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Propwash

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*Terry Short's
"Wellington
Bomber"*

***DECEMBER
2023***

*Model
of
The
Month
Winner!*



**STICK & RUDDER MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATES /AWARDS
100 MISSION ROLL CALL MODEL OF THE YEAR NOMINEES
COMING EVENTS PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES**



Stick and Rudder

It is IRCC renewal time, Steve is collecting dues for 2024 and is offering an opportunity to split the regular \$200 annual dues into two installments (please see the details here in the newsletter). If you know of any model airplane hobbyists, perhaps former club members, that may have drifted off but may still be interested, please reach out to them. Just a reminder that the gate code shall be changed on New Years Day.

The Toys for Tots fly in and swap meet was a great success. It seemed that everyone that showed up had a good time. There was a good showing of people both from our club as well as modelers from the surrounding area. It makes me proud to see all of the hard work done to make an event like this successful.

The end of the year banquet was held on the 4th of December, and there was a nice turn out of members and family. There was good food, fellowship and great discussions. One of the topics that came up was suggestions for increasing participation and providing better access by incorporating the event with the Toys for Tots fly-in / Family Day.

Model of the Year – you should have received an e-mail giving you access to the Google page where you can place your vote for the model of the year. We've had a pretty good response already, if you haven't already cast your vote please try to get in there and vote for your favorite. It's a fun opportunity to make your selection and recognize some nice models.

2024 FLORIDA e-JET FEST - February 1-4, 2024 – The fliers have been posted on our website, as well as RCGroups.com. We are anticipating a great turnout and a fun time. We frequently get visitors from far and wide, and that provides a great opportunity to make some new friends. People are hard at work procuring some pretty amazing raffle items for the event.

Immediately after the E-Jet Fest is the 12th Annual Planes, Trains & Automobiles Event at the Plant City Airport. This is only a one-day event on Saturday February 10th and all members are encouraged to be a part. The flyer for the event can be found in the latter part of this newsletter and more information will be available at the January Meeting.

At the last meeting we had a call for additional contest directors to help organize and run additional contests that are being suggested. We now have two additional Contest Directors on their way to completing their requirements.

The first event to be added to the line-up is an all-scale fly-in. more details shall be forthcoming at the January Meeting.

Amateur newspaper editors - If you have some time and an interest in editing and composing the newsletter, please talk to David Raff. David has served as editor of the Propwash, since 2014, and through 4 administrations (including his own term as president).
I wish to commend him on a job well done! Thank you, David.

IRCC 2024 membership

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Thank you,

Steve J, Treasurer

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.

Our 2023 100 missions log is posted and active. Record your flights and encourage others to do the same. There are members that have reached 100 missions, and even more closing in, just remember, it's not a race, it is an accomplishment.

It is great to see 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 (hanger flying). If you're feeling good, get a flight in and log it on the board. If you're feeling grumpy, get 2 flights in.

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! Bill Pawl will coordinate any training needed to operate the equipment. 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.

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!

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 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, introduce yourself to someone you don't know, make a new friend, when landing keep your wings level with the horizon and main gears first 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 December 9th, 2023

Recorded by William Reding

President Kevin Pazda called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 10:00 A.M. sharp!

New Members and Guests: No new members or guests present.

Awards & Certificates: Glenn Griffin received his Model of The Month Certificate for November. Art Duffy was presented with his long overdue Model of The Month Certificate from January 2023. 100 Mission patches were presented to Art Duffy, Tommy Nolin & Don Patterson.

Minutes: Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the November meeting as posted in the newsletter. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Made by Steve Jaworski. He reminded everyone that we need to be frugal with regards to any spending we are thinking about.

Membership Report: Our membership is 102 members.

Field Maintenance Report: Bill Pawl reported all is going well and the mowing has slowed down due to the time of year. Bill did bring up that he has found the gate to the field unlocked recently. It is each members responsibility to assure that the gate is "secured" if you are the last to leave the field.

Kevin Pazda thanked Bill and all that helped to get the field ready for the Toys for Tots event and remarked on what a great job they did.

Safety Report: No safety issues to report.

Instructor Report: No update as Jeff was not present.

Club Newsletter: David Raff will publish his last newsletter in December. THANK YOU, David, for all of the years of giving us a great newsletter. We were asked if someone wanted to step up and assume the position of newsletter editor and at the time no one volunteered. David reminded us that the newsletter is the lifeblood of any club or organization. Please consider contributing some time to keep the newsletter vibrant and informative. Contact David for more information.

Website: Ron McKie Reported that everything is running well with no issues with the website. An event registration for the E-Jet fest has been added.

New Field Search: Nothing new to report at this time.

Old Business: Toys for Tots was a great success and turnout. The club was able to make some money and several boxes were filled with toys. A HUGE THANK YOU to all that helped with the set-up, clean-up

IRCC MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

Old Business (continued): and working the event as well as all those that donated toys. Art Duncan mentioned the need for additional road signage to help draw more spectators to our events in the future. David Raff will be looking into the costs and will report in January.

Fire Ant Control – Every member is responsible for Fire Ant Control.

Trash Collection – Great job being done by all.

New Business: SAE Aero Design East is an event being held at Lakeland Linder Airport March 8-10, 2024. They are requesting assistance for safety/dimension inspections from the club. David DeWitt to provide more information for those wanting to participate or have participated in this event in the past.

Future Events: Florida E-Jet Fest will be February 1-4, 2024, at the Imperial RC Club field. The event is posted on RC Groups and the club's members are encouraged to go to the site and help promote the event by adding positive comments.

Jerry McGhee started a discussion about adding more events at the field starting in 2024 to try to help offset the revenue lost from the two FTE events that are no longer being held. One event mentioned would be a Frank Tiano "Memorial" Fly-in to be held sometime around April. A second "Warbird" event would be later in the year (September/November). One thing that would be needed however, would be more certified Contest Directors to help coordinate these events. Glenn Griffin & Will Redding volunteered to become certified. Additional information and discussion about these events will be held at future meetings.

Over and above Nominations: Motion was made and seconded to nominate Kevin Pazda for his "over & above" efforts to reach out to all of the surrounding clubs to help increase the participation at the Toys for Tots event. Kevin sent emails to all AMA clubs within a 50-mile radius asking them to post the event flyer at their fields. A second nomination was made and seconded for the Concessions Crew (Art Duncan, Jim Giallombardo and Moe Grandmaison). Both motions carried.

Model of The Month: Only one plane was entered. Terry Short presented his recently acquired large scale Vickers Wellington Bomber. It was a landslide decision (in Terrys favor)!

50/50 Drawing: Terry Short won the pot and donated it back to the club. Thanks Terry!

Motion to close meeting - seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned.

A note from the editor to the membership of the Imperial Radio Control Club,

As I finish the final touches before publishing my last and what is very close to 120th edition of **PROPWASH**, I wanted to let you know how much enjoyment it has brought to me being able to report and document the history for the last 10 years of this great club for all to see and enjoy for years and years to come. Each monthly edition noted what was happening within the club to keep the membership undated and informed, even if they were not able to make it to the meetings or the field as often as they would have liked.

As I mentioned before, the newsletter of any organization or club is the lifeblood of that organization and without this, they can become stagnant and cease to exist. This is why it is so important to keep this publication active.

Thank you to everyone that has contributed to the success of this newsletter during this time through articles, build threads, coming events, cartoons or any other information of interest submitted to share with the membership.

While I have thoroughly enjoyed my position, the time has come to allow some fresh new ideas and ways of doing things to take place.

Believe me when I tell you - it has truly been my pleasure!

David A. Raff

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

Glenn Griffin is all smiles as he receives his Model of The Month Certificate for the month of November.

Glenn presented his all-electric Sig Kadet Senior "SPORT EP" for consideration and won.

This was Glenns second winning entry for the year.



It took a little bit of time, 11 months to be exact, to be able to present this next recipient with his certificate but as they say, "better late than never".

Art Duffy was finally united with his Model of The Month Certificate for the month of January 2023 at the December meeting.

Art just made it back to Florida and club president Kevin Pazda wasted no time presenting it to him!

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES



Here are the newest additions to the prestigious 100 R/C Missions over Florida Squadron!

(Top Left) Art Duffy, (Top Right) Tommy Nolin, (Below Left) Don Patterson & (Below Right) John Burdin.





ROLL CALL!

Drew Powell - Jerry McGhee
Jeff Hughes - Glenn Griffin
Todd Beatty - Steve Franc
Roger Griffith - Bill Pawl
Art Duncan - Art Duffy
Tommy Nolin - Don Patterson
John Burdin

2024 Membership Dues

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Steve J, Treasurer



Fun Fly & Swap Meet!

Saturday & Sunday December 2nd & 3rd, 2023

Need to make some room or add to your hanger?

Looking To Buy - Sell or Trade???

Come and join us for two days of
"Open Flying" & Swap Meet Fun!

BRING YOUR OWN TABLE & CHAIRS

Set-Up / Landing Fee - \$20.00

**OR \$ 10.00 AND AN
UNWRAPPED TOY FOR
A GIRL OR BOY!**

Registration Opens 2:00 P.M. Friday Dec. 1st
Saturday and Sunday - 8:00 A.M.



NIGHT FLYING!

Food & Drinks Available!

**SORRY!
NO TURBINES**

AMA REQUIRED TO FLY!

Our Flying Field is located in Mulberry, Florida - 2 miles East of
State Road 37 on Highway 60 East.

GPS Coordinates: 27.8944, -81.944683

Event CD - David DeWitt (email: benz425@aol.com)

Overnight "DRY" Camping Allowed - No Hook-up!



Just one more very quick update from our recent Toys for Tots Event.
I received a message from Sam, who picked up the toys at the field during the
December meeting with a total count of 142 toys donated by the IRCC!
Great job and thank you to all that contributed.





I briefly mentioned this in the November PROPWASH edition - thanking those that helped with the concessions during the Toys for Tots event held at the field in November but that didn't seem to be quite enough given all of the time and energy these three put into preparing the hamburgers & hotdogs that were sold.

Fortunately, Jerry McGhee had captured them in the act and sent me the picture above so once again, a very **BIG THANK YOU** to Moe Grandmaison (Front Right), Jim Giallombardo (Front Left) and Art Duncan (at the grill) for handling this!

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 / Bob Curry - 2022

Model of The Year – Because of the short period of time between the December meeting and the banquet, the Model of The Year for 2023 shall be awarded at the January meeting. This shall allow the full consideration of all 12 month models before voting closes.

The following Ballot link was sent via e-mail to all IRCC Members by Jerry McGhee. If you did not receive, you still have time to cast your vote. Simply click on the [hyperlink](#) below and you will be directed to the Ballot page.

Please use this link to cast your vote for the 2023 Model of the Year Nominees. The winner will be announced at the January 2024 Imperial RC Club Meeting.

IRCC 2023 Model of the Year Ballot

Use this form to cast you one vote for this year’s Imperial RC Club Model of the Year winner! One vote per person. You must input your email below to begin.

FILL OUT FORM

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfT3O9y6LPS7c8pKnL3NUu-XRSJK1m5KZ616FoFuaRnRotjgQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&usp=mail_form_link

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2023 IRCC MODEL OF THE YEAR NOMINEES!



January

**Art Duffey's - Cessna
"SKYMASTER"**



February

**Bill Hoenstine's - SIG
"NINJA" Sailplane**



March

**Dennis Peterson's
"JUNGMEISTER"**



April

**Chris Trumble's
"MagnumR" Racer**



May

**Jerry McGhee's
F8F "BEARCAT"**



June

**Drew Powell
"NUANCE"**

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2023 IRCC MODEL OF THE YEAR NOMINEES!



July
Glenn Griffin's - Custom
F-22 "Raptor"



August
Chris Trumble's
"Diamond Dust"



September
Jeff Hughes
"L-39"



October
Walley Sundey's
"Super Cub"



November
Glenn Griffin's
Sig "Kadet" Senior



December
Terry Short's
Wellington Bomber

COMING EVENTS!

February 1-4, 2024

Mulberry, FL



Fly-In INFORMATION

CD: Jerry McGhee mcghee66@gmail.com

Co-CD: Steve Jaworski sajetguy@aol.com

Website: www.imperialrcclub.com

Event: EDF Fly-in

Contests/Prizes/Trophies: Yes

Registration: \$40.00/all 4 days; \$20/day

Facility: 26 acres cleared land

Onsite Camping: Available, no services

Hotels: Several within 5-20 min from field

EDF ONLY EVENT



600' x 30' Paved Runway

Sorry, No Turbines, No Props

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RC Aircraft Demos
Kids' Activities
Scout Badging

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Saturday February 10th, 2024

PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES

The 12th Annual Planes Trains & Automobiles Event is on and will be bigger and better than ever. The Imperial Radio Control Club has been privileged to be the only Radio Control Club allowed to display at this event which started back in 2010. The IRCC has been a part of this family oriented, fun-filled day of full-scale aircraft, automobiles and train displays from year one in 2010 all the way up to the 10-year anniversary back in 2020 and again with the return in 2023.

Many of our membership have taken part in this one-day event over the years and know how much fun it can be. However, for those of you that are a little newer to the club and not sure what this is all about – here it is!

Think of it as a massive “mall show” where we get to show off our pride and joy aircraft and talk about the hobby, we all enjoy so much to thousands of “kids” of all ages. On top of that, the event showcases full scale aircraft and show cars of every make and model and for those train enthusiast, displays of H/O scale and sometime larger are also there to enjoy. Additional information will be provided at the January meeting - but for now, here are just a few highlights from our recent planning meeting....

MARKETING

- Press release was sent Dec 11th
- Charley Belcher has confirmed for Feb 9th Charley's World segment
- WFLA meteorologist Amanda Holly has committed to do weather and event promotion from the site on Friday and Saturday – aviation enthusiast and advocate



Everybody's favorite “guy about town” Charlie Belcher will be doing a special event coverage for “Charley's World” on Thursday Feb. 9th, 2024.

As in past years, The IRCC has been invited to take part in this segment representing and talking about Model Aviation “live” on Fox 13 News!

Amanda Holly with News Channel 8 will also be covering the event on Friday and Saturday, the day of the event!

The “aviation based” scholarship program that was discussed last year is now a reality.

The aviation industry has a vast shortage of qualified individuals in just about every field of operations you can think of.

Understanding the need to develop and fill these positions is what prompted the decision to create this scholarship.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- TBAA has \$4000 to award
- For Flight Training
- Recommend we get nominations from Atlas Aviation
- Greg is asking the Ray Foundation for a match of up to \$10,000
- Award at PTA 2024
- Announce larger offering for 2025
- Broaden the campaign for increased community support



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For a little more information – click on the link below to go to the events webpage.



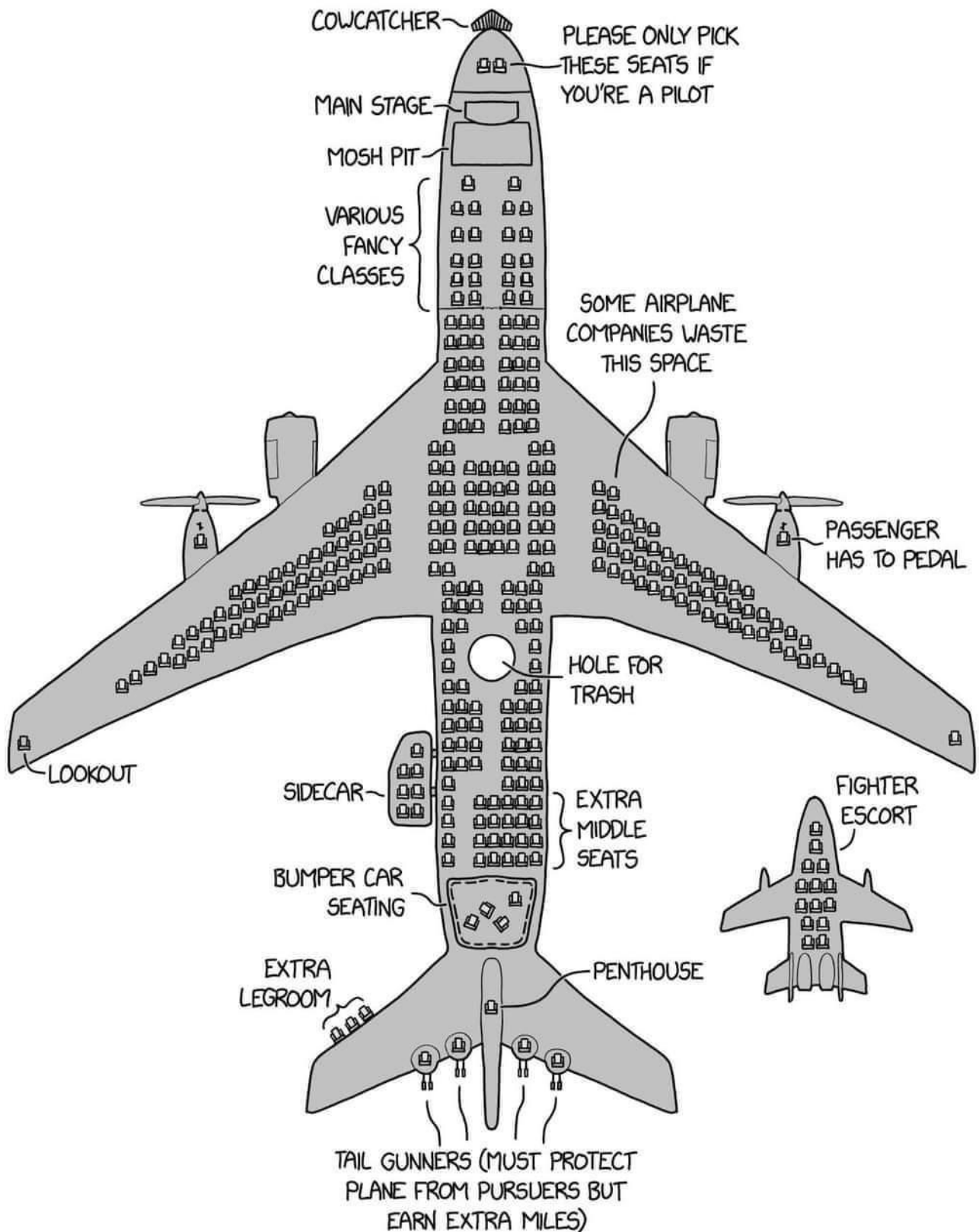
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FAR 91.113 (D) (4) !!
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OVER ALL OTHER AIR TRAFFIC!**

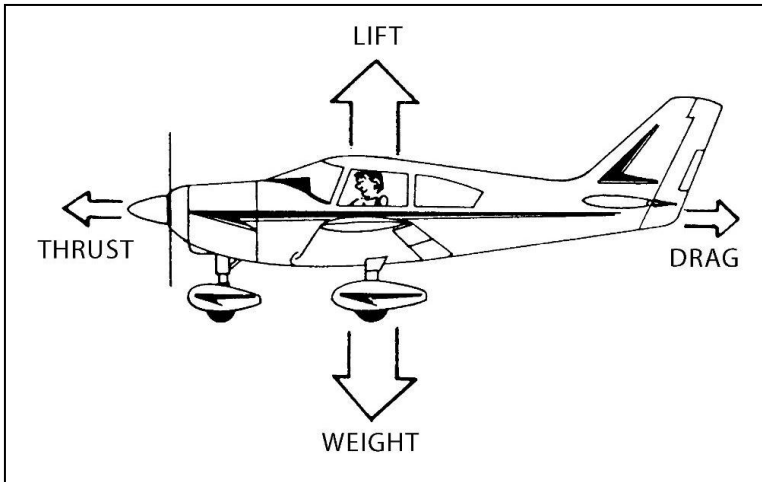


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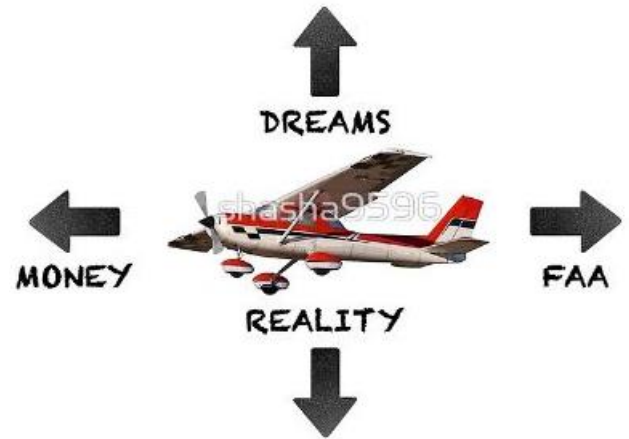
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THE FOUR FORCES OF FLIGHT (TECHNICAL VS. REALITY)



What they want you to know.



What you eventually find out to be true!

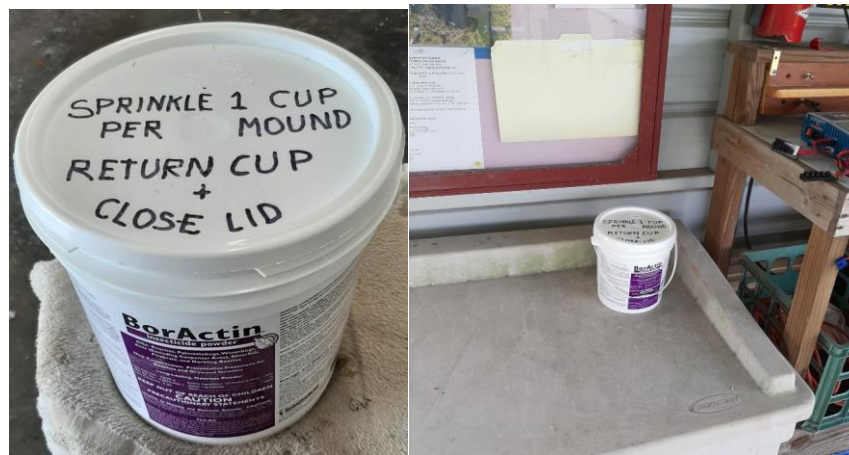




IRCC FIRE ANT CONTROL

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 6th, 2024

10:00 A.M.

