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January 2025

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

George Hoekstra's
Tower Hobbies Kaos
January 2024
Model of the Month

STICK & RUDDER MEETING MINUTES CERTIFICATES /AWARDS

Planes, Trains & Automobiles! Florida eJet Fest International

100 MISSIONS 2024 FINAL ROLL CALL



Stick and Rudder

By IRCC President Kevin Pazda

Annual Dues are being accepted. The gate code has been updated for the new year. 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 returned to any of the club officers.

Upcoming E-jet fest- I am looking forward to the event again this year. I hope everyone is getting their jets dusted off and tuned up. If you can come out and help with registration, raffle, concessions, and ambassador duties, it would be greatly appreciated. If you have a jet to bring out and get some flying in, that's even better! We are hoping for 3 mph wind from the east and 75° weather.

Model of the Year – The voting was real close for the model of the year. Bob Curry won with his 1/6 scale British Flare Kit Pup that he began building over 20 years ago. He converted the kit from fuel to electric with an E-Flight 46 motor, covered it with fabric and hand painted, and added scale details.

100 missions over Florida – The new board has been installed, and the counting has begun. Jerry McGhee has crafted the 2025 mission patch and has plenty in stock for all who wish to participate.

Update on storm repairs – Bill Pawl has led the charge of squaring and bracing the shelters. He and Will Reading were seen using good OSHA-approved safety practices when working in elevated locations. Also, a thank you to David Raff for sourcing materials for the braces. It takes a community to bring all of this together, this is appreciated by all.

Start-up stands – Some of you may have noticed a new model of start-up stand in the line-up. Will Reading has been able to source some composite material for the tops of the stands. This material looks like it will significantly outlast the wood material. This is an ongoing project, if you would like to help out, check with Will for more information.

Stick and Rudder Continued

Upcoming IRCC events

- **Planes, Trains and Automobiles - February 1, 2025**
- **Florida E-jet festival February 6th – 9th 2025.**
- **The Frank Tiano All Scale Fly-in – May 1-4, 2025.**

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 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 7th 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 2025



IRCC MEETING MINUTES

January 4, 2025

Total Adult members 44 / Needed For Quorum (20% w/2 Officers) 8

1. The Pledge of Allegiance
Was said at 10:00 am
2. The Meeting was called to order at 10 am by Kevin Pazda
A note was made of the flag at half-staff in the morning for President Jimmy Carter's passing.
3. Welcome any visitors or new members!
Luke, a former member was introduced he announced that he would be returning
4. Awards/Certificates
 - a. Model of the month certificates, Jeff Hughes for December and Preston Valk for October.
 - b. 100 missions – Greg Kiser
 - c. Model of the Year winner announcement
The top 3 were announced as Jeff Hughes, Larry Odem, and Bob Curry by 1 vote Bob Curry took home the trophy
5. Minutes – Motion to accept December minutes as recently posted in the newsletter. Passed
6. Treasurer Report (Steve Jaworski)
Bills are paid. Money in the Bank
7. Membership Report (Steve Jaworski)
44 members are currently paid for 2025 at the start of the meeting.

IRCC MEMBERSHIP 2025	IRCC Membership Class
59	Full Members
12	New Members
4	75/75 Members
4	Jr. Members
6	Comp Members
3	Snowbird Members

8. Field and Maintenance Report – Bill Pawl
Work on the Helicopter shed is done, but we are still finishing repairs. Thanks to those who helped and David Raff for arranging a good price for the steel
9. Safety Report - Bob Curry suggested reading the safety section of AMA magazine and also talked about safety at the upcoming eJet Fest
10. Instructors Report – (Jeff Hughes) planes are good and things going well.
11. Club Newsletter / Website - (Jerry McGhee - Ron McKie)
Both the Newsletter and Website going well sent stuff to the Newsletter and visited the Website
12. New Field Developments – Nothing to report

IRCC Meeting Minutes Continued

13. Old Business –
 - a. Report on Toys for Tots. David Raff Event went well we Collected 130.00 which was converted to toys and we donated 91 toys
 - b. Report on the state of the Badcock/Conn's ownership situation. According to Steve Jaworski, he checked the county tax office and found that the property **was not** included in the bankruptcy so we may be good for now
 - c. **Reminder The February 2025 meeting date will be Saturday, January 25, 2025**
14. New Business
 - a. No new business
 - b.
 - c.
15. Future Events (6-month look ahead) –
 - a. Planes, Trains, and Automobiles tentative date is February 1, 2025, David Raff has a sign-up sheet to get an idea of how many members plan to participate and asked everyone to come out
 - b. Florida e-Jet Fest International February 6-9th Jerry McGhee Asked for help with the event and noted that there would be a raffle.
16. The Frank Tiano All Scale Fly-in – May 1-4, 2025. The AMA Sanction has been approved.
17. Over & Above Nominations
 - Bill Pawl for the work repairing the buildings
 - David Raff for the Toys for Tots event
18. Plane of the Month – George Hoekstra presented his Kaos Tower Hobbies ARF
19. Announcements – Bob Curry is Building a ¼ scale Fokker this year and as he did last year will update you on the progress and answer questions
20. 50/50 Drawing George Hoekstra won \$30.00
21. Motion to Close Made and accepted

The End



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 advising me that you are using this dues payment plan.

Thank you!
Steve Jaworski
Treasurer

THE GATE CODE HAS
CHANGED!



PAY YOUR 2025 CLUB DUES
And You'll get the code

January 2025 IRCC Meeting DAY



Jeff Hughes receives his December 2024 Model of the Month

Preston Valk receives his Model of the Month Certificate from October 2024



Greg Kiser receives his 100 Missions' patch

IRCC Model of the Year Champion Bob Curry



2024





We're closing in on this year's event and wanted everyone to know what to expect.

Many of you have already been a part of this show and will be there again this year. But for those who haven't, here is a brief overview:

This is a family-friendly one day event focusing on the major modes of transportation - hence the name: Planes, Trains & Automobiles!

There will be full-scale aircraft on static display along with approximately 70-80 show cars, hot rods and classics. There will also be railroad exhibits, displays and set-ups including one made entirely of Legos.

There will be a host of vendors, most of which are show oriented meaning that they will have something to do with planes or trains or automobiles and several food vendors as well.

The actual show times run from 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. or until after the trophy competition ends and the closing ceremony wraps up.

Our display area is located along one of the hanger taxiways between the main parking area and what we call "show-center" so everyone attending (between 5 - 6000 people) must pass by us when they come in and again when they leave. This gives us a fantastic opportunity to capture their attention and talk about this great hobby that we all enjoy!

Following is a map of the airport showing the general layout for the show. It includes directions to the airport, directions to our display area, set-up times and what you need to bring and wear.

I will be sure to have copies of map at the meeting on January 25th, but if you should have any questions before then, let me know - raff7113@msn.com.

David Raff - IRCC Event Coordinator.



CELEBRATION
OF LIFE
for
Chris Trumble

Cleveland Heights Golf Course

Masters Room

2900 Buckingham Ave

Lakeland FL 33803

February 9, 2025

2:00 PM-5:00 PM

Please feel free to email any pictures you
want to share of Chris to:

rosefamilyga@comcast.net

**FLASH
BACK**



2019: Rob Lynch from BVM performs a 4-foot-high knife edge with his BVM Electra 14S EDF at Imperial RC Club during the Inaugural Florida eJet Fest International. He was clocked on the radar gun at 254 mph!



Rob Lynch
Fastest Jet
2019 Florida eJet Fest International

SAFETY MESSAGE



LIPO FIRES ARE REAL
Knowledge is Power

IRCC 100 Missions Over Florida

FINAL ROLL CALL



DREW POWELL

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February 6-9, 2025

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Mulberry, FL

CONTEST TROPHIES

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



Fly-In INFORMATION

CD: Jerry McGhee mcghee66@gmail.com
Co-CD: Steve Jaworski 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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EDF ONLY EVENT

600' x 30' Paved Runway



Sorry, No Turbines, No Props

Florida eJet Fest International Schedule 2025

Wednesday, Feb 5, 2025 – IRCC Field Set-up

Thursday, Feb 6, 2025 – 1st Day of Florida eJet Fest

0800: Registration/flying Opens everyday

0930: Pilot's Meeting every day

Friday, Feb 7, 2025 – 2nd Day of Florida eJet Fest

Saturday, Feb 8, 2025 – 3rd Day of Florida eJet Fest

2:00 pm Raffle Draw

Sunday, Feb 9, 2025 – 4th Day of Florida eJet Fest

12:00pm Event Closes Normal Flying resumes

Monday, Feb 10, 2025 – IRCC Field Clean-up and Tent Removal

2025 Model of the Year Nominees

January - June



January
George Hoekstra
Tower Hobbies Kaos
ARF

February
TBD
TBD
TBD

March
TBD
TBD
TBD

April
TBD
TBD
TBD

May
TBD
TBD
TBD

June
TBD
TBD
TBD

NEXT IRCC MEETING



SATURDAY
January 25, 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

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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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