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MAY 2023

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



***Jerry McGhee's
79.5" Wingspan Nexa Models F8F Bearcat***

**STICK & RUDDER MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATES /AWARDS
100 MISSION ROLL CALL LEGACY OF PATTERN FLYING
FROM THE WORKSHOP COMING EVENTS**



Stick and Rudder

My fellow members,

Top Gun 2023 – Was a great event, even with a few issues with airplanes, the retrieval team was called out and put to work, but no action for the fire equipment, all in all – a good time. The weather did make a small impact on the event with a windstorm that caused some damage one evening but for the most part there were four solid days of nice weather. I had an observation at the event, some of the new classes are making this competition more accessible. We had at least 4 members flying this year, and when I look around the field, I can see other members that might find themselves comfortable participating as well. Give it some thought for next year.

After what seems like an insufferably long dry spell, the rain is starting, and the grass is beginning to grow. There is a sign-up sheet in the bulletin board at the field. 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.

On a similar note, summer is approaching and the temperature is rising. Please remember to stay hydrated, take advantage of the shade and lookout for one another.

David DeWitt has replenished the yellow IRCC T-Shirts. The shirts will be available for purchase at the monthly meeting or whenever you run into him at the field. You may also contact David via email benz425@aol.com to arrange your shirt purchase.

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.

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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 May 6th, 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 27 members present on this windy Florida day.

New Members and Guests: 1 New Member – James Enderton & three visitors.

Awards & Certificates: 100 Mission Patches: Both Jerry McGhee & Glenn Griffith have completed their 100 RC Missions Over Florida.

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

Treasurers Report: Treasure Steve Jaworski - Rent is paid, accounts are good standing, The Top Gun raffle brought in \$XXX dollars, total expenses at top gun was \$XXX dollars, picked up a XXX dollars from FTE. We are in better condition than before. Anyone not currently up to date with their AMA renewal must do so immediately to maintain membership with the IRCC. A copy must be sent to Steve to update club records.

Membership Report: Membership in April currently is 96.

Field Maintenance Report: Bill Pawl Starting to mow, Bill and Kevin got the field mowed yesterday. Porta Potty is broken but it has been called in to fix it. The floor in the shed is rotting, and it needs to be repaired. It is in bad shape. A signup sheet has been put up on the east end of the pavilion for members to volunteer to help cut the grass.

Safety Report: Bob Curry safety officer nothing new to report

Instructor Report: Jeff Hughes reports everything is going good, trainer is working well. Training 2 guys currently. If you or someone you know wants to get a hold of Jeff, please text or leave a voicemail initially to do training.

Club Newsletter: David Raff states the newsletter is going fine. Jim Giallombardo has been sending cartoons and clips. David wants anyone to send fresh material to him.

Club Website: Ron Mackie says the website is up and running, no complaints and no crazy hackers.

New Field Search: Daniel wasn't present and no new information is available.

IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

Old Business: Planes, Trains and Automobiles – Unfortunately, the club members participation this year was not very impressive with only 12 members showing up. In order to keep the IRCC as the only RC Club representing Model Aviation, we will need to get the participation up for next year. On the positive side, thank you to those that did show up to represent the club and the hobby. The voting process for the *People's Choice Awards* was tedious and needed more organization. Ian Clark took 3rd Place for his FA18 Hornet, Don Patterson won 2nd Place with a little help from “Goofy” and Wally Sundry took home 1st Place. Jeff Hughes received the Committee Choice Award! Initial reports stated that between 5500 - 6000 spectators were in attendance.

Top Gun 2023 - David DeWitt says it was a great show. There were four crashes but no fires so overall, it went smoothly. Wally Sundry states that the raffle wouldn't have been as successful without the support of the members. He wants to thank Jerry McGhee who worked with sponsors to supply the raffle prizes which included - a Eurofighter, sponsored by Motion RC, a Viper sponsored by FMS and the HSD Cessna. The winner of the Cessna sold it back to the club so that it may be used for a future event. Thank you to Bill Pawl for helping to get the set up ready and David Raff for making the placards and brochures. It takes a lot of people to put this together.

FIRE ANT CONTROL: SEE A MOUND – KILL A MOUND!

A new cigarette butt can has been donated and placed under the pavilion. Please do not discard your butts anyplace other than this location.

The ceiling fan blades have been replaced.

BE SURE TO SECURE THE FRONT GATE! The lock on the gate has been found several times to not be “locked”. You must spin the tumblers in order to lock it.

Trash Collection – Just a reminder to please take whatever you bring out to the field home with you. There is a recycling station on the west end of the main pavilion for aluminum cans ONLY!

New Business: A motion was made by Luke Reither to retire the SAD Patch Award. After a short discussion, it was seconded by Bill Pawl and approved.

Future Events: *National Model Aviation Day* is on Saturday - August 12, 2023. *The Fifth Annual Trifecta Fun-Fly* will also take place the same day.

Over and above Nominations - Everyone who volunteered at Top Gun received a nomination.

Model of the month: Jerry McGhee submitted a bearcat nexa model, 87” wingspan. Its electric won 8th place at Top Gun. Jerry Won the Plane of the Month as a single entry.

50/50 Drawing: Ryan Roberts was this month's winner and took home \$ 50.00

***Motion to close meeting at 11:02 am, motion seconded and approved.
Meeting was adjourned.***

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES



Chris Trumble was not present to receive his Model of The Month Certificate from April so we will catch up with him hopefully at the next meeting and be sure he receives it.

Well, “semi-retirement” must be more work than full-time employment as it has taken member Jerry McGhee longer than usually to log in his 100 Missions. He has ultimately completed them and received his patch for 2023 as shown to the right!



(Left) Jerry was joined this month by Glenn Griffith who is shown receiving his 100 Mission Patch from club president Kevin Pazda.





ROLL CALL!

***Drew Powell
Jerry McGhee
Jeff Hughes
Glenn Griffith***

Passing On the Legacy of Pattern Flying

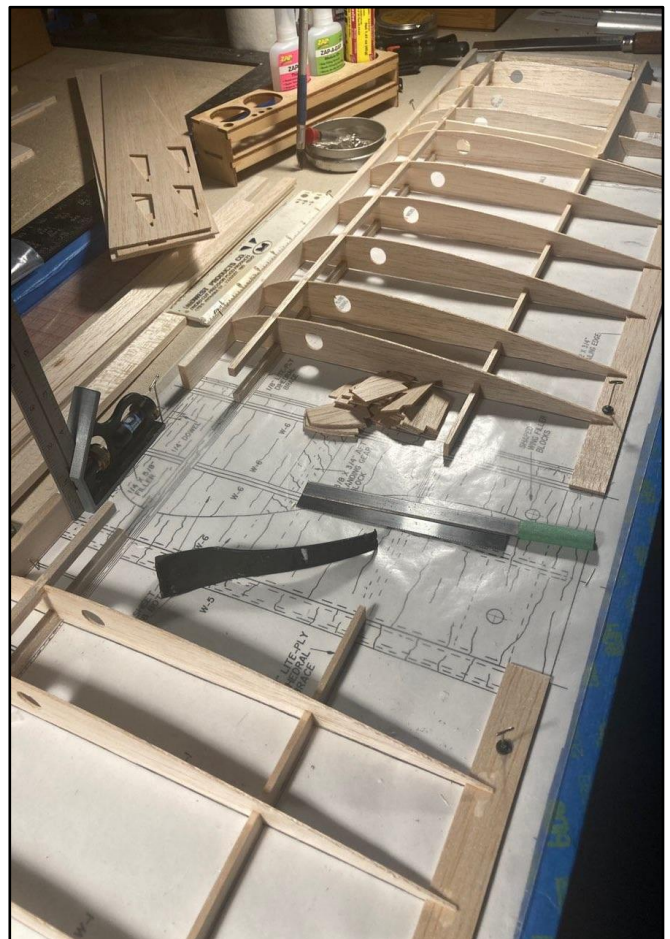
IRCC member Larry Odom has been an avid pattern flyer for years. Many of those years were also spent cheering on his son, Chris, who competed in the sport. Recently, he began to pass on the sport of pattern flying to a new generation, IRCC's Drew Powell. Larry has spent the past few months restoring one of Chris' old planes for Drew. Restoration included adding new wings, applying new monocoat, and installing new servos. On May 21, Larry and Drew took the plane up for its first flight with its new set of wings. Drew is excited about taking the plane with him to Muncie, Indiana for his week at Camp AMA, and hopes to compete with the plane in the near future.



"From The Workshop"


During the May meeting, Bob Curry brought in a little Show & Tell item that he is working on to help entice others to start looking into "building" rather than "assembling" their next airplane. The project that this belongs to is a Balsa USA 1/6 Scale Sopwith Pup kit. The "item" that Bob brought was one of the two wing sections that he had just finished framing up before starting to cover it.

Below are a few pictures he sent of the lower wing sections that he is working on. He is hoping to have these completed and at the next meeting to show the "finished" wings.



Bob is planning on providing updates each month on the progress of the build for all to enjoy!

"**From The Workshop**" may become a monthly addition to **PROPWASH** so that anyone who is working on a special project like Bob's, can share their progress from start to finish. Have something in the works, document it with pictures and let me know so that we can add to it each month.



Why did you wanna be a pilot?

To overcome my biggest fear.

Heights?

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Dying alone.

Thanks Jim G!

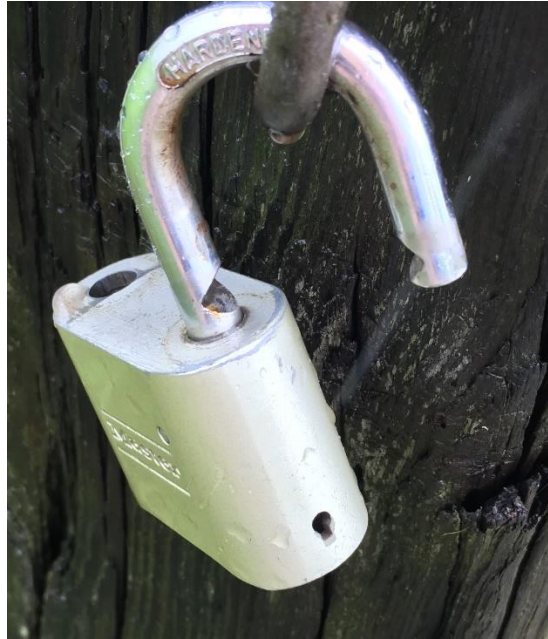


Thanks Jim G!

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!

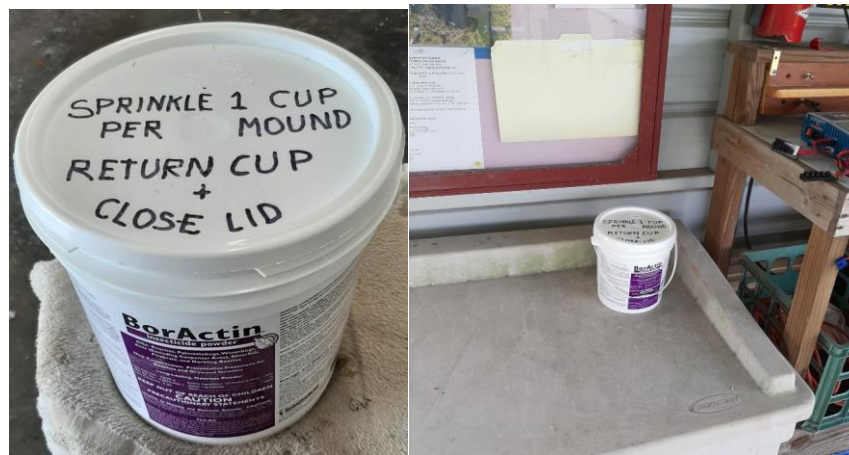




IRCC FIRE ANT CONTROL

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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