

*It's Time for Some*

**July 2024**

# Propwash

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**Wally Sunday**  
**July 2024**  
**Model of the Month**

**STICK & RUDDER**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**CERTIFICATES /AWARDS**

**100 MISSION ROLL CALL**

**National Model Aviation Day and the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Tri-Fecta Fun Fly**



## Stick and Rudder

By Kevin Pazda, IRCC President

It is always surprising to see the number of visitors that we get at the field. People have shared similar stories of driving past the field for years and finally stopping to see what we are all about. You never know who the next new member will be. It seems at times that some visitors are shy and standoffish, I hope everyone feels empowered to reach out to our visitors and welcome them to get out of their cars and have a look around. My impression is that most R/C enthusiasts need very little encouragement to tell others about the hobby and the planes they fly.

It's getting to that time of year when we start thinking about our club leadership for the coming year. This is your opportunity to share some of your time and talent in making the club run smoothly. Per IRCC By-laws, nominations shall be presented at the October club meeting and the election at the November meeting. Members interested in running for positions may send a message to any of the present officers or directors.

Upcoming IRCC events

National Model Aviation Day – August 17, 2024

Warbird Fly-in – October 18, 19 & 20

The National Model Aviation Day is coming up on August 17, 2024. We plan to make this a family day, open fly-in and we will have the Annual

## Stick and Rudder Continued

Tri-Fecta Fly-In competition. Start thinking about the aircraft you want to fly for the event and start practicing! We will have two flight lines in operation. The west pilot pad will be for the Tri-Fecta Fly-in and the East Pilot pad will be for open flying.

National Model Aviation Day was created to encourage clubs to celebrate the hobby and share it with the public. The AMA is devoted to inspiring the young and young-at-heart to pursue a hobby that will inspire creativity and advanced learning through the use of hands-on applications.

IRCC needs - We have identified a few items that are needed or in need of some attention and are looking for ideas. These include:

A club trainer – if you have a surplus plane, I think we can put it to good use

Start-up stand tops – an alternate material such as a plastic deck of fence material may be an improvement.

Runway maintenance – we are trying to balance requirements and cost.

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.*

## Stick and Rudder Continued

Heat Exhaustion		Heat Stroke	
<p><b>ACT FAST</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Move to a cooler area</li><li>• Loosen clothing</li><li>• Sip cool water</li><li>• Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve</li></ul>	<p><i>Dizziness</i></p> <p><i>Thirst</i></p> <p><i>Heavy Sweating</i></p> <p><i>Nausea</i></p> <p><i>Weakness</i></p>	<p><i>Confusion</i></p> <p><i>Dizziness</i></p> <p><i>Becomes Unconscious</i></p>	<p><b>ACT FAST</b></p> <p><b>CALL 911</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Move person to a cooler area</li><li>• Loosen clothing and remove extra layers</li><li>• Cool with water or ice</li></ul>
<p><i>Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke.</i></p>		<p><i>Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.</i></p>	

### Continuous Information Update:

The 100 RC Missions Over Florida is alive and well for the 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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



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## IRCC Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2024

Total Adult members 84 / Needed for Quorum ( 20% w/2 officers ) 17 we had 25 members and 2 officers present.

### 1. Meeting called to order

### 2. The Pledge of Allegiance was said

### 3. Welcome any visitors or new members

Tim Meyer - out of the hobby for a few years getting back now.

Justin and Ricky Hall - want to learn, just inherited planes.

Pam - Lestler's girlfriend and translator

### 4. Awards and certificates:

- Model of the month Certificate for June was presented to Bob Curry
- 100 Missions were presented - No one was present

# IRCC Meeting Minutes Continued

## 5. Minutes

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

## 6. The Treasures report was made by Kevin Pazda

- All bills are paid and money is in the bank.
- Additional funds have been received from the proceeds of Dennis Peterson's estate to the tune of \$2,000.00.

## 7. Kevin also gave the membership report:

IRCC MEMBERSHIP 2024	IRCC Membership Class
89	Full Members
13	New Members
4	75/75 Members
5	Jr. Members
7	Comp Members
2	Snowbird Members

## 8. Field and Maintenance Report by Bill Pawl.

All is well no issues.

It mowing season again and help is needed, anyone willing to volunteer would be greatly appreciated.

## 9. Field Safety Report by Bob Curry

Bob said no known issues, but did remind all about prop safety especially the electric fliers and having throttle cut set up properly on your radio.

## 10. Instructors Report by Jeff Hughes.

All going well, much easier now with all the new instructors pitching in to help train on different weeks / weekends

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

Jerry - All good needs articles/pictures from all who want to contribute.

Ron - reporting a lot of bogus registrations, so make sure you get in touch with him if you think something is not right.

# IRCC Meeting Minutes Continued

## 12. New Field Search Committee.

Kevin Pazda and other club members met with the property owner of the Lake Wales site to talk about what was needed for a proper field. Owner was very open and acceptable to our needs, and to moving the project forward. As of now we have no timeline nor are we in any hurry to move from our current field since nothing has changed with our Badcock relationship.

Kevin did say this site has potential to be world world-class field for flying all types of RC aircraft.

## 13. Old Business

None

## 14. New Business

None

## 15. Future Events

a) **National Model Aviation Day** August 17, 2024

b) **Warbird Fly -in** October 18,19, 20, 2024

c) **Toys for Tots** December 7, 2024

**The Toys for Tots** event will also be our end-of-the-year party here at the field.

## 16. Over and Above Nominations

Bill Pawl for the outstanding field maintenance and mowing job he does.

All the instructors for the help they provide to the club members and those interested in our hobby.

## 17. Plane of the Month

Wally Sundry - 33% Extreme Flight Laser 200 powered by Rotomax 160 with an 85" wingspan. powered by two 5s batteries and a Castle 160-amp ESC.

## 18. Announcements -

Triple Creeks Swap meet is being held on July 13th.

## 19. 50/50 drawing

The \$35.00 of the \$70.00 pot, was won by Bill Pawl.

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

See you at the next meeting on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 10:00 am at the IRCC.

# July 2024 IRCC Meeting DAY



(Left) Kevin Pazda presents Bob Curry with his Model of the Month Certificate from June 2024.



(Above) Preston Valk IRCC 50/50 Ticket Sales Director. Jerry McGhee had an app on his phone that can turn him into a Muppet...just for fun!



# NATIONAL MODEL AVIATION DAY

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual IRCC TRIFECTA FUN FLY CONTEST RULES

### 7th Annual IRCC TRIFECTA FUN FLY

The events for this Club Fun-Fly are meant to be non-plane-breaking events that any aircraft can do that will test your skill and your luck. Have fun, stay safe, keep your wings level, and hit whatever you're going to hit as gently as you can. This Fun Fly will take place on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at 08:30 AM start time in conjunction with the IRCC Family Day and the AMA's National Model Aviation Day. This early start allows us to finish for any unscheduled afternoon thunderstorms.

### **TROPHIES and RIBBONS**

Three events 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place for each event with a ribbon for each place.  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies for overall combined scores to the top three finishers.

### **THE EVENTS**

Event 1: Fly for 2 minutes

Event 2: Precision Landing

Event 3: Guess Your Speed

### **MAXIMUM POINTS PER EVENT:**

EVENT 1: 100

EVENT 2: 120

EVENT 3: 100

TOTAL MAXIMUM NUMBER OF POINTS COMBINED: 320 Points

### **THE UNBENDABLE RULES FOR ALL EVENTS**

1. Qualifications: Must be an IRCC member (or a guest of an IRCC member)
2. **2022 Rule Addendum: A pilot may use a different aircraft for each event, however, in the event the aircraft does not complete an event, a substitute aircraft will not be used to complete the event.**
3. Scoring: In order for a score to be tallied at least one wheel needs to land on the paved runway in each event prior to contacting the ground.
4. Any crash in any event will result in a score of Zero for that event. Contestant will finish with the points they have earned prior to the crash.

### **INDIVIDUAL EVENT RULES:**

#### EVENT 1: FLY FOR TWO MINUTES

Time begins when the aircraft wheels leave the ground. The pilot commences to fly his/her aircraft for two minutes without the aid of any timer or encouragement from the crowd and/or bystanders. Detection of transmitter timers will result in a zero score. Time ends when the aircraft lands on the paved runway. The closest to the 2-minute time mark + or - (under or over the 2 minutes) will be ranked. Scoring is as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> – 100 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – 75 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – 50 points

4<sup>th</sup> and below – 25 points

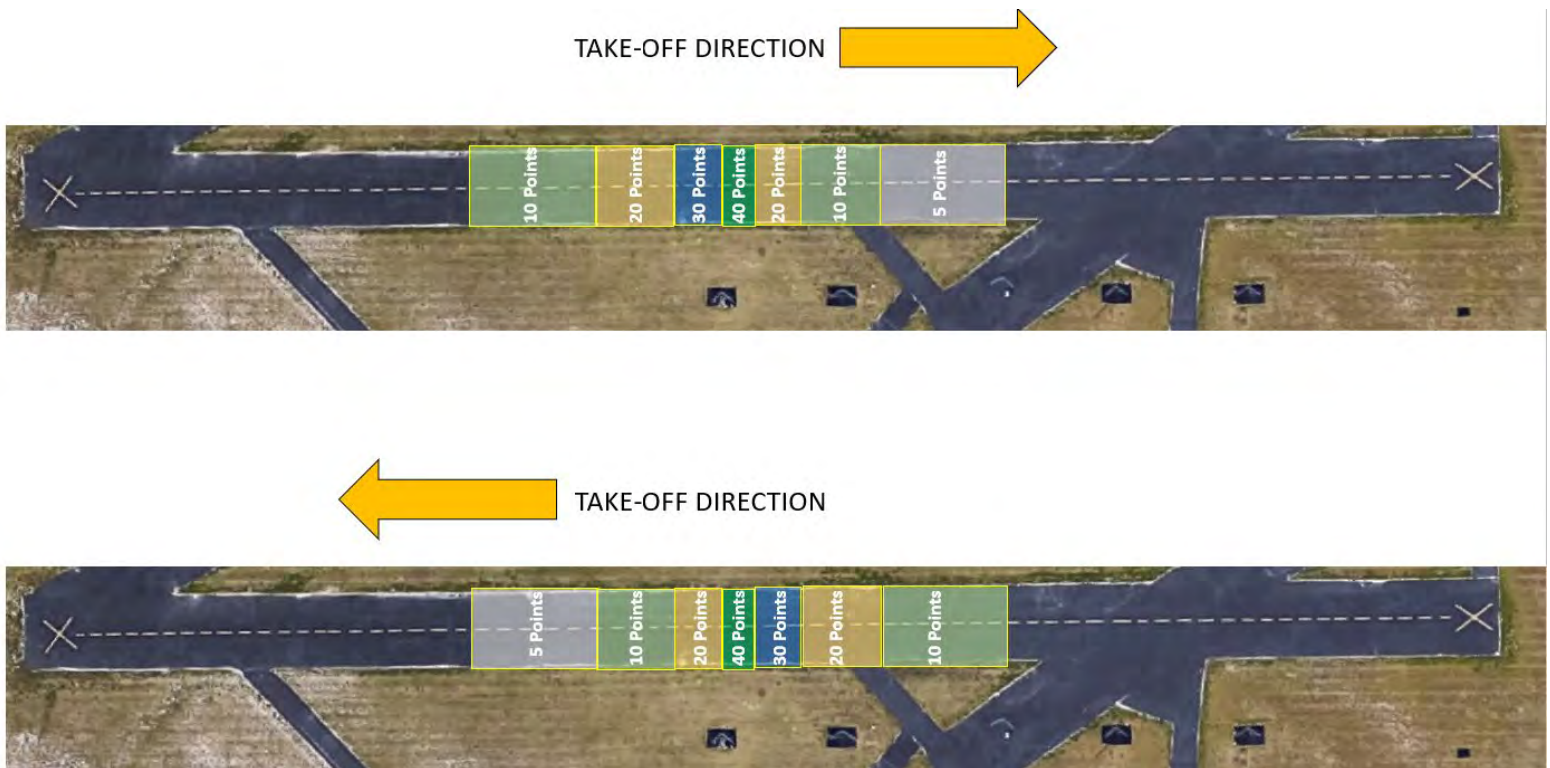
## EVENT 2: PRECISION LANDING

Pilots will take off and make three touch-and-go landings with each landing being scored on the zone the wheel(s) touch into. IRCC Runway is 585 feet long. The scoring portion for this event will be 152 feet of scoring zones on the runway divided into 7 zones of 32' 24' 16' 8' 16' 24' 32'. In case of wind direction change, the direction of the take-off will determine the score sequence.

i.e. left to right take off. The score will be 10/20/30/40/20/10/5

One wheel of the main landing gear has to contact the scoring section of the runway and aircraft must maintain control after landing and remain in an airworthy condition.

There will be 3 scored attempts, the pilot will have to call the landing prior to entering the base leg. If the pilot fails to land the score will be 0 and one attempt will be used. Any go-around without touching the runway will result in a zero score.



## EVENT 3: Guess Your Speed

The pilot will call his speed prior to the flight. The pilot will then take his/her aircraft off and have three attempts to fly at that speed. Speed will be measured by a Doppler radar gun. The closest matched speed of the three attempts to the speed called by the pilot will win. The pilot may call any speed prior to take off. For example: Pilot 1 calls 45 mph and flies 46mph. Pilot 2 calls 55 mph and flies 53 mph. Pilot 1 would win as they are +1mph and pilot 2 is - 2 mph. If a pilot fails to land on the paved runway the score is 0.

Scoring is as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> – 100 points

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# IRCC Tri-Fecta Fun Fly Grand Champions

2024 – TBD August 17, 2024

2023 – Jerry McGhee

2022 – Wesley Miller

2021 – Rich Baker

2020 – Ryan Roberts

2019 – John Burdin

2018 – Jerry McGhee



2023 Jerry McGhee (Right)



2022 Wesley Miller



2021 Rich Baker



2020 Ryan Roberts



2019 John Burdin



2018 Jerry McGhee

# IRCC 100 Missions Over Florida



*Log your sorties!*

**DREW POWELL, JERRY MCGHEE,  
JEFF HUGHES, GLENN GRIFFIN, ROGER  
GRIFFITH, JOHN BURDIN, MIKE  
FIANDOLA**



**August 17, 2024**





# IRCC Warbird



# Fly-In



**October 18-20, 2024**

**Mulberry, Florida**

**Any Size Warbird  
Electric, Gas, or Nitro is welcome!  
Sorry, no turbine aircraft.**







# Triple Creek Radio Control Aircraft Club

Saturday 10 August

## National Model Aviation Day

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# 2024 Model of the Year Nominees

January - June



**January**  
**Dave Richards**  
**Veco Smoothie**  
**Kit Build**



**February**  
**Bill Hoenstine**  
**Waco-U**  
**Kit Build**



**March**  
**Mike Fiandola**  
**Junkers JU-87 Stuka**  
**ARF**



**April**  
**Larry Odom**  
**60" Trainer**  
**Scratch Built**



**May**  
**Mr. Nobody**  
**Nothing**  
**Not Built**



**June**  
**Bob Curry**  
**British Pup**  
**Kit Built**

# 2024 Model of the Year Nominees

July - December



**July**  
**Wally Sunday**  
**Lazer 200**  
**ARF**



**August**  
**Could Be You**  
**Your Plane**  
**Your Build**



**September**  
**Could Be You**  
**Your Plane**  
**Your Build**



**October**  
**Could Be You**  
**Your Plane**  
**Your Build**



**November**  
**Could Be You**  
**Your Plane**  
**Your Build**



**December**  
**Could Be You**  
**Your Plane**  
**Your Build**



# NEXT IRCC MEETING



**SATURDAY**  
**August 10, 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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## IRCC DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS

Guests and Non-Flying  
IRCC Members

IRCC Flying Members and  
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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