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***July 2025***

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STICK & RUDDER    MEETING MINUTES    CERTIFICATES /AWARDS

The SAD Award Returns! 100 MISSIONS 2025

National Model Aviation Day!



## Stick and Rudder

By IRCC President Kevin Pazda

**National Model Aviation Day – August 16, 2025**, is coming up pretty fast. Now is the time to select a model that you're most comfortable with, get out to the field and practice, practice, practice. This event is always a lot of fun and an opportunity to cheer on other club members, celebrate victories, and enjoy some of those things that really make this hobby fun. The events remain the same as they have been in recent years, so most members are familiar with what to expect. Additional information is available elsewhere in this newsletter.

**IRCC Fall Scale Fly-In – October 24 – 26<sup>th</sup>**. This is intended to be a relaxed, enjoyable flying event. You'll have an opportunity to show off your scale planes and try your hand at scale flying. The goal of the RC scale competition is to create a miniature replica of a full-scale aircraft and fly it realistically to create the illusion that you are viewing a real aircraft, both on the ground and in the air. You do not need to be a master builder or premier pilot to participate and have fun!

We've had some pretty steamy days lately, so if you're planning to be out at the field during the heat of the day, please make sure you take something to drink with you to stay hydrated and remember to watch for signs of heat illness.

We were able to hold our mid-year executive committee meeting recently. Most of the meeting was the normal business of operating the club. Notably, there was some brainstorming geared toward identifying and cultivating future flying sites. As you've already heard many times in the past, if you know of a location that's possibly suitable for a flying site, please bring it up and let's have a discussion about it. We have the AMA armed with information and have identified various government officials to be contacted in our pursuit.

**Grass cutting** – If you have visited the field recently, you will have noticed the lush green grass returning. If you have some time to come out and lend a hand, we are happy to have the help.

## Stick and Rudder Continued

### Upcoming IRCC events

- **National Model Aviation Day – August 16, 2025**
- **IRCC Fall Scale Fly-In – October 24 – 26th.**
- **Toys for Tots – December 6<sup>th</sup> (tentative), December meeting, end-of-the-year celebration, fun fly**

I hope you get out to the field, get in 5 flights, 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 7<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 2025



# IRCC Meeting Minutes

## July 5, 2025

Total Adult members 96 / Needed for Quorum (20% w/2 Officers) 19  
24 Members present

1. The Pledge of Allegiance
  - Led by Jim Giallombardo
2. The Meeting was called to order by Kevin Pazda
3. Welcome any visitors or new members!
  - Tom Spenader
4. Awards/Certificates
  - a. Model of the Month certificate, Nicholas Cain, Not Present
  - b. 100 Mission Awardees:
    - Todd Beatty and Bill Pawl
5. Minutes – No minutes from June meeting No Quorum.
6. Treasurer Report: Bills Paid and money in the bank
7. Membership Report meeting update:

IRCC MEMBERSHIP 2025	IRCC Membership Class
101	Full Members
22	New Members
4	75/75 Members
7	Jr. Members
6	Comp Members
4	Snowbird Members

8. Field and Maintenance Report – Bill Pawl mowing every week, please come help if you can. Special shout-out to Tom Carracino for his help

## IRCC Meeting Minutes

9. Safety Report - Bob put out a reminder to make sure to unplug your monokote iron when not using. As a reminder, no starting motors under the shed
10. Instructors Report – (Jeff Hughes) All good
11. Club Newsletter / Website - (Jerry McGhee - Ron McKie) All good, thanks
12. New Field Developments
  - Mulberry Field Status – Rental agreement, working toward final signatures.
  - The Peace River field will be closing due to the new agricultural center
  - Lake Wales Status – Failed to reach agreement. They have decided to go in another direction. A motion and second were made to pull the FRIA now, and it was passed unanimously
13. Old Business – nothing to report
14. New Business - None
15. Future Events (6-month look ahead) –
  - Warbird event – Larry Odom to report
  - Aviation Day Fun Fly August 16, 2025
16. Over & Above Nominations None
17. Plane of the Month: Keith Genske with a 90” Stick
18. 50/50 Drawing Jerry McGhee \$25.00
19. Motion to Close made and accepted at 10:50

*The End*

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# JULY 2025 MEETING DAY!



(Left) Todd Beatty  
receives his 100  
Missions' Patch!



(Right) Bill Pawl  
receives his 100  
Missions' patch!



(Left) Bill Littlefield  
and Jimmy Enderton  
eagerly welcome  
back the SAD Patch!



FOOD, FUN &  
TROPHIES!

Location:



Mulberry, FL



**August 16, 2025**

- Family Day
- General Fun Fly
- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Tri-Fecta Fun Fly
  - Fly for 2 Minutes
  - Precision Landing
  - Guess your speed



# NATIONAL MODEL AVIATION DAY

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

### 8th 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 16, 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 before any unscheduled afternoon thunderstorms.

### **TROPHIES and RIBBONS**

Three events, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for each event, with a ribbon for each place.  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 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: For a score to be tallied, at least one wheel needs to land on the paved runway in each event before contacting the ground.
4. Any crash in any event will result in a score of Zero for that event. Contestants will finish with the points they have earned before 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.

TAKE-OFF DIRECTION 



 TAKE-OFF DIRECTION



## 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.

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# IRCC Tri-Fecta Fun Fly Grand Champions



2025 – TBD Could Be You!

2024 – Jerry McGhee

2023 – Jerry McGhee

2022 – Wesley Miller

2021 – Rich Baker

2020 – Ryan Roberts

2019 – John Burdin

2018 – Jerry McGhee



2024 Jerry McGhee



2023 Jerry McGhee



2022 Wesley Miller



2021 Rich Baker



2020 Ryan Roberts



2019 John Burdin



2018 Jerry McGhee





## **The New S.A.D. Patch Rules!**

- 1. Only self-nominations are allowed for consideration.**
  - i.e., All nominations must come from the pilot who crashed.
- 2. Only crashes that happened between the previous club meeting and the current club meeting will be considered for nomination.**
- 3. The membership will vote on the best crash story to be considered for the SAD Patch Award that month.**
- 4. Pictures of the crash are encouraged from the general membership, regardless of who crashed.**
- 5. A story about the crash will be published. The story must contain at least 10% truth 😊**
- 6. If you cannot see the humor in this, you shouldn't participate.**
- 7. Keith Genske is POC and the Keeper of the SAD Patches.**



## **The Great Ultra Stick Catastrophe**

*By an Eye-Witness from the Peanut Gallery*

It was a fine Saturday morning at the Imperial RC Aerodrome—one of those Florida days so calm and clear you could read the AMA rulebook by the glint off a prop spinner. The birds were chirping, the nitro engines were snarling, and the peanut gallery—our ever-faithful squadron of lawn chair philosophers—was in full swing, passing judgment and snack mix in equal measure.

In strutted Bill Littlefield and Jimmy Enderton, beaming like two kids with a slingshot and a new frog. Between them, they cradled their pride and joy: a gleaming, freshly-tuned 30cc Ultra Stick with all the bells, whistles, telemetry, and precisely zero hours on its brand-new prop.





“Got her dialed in perfect,” Jimmy bragged, slapping the fuselage like a used car salesman. “Tracks straight as a laser on a rails.”

“Yeah,” Bill added, “we’ve got exponential set, CG balanced, and dual rates programmed. Can’t miss.”

The Ultra Stick fired up with a satisfying *braaaaaap*, rolled down the runway like a show pony, and took to the skies in majestic fashion. Jimmy held the transmitter like he was cradling the Holy Grail, his fingers dancing across the sticks with the elegance of a concert pianist.

“Smooth as butter!” someone from the peanut gallery yelled.

“Better than butter,” said another. “That thing’s flyin’ like it’s got a Ph.D. in aerodynamics.”

Two graceful circuits later, Jimmy made the fateful decision that changed history.

“Hey Bill, you wanna take the sticks for a bit?”

Now, for context, Bill’s flying credentials were legendary—not for *successes*, mind you, but for the sheer volume and creativity of his failures. He was the only guy to pancake a glider *straight down* from 200 feet... in a thermal.

“Sure,” Bill said with a grin that should’ve required FAA clearance.

He took the transmitter.

What followed was thirty seconds of airborne confusion, panic, and sudden, violent engineering lessons. The Ultra Stick immediately banked left, then right, then executed what observers could only describe as a *midair interpretive dance*—a maneuver that involved an aileron flutter, a negative-G dive, and something eerily similar to a corkscrew caught in a blender.

“She’s in trouble!” someone called out.

“No, she’s in *pieces*,” someone else corrected.

At approximately 30 feet above the field, the Ultra Stick met its tragic





and spectacular end. The left wing separated like a quitting employee. The fuselage pitched downward, spinning like a javelin with a death wish. The right aileron fluttered off like a wounded bird. And the debris field—oh, the glorious debris field—stretched

nearly the length of the entire runway, with bits of balsa and foam glittering in the sun like confetti at a ticker-tape parade.

A hushed silence fell over the peanut gallery.

Then came the slow clap.

And then the laughter.

“Well,” Jimmy said, peering at the wreckage with a hand shading his eyes, “I guess it’s still technically in one piece. If you count ‘air’ as a piece.”

Bill, unfazed, shrugged. “She flew great. Right up until she didn’t.”

At the next club meeting, in a solemn and totally unofficial ceremony behind the port-a-john, Bill and Jimmy were presented with the highest of honors for a demolished aircraft—the coveted **S.A.D. Patch**. The Society of Aircraft Demolishers’ highest award for excellence in unintentional structural disassembly.

“Wear it with honor,” said Kevin Pazda the patchmaster, handing the vinyl sticker—an embedded fuselage into the cracked Earth—to Bill and Jimmy. And thus, their names were etched into the lore of the Imperial RC field—not as master pilots, but as airborne demolition artists of the highest order. To this day, you can still hear the peanut gallery chuckle when a new guy asks what happened to “that big Ultra Stick crash.”

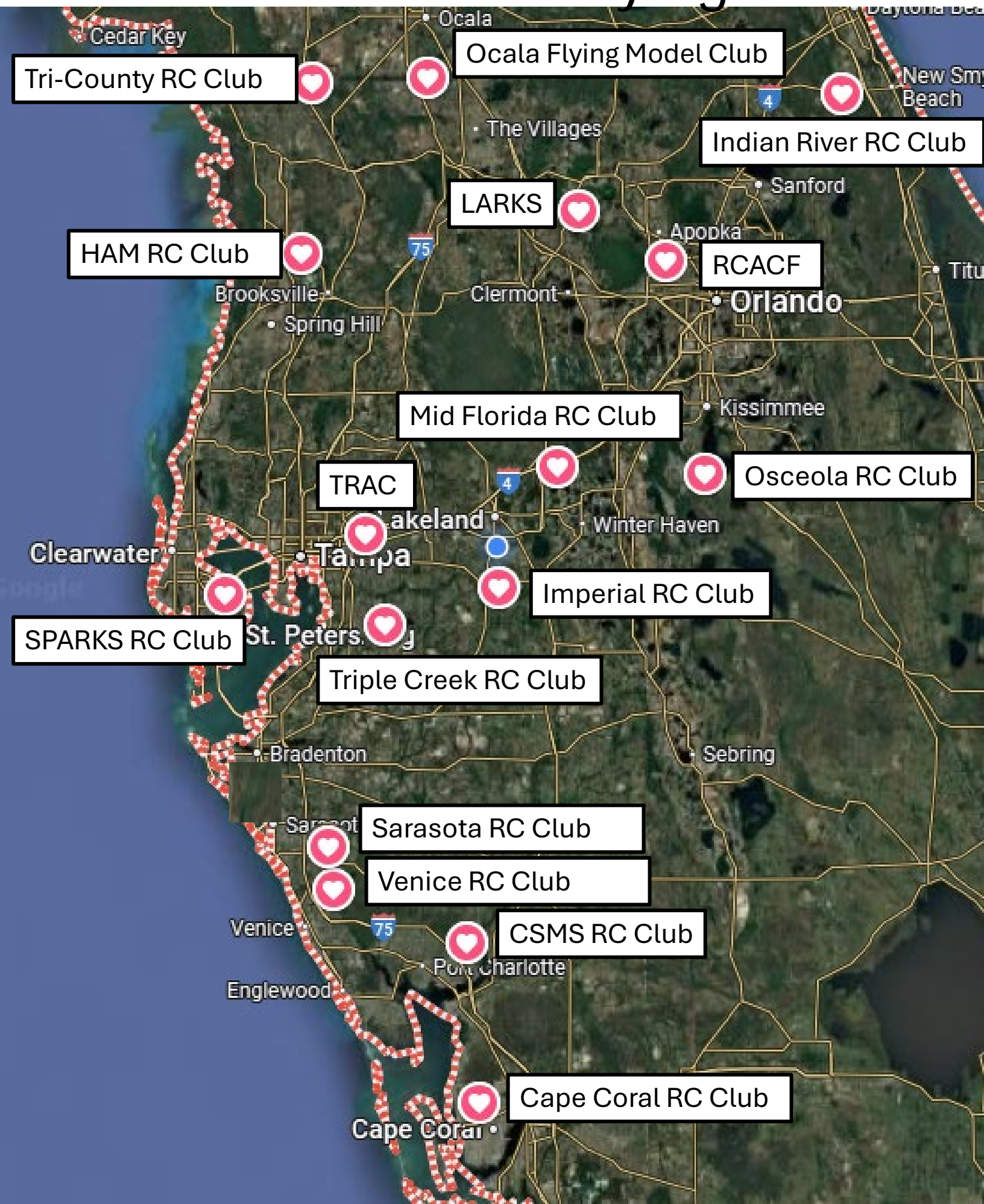
“Oh, that? That was Bill and Jimmy. A textbook case of flying too close to the sun... with thumbs made of bacon.”

# SAFETY MESSAGE

**ALWAYS ANNOUNCE  
YOUR TAKEOFFS  
AND LANDINGS**



# Central Florida RC Flying Clubs





# **IRCC 100 Missions Over Florida**

## **ROLL CALL 2025**

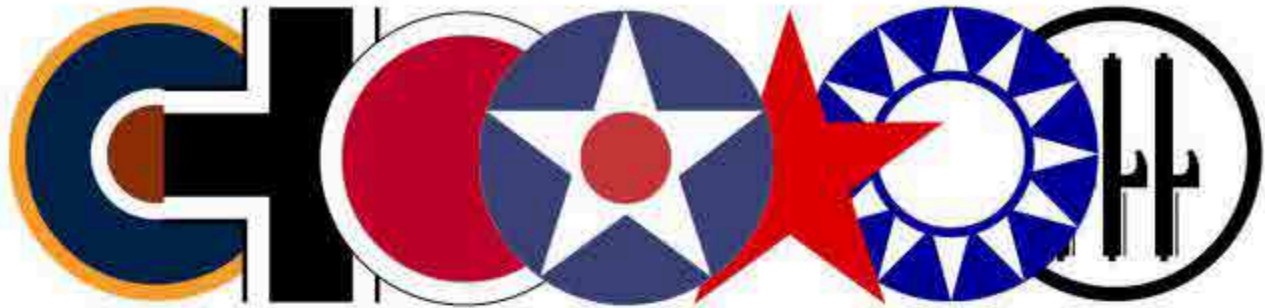


**TOM CARRACINO**  
**JEFF HUGHES**  
**JERRY MCGHEE**  
**KEITH GENSKE**  
**GLENN GRIFFIN**  
**JIMMY ENDERTON**  
**TODD BEATTY**  
**BILL PAWL**

The Rules for the 100 Missions

### **LOG YOUR SORTIES!**

- 1Flight = 1 tank of fuel or 1 battery
- Crashes count as a single flight
- Touch and goes do not count toward your 100 sorties count.



# **SCALE Warbird Association**

**Presents**

## **WARBIRDS OVER ALABAMA**

**September 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>, Clanton, AL**

Come join the Central Alabama Sport Flyers in beautiful Clanton, Alabama for some good ole southern hospitality and lots of warbirds! Grass field 1100 x 150. RV's welcome but no hookups. Male and female bathrooms and shower. All size warbirds welcome. Sorry, no turbines. Ya'll come!

Registration fee: \$20.00

CD: Mike Chilson (205) 306-7164

**Pilot raffle and lunch is included with your registration cost.**

### **Directions from Birmingham**

Take I-65 South to Exit 205 (Clanton)

Turn right off the exit onto US 31N

Drive to County Road 47 (on the left – You will see a white R/C Flying sign)

Club will be approximately 3.9 miles on the right.

### **Directions from Montgomery**

Take I-65 North to Exit 205 (Clanton)

Turn left off the exit onto US 31N

Drive to County Road 47 (on the left – You will see a white R/C Flying sign)

Club will be approximately 3.9 miles on the right.

### **For Your GPS / Google Maps**

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Clanton, AL

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# 2025 Model of the Year Nominees

January - June



**January**  
**George Hoekstra**  
**Tower Hobbies Kaos**  
**ARF**



**February**  
**Will Reding**  
**Skywing Laser 260**  
**ARF**



**March**  
**Nick Cain**  
**Xtreme Flight Laser**  
**ARF**



**April**  
**Larry Odom**  
**Super Lucky Fly**  
**ARC**



**May**  
**Jeff Hughes**  
**Super Chipmunk**  
**ARF**



**June**  
**Nobody**  
**Nothing**  
**NADA**

# 2025

## Model of the Year Nominees

July - December



**July**  
**Keith Genske**  
**Ultimate Stick**  
**Scratch Built**

**August**  
**TBD**  
**TBD**  
**TBD**

**September**  
**TBD**  
**TBD**  
**TBD**

**October**  
**TBD**  
**TBD**  
**TBD**

**November**  
**TBD**  
**TBD**  
**TBD**

**December**  
**TBD**  
**TBD**  
**TBD**

# **NEXT IRCC MEETING**



**SATURDAY  
August 2, 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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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

IRCC  
DESIGNATED PARKING  
AREAS

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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