

March 2024

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**Mike Fiandola
March 2024 Model
of the Month**

STICK & RUDDER

MEETING MINUTES

CERTIFICATES /AWARDS

100 MISSION ROLL CALL

PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES



Stick and Rudder

By Kevin Pazda, IRCC President

The SAE Aero Design East contest was held March 8 – 10 at Paradise Field on the Lakeland airport. There was a great showing of teams from the US, Canada, South America, Europe, and Asia. A lot of creative examples of different styles of aircraft were presented, and there were some surprises at how well some of them flew in a fairly strong crosswind. I had heard reports that RC flying fields all over Central Florida had been visited by various teams practicing in preparation for the contest. Our field was visited by at least four different teams throughout the week leading up to the event.

Between the weather getting nicer and the extra hour of daylight we have at the end of the day, I wouldn't be surprised to see more people sneaking out to get a flight or two in before the sunset during the week. I know that's where my thoughts were headed today as I left the office.

Everyone should be looking forward to the upcoming scale event that will be held at the beginning of May. I hope our members are taking every opportunity they find to promote the event to other modelers that may have an interest and coming down and joining us for what I anticipate to be a great time.

Stick and Rudder Continued

Upcoming IRCC events

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

National Model Aviation day – August 10, 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.

I hope you get out to the field, look out for your neighbor, and enjoy the little things.

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

March 2, 2024

1) **Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Bill Hoenstine**

2) **Call Meeting to Order at 10:00 am**

3) **Welcome any visitors or new members!**

Mark Singleton from Kentucky – New member!

1) **Awards/Certificates**

a) Model of the Year – Dennis Peterson

b) Model of the month, Bill Hoenstine

c) First Solo – Greg Kiser

d) 100 missions - Drew Powell

2) **Minutes** – Motion to accept February minutes as recently posted in the newsletter.

a) **Motion Carried.**

3) **Treasurers Report** (Steve Jaworski)

a) **Bills are Paid**

b) **Good Bank Balance, AMA filings done, Taxes Done**

c) **Florida eJet Fest: Grossed \$2,062.00; Net \$1836.00**

4) **Membership Report** (Steve Jaworski)

a) **79 paid members**

5) **Field and Maintenance Report** – Need more Ant Killer

6) **Safety Report** -

a) Teaching moment gasoline fuel and static electricity.

b) Emergency contact, field location information posted

c) Steve Jaworski demonstrated that heavier aircraft (over 10 lbs.) need steel pushrods as not to flex and cause safety of flight issues with control when aircraft are maneuvering. He showed several examples of soft metal pushrods coming out of bigger heavier aircraft and that these were “accidents waiting to happen” if not remedied with the correct pushrod for the size and weight of the aircraft.

IRCC Meeting Minutes Continued

7. Instructors Report – (Jeff Hughes)

- a) Jeff introduced the new instructor pilots for Ground school, Basic Flight, and advanced flight.

8. Club Newsletter / Website - (Jerry McGhee - Ron McKie)

- a) The newsletter is going well.
- b) Website moved to a new host.

9. New Field Search Committee – Update on new developments

- a) No updates.

10. Old Business –

- a) Results from Florida e-JET Fest International: 53 pilots, \$1,800+ net.
- b) Results from Planes Trains & Automobiles: 11 attendees from IRCC

11. New Business

- a) None

12. Future Events (6-month look ahead) –

- a) SAE Aero Design East March 8-10, 2024 requesting assistance for safety/dimension inspections
- b) Frank Tiano all Scale Event “Legends never die” May 1st – 5th.
- c) National Model Aviation Day, August 17, 2024

13. Over & Above Nominations

- a) Ron McKie

14. Plane of the Month – Mike Fiandola Seagull Models JU-88 Stuka 15 lbs. ARF.

15. Announcements – 50th Anniversary of the Benson Gyrocopter event April 3-6, 2024 at the Wauchula Airport in Florida.

16. 50/50 drawing – Buddy Shackelford won \$40 and donated it back to the club.

17. Motion to Close – Meeting adjourned at 10:58 am.

IRCC 100 Missions Over Florida



Log your sorties!
DREW POWELL

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 assist 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

MARCH 2024 IRCC Meeting DAY



(Left) Kevin Pazda presents Dennis Peterson with his 2nd Model of the Year Award in the IRCC. He's a 2-time champion!

(Right) Kevin Pazda presents Bill Hoenstine with his February 2024 Model of the Month Certificate.



(Left) Drew Powell was the first RC Pilot to achieve 100 Missions over Florida in the IRCC for 2024!



(Bottom Right) Kevin Pazda presents George Nauck with his 2nd place finish from Aug 2023 in Guess Your Speed! George finished 4th overall in the Trifecta Fun Fly out of 13 contestants! George is 84 years young!

FRANK



TIANO

ALL SCALE FLY-IN

MAY 1ST – 5TH 2024

SCALE AIRCRAFT ONLY

Mulberry, FL

AWARDS 1ST 2ND & 3RD

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Military WWI | Golden Age |
| Military WWII | Civilian |
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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

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Bensen Days

50th Anniversary



April 3rd - 6th 2024

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Bensen Days Special Awards:

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EVENT NEWS

Fly-In
HAPPY
for 50 Years!



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April 9-14

SUN 'n FUN's 50th Celebration is less than 2 weeks away!

Finalize your plans to Fly-In ✈️! (or Drive-In 🚗)

Something for Your Funny Bone from Jim Giallombardo



By simply attaching the new ACME Wingbaby, airlines can significantly improve their passengers' overall comfort.



"I'm afraid we're going to have to head back, folks. ... We've got a warning light on up here, and darn if it isn't the big one."



NEXT IRCC MEETING



SATURDAY
April 6, 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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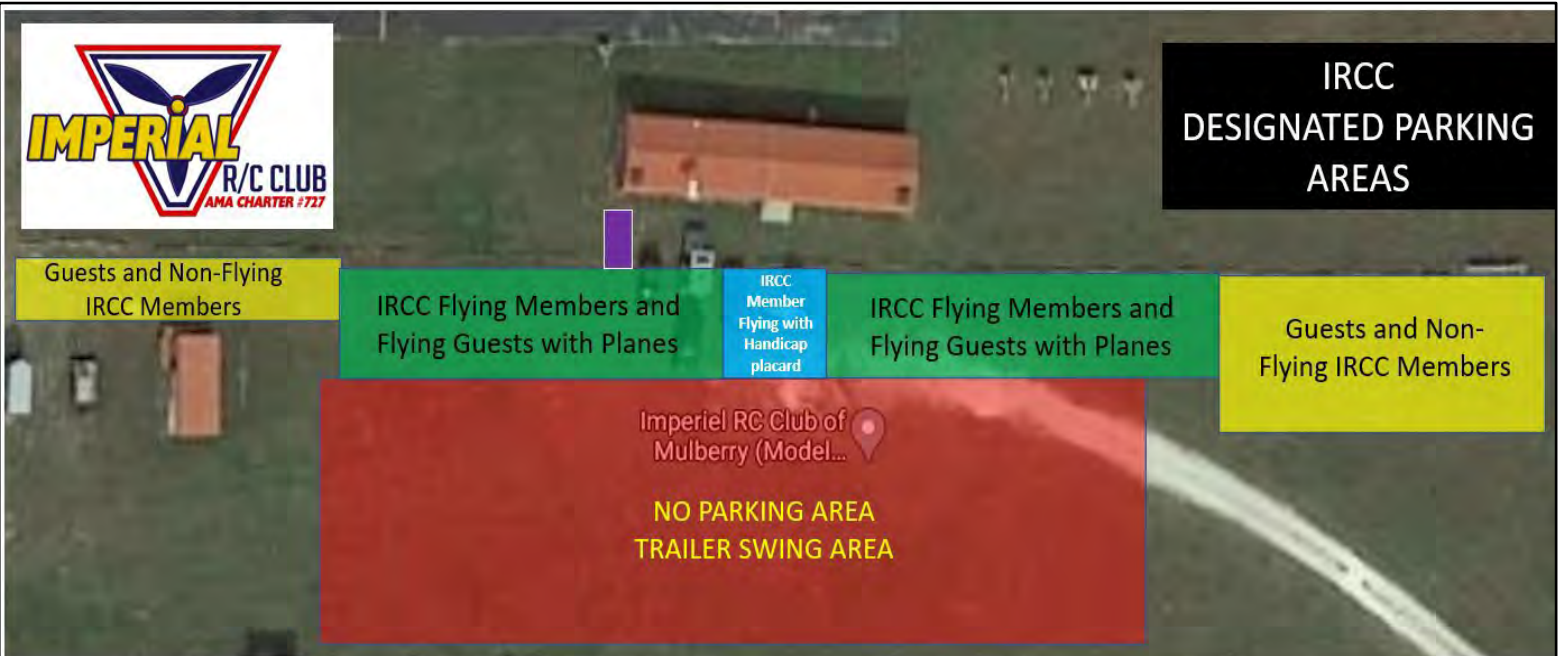
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- 3 Designated spots for IRCC members with handicap placards and they intend to fly during their visit to the IRCC. Non-flying park in yellow spots
- Parking for any IRCC member or guest with a plane and they will be flying during their visit to the 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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