

It's Time for Some

December 2024

# Propwash

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HAPPY NEW  
YEAR 2025



Merry  
Christmas!

Jeff Hughes  
December 2024  
Model of the Month

STICK & RUDDER    MEETING MINUTES    CERTIFICATES /AWARDS

Toys for Tots    100 MISSION ROLL CALL



## Stick and Rudder

### By IRCC President Kevin Pazda

**Annual Dues are being accepted.** Please check your AMA status to be sure you are current. Steve has been reviewing the membership applications on file and has determined that he is missing some. There are membership applications in the display case at the field. If you have had any changes to contact information, or wish to update your application, the forms are available and may be turned in to any of the club officers.

**Drones everywhere!** - Here it is the beginning of 2025. The hot topic in the news these days is unidentified machines flying over New Jersey and other areas in the northeast. There's been a lot of speculation that these objects are drones of one sort or another. Some have been described as the size of a car, or a bus! The news likes to call them drones, the government wants to call them UAS and unfortunately, our model airplanes get lumped into the same category. Many people have been alarmed by the presence of machines in the air causing "hysteria" and have proffered a number of different theories as to why flying machines would occupy space in the night sky. The really dangerous issue presently is the widespread notion that things need to be shot down to determine what they are. There is a saying in show business that 'There is no such thing as bad publicity' but it is easy to envision that misidentification of lights in the sky, coupled with the proliferation of speculation of nefarious intent, topped with the idea that "some agencies" have been given the green light to use deadly force to bring down aircraft, may cause individuals to take matters into their own hands and result in innocent people being hurt, property damaged and laws broken.

What does this have to do with us? As a result of this latest kerfuffle, NOTAMS have been issued in several areas that prohibit flying drones (meaning R/C airplanes as well). We get NOTAMS requiring closing the field in Mulberry, when there are notable visits to Tampa, for example. The AMA has some good information on their website, including a lengthy list of NOTAMS prohibiting operations for a months time.

What can we do about it? Not too much, encourage people to think critically, and ask questions. Talk about the benefits of our hobby and recognize there are many things that operate (or exist) in the sky above that are perfectly fine as they are.

**Toys for Tots and Family Day** – This was a success, Our year end celebration, monthly meeting, pot luck lunch and stress-free flying was enjoyed by all.

**Model of the Year** – Voting is still open until the end of the year, for the model of the year. Find the email with the link and vote for your favorite.

## Stick and Rudder Continued

### Upcoming IRCC events

- **Planes, Trains and Automobiles - February 1, 2025**
- **Florida E-jet festival February 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 2025.**

### Other activities at the field

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

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 2024/2025



*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

## 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!

Kevin Pazda  
Imperial R/C Club President 2024



# 2025



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## 2025 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 provide assistance to make that easier.

### **Membership renewal for 2025 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 2024.

The only caveat is that the full balance of dues needs to be paid in full by the end of March 2025 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](mailto:sajetguy@aol.com) advising me that you are using this dues payment plan.

Thank you!  
Steve Jaworski  
Treasurer

THE GATE CODE WILL CHANGE  
ON



January 4, 2025  
PAY YOUR CLUB DUES

# IRCC Meeting Minutes

## December 7th, 2024

Total IRCC members on roster **93**. Number of IRCC members required for a Quorum at a meeting (20% w/2 officers) = 18.  
Attendance: 21 members were present with the required number of officers.

### 1. Meeting called to order

A special moment of silence was observed for the passing of George Nauck's wife and Chris Trumble.

### 2. The Pledge of Allegiance was said

### 3. Welcome any visitors or new members

New Members were introduced: Nick Evans

### Awards and certificates:

- Model of the month Certificate - Tom Carracino received his certificate in October and Jeff Hughes received his for November
- **100 Missions Patch** - Was presented to Larry Odom and James Enderton

### 5. Minutes

A 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 Treasures report was made by Steve Jaworski

- All bills paid and money in the bank.
- 2025 Dues are now being accepted.
- Working on tax forms for next month

### 7. Membership:

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

# IRCC Meeting Minutes Continued

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

All is well no issues.

Thanked all those members who helped maintain the Field

Bill reminded all that the shed is not a personal storage area and if you do put anything in it, it is at your own risk.

Wally Sundeby made a motion to give Bill Pawl free membership for all the work he does for the field and club, after much discussion it was decided to table the motion until the motion could go before the Executive Committee and be brought back at the January 2025 meeting.

## 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 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 needs articles/pictures from all who want to contribute.

Ron McKie - All is well with the website no issues to report. Request when anyone develops flyers or printable material for location, please send a to him so he can include it in the newsletter.

## 12. New Field Search Committee.

No changes location, our checks are still being cashed.

If anyone has a place of interest in the new field location, please bring it to an Officer's attention so it can be persuaded.

## 13. Old Business

Report on Badcock/Conn's ownership situation by Kevin, no new news other than it has been through bankruptcy and has a new owner.

## 14. New Business

None

## 15. Future Events

### a) Planes, Trains, and Automobiles - February 1, 2025.

The February 2025 meeting date will be Saturday, January 25, 2025. David Raff to supply more information on the event in January meeting

### b) Florida e-jet Festival - February 6 -9th

More news coming from Jerry McGhee

### c) The Frank Tiano All Scale Fly-in

Tentatively the last week of April or the first of May per Glenn Griffin



## IRCC Meeting Minutes Continued

### 16. Over and Above Nominations

David Raff for the Toys for Tot drive

### 17. Plane of the Month

Jeff Hughes wins with his Motion RC Black Horse A6M Zero. It was a four-plane battle royal with all planes very deserving.

Keith Genske and his Tower Hobby Phoenix Wessling

David Raff and his Motion RC Nexus A26 K variation

David DeWitt and his 30-year-old Cardin Kit Extra

### 18. Announcements -

David Raff thanked all those who donated toys or money for the Toys for Tot drive.

### 19. 50/50 drawing

Glenn Griffin was the winner.

### 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*

**FLASH  
BACK**

**Former IRCC  
Member Mark  
Huntington rings  
it out at the  
IRCC in 2018!**



# SAFETY MESSAGE



Don't Drive on The  
IRCC Runway!

# December 2024 IRCC Meeting DAY



**Tom Carrasino receives his Model of the Month Certificates from Kevin Pazda (left)**

**Jeff Hughes receives his Model of the Month Certificates from Kevin Pazda (left)**



# December 2024 IRCC Meeting DAY



**Larry Odom receives his 2024 100 Missions Over Florida Patch**

**James Enderton receives his 2024 100 Missions Over Florida Patch**



**Model of the Month contestants**





# 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**

**DON PATTERSON**

**LARRY ODOM**

**JAMES ENDERTON**



**February 6-9, 2025**

**7th Annual**

# FLORIDA eJET FEST INTERNATIONAL

**Mulberry, FL**

Florida eJet Fest International  
Imperial RC

**CONTEST TROPHIES**  
BEST SCALE JET  
BEST STATIC SCORE SCALE JET  
BEST SCALE FLIGHT  
FASTEST JET (composite and Foam)  
LONGEST FLIGHT



**Fly-In INFORMATION**  
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Co-CD: Steve Jaworski [sajetguy@aol.com](mailto:sajetguy@aol.com)  
Contests/Prizes/Trophies: Yes  
Registration: \$40.00/all 4 days; \$20/day  
Facility: 26 acres of cleared land  
Onsite Camping: Available, no services  
Hotels: Several within 5-20 min from the field

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600' x 30' Paved Runway

**EDF ONLY EVENT**

Sorry, No Turbines, No Props

## FLASH BACK

**2018 – David DeWitt's Waco rolls up on the real thing at the Plant City Airport!**



The Remote Control Association of Central Florida

# AIR SHOW

Sunday Dec 29

[www.RCACF.com](http://www.RCACF.com)

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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**  
**Preston Valk**  
**Extra 300**  
**ARF**



**November**  
**Jeff Hughes**  
**Stick Timber**  
**Scratch Build**



**December**  
**Jeff Hughes**  
**Blackhorse Zero**  
**ARF**

# **NEXT IRCC MEETING**



**SATURDAY**  
**January 4, 2025**  
**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 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

IRCC  
DESIGNATED PARKING  
AREAS

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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