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April 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

Please be aware of the adjusted date for the May meeting. To avoid conflict with the Frank Tiano, All Scale Fly-in, the first week of May, the meeting shall be held May 11th.

April has been somewhat of a mixed month we've had events to celebrate and losses to mourn. This month we've had to say goodbye to two of our members, Art Canning and Dennis Peterson have both passed on to blue skies and fair winds. These modelers, our friends, will be missed.

There is a noticeable increase in the number of interested new fliers at the field. One recent Saturday morning, Jeff had a group of newcomers learning about the hobby and taking turns on the club trainer. It seems that the additional instructors have spread out some of the training workload, something that is always appreciated. I know that among the membership there is a wealth of knowledge and experience, if you see someone that needs help, try to pair them up with an appropriate person to get the help. The individual success of our members, improves the overall experience for everyone and benefits the club.

The Sun'n'Fun fly-in celebrated 50 years in Lakeland. For those who love aviation, this event is a particular local treat. The night airshow is a popular attraction, with every manner of flying machine fitted with lights, fireworks and fireballs for effect.

Stick and Rudder Continued

We have been receiving some updates regarding our flying sites. I expect to give a detailed update at the May meeting.

Everyone should be looking forward to the upcoming scale event that will be held at the beginning of May. From the increased activity at the field of the large-scale model variety, it looks like several of our members are preparing for the event. 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 being a great time.

Upcoming IRCC events

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

National Model Aviation Day – August 10, 2024

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

April 06, 2024

1. Meeting called to order

2. Pledge of Allegiance was said

3. We welcomed 2 visitors:

- Jaime Valasquez and Lester Piral

4. Awards and certificate:

- Mike Fiandola received his certificate for Model of the Month
- Jerry McGhee received his 100 mission patch
- Jeff Hughes received his 100 mission patch

5. Minutes

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

6. Treasures report was made by Steve Jaworski.

- All bills paid and money in the bank
- Club received a generous donation from a former member Bob Grahl of \$1,200.00

7. Steve also gave the membership report as well.

83 current members

8. Field and Maintenance Report by Bill Pawl.

- Bill is asking for help when the mowing starts to get heavy in the next few month, any volunteers would greatl be appreciated.
- It was agreed to purchase two wind socks and an American flag for the pole, before the upcoming event. Terry Short will handle getting the wind socks at Sun N Fun and Bob Curry will get the American flag. Thank you both.
- The garbage can was left out at the cook shed and turned over and garbage was strone over the field, please remember to put away after use.
- Do not drive on runway or any asphalt when going to retrieve down aircraft, it ruts it and they will not come out

9. Field Safety Report by Bob Curry.

- Make sure all props are taken off prior to any work being done
- Bob asked about programming throttle cut on radio, if you dont have it you should and if you need help with doing he will gladly teach you
- Please do not taxi your aircraft past the safety boxes

IRCC Meeting Minutes Continued

10. Instructors Report by Jeff Hughes.

- All going well especially now more instructors are helping.
- Jeff asked could club purchase a new training cord for the Futaba radios
- William Reding will take care of getting the cord and donate it to the club

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

- Jerry was not present for newsletter update, but no known issues
- Ron said he pulled the forum from the site due to no one using

12. New Field Search Committee.

- All optional sites now are FRIA approved
- Kevin was contacted by our new Field partner about developing a Field with needed essentials. More info to follow in the next few months

13. Old Business

- None

14. New Business

- Need a propane tank filled before the upcoming event - Kevin Pazda to get filled
- The aluminum bleachers need to be looked at getting in bad shape
- Discussion was held on bringing pets to the field not on a leash, a motion was made and a second to amend club rules that all pets will be leashed when at the field, motion carried

15. Future Events -

a) Frank Tiano Memorial All Scale Event Date? This is now scheduled and approved by AMA for May 1 - 5 2024.

Need volunteers, this is a 5-day event, so please help in any way possible

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

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

16. Over and Above Nominations

Mike "Eagle eyes" Fiandola for help save an aircraft that was so far out of site that a bunch of other members could not see to get back

17. Plane of the Month - Larry Odom scratch built with an OS61FX engine, all mono cote and ultra cote covered with a 60-inch wingspan

18. Announcements - None

19. 50/50 - was \$56.00 won by David Dewitt

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

See you at next meeting. Keep an eye out for up coming news about date.

IRCC 100 Missions Over Florida



Log your sorties!

DREW POWELL
JERRY MCGHEE
JEFF HUGHES

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

April 2024 IRCC Meeting DAY



(Left) Kevin Pazda presents Mike Fiandola with his Model of the Month Award in the IRCC.

(Right) Jerry McGhee Achieved 100 Missions Over Florida in 2024!



(Left) Jeff Hughes achieve 100 Missions over Florida in the IRCC for 2024!



IN MEMORIUM

Dennis Peterson

May 24, 1946 – April 8, 2024

USAF Veteran

AMA Model Aviator

IRCC Member





April 15, 2024

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Dear members of the Imperial RC Club,

The Walk of Fame Brick Program is one of my favorite programs because it epitomizes the friendships and legacies that are built through this hobby. Whether purchasing a brick for oneself, a fellow pilot, or relative, the Walk of Fame is a beloved site that pays tribute to past and present AMA members and their families. We are honored to welcome your brick to the Walk of Fame in honor of Dennis Peterson. You can view the brick online at <https://amafoundation.modelaircraft.org/ama-walk-of-fame>.

Purchasing a brick on the Walk of Fame is also a great way of supporting AMA and the International Aeromodeling Center (IAC). Proceeds from brick purchases go to maintain the Walk of Fame. Not only have you honored Dennis with a brick, but you have also supported AMA. Thank you!

We have enclosed a certificate illustrating the brick's engraved message. I hope you enjoy it, and I hope you can visit the Walk of Fame soon. Please contact us for questions regarding brick engraving and placement.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve H Haston".

Steve Haston
AMA Foundation Director

Planes Trains & Automobiles - Recap!

By: David Raff

The 12th Annual Planes Trains & Automobiles event was held at the Plant City Airport on Saturday February 10th, 2024, and members of the Imperial Radio Control Club were there to represent the model aviation segment of the show.



Back Row (Left to Right): Lance Biddle, Glenn Griffin, Terry Short, Kevin Pazda, George Nauck, Ron McKie, Ray Volovar. Front Row: David Raff, Bill Pawl, Jim Giallombardo, Ron Finger. Not shown: Wally Sunde.

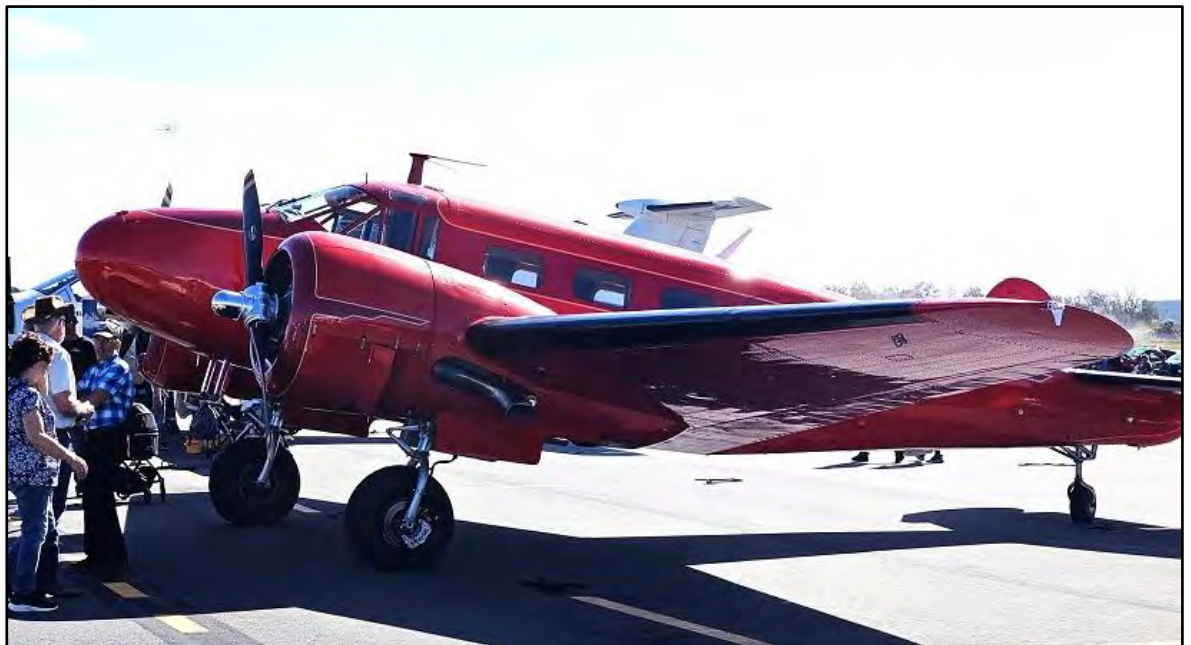
In addition to those in attendance on Saturday, Keith Genske and Jr. members Drew Powell and Preston Valk represented the club at the Media Day events with Charlie Belcher (Fox 13) And Amanda Holley (News Channel 8) on Friday 2/9/24.



<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/12th-annual-planes-trains-and-automobiles-in-plant-city-this-weekend/vi-BB1i2TJL?ocid=socialshare>

As the name implies – this event showcase's almost every form of transportation.

From Planes:



To
Trains:



The display below from Legoland was made up primarily of – you guessed it!
LEGO'S!



And of course, automobiles.

And a lot of them!





You could even have taken a ride in an open cockpit Stearman as one of our members did!



Of course, we had a few planes out on display as well!



During the event, the spectators have the opportunity to cast their votes for their favorites in one of three categories. Favorite Show car, Full Scale Aircraft and yes, even Radio-Controlled Aircraft.

Below are this year's winners – Congratulations to each!

Bill Pawl took Third Place honors with his entry:
Cessna 337 O-2 Skymaster
“Oscar Duece”



Jim Giallombardo claimed Second Place with his Blue Angels C-130 Hercules
“Fat Albert”

Wally Sunday wound up on top with First Place honors with his 86” wingspan Waco bi-plane



One of my entries – the 1929 Atlantic Fokker C-2 transport the Questionmark (pictured on previous page) was awarded Best of Show by the PTA planning committee.

Thank you to all of the members that took part this year and helped to make this event a success!

FRANK



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Aircraft Size

- Must be larger than:
- 80" Wingspan Monoplane
 - 60" Wingspan Biplane
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 - 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

NEXT IRCC MEETING



SATURDAY
May 11, 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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- 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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