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Bill Hoenstine
February 2024
Model of the Month

STICK & RUDDER MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATES /AWARDS
100 MISSION ROLL CALL Florida eJet Fest and
PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES



Stick and Rudder

By Kevin Pazda, IRCC President

2024 FLORIDA e-JET FEST is now behind us and was a great success! The weather cooperated fully with us the first three days of the event with plenty of sunshine and a little bit of wind straight down the runway. The foreboding forecast for Sunday caused the event to be planned for one day less than it had been previously. The nice thing was that everybody who came out for the first three days got to fly as much as they wanted in nearly ideal conditions. There are so many people to thank for the success of this event, from the raffle sponsors to the club members who volunteered for everything from registration, event setup, raffle ticket sales, food concessions, cleanup, and the participants who came from far and wide to enjoy a terrific event here in Mulberry FL. I am already looking forward to the next one.

The 12th Planes Trains & Automobiles Show – I'm not sure how this year compares to previous years, but there was an impressive crowd! In looking around the internet and local television it was obvious that the event was well promoted. We may be able to learn some things about promoting our events by studying what works for others. We also had some proud recipients of fan favorite, and the committee selected trophies. Look for additional information in this issue.

Upcoming events

SAE Aero Design East, March 8 - 10, 2024 requesting assistance for safety / dimension inspections. Contact David DeWitt for additional information.

Stick and Rudder Continued

Frank Tiano all Scale Event *Legends never die!* Is now scheduled and sanctioned by AMA for May 1 - 5 2024.

As a Public Service Announcement – Please be aware of the Emergency Contact Information posted on the field bulletin boards. In an emergency, time and clear communication can make all the difference.

We have been seeing a number of new members coming out to the field. This a success that deserves celebration. If you see some new faces, take an opportunity to introduce yourself and welcome them to the club.

Membership cards: We are developing a new system for delivering club membership cards. Cards will be emailed as a .pdf file that may either be printed out or a snapshot can be saved to your smartphone. We still have the old cards available but are now offering an updated option.

Sincerely,

Kevin Pazda

Imperial R/C Club President -2024

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 6th consecutive year! The 100 Missions flight log is posted in the case at the 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!

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 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, introduce yourself to someone you don’t know, and 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 2024



IRCC Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2024

1. Meeting called to order

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was said

3. We welcomed 2 new members and 1 visitor:

2 new members: Greg Kiser and Tom Carracino

Visitor: Justin Bardell

4. Awards and certificates:

- It was announced that Denis Peterson had won Model of the Year. he was not present.
- Model of the Month - Dave Richardson received his certificate for last month
- Recognized the New Contest Directors, Glenn Griffin, William Reding, and David Raff

5. Minutes

- Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from last month's meeting as they were posted in the newsletter. Motion carried.

6. The Treasures report was made by Steve Jaworski.

- All bills paid and money in the bank

7. Steve also gave the membership report as well.

- **70 +** current paid members and he is currently working on an updated roster.

IRCC Meeting Minutes Continued

Dues are coming in better now it's the new year.

8. Field and Maintenance Report by Bill Pawl.

All well no issues, has found several items on the field and they are currently in the Lost and Found box.

9. Field Safety Report by Kevin Pazda.

Bob Curry was not present to give a report, but no issues were reported to Kevin.

10. Instructors Report by Jeff Hughes.

All is going well; several new people contacted him about learning to fly.

Greg Kiser is to make his first flight today, Congratulations

11. Club newsletter / Website by Jerry McGhee - Ron McKie

Jerry looking into why he has had 6 bounce back from the newsletter may be an error in e-mail addresses

Ron said he is having a Technical issue with upcoming event, The website maybe down for a few days to repair the issue

12. New Field Search Committee.

All optional sites now are FRIA approved except for the Lake Wales site which has been applied for and is expected to come in a few days

13. Old Business

a) Lock the gate: it has been left open several times as of late. Please double-check before leaving to see if you are the last one out. PLEASE LOCK THE GATE.

b) Fire Ant Control: Every member is responsible for Fire Ant Control

c) Trash Collection: if you generate trash, take it home with you. unless it's aluminum cans, then you can deposit them in the recycling bin.

IRCC Meeting Minutes Continued

14. New Business

- **Membership Cards** from here on out will be issued electronically, no more paper cards
- **Preparation for the Upcoming E-Jet Fest** All is well and should be an exceptional event with a larger than last year's out
- **A contact sheet to describe the location of the field in case of a Medical emergency** is located in the information box at the East end of the shed to help direct 911 to find us.

15. Future Events -

a) Florida E-Jet Fest, February 1 -4, 2024. We have three donated prizes to raffle off during the event a

70 mm and 90 mm Viper by Horizon Hobby and a Zeus by Motion RC.

David Raff will be putting out an E-mail blast about this event soon.

b) Planes Trains and Automobiles, Plant City, February 10th, 10:00 - 3:00

c) SAE Aero Design East, March 8 - 10, 2024 requesting assistance for safety/dimension inspections.

d) Frank Tiano All Scale Fly-in May 1-5, 2024, This is now scheduled and approved by AMA for May 1 - 5 2024.

e) Warbird fly-in date? To be determined.

f) Model Aviation Day? August dates to be determined.

16. Over and Above Nominations

David Raff for all the years of editing and publishing the Club Newsletter

Ron McKie for his great job with the Web site

Jerry McGhee for taking over the Newsletter

IRCC Meeting Minutes Continued

Motion made and second, Motion carried congratulations to all three

17. Plane of the Month - Sterling Kit Waco-U control converted to radio control built by Bill Hoenstine Congratulations to Bill

18. Announcements - None

19. 50/50 - was 100.00 won by John Burdin

20. Motion to close - was made and second and carried.

See you at the next meeting. Keep an eye out for upcoming news about the date.

IRCC 100 Missions Over Florida



Log your sorties!

No one yet! Stay Tuned!

2024 Membership Dues

The lifeblood of the club is the revenue derived from our members' annual dues payments. It pays the rent and keeps the field an open and attractive place to fly.

The Club's Officers and Directors are determined to do what's necessary to retain and expand its membership and will provide assistance to make that easier.

Membership renewal for 2024 is now open.

Any full member looking at a \$200 renewal may feel free to break that up into two payments with a \$100 payment due by the end of 2023.

The only caveat is that the full balance of dues needs to be paid in full by the end of March 2024 to retain your flying privileges.

Your full membership privileges will be recognized on Jan 1st under this plan.

If you choose this plan, all we ask is that you make a notation along with your first payment or email me at sajetguy@aol.com advising me that you are using this dues payment plan.

Thank you!
Steve Jaworski
Treasurer

February 2024 IRCC Meeting DAY



(Left) Dave Richards receives his January 2024 Model of the Month certificate from IRCC President Kevin Pazda.

(Right) Ron McKie decided to test the response time for 911 to the field. 4 minutes 52 seconds.



(Left) Ron McKie gives the “traditional” Navy “I’m OK!” salute for anyone being carried off on a hospital liter. Seriously, he’ll be fine!





IRCC hosts the 6th Annual Event!

by: Jerry McGhee, Contest Director

52 pilots from 10 states attended the 6th Annual Florida eJet Fest International February 1-4, 2024! The weather was absolutely perfect! A huge thank you to everyone who attended, assisted, and volunteered for the event! A special thank you to Ross Diehl who was the “Ironman” volunteer assisting the CD Tuesday – Saturday!

A huge shout out to our sponsors: Motion RC, Horizon Hobby, BVM, and the RC Informer!



Wes Miller from Motion RC takes home the top award at Florida eJet Fest international for “Best Scale Jet for 2024” with his Freewing 90mm F-18 in Aggressor Camo. Wes and Dave Marshall collaborated on this project.

The winner of this award has to have a non-stock scheme that is scale to a real aircraft and have a combined static and flight score above the competition.



2024 Award Winners



Best Scale Flight 2024
Jason Bauer



Best Static Score 2024
Harley Russell



Fastest Composite Jet 2024
Rob Lynch 204 mph



Fastest Foam Jet 2024
Todd Beatty 158 mph



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Longest Flight 2024
Kenny Canniff 15:00 minutes





Florida eJet Fest International Contest Director, Jerry McGhee debuted his HSD 747 and flew the aircraft on Saturday!



John Burdin and his HSD F-16 repainted into a Malaysian Air Force Scheme





Top to bottom: The Freewing F-9 Cougar 80mm, Freewing Zeus 90mm, and the BVM Bandit 120mm; all Electric Ducted Fan!



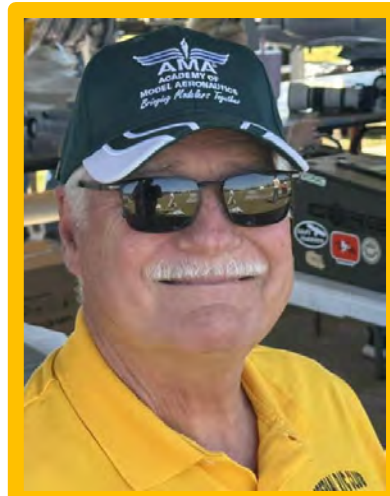
The Flightline and the raffle were very busy!



2024 Pictures



Many thank yous to the volunteers who manned the registration desk and to AMA Dist V V.P. Andrew Griffith for attending



COMING EVENTS!



SAE Aero is looking for approx. 15-20 RC pilots to volunteer as technical inspectors on Fri March 8, 2024 (7:30AM-5:00PM). Technical inspectors will verify planes meet the SAE preflight requirement checklist as well as follow standard model aircraft safety practices. We will also need 3-5 inspectors for Sat & Sun (3/9, 7:30 AM-5:00 PM & 3/10 7:30 AM – 12:00 PM) for re-inspections.

Volunteer sign-up: Required for All Volunteers: Sign in or Create an Account and Complete the Participation Survey: [SAE Aero Design](#)

Rules Link:

<https://www.saeaerodesign.com/cdsweb/gen/DocumentResources.aspx>

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March 8, 2024

FRANK



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ALL SCALE FLY-IN

MAY 1ST – 5TH 2024

SCALE AIRCRAFT ONLY

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Aircraft Size

- Must be larger than:
- 80" Wingspan Monoplane
 - 60" Wingspan Biplane
 - 10S or higher EDF
 - No Turbines
 - No Exceptions!!!!



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Amenities

- 600' x 30' Paved Runway
- Dry Camping
- Tents for Rent
- Food On Site



NATIONAL MODEL AVIATION DAY

August 10, 2024

NON-IRCC Events in the Area

2024 RCACF FLORIDA JET TOGETHER

April 4-6

Lunchtime Demos Fri and Sat



Massive paved 700 foot x 50 foot runway

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Turbine Jets, Turbo Prop, and EDF welcome

Event Coordinator
Gary Freeman Jr.
407-948-7567

VIP Vendor spots, tent rental, and golf cart rental will be available
Check the Facebook group page for info "2024 Florida Jet Together"

\$55 preregistration
\$70 at the event



Triple Creek RC Club

Jet Jockey Jamboree

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Sunday April 14, 2024

9:00AM – 6:00PM daily

Tom Romano Contest Director

571-639-9338

www.triplecreekrcc.com



NEXT IRCC MEETING



SATURDAY
March 2, 2024
10:00 AM



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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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.

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