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Model of The Month Winner!

Chris

**"Need For
Speed"**

Trumble's



Weston UK

"MagnumR"

Racer

PRESIDENTS POINTS MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATES /AWARDS
100 MISSION ROLL CALL S.A.D. AWARD
PTA EVENT RE-CAP COMING EVENTS



Stick and Rudder

My fellow members,

Planes Trains & automobiles 2023 – Was a great success! I was told that there were more pre-sales for tickets and a record attendance than in previous years. It was great to see the reaction of many of the children as they passed by the display.

During the event we have a lot of contact with the public, some of whom are experiencing model aviation for the first time. While this was the first time that I attended the event, there was something new for everyone involved. This was the first year that the peoples' choice voting was done using a QR code and a pickbox list on a website. After a short period, the system got sorted out and was ready for action. It was a great conversation starter to help the spectators navigate the way to the voting portal and get them going.

I was delighted at the show of support from club members, some of whom were fortunate to receive trophies from spectator and committee voting. David Raff will have a more detailed report of the event. Thank you everyone who participated.

Top Gun April 26 - 30, 2023 – By the time you read this Top Gun 2023 will either be underway or finished. We are anticipating a great event. There will be a more detailed report at the upcoming May meeting.

The grass is beginning to grow, I will post a sign-up sheet in the bulletin board at the field. I have no experience in coordinating this activity, so I encourage everyone that may have suggestions to show us the way. We need volunteers to perform the mowing, edging, weed eating, runway shaving, tooth pulling, 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, fortunately.

As a 3 month lookahead for upcoming club events:

1. Take a breather – there is a few months to focus on other airplane things.

Our 2023 100 missions log is posted and active. In addition to posting the log, Jerry has received the 2023 patches. As of the third week of April, at least one active member has achieved their 100 plus another 100 to spare! There are others that have reached 100 missions, and more closing in, just remember, it's not a race, it's an accomplishment.

Progress on goals:

For the club to prosper and grow. – There has been at least 16 “welcome back” and new members so far this year. There may be even more junior members that I have not counted. This is terrific. Promoting our hobby is important for the future.

A “forever home” – As you all may imagine; this is a process. The challenge presently is competing with solar farms and development projects, for open space. We are always looking for any leads or ideas on this endeavor.

Electrification – The charging systems appear to be healthy and ready for action.

Everyone enjoying the hobby - Get on out to the field, bring an airplane to fly or a project for “show and tell”. Grab a coffee on the way, pick a comfortable chair and share a tale or two. If you're feeling good, get a flight in and log it on the board. If you're feeling grumpy, get 2 flights in.

One last thing, I have a project in mind that a few people have suggested. Our club trainer has been down for repairs for a while now. It has been suggested that there are likely surplus trainer planes that lurk in the dark recesses of some of our shops. There has also been volunteering of time and talents to perform construction and repairs that may be needed to ready these airplanes for service. I propose that we make a combined effort to see if we can assemble 2 stand-by back-up planes for our training program. To make rapid deployment possible, we should consider tailoring these planes to be supported by whatever batteries and radios that the club already has. If you have resources, time, talent or ideas to contribute to this idea, please make it known.

We are hobbyists who dream, design, build, and fly model aircraft of all sizes for fun and competition. We do this because we enjoy the company of fellow enthusiasts, we love flight, and we want to see participation in our hobby grow.

Continuous Information Update:

The 100 RC Missions Over Florida is alive and well for the 5th consecutive year! The 100 Missions flight log is posted in the case at center of the main pavilion. 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.

If you notice anything broken or destroyed at the IRCC facility, 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.

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 card 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
Imperial R/C Club President -2023



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IRCC MEETING MINUTES

Saturday April 1st, 2023

Recorded by Club Secretary: Luke Reither

Club president Kevin Pazda called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at approx. 10:00 AM. We had 24 members present on this windy Florida day.

New Members and Guests: Jason Jones from Planes, Trains & Automobiles was present, Raj came in to visit and wants to learn. He knows how to paraglide and it's an extension to it. John and Christian came out to visit and hang out with his dad that is a member.

Awards & Certificates: Dennis Peterson - Model of the month Award.

100 Mission Patches: Jerry McGhee has completed his 100 missions as did Jeff Hughes.

Minutes: Motion carried to accept the Minutes from the March meeting as posted in the club newsletter.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Steve Jaworski noted – “best Florida Jet Event to date”. Raffle brought in a record amount and was added to the amount provided by FTE. The expenses were offset very well! Prizes for our next event “TOP GUN” will be significant. All bills paid and everything going well.

Membership Report: Membership in April currently is 93.

Motion to permanently close the motion for the recognition. Motion seconded and motion to fail passes.

Field Maintenance Report: Bill Pawl gave field maintenance. Nothing is happening, Bill is laid up from his surgery. The field will need weed whacking soon and weed killer and backpack sprayer. He needs some people to step up. He is ready to teach whoever wants to learn. He will stay after the meeting to train any volunteers wanting to learn. He doesn't know if he can get things set up for the Top Gun tournament.

Safety Report: Bob Curry and Matt Hyatt were not present. Bill Pawl shared a safety report and shows an injury that happened to his arm from a propeller when the engine went full throttle. He says to pay attention to your engines and don't assume anything.

Instructor Report: Jeff Hughes Reports everything is good on the plane, Club trainer is flying. Preston, who is a new trainee, flew it today. Jeff got some new business cards ready. Jeff says it would be a good time to hand them out at Planes, Trains and Automobiles.

Club Newsletter/Website: David Raff and Ron McKie were not in attendance. Kevin states that website has no known issue, newsletter had a slight email issue, but it has been rectified.

IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

Special Notification: There was a report of an issue at Florida jets. A member unknowingly had their credit card charged and it was from a vendor. Don't know anything new from that. Just something to keep in mind.

New Field Search: Daniel Bensmiller is looking for a new field and got through to someone. They took his name down and this company does lease land. Contact was established on Friday and waiting for further information.

Old Business: Dues are current and doing well.

- 1) Fire Ant Control - There isn't much at the field right now. You see a mound, kill a mound.
- 2) Trash - Doing a really great job with picking up their own trash. Daniel suggested to put a sand ash can out to help police the butts.

New Business: Motion to get new fan blades was made by Jerry McGhee. The hurricane wiped out the fan blades. The motion was seconded. John Amended the motion to if the fan blades can't be bought or the fans can't be repaired, that the fans be replaced. The amendment to the motion was seconded and it passed. \$300 was allocated to this repair and it passed. This was assigned to Kevin to take care of.

Future Events: *Planes, Trains & Automobiles* - Jason Jones came out today and wanted to thank us. He is the founder of this event and county commissioner for Plant City. This will be the 11th year and he is looking forward to it. This will be a fun family event in Plant City. A large showing will happen from the law enforcement and fire department. Information has been and will continue to get the times confirmed, Same set up times. Imperial Radio Control Club will be at the front gate and will be the first and last display the spectators see during the day. We will be able to set up our tents the night before.

Top Gun is April 26-30 - Looking for volunteers to sign up for that.

National Model Aviation Day is on Saturday - August 12.

The Fifth Annual Trifecta Fun-Fly will also take place the same day.

Over and above Nominations - Everyone who volunteered at Florida Jets, was seconded and it went through.

Model of the month: Chris Trumble has a United Kingdom, Weston Magnum, it has no rudder and no landing gear, and has an NBS 40 motor that was made in the 90's. The plane will go about 140mph. Dan Hudson did all the work for it. Chris won the plane of the month.

Society of Aircraft demolishers Award: Nominees were -Tyler Aldrich crashed his stinger 90 and demolished it last month. Jim Giallombardo crashed his dolphin 40 that hit a tree. George Hoekstra put a plane in a tree. Tyler won the sad patch.

Announcement: Cleaning out the shed and found some old nitro fuel could be 20 years old. Needs to find a new home.

Wally is selling his Big Stik 120" wingspan. If anyone is interested, talk with him.

50/50 Drawing: 35 dollars went to the winner

Motion for close was done at 11:10 am and it was seconded and carried

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES



Dennis Peterson is shown receiving his Model of The Month Certificate from club president Kevin Pazda.

Dennis's Bucker Bu 133 "Jungmeister" entry claimed the top spot and the cover shot for the March newsletter.

Well, it took some time, but we finally caught up with Drew Powell and presented him with the "inaugural" 100 R/C Missions patch for 2023.

Drew was the first to make it to the 100-flight mark back in February! He has since been joined by Jerry McGhee & Jeff Hughes.



(Left) Speaking about Jeff, here he is after receiving his 100 R/C Missions Over Florida patch.

I guess being the only flight instructor does offer some benefits!



ROLL CALL!

***Drew Powell
Jerry McGhee
Jeff Hughes***



Sent By: Jim Giallombardo



IRCC April 2023 Award Winner TYLER ALDRICH!

The April 2023 Society of Aircraft Demolishers “Aircraftus Fragmentum” was called to order by the President of the IRCC.

She was a sleek model, fair lines and smooth, a bird with trust to set records. The kind of model that says “momma, I wanna go fast”. I can only imagine that Chuck Yeager had the same feeling as he ran his hand down the sharp leading edge of the NF-104 Starfighter back in December 1963.

This bird, a “Viper” was aptly named. It was fast, maneuverable, slippery, and could strike like lightning!

In the movie, Chuck Yeager was shown casually walking across the desert back toward the base, with the remnants of the Starfighter burning in the background.

It is fortunate for Tyler that there was no need to eject and no lasting injuries. The slippery, fast jet, struck like lightning frequently does, the ground.

It is with great honor and pride that we offer this month’s SAD patch to Tyler Aldrich, an award that we are all subject to earning at any given time in consolation for our stricken aircraft who we launch into the skies in a constant pursuit of our Constitutional right to pursue and find happiness.

Thank you, Tyler for being a great sport, and for this offering to the SAD community!
Until next month...



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Last Saturday, April 22nd, 2023, the 11th Annual Planes, Trains & Automobiles Event took place at the Plant City Airport and from all reports, was a resounding success! As in the past 10 event, the Imperial Radio Control Club was featured to represent the “model aviation” community at the show.

Planning for this event started back in mid-2021 in the hopes of bringing it back in 2022 after the pandemic, but the decision was made to hold off a little longer, so the target was set for 2023.

While most of the original planning committee members jumped right back into action after a three-year hiatus, several new faces also joined the effort and brought some fresh new ideas and marketing strategies to help increase the public awareness.

As in past years, the emphasis was to create a family friendly, inexpensive day that offered something for everyone that the entire family could enjoy however, there was something else added – a Scholarship Program! Although there was an entry fee this year for adults, a portion of the proceeds will be used to develop aviation-oriented scholarships to assist those who want to enter this much needed career path.

A special *thank you* goes out to those IRCC members that took the time to come out and join me representing model aviation and share their love of the hobby with what is expected to have been a record attendance of spectators. This includes - Wally Sunday, Bill Pawl, Jeff Hughes, David DeWitt, Dennis Peterson, Don Patterson, Jim Giallombardo, Ray Volovar, George Nauck, and our club prez. – Kevin Pazda!

To start things off, a Media Day was set up for the day before the event and brought in several of the local news reporters including FOX 13’s Charley Belcher shown below.



Charley, a 3-time Emmy-award winning feature reporter was covering the event for his segment on Fox 13 called Charley’s World where he features upcoming events around the Tampa Bay area.

With Charley's first segment showing at 7:15 am, it was a very early start to the day as I had to be there at 6:15 to begin getting things set up. Starting in the order of the events name, the first segment was going to be dedicated to airplanes followed by trains and finishing with the automobiles. They also shot several lead-in "teasers" where they talk about the event and what segment would be coming up next.

Several of these "lead-ins" featured the event creator Jason Jones, who talked about how the event got started, some of the history and what this year was going to hold for those attending.

You can see a couple of the "show-cars" in the background that will be featured later.



In-between these, I was busy putting together the 5 aircraft that I somehow managed to squeeze into my Explorer. I still don't know how I was able to get them all in but what was more amazing was – not a single one was damaged in transport!



This was actually featured for the “teaser” lead in for the airplane segment which was shown at 8:20am as you see below.



Then came time to do the “live” interviews with Charley. He led off with Greg Gibson who joined the event this year as the event coordinator and talked about the full-scale aircraft that were going to be on display. He then had a conversation with a few of the members from the Lakeland Aeroclub from the Central Florida Aerospace Academy located at Lakeland Linder International Airport. He then finished the segment with me talking about the Imperial Radio Control Club and what we bring to the event!



The next morning, we were back at the airport early to get everything set up before the gates for the spectators opened. Starting about 6:45, one by one our members started showing up and emptying their vehicles at our premier display area. They then moved their cars and trucks to the special “reserved” parking area given to us by the airport.

If they didn’t come and set up their tents the day before, this was the first thing accomplished and then the aircraft to be displayed were assembled and arranged.



Due to the overabundance of spectators that lined up on Airport Road before 10:00 am, the gates had to be opened early, around 9:30 but we were already set up and ready for them.

Since we were the first display that everyone would see when they came through the gates, thing got busy very quickly!

Every time someone would stop and look at one of the models, a club member was there to answer questions, or give them a club business card inviting them to come by the field.



Even with the large crowds, there was time to go check out the other displays and even take a few minutes to just relax



(Above) Don Patterson & Jeff Hughes.
(Right) Kevin Pazda & David DeWitt. (Below)
Bill Pawl & Ian Clark. (Bottom right) Ray
Volovar, George Nauck & Dennis Peterson



Wally Sundry somehow managed to talk his wife Louise to come out and join him. Maybe he used some of that “raffle” mojo to get her to come out but by the smile on her face, she was enjoying herself.



Below are just a few of the over fifty-five “show” cars that were on display.



Looking at the age of some of the cars on display, it was no wonder that some people started claiming to see some things they couldn't explain so the experts had to be called in!



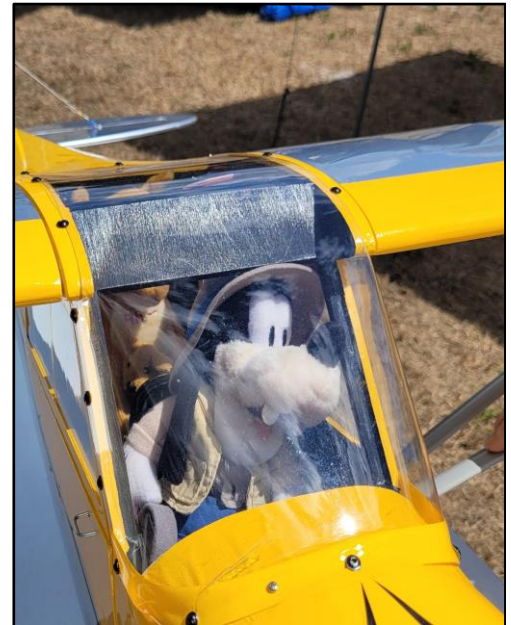
Throughout the day, spectators were encouraged to vote for their favorites in 3 categories which included – full-scale aircraft, show cars and radio-controlled aircraft. Voting was accomplished by having them use their smart phones to scan a QR code nearby each entry which would take them to a specific website set up just for the event. Then using a “drop-down box” to find their favorites, they would click next to the entry and just like magic, the vote would be entered. This was the first year using this method and although, there were a few hiccups at first, these were resolved, and it appeared to flow without issue.

Voting continued until just before the award ceremony took place at 2:30 at which time the winners were announced. Starting with Third Place and moving to First Place, here are the winners in the R/C Aircraft competition!



The first trophy presented was for Third Place. Event Chairman Jason Jones was the MC for the presentations and did a great job of building the excitement by running back & forth to those that tallied the votes just to be absolutely sure of the winners.

When it was all said and done - Ian Clark won Third Place for his Boeing FA-18 Hornet.



Next up was Second Place. Keeping in mind that the competition is called “The Peoples Choice Awards”, it is not necessarily about being the biggest, or most expensive or even the most detailed. It is about what the spectators see and like and our next winner – Don Patterson had a trick up his sleeve when he put Goofey in the pilot seat of his J-3 Cub. I am certain this was just enough to sway the younger vote!



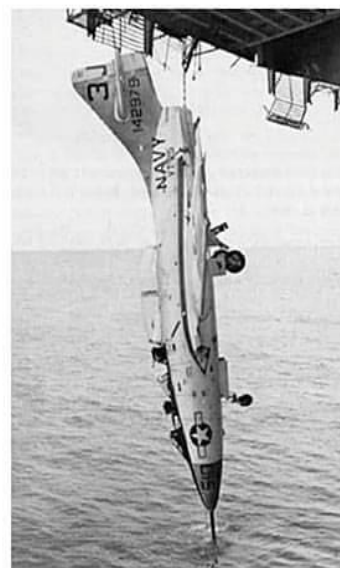
And then came the big enchilada. Wally Sundey is no stranger to this competition and has taken home more than his share of trophies. He even claimed both a 1st & 2nd Place trophy back in 2020 for his Waco & F-15 entries. This year was no different as he entered his new Extra 330L and walked away with First Place. To make it even sweeter, several of his family were there to help him enjoy the victory!



There is one more “bonus” award presented based on votes cast by the PTA planning committee. Jeff Hughes claimed this one with his Fokker DVII.
Congratulations to all of the winners!



After a long day of flying, Navy jets are washed thoroughly and hung up to dry on the side of the carrier.

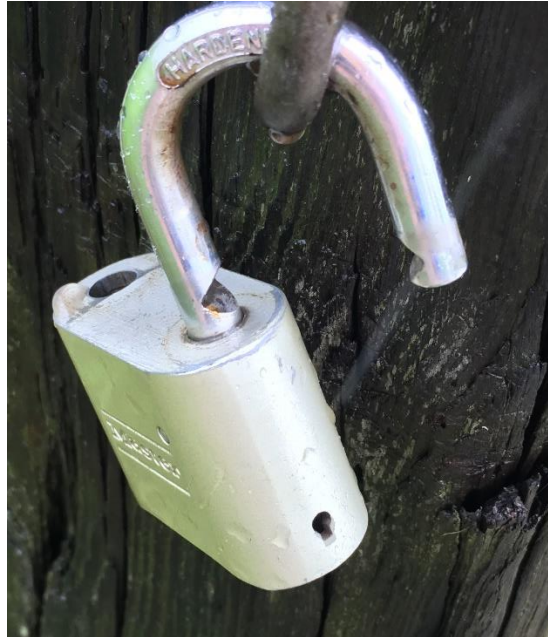


Thanks, Jim Giallombardo, for sending these in!

The IRCC Combination has been changed for 2023!

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!

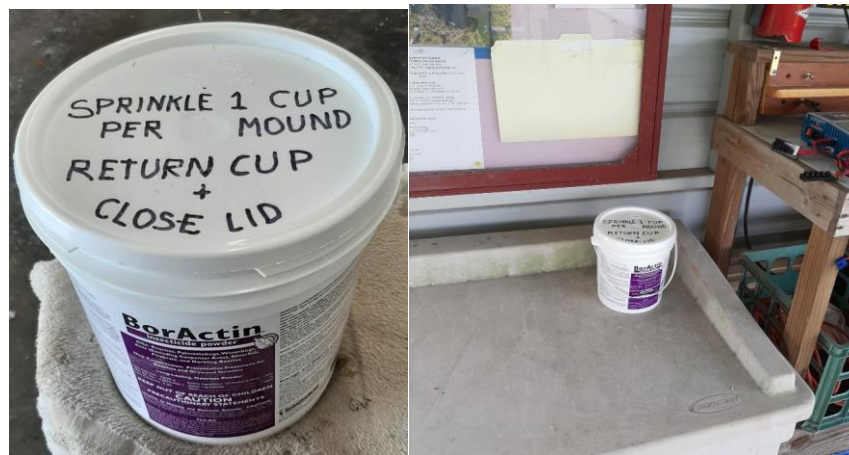




IRCC FIRE ANT CONTROL

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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