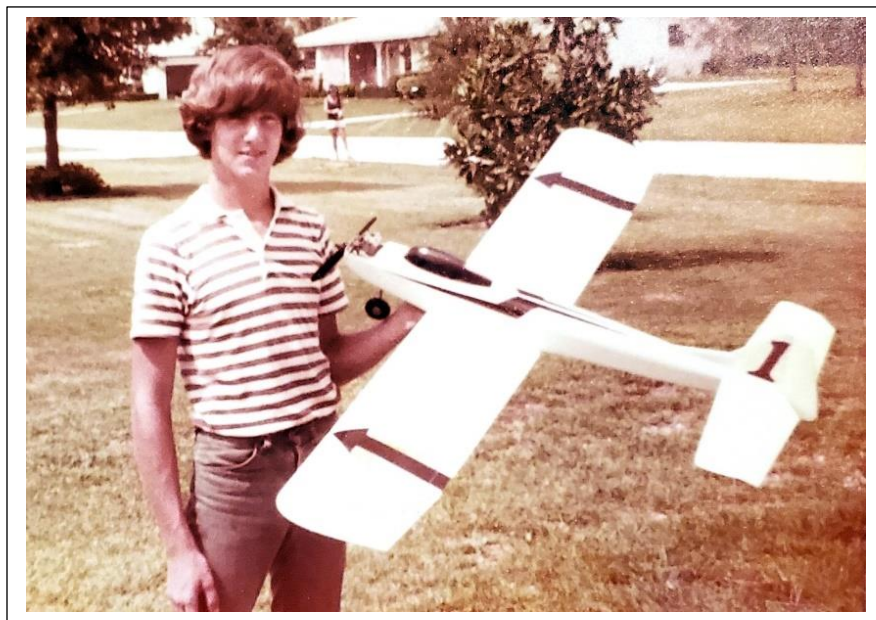
No guest should be flying unless they are invited by an IRCC member, the member is present when their guest arrives, and the guest has a valid AMA membership. If you're unsure, ask the person in question to see their AMA and who their IRCC sponsor is; as a member of the IRCC you have that right.

Get out to the field, make a new friend, keep your wings level with the horizon and hit whatever you're going to hit as gently as you can! See you at the field!

Sincerely,

Kevin Pazda

Incoming President -2023, IRCC



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# IRCC MEETING MINUTES

**Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

**Recorded by George Nauck**

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by attending members

The December meeting was called to order one last time by club president Jerry McGhee.

**New Members and Guests:** Welcome Darrell Porter & Steve Adams

**Awards and Certificates:** Dave Richards just arrived back to Florida and received his Model of The Month Certificate from April 2022. David Raff received the Model of The Month Certificate for November. Drew Powell recognized for completing the "Advanced" Pilot Training. William Reding was awarded his Solo Certificate. Tommy Nolan & Will Reding got their 100 Mission patches.

**Minutes:** A motion to accept the November minutes was made and accepted.

**Treasurers Report:** Steve Jaworski – All the money is in savings and bills paid.

**Membership Report:** We currently have 96 members with 4 juniors. Now is the time for all members to renew their annual membership dues.

**Field and Maintenance Report:** Bill Pawl announced retirement from the arduous tasks he has been doing for lo, these many months. He will still take care of the mower maintenance. Need some folks to step up to help with the mowing & field maintenance.

**Safety Report:** Bob Curry reminds everyone to take props off in the shelter, and use throttle cut.

**Instructors Report:** Jeff Hughes says all going well, and the new trainer is coming in.

**Club Newsletter & Website:** David Raff announced that he will continue the newsletter for all of 2023 and then turn it over. Webmaster Ron McKie says website is all good.

**New Field Search Committee:** Incoming club president Kevin Pazda has opened conversations with county government and Swift Mud about potential site off Winter Lake Road near Polk Parkway. Nothing definitive at this point. More to come as information is made available.



## IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

**Old Business:** Accepting dues for 2023. If using PayPal add 3 % (total - \$ 206.00). Fire ant control ongoing. Take all trash home except aluminum cans. Marquee sign will be repaired as best possible without additional expenditures.

**New Business:** None

**Future Events:** 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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:** Bill Pawl and Ron McKee

**Model of the Month:** Buddy Shackleford with old Stinson Voyager from the 40's.

**SAD Patch Award:** David DeWitt for a total disintegration.

**50/50:** ?????

**Motion to Close:** Motion to close at 11:00.

# AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

Snowbird member Dave Richards waited eight months, but he finally received his Model of The Month Certificate from club president Jerry McGhee. Dave's Kadet Sr. claimed to honors in April but headed back home before the award could be presented.



# AWARDS & CERTIFICATES



Member and Newsletter Editor, David Raff also received his Model of the Month Certificate for his entry from last month.

His Junkers JU 52 Trimotor went unchallenged to claim the November slot!

Junior member Drew Powell recently completed the "Advanced" flight training program with instructor Jeff Hughes.

Drew is all smiles as his mom Laura, proudly looks on!







**(Left):** Will Reding is also all smiles as receives his wings and Certificate of Radio-Controlled Solo Flight from Jeff.

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

This esteemed group of pilots now includes Tommy Nolan and Will Reding. Must have been a lot of “training” going on for Will & Jeff!



**YES!** It can happen to even the best of us!

David DeWitt, by his own admission, was the only nominee for this months S.A.D. Patch Award.

You can read the whole “flaming” and what might be the last, in long line of stories in the following article.





## ***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***

***Tommy Nolan***

***Will Reding***



## IRCC December 2022 Award Winner David DeWitt

The December 2022 IRCC SAD Committee came to order with breathless anticipation of the final 2022 winner for the SAD patch! However, there was only one...one-self nominee seeking to achieve flame and glory from the ashes of his tale of woe...none other than IRCC Vice President...David DeWitt!

There is nothing more regretful than putting an under powered engine on an overweight airplane, that usually creates a situation of runway behind you and sky above you before you destroy your pride and joy; that is not the case here as the subject aircraft is an electric, but for those of you not familiar with electric aircraft set-up, the aforementioned scenario regarding under power and overweight is apropos.

David's pride and joy literally went up in flames as it navigated the IRCC aerodrome. He created a situation during set-up between engine, battery and ESC that caused the ESC to get over amp' d and literally burst into flames in flight!

Luckily, David was able to expertly keep the aircraft "in the yard" of the IRCC and thanks to some very wet conditions from recent rains, the grass was wet and there was no threat of creating a wildfire.

For those watching David's flight, they likened it to fireworks at Disney and most, including Mark Durkac and Wally Sunde said it was really pretty to see and they were glad it wasn't them! 😊

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

This epistle marks the 60<sup>th</sup> and final installment of the SAD award "write-up", an article that contains at least 10% truth in any given story. It has been a pleasure writing these articles for your amusement and reading pleasure. If we can't laugh at ourselves in this hobby when these crashes inevitably happen, then you need to find the humor in tragedy to help you get through these awful moments...there's healing properties in a good sense of humor!



David DeWitt's December 2022 S.A.D. Winner  
Going out in Style!



# ***IRCC END OF THE YEAR AWARDS BANQUET***

The 5th Annual End of The Year Awards Dinner was held at KC's Artisan Pizza on South Florida Avenue in Lakeland on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Approximately 32 members and guests were in attendance to celebrate the past year and to congratulate fellow members and say Thank You to a few others who have been in leadership positions who will be stepping down at the end of the month.



Our Master of Ceremonies for the evening was none other than our “outgoing” club president Jerry McGhee. Jerry started this ritual back in 2017 as a way to finish off the year, acknowledge those who have donated their time and energy to better the club and yes, to even pass out a few awards.

David DeWitt (vice -president) had a few things to say as did David Raff (newsletter editor).





**(RIGHT)** In what has become a yearly tradition, Wally Sundry has just finished his rendition of "I Want to Be an Airborne Ranger" to entertain the crowd.

He then asked everyone attending that has or is currently serving in our armed forces to stand and be recognized.

Each veteran is asked to acknowledge which branch of the service they represent and how many years they served.

A round of applause thanking them for their service immediately followed which included not only the membership but the staff and patrons in the restaurant as well!







(Left): Luke Reither was presented his Certificate of Radio-Controlled Flight from Club Instructor – Jeff Hughes.

(Below): Wally Sunde then takes the floor to present Jerry with a plaque thanking him for his many (5 total) years as our club president.





Before the end of the evening, the coveted Model of The Year presentation was made. Votes were collected electronically this year thanks to Jerry which allowed approximately 50% of the membership to take part.

Voting was tight according to Jerry with the top three nominees only separated by one vote.



Jerry then asked last years winner Dennis Peterson to join him up front to impart a few words of wisdom while Glenn Griffith and Will Reding looked on.

As in years past, Dennis will relinquish the trophy to the new winner and then will be presented with a Model of The Year plaque that he will get to keep forever.





And this year's winner is.....



## BOB CURRY!

Bob claimed the October Model of The Month with his scratch built "Tiger Moth" which automatically entered him and his airplane into the Model of The Year competition.

Bob now gets to keep the trophy (after his name has been engraved) for the next year.

Congratulations Bob!



The final order of business was for Jerry to pass the "proverbial torch" to our new incoming president Kevin Pazda. Kevin took just a few moments to address everyone and provided a brief overview of what he would like to accomplish and where he sees the IRCC heading over this next year.



One last BIG THANK YOU to Jerry for your leadership and dedication and wishing Kevin the best as he starts his presidency!



# COMING EVENTS!

## **Cape Coral Scale Classic 4th Annual**

**January 14th & 15th 2023**

**AMA Club # 543**

**CD: Ted Stickler**

**Co CD: Joe Dolliver**



### **AMA Scale Classes**

**511 RC Sportsman Sport Scale**

**512 RC Expert Sport Scale**

**515 RC Designer Scale**

**522 RC Team Scale**

**520 RC Fun Scale Novice and Expert**

**521 RC Open Class**

**Beginner, Beginner Class Scale**

**\* Pre-Registration is encouraged  
E-mail Please!**

**SITE SEA HAWK FIELD**

**1030 Northwest 28th St, Cape Coral, FL. 33993**

**Flying Starts at 10 am on Saturday, 9am Sunday**

**Static Judging 9am Saturday**

**1st entry \$30.00 (includes Pilot Lunch), 2nd entry \$15.00**

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# COMING EVENTS!

## **FLORIDA** **eJET FEST** **INTERNATIONAL**



600' x 30' Paved Runway  
EDF Only Event

*Sorry, No Turbines, No Props*



**Feb 2-5, 2023**

**Mulberry, FL**

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Florida eJet Fest International



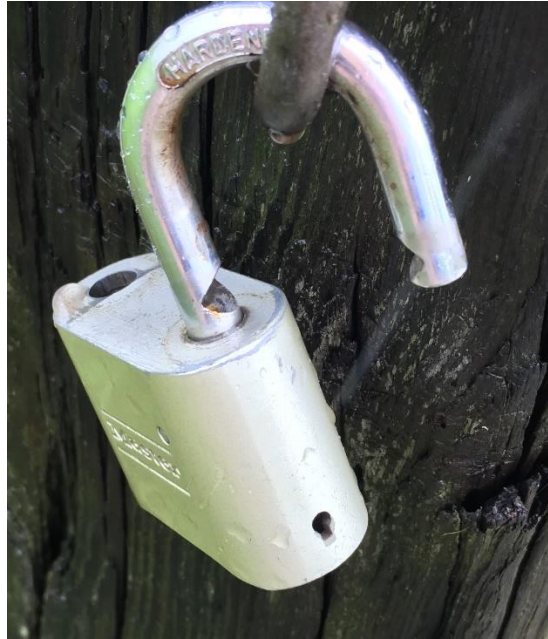
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**The IRCC Combination lock will change at the January 2023 IRCC meeting.**

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



## SATURDAY January 7, 2023 10:00 AM



## Newsletter Articles Welcome

Have something of interest that you would like to share. Please forward to the editor at

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### IRCC DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS

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

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.