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October 2024

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Preston Valk
October 2024
Model of the Month



MILTON

STICK & RUDDER MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATES /AWARDS

Wonderhere School and 100 MISSION ROLL CALL



Stick and Rudder

By IRCC President Kevin Pazda

Another blustery day

It's been a couple of weeks since hurricane Milton came passing through Polk County. While they're still trees and brush and debris stacked up on the roadsides, most of this area has started getting back to normal. For some folks out near the coast it's going to take longer than a few weeks, for others, life has forever changed.

Out here at the flying field we had some damage but fortunately it wasn't particularly bad. Our shelters are leaning over a little bit and require some attention. We lost some sheet metal on both the main pavilion as well as the helicopter area, and once again some fan blades. By and large I would say we were fortunate. A big thank you to all who helped prepare for the storm as well as clean up afterwards.

Warbirds

Another one of the casualties of Hurricane Milton, indirectly was our warbird event. With the additional stress that the hurricane imposed on the residents of Central Florida, on power outages, on gasoline shortages, and the distraction of needing to clean up the mess left behind from the storm, it was decided to cancel the event. Rest assured we'll give it another go in the future in hopes that the weather will be more cooperative and there'll be less distractions.

Student Guests

On October 2nd, we had a field trip visit from a local school. We Successfully flew more than 20 excited students both young and old on a collection of trainers. At one time we had four trainers in the air and we're able to give everyone as many flights as they cared to enjoy. There were four simulators set up in the pavilion for guests to operate, several exhibition flights of some of the larger scale aircraft, and a demonstration of water rockets. I want to thank all of the members that participated in the mornings activities everyone contributed to provide a fantastic experience for both the students and the adults as well. It seems like everyone had an opportunity to learn some things, and to try some things that they might not otherwise have access to.

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

The Conn's/Badcock sale has been completed. The company has been purchased by Jefferson Capital or Sartell, Minn. We have no indication how we may be affected. I shall publish any news as it is learned.

Stick and Rudder Continued

Even in the hot 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

- Toys for Tots and Family Day December 7th – This will also be our year-end celebration. Come on out for a covered dish/Potluck lunch and stress-free flying
- 2025 Florida E-jet festival February 6-9, 2025.

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



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Stick and Rudder Continued

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!

Kevin Pazda
Imperial R/C Club President 2024



Cessna in the Storm

In a museum bright, where dreams took flight,
A model Cessna hung, a dazzling sight.
Wings spread wide, in blue and white,
It whispered tales of soaring height.
Visitors marveled, their eyes aglow,
As they dreamed of flying with skies below.
But dark clouds gathered, a tempest grew,
Whispers of thunder, a chilling brew.
The wind howled fiercely, rattling the door,
The Cessna swayed, a perilous score.
Then came a gust, wild and unbound,
With a snap, it fell to the ground.
Pieces scattered, like leaves in the breeze,
A labor of love, now brought to its knees.
The onlookers knelt, heart heavy with pain,
Each broken fragment a whisper of rain.
Yet dawn broke anew, the storm had passed,
Club members gathered; their kindness amassed.
“Let us rebuild,” they offered with cheer,
Together they’d rise, together they’d steer.
Wood, paint, and glue, their hands intertwined,
Crafting a dream, a vision redefined.
Laughter and stories filled up the space,
A symbol of hope, a testament of grace.
Finally restored, it hung once more,
Glimmering bright, as it did before.
A plaque at its base, simple and true,
“Stronger Together” — a spirit renewed.
So let storms come, let the winds roar,
For from shattered dreams, new visions soar.
In the heart of the flying field, where the Cessna
remains,
Lives the story of hope, through joys and through
pains.



IRCC Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2024

**Total Adult members 86 / Needed for Quorum (20% w/2 officers)
17 we had 21 members present.**

1. The Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was said

3. Welcome any visitors or new members

Scott Littleman and Cody Marrone both new members

4. Awards and certificates:

- Model of the Month Certificate - Wally Sundry finally received his certificate for Model of the Month for July.
- Tom Carracino received his certificate for September
- **100 Missions** - was presented to Bill Pawl

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 Treasurer's report was made by Kevin Pazda

- All bills paid and money in the bank.

7. Kevin also gave the membership report as well.

IRCC MEMBERSHIP 2024	IRCC Membership Class
90	Full Members
14	New Members
4	75/75 Members
7	Jr. Members
7	Comp Members
2	Snowbird Members

IRCC Meeting Minutes Continued

8. Field and Maintenance Report by Bill Pawl.

All is well no issues.

Bill Pawl reminded us all about driving any vehicle across any paved surfaces, PLEASE DO NOT DO IT, it ruts the pavement as the pavement is not rated for load bearing of vehicles.

9. Field Safety Report by Bob Curry

Bob Curry reminded us all about prop safety, and throttle cut especially for new members.

10. Instructors Report by Jeff Hughes

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 McGhee said to send your articles/pictures from all who want to contribute.

Kevin to write an article about the Wonderhere school visit we had on Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Ron McKie - All is well with the website no issues to report.

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.

13. Old Business

Report on Badcock/Conn's ownership situation by Kevin, No word, but all bids are complete and waiting for the winner to be announced which is set to be released in February 2025.

We had a great visit by the Wonderhere school at IRCC on October 2, 2024, with about 15 students ages 10-14, 2 teachers, and several parents. We provided a learning experience with real-time flying, multiple simulators, and water rockets. Everyone had a great time and received very positive feedback.

14. New Business

- Elections for Club officers- Kevin explained who was staying at the current post who wanted to change and the needs that needed to be filled.
- Need someone to be Secretary William Reding is willing to be considered as a nominee for the IRCC Vice President position in 2025.
- Kevin volunteered to stay President unless someone else puts a hat in the ring.
- Steve Jaworski will stay as Treasurer for one more year only.
- A special motion was made to allow Jim Giallombardo to take Bill Littlefield's Directors position until his term would have been up, a motion was 2nd and carried.
- David Dewitt would take Gary Schneider's Director's position as his term is up and David would be leaving the Vice President position.

IRCC Meeting Minutes Continued

15. Future Events

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

b) Toys for Tots and Family Day, End of the year celebration, Swap Meet December 7, 2024, more to follow on this event

c) Planes, Trains, and Automobiles tentative date February 1, 2025.

This would have been the Club's monthly meeting date, so a motion was made to change the February meeting date to the last Saturday in January, a motion was 2nd and carried.

The February 2025 meeting date will be Saturday, January 25, 2025.

David Raff asked if anyone who still works thinks they could set up a donation box for Toys for Tots drop-off at their workplace please contact him.

16. Over and Above Nominations

All those who helped with the Hurricane Helene Clean-up and Wonderhere School event

17. Plane of the Month

Preston Volk with a Trademark Edge 540 EP ARF that he and his grandfather built.

18. Announcements -

Bob Curry did his last In the Shop update on the "Pup" he has been building. Great job Bob.

19. 50/50 drawing

The \$55.00 pot was won by Will Reding, he then donated all 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





2025 CLUB OFFICERS
ELECTION BALLOT

PRESIDENT

Kevin Pazda
(incumbent)

(Write-in)

VICE PRESIDENT

Will Reding
(Nominee)

(Write-in)

SECRETARY

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

TREASURER

Steve Jawarski
(incumbent)

(Write-in)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jerry McGhee - 3rd Year
Jim Guilombardo - 2nd Year *
David DeWitt-1st Year
* Previously voted in

Members name

AMA Number

**IRCC Election Day
November 2, 2024**

**IRCC Member Ballot
Print and bring to meeting**



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.



Very recently, a group of enthusiastic students from WonderHere School embarked on a field trip to our local flying field, eager to explore the world of aviation. The sun was bright, and the sky was dotted with fluffy clouds, perfect for a day of discovery.

As the students arrived, they were greeted by our clubs volunteers, seasoned aviators with a passion for teaching. They welcomed them warmly and introduced them to the wonders of flight. The students were buzzing with excitement.

“Today,” the chief flight instructor announced, “you’ll learn about model airplanes, the principles of flight, and even the science behind rockets and computers that help us soar through the skies!”



The students gathered around a display filled with model airplanes of all shapes and sizes. Each model was meticulously crafted, showcasing various designs, from gliders to powered aircraft. One of the flight instructors began by explaining the four fundamental forces of flight: lift, weight, thrust, and drag. The students listened intently as he described how

wings generate lift and how engines provide thrust.

To illustrate his point, another instructor picked up a sleek trainer model. “Let’s see how lift works in action!” He launched the airplane into the air, and the students cheered as it glided gracefully before landing softly on the runway. “That’s the magic of aerodynamics!” he exclaimed, a smile on his face.

Next, the club instructors led the group to pilot stations where they could take turns flying model airplanes under the watchful guidance of an experienced instructor. Meanwhile other students took turns flying virtual model airplanes on simulators at computers. As they flew their airplanes, they engaged in lively discussions about the math involved—calculating dimensions, angles, and weight distribution.



“Did you know,” quipped one of the adults, “that the principles of flight date back thousands of years? The ancient Greeks and Chinese experimented with kites long before we had powered flight.” He shared fascinating stories about pioneers like the Wright brothers and Amelia Earhart, blending history seamlessly into their lesson.



During their various activities, the student’s attention was drawn to the flying field. There, they were treated to exciting demonstrations by skilled pilot flying a remote-controlled jets and large scale airplanes. The planes zoomed through the air, performing loops and barrel rolls. The students gasped in awe, and one of them asked, “How do they control it?”



One of the teachers explained the role of computers in aviation today. “Modern aircraft rely on advanced software and navigation systems. The same technology helps us in model airplanes, making them more stable and easier to fly.”

Finally, the students took turns launching water powered rocket models. With every launch, laughter erupted as rockets soared, spun, or nosedived. Some students experienced the thrill of success when their favorite models glided smoothly, while others learned valuable lessons from their less-than-perfect flights.

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As the sun began to peak, casting a warm glow over the flying field, the chief flight instructor gathered the students for a final reflection. “Today, you’ve learned not just about flight but how science, math, history, and technology intertwine. Every airplane, every rocket, every flight you take has a story rooted in knowledge and innovation.”



The students, buzzing with excitement and newfound understanding, promised to share their experiences with friends and family. They left the flying field that day inspired, their minds filled with dreams of future flights, ready to explore the endless possibilities of aviation.



And so, the students returned to Wonderhere school, their hearts soaring higher than ever,

united by the thrill of learning and the joy of discovery.

October 2024 IRCC Meeting DAY

Wally Sundeley Receives his certificate for Model of the Month for his July 2024 Entry



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FLASH BACK

TOP GUN INVITATIONAL

LET'S HOPE THIS GREAT MEET WILL BE AROUND FOR MANY YEARS

BY WALLY ZOBER
WITH PHOTOS BY WALLY ZOBER

"Did you ever have the feeling that you wanted to go, then you got the feeling that you wanted to stay?" That was a line in a song which Jimmy Durante used to sing. (Those of you over fifty years old will remember Jimmy Durante.) Well, that's what happened to me on Saturday morning, April 21, the second day of the Top Gun Invitational. For months, I had been planning to attend this event — so what happened? I overslept (never woke up until 9:45 a.m.), had to shave, shower, slug down a cup of coffee, and drive three and a half hours from Orlando to Coral Springs. That's when this spirit of doubt began to work on my mind and I started thinking, "Is this trip

"Mr. Top Gun," Bob Florence, and his exquisite F18-A Hornet. Bob and his twin-engine jet fighter really deserved that top spot — and you couldn't ask for a nicer guy to be Mr. Top Gun.

Neil "Snodgrass" Midding Special won second place, proving that you need not have a highly detailed military aircraft to win at Top Gun.

A photograph of a man sitting next to a large model of an F18-A Hornet jet fighter. The model is white with blue and red accents, and has "NAVY" and "HORNET" written on it. The man is wearing a white t-shirt with "ATA" on it. In the background, there is a large crowd of people and other model airplanes on a grassy field under a cloudy sky.

October 2024 IRCC Meeting DAY



Tom Carrasino
Receives his
September Model
of the Month Award



Bill Pawl Receives his 100 missions'
patch





Bob Curry's "From the Workshop" 2024 series was completed at the October 2024 meeting where he showed the completed project of his Balsa USA 1/6 Scale Sopwith Pup!



Fun Facts about Bob Curry! In addition to attending every single Top Gun Invitational for 35 years, Bob has also attended every single Old Rhinebeck annual fly-in since Wilbur Wright made the first flight! ☺

Cole Palen's
OLD RHINEBECK
AERODROME

A silhouette of a biplane, shown from a side profile, flying towards the right. It has two sets of wings and a tail section.

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

BILL PAWL





Family Day, Fun Fly & Swap Meet!

Benefitting the Polk County "Toys for Tots" Organization!

Saturday December 7th, 2024!

Need to make some room or add to your hanger? Looking To Buy, Sell or Trade???
Then come join us and let's have some fun!

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**\$ 10.00 DONATION OR AN
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Event CD - David Raff (email: raff7113@msn.com)



February 6-9, 2024

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gdesantis2524@comcast.net

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Admission: \$5.00 includes family

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

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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

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RCACF SWAP MEET



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8AM-1PM**

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THE CONCESSION STAND WILL BE
OPEN FOR LUNCH.**

**THE FLIGHTLINE WILL BE OPEN TO
ALL AMA MEMBERS.**

**THE FIELD ADDRESS IS
203 W KEENE RD, APOPKA
FL 32703**



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
Preston Valk
Your Plane
ARF



November
Could Be You
Your Plane
Your Build



December
Could Be You
Your Plane
Your Build

NEXT IRCC MEETING



**November 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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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

IRCC Building

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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