

Don Patterson STICK & RUDDER MEETING MINUTES
CERTIFICATES /AWARDS
100 MISSIONS 2025

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Stick and Rudder

By IRCC President Kevin Pazda

We were reminded that storm season is still around. Last week, we had a storm event that caused some slight damage at the field, overturning tables, scattering chairs, and damaging one of the assembly stands. Please remember to take precautions to prepare for any weather events that may not be as accommodating. Bill Pawl reminded us that if we need to secure the flying field, more hands make for lighter work.

Visiting flyers at the field – From time to time we get visiting pilots that may be vacationing or otherwise visiting the area. The club has an option for a 30 day membership for access to the field. We do need a completed application and valid AMA credentials to make this happen. Please direct them to any of the club officers or directors, if none of them are available at the field, give one a call. I usually make sure the application is legible, and text a photo (of the application, AMA card, and the payment) to Steve, the treasurer.

Club Officers - We will vote on Club Officer positions at the November meeting. If you want to run for an office, please read the IRCC By-Laws and let me know if you decide you want to throw your hat in the ring.

IRCC Fall Scale Fly-In – October 24 – 26^{th.} You still have some time to get your scale models ready for this 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 RC scale competition is to create a miniature replica of a full-scale aircraft and fly it in a realistic fashion to create the illusion 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.

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.

Upcoming IRCC events

- IRCC Fall Scale Fly-In October 24 26th.
- Toys for Tots December 6th (tentative), December meeting, End of the year celebration, fun fly
- Florida eJet Fest International! February 6-9

Stick and Rudder Continued

I hope you get out to the field, get in some 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 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 member George Hoekstra prepares for Halloween 2025!

IRCC Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2025

Total Adult members ___98 __ / Needed for Quorum (20% w/2 Officers) __19

- The Pledge of Allegiance
- The Meeting was called to order.
- Welcome any visitors or new members! New Members River W.
- Awards/Certificates
- Model of the month certificates, John Burdin received
- 100 mission patches are in, and a new list has been posted. Time to get in some flights. None
- Minutes Motion to accept March as published in the newsletter. Motion, 2nd and carried
- Treasurer Report: All good and money in the bank
- Membership Report: Currently 98 members

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

- Field and Maintenance Report Bill Pawl All good no issues
- Safety Report Nothing to report just reminder about prop safety and throttle cuts.
- Instructors Report Jeff Hughes All good
- Club Newsletter / Website (Jerry McGhee Ron McKie) Both in good shape. need articles if you have them.
- New Field Developments Nothing to report

IRCC Meeting Minutes

Old Business -

- Executive Committee to review getting an AED device from a motion that was tabled from last month's meeting, pending their review.
- Cost \$600.00 Board recommended proceeding with help from the AMA. Dave Raff suggested getting the Red Cross involved for training
- Keith Genski brought up how we would store and maintain the device group and discussed getting a weather-proof box mounted and secured with some sort of locking device.
- David Raff made a motion that the funds raised at auction from donated aircraft by Buddy Shackleford after the meeting be used to pay for the device. The motion was seconded and carried.

New Business

• Steve Jaworski has concerns with it being due's renewal time and the status of the field and having to return dues. Kevin is asking for suggestions on how to make it equitable for all.

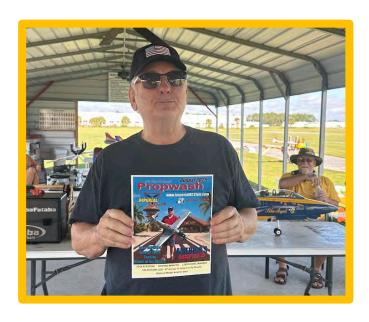
Future Events (6-month look ahead)

- The IRCC All Scale Fly-In October 24 -26, 2025
- Toys for Tot and Family Fun Day
- Over & Above Nominations Bill Pawl nominated Kevin Pazda for blade sharpening. Motion 2nd and carried
- Plane of the Month: John Burton with his F14 Tomcat by Freewing "Blue Angel" paint.
- 50/50 Drawing \$72.00 pot won by David Raff
- Motion to Close Motion made, 2nd, and carried





September R/C CLUB 2025 MEETING DAY!



(Left) John Burdin receives his August Model of the Month Cover Photo

(Right) John Burdin explains his F-14 radio setup.



SAFETY MESSAGE



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.



★ ALL SCALE RC AIRPLANES WELCOME! ★

Any size scale aircraft
 No turbines permitted

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Fly with some of the best scale RC pilots in Florida
- Relaxed, fun atmosphere perfect for both seasoned and new scale flyers
- Food & drinks available on site
- Spectators welcome! Bring your family & friends

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- Covered Pits with Electricity
- > 450' x 35' blue asphalt runway
- LandingFee: \$20

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Jets over Jacksonville October 17th and 18th 2025

EDF and small turbines (up to 120N)
360 foot paved runway
Bathrooms, covered pavilion, and kitchen
AC & DC Power for charging available
BBQ LUNCH on Saturday, Open Flying Sunday
AMA Sanctioned/Wavier Required
Setup help available for large EDF
and small turbine jets.

Note: There will be AMA waiver and waiver CD's on site if you need any assitance with your wavier!

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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 John Burdin Tucano ARF



September John Burdin F-14 Tomcat ARF

October TBD TBD TBD November TBD TBD TBD December TBD TBD TBD

NEXT IRCC MEETING



SATURDAY October 4, 2025 10:00 AM

Central Florida RC Flying Clubs Cedar Key Ocala Flying Model Club Tri-County RC Club New Sm Beach The Villages Indian River RC Club Sanford **LARKS** HAM RC Club **RCACF** HU Clermont-Brooksville Orlando Spring Hill Kissimmee Mid Florida RC Club Osceola RC Club **TRAC** akeland 🔨 Winter Haven Clearwater Tampa Imperial RC Club SPARKS RC Club St. Peters Triple Creek RC Club Bradenton Sebring Sarasota RC Club Venice RC Club Venice CSMS RC Club Pon Charlotte Englewood Cape Coral RC Club Cape Corai



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.



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











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