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**September 2024**

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STICK & RUDDER

MEETING MINUTES

CERTIFICATES /AWARDS

100 MISSION ROLL CALL



## Stick and Rudder

By IRCC President Kevin Pazda

### **Warbirds**

If you have been to the field lately, you may have seen some warbirds starting to come out of hiding. In our upcoming event, I anticipate reenactments with everything from Dawn Patrol to the Battle of Britain to modern-day jets.

### **Student Guests**

On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, we are expecting a field trip visit from a local school. We anticipate having more than 30 guests in the field, to learn about model aviation and R/C airplanes. If you can come out on Wednesday morning to participate, we welcome your help.

### **Club Officer Elections**

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.

### **Update on the Mulberry field**

By now you have probably heard that Conn's, the company that purchased Badcocks, has filed for bankruptcy. The distribution center next door has been closing down and signs have been erected indicating the space is available. We understand that the assets are up for auction, but little else is known at this time. I shall publish any news as it is learned.

The water ski site to the East of the field has been purchased and the new owner is developing an RV resort complete with amenities. When you are at the field and look to the East you may notice that the distant tree line has disappeared. Having said these things, there is no reason for excitement. It has however provided some encouragement to continue planning the development of our other flying sites.

Even in the dog days of summer, the mornings are beautiful at the field. The grass is green and low, the breeze is usually light, and the sun takes some time to heat things up. It is a great time to get a few flights in before seeking a cooler environment.

### **Upcoming IRCC events**

Warbird Fly-in – October 18, 19 & 20

Toys for Tots and Family Day December 7<sup>th</sup> – This will also be our year-end celebration. Come on out for a covered dish/Potluck lunch and stress-free flying



## Stick and Rudder Continued

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

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

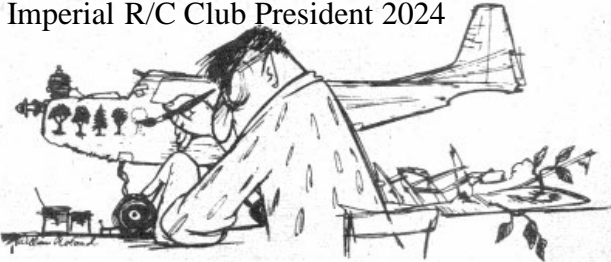
Runway maintenance – we are trying to balance requirements and cost.

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



### Collision Course

In the wide blue yonder, a whisper of grace,  
An R/C plane soared, carving its space.  
With a hum of excitement, it danced through the air,  
A marvel of engineering, free without care.  
Controllers in hand, I felt every rise,  
The sun on my face, the thrill in my eyes.  
Loops and rolls, I was king of the skies,  
Until fate took a turn, and I heard a small sigh.  
With a sudden miscalculation, my heart skipped a beat,  
The tree loomed ahead, its branches concrete.  
In a moment of panic, I pulled on the stick,  
But the plane had other plans, it was all rather quick.  
A crash, a crunch, then silence fell near,  
My little bird tangled, caught high in the sphere.  
Leaves whispered secrets, the bark wore a frown,  
As I stared at my dream, now trapped and let down.  
But laughter bubbled up, a lesson in play,  
In every misstep, there's joy on the way.  
With a climb and a stretch, I'd rescue my flight,  
For in each little crash, there's a spark of delight.



*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><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>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><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

September 7, 2024

Total Adult members 84 / Needed for Quorum (20% w/2 officers) 17 We had 21 members present

**1. Meeting called to order**

**2. The Pledge of Allegiance was said**

**3. Welcome any visitors or new members**

New Member Avery Valk who is Preston Valk's younger brother

**4. Awards and certificates:**

- Model of the month Certificate - Glenn Griffin received his certificate
- 100 Missions was presented to Tom Carracino for his 102 flights

**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.



# IRCC Meeting Minutes Continued

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

- All bills are paid, and money is in the bank.

## 7. Kevin Pazda gave the membership report:

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

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

All is well; no major issues exist except for the donated kit items noted below.

We have a new spray rig donated by Jim Giallombardo.

If you donate items such as kits or anything the weather can blow across the field, please do not leave it on the tables. We had a mess of kits that the wind blew parts all across the field because they were left on the tables.

## 9. Field Safety Report by Bob Curry

Bob Curry was not present, but Kevin reminded all about prop safety.

## 10. Instructors Report by Jeff Hughes.

We have a new club trainer thanks to Wally Sunday donating an 1800mm FMS Ranger. Jeff Hughes has got it up and is working with a new receiver and parts.

All is 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 was not present - All good. If you have an article/pictures please contribute.

Some members reported getting a newsletter but without pictures. To investigate with Jerry.

Ron McKie - All is well with the website no issues to report. Reminded those having issues with the newsletter to go to the website and view it there.

# IRCC Meeting Minutes Continued

## 12. New Field Search Committee.

Kevin Pazda announced things are moving forward at one of the other sites with material for runway and parking lots being priced.

Was announced that Badcock and its parent company Conn's have filed for bankruptcy, but no word on what this will mean for us.

Open talk about numerous things that could happen from the land being donated to the club to being bought or donated to County or City.

We are still on a month-by-month basis for now as it has been for 35-40 years.

## 13. Old Business

Report on National Model Aviation Day which was held on August 17.

Not as large of a turnout as hoped for but for those pilots who participated it was a great time and lots of fun.

Winners were posted in the last newsletter.

Was asked about possibly doing a second event later this year. Discuss the next meeting.

## 14. New Business

Kevin was contacted by Kevin Rought of the Civil Air Patrol asking about cadets visiting the field and learning about model aviation. Also discussed UAS flying. Jeff Hughes was going to do a follow-up call for more details and possible times, more to follow next meeting. It was brought up to have them visit during the upcoming warbird fly-in.

Kevin was also contacted by Windermere school about a visit on Wednesday, October 2nd in the morning between 9:00 am and Noon. Would have approx. 26 students ages 10 to 14, 3 teachers, and several parents.

Open talk about what we could do to keep the kids engaged from letting them use buddy box and fly to members bringing simulators while waiting to get to flight line to static demos and learning.

Volunteers are needed and appreciated for equipment ( simulators, buddy cables, planes )

## 15. Future Events

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

b) Toys for Tots and Family Day    **December 7, 2024**

David Raff asked if anyone who still works thinks they could set up a donation at their workplace please contact him.

## 16. Over and Above Nominations

Jim Giallombardo for the donated spray rig.

## 17. Plane of the Month

Tom Carracino with his Don Mudamon glow fuel "Flying Machine"

## IRCC Meeting Minutes Continued

### 18. Announcements -

None

### 19. 50/50 drawing

The \$80.00 pot was won by Tom Carracino, he then donated his \$40.00 winnings back to the club.

### 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.

*The End*

↓ The IRCC Trainer Pit Crew readying a trainer for another sortie.





# September 2024 IRCC Meeting DAY



Glenn Griffin gets his Model of the Month award for August



Tom Carrasino gets his 100 Missions Patch!



# IRCC 100 Missions Over Florida

*Log your sorties!*



**DREW POWELL**

**JERRY MCGHEE**

**JEFF HUGHES**

**GLENN GRIFFIN**

**ROGER GRIFFITH**

**JOHN BURDIN**

**MIKE FIANDOLA**

**PRESTON VALK**

**TOM CARRACINO**







# IRCC Warbird

**AMERICA'S**  
**AIRFIELD**

# Fly-In

**IMPERIAL**  
R/C CLUB  
AMA CHARTER #727

**October 18-20, 2024**

**Mulberry, Florida**

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







**TCRC**

*Any size aircraft  
AMA Required*



**Triple Creek Radio Control Aircraft Club**

# **WATT FEST**

*All Electric Radio Control Aviation Event!*

## **Saturday 12 October**

**Spectators Welcome Free**

- 8:00 am – till?
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Contact: Keith Hall 813-928-3861

# VISIT OUR *HUGE* ANNUAL INDOOR R/C SWAP MEET TO BUY-SELL-TRADE

PLANES – JETS – HELICOPTERS – DRONES - PARTS & ACCESSORIES



**Saturday, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 8am-11am\***

**Recreation Plantation Community Center**

**609 Hwy 466, Lady Lake, FL 32159**

Contact: Greg DeSantis

[gdesantis2524@comcast.net](mailto:gdesantis2524@comcast.net)

**Reserve Table(s) \$15 ea. online** with credit card and *more information...*

**SouthernEagleSquadron.com/swap-meet**

**GREAT FAMILY EVENT!**

Admission: \$5.00 includes family

\* Vendor only set-up starts at 6:30am

**It would be a crime to miss it!**







AMA Sanctioned # 16391

# Hernando County R/C Club Veteran's Day Warbirds over Masaryktown



**Monday, November 11, 2024**

**\$15 landing fee for registered pilots, includes lunch (hot dogs)**

- Open to all AMA Members, Family & Friends- A community event
- Field opens at 6:30AM, Pilot meeting @9am

**Open to NON-Warbirds also, come fly!**



Awards for events to be handed out for fun fly. "Bragging Rights", plus Combat flying

### Warbird Awards

Best Static Scale, Best Realistic Flight,  
Best Looking Aircraft, Pilots Choice Award

Field Located:

18454 Benes Rouch Road, Masaryktown, Fl 34604

Web site: <https://hcrcc.com>

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**Events + Streamer Fun Fly + BBQ + FREE CHILDREN'S "FUN FLY" with  
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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**  
**Glenn Griffin**  
**Freewing Zeus**  
**Custom Paint ARF**



**September**  
**Tom Carracino**  
**Flying Machine**  
**Kit**



**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**  
**October 5, 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.







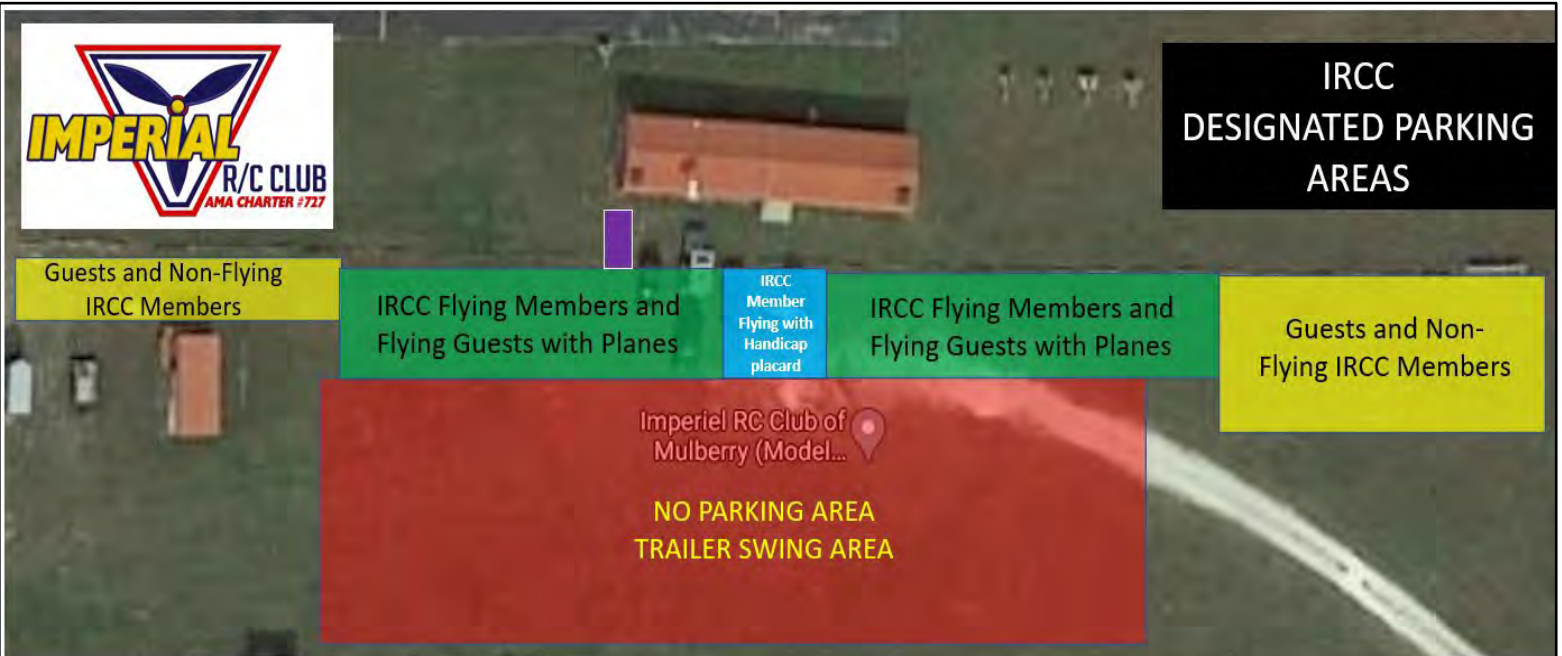
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- 3 Designated spots for IRCC members with handicap placards and they intend to fly during their visit to the IRCC. Non-flying park in yellow spots
- Parking for any IRCC member or guest with a plane and they will be flying during their visit to the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