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October 2025

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**Wally Sundry's October 2025
Piper Cub Model of the Month**

STICK & RUDDER MEETING MINUTES

CERTIFICATES /AWARDS 2026 Club Officer Openings

100 MISSIONS 2025

Captain Mike Porter



1952 - 2025



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Stick and Rudder

By IRCC President Kevin Pazda

I thought I'd take a little break this month from talking about the weather and discuss something that is timely and topical. We are rapidly approaching our November meeting date. This is significant because the November meeting is when we hold elections for the coming year. We've had a slow response from interested individuals, so I thought I would provide some additional information to take away some of the concerns that anyone may have about being in a leadership position. To help explain the responsibilities of some of the positions, I've included a couple of snips from our bylaws below:

- All nominees must be current AMA and adult club members for the immediate past twelve months.
- 2. The Vice President shall:
 - o a. Preside at club meetings when the President is absent.
 - o b. Perform duties as assigned by the president.

The obvious focus on the vice president's position is due to the fact we presently have no name next to it. I realized that this write up is an entire month late as we would normally expect to have a completed ballot in this newsletter. The current ballot presented below as an opportunity for one lucky generous member to insert their name for consideration. Remember, it takes a team to keep the organization running smoothly.

I do look forward to the end of summer and the cool days of fall. Just this last weekend I noticed the trees beginning to shed their leaves. It'll only be a matter of a few weeks now and we'll have our snowbirds coming back to join us again. I sometimes need a reminder that some of our friends in other parts of the country are now beginning their "building" season as the first snowfalls have already started. Does that mean I've already spent our "building" season at the flying field?

Visiting flyers at the field – From time to time, we get visiting pilots who 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.

	
2026 CLUB OFFICERS ELECTION BALLOT	
PRESIDENT	
Kevin Pazda (Incumbent)	☐
(Write-in)	☐
VICE PRESIDENT	
(Write-in)	☐
SECRETARY	
Glenn Griffin (Incumbent)	☐
(Write-in)	☐
TREASURER	
Steve Jawarski (Incumbent)	☐
(Write-in)	☐
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
Jim Guilombardo - 3rd Year	☒
David DeWitt-2nd Year	☒
1st Year Director	
Bill Littlefield	☐
Tom Caracino	☐
(Write-in)	☐
AMA Number	

Stick and Rudder Continued

Upcoming IRCC events

- Toys for Tots – December 6th (tentative), December meeting, End of the year celebration, fun fly
- Florida eJet Fest International! February 5-8, 2026

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 Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2025

Total Adult members 98 / Needed for Quorum (20% w/2 Officers) = 19
20 present

- The Pledge of Allegiance was said at 10:00 am
- The Meeting was called to order by the President, Kevin Pazda
- Welcome any visitors or new members! none
- Awards/Certificates
 - Model of the month certificates, John Burdin not present
 - 100 mission patches are in, and a new list has been posted. Time to get in some flights, Paul Birch and Ron McKie
- Minutes – Motion to accept March as published in the newsletter. Accepted
- Treasurer Report: All good and money in the bank
- Membership Report: Currently 98 members, Full adults, 103 total

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

- Field and Maintenance Report – Bill Pawl
 - Discussion about the back fence, parts are open for the new owner to access.
- Safety Report – Nothing. Be careful with props and throttle cut
- Instructors Report – Jeff Hughes - no report

IRCC Meeting Minutes

- Club Newsletter / Website - (Jerry McGhee - Ron McKie) All good
- New Field Developments – nothing
- Old Business –
 - The Executive Committee to review getting an AED device from a motion that was tabled from last month's meeting pending their review.
- 2026 Dues proposal: Decided that if you want, you can make a payment in two payments (January and June 2026 \$100 each period)
- New Business none
- Future Events (6-month look ahead)
 - The IRCC All Scale Fly-In - October 24 -26, 2025 Help needed
 - Toys for Tot and Family Fun Day December 6, 2025 at the IRCC.
 - Florida eJet fest February 5-8, 2026
- Over & Above Nominations Bill Pawl
- Plane of the Month: Wally with his Giant Cub J3
- 50/50 Drawing David Raff \$36.00
- Motion to Close accepted at 11:08

The End



BRRRRRTT!



October 2025 MEETING DAY!



(Left) Paul Birch
receives his 100
Missions Patch

(Right) Ron McKie
receives his 100
Missions Patch





“Paul Birch and the Sukhoi Swamp Tango”

*A True but Whimsical Tale of RC
Heroism and Alligator Diplomacy*



It was a beautiful Florida afternoon at the **Imperial RC Club**, the kind of day when the sky was clear, the wind was gentle, and the faint smell of Nitro fuel mixed lovingly with sunscreen and barbecue smoke. Paul Birch—veteran pilot, master tinkerer, and proud owner of the bold red, white, and blue Sukhoi SU-26—was feeling confident. Today, he was testing his

latest technical masterpiece: a **“fail-safe module”** designed to keep his beloved aerobatic airplane from, well... *failing*.

Unfortunately, fate (and possibly the alligators) had other plans.

As Paul taxied his Sukhoi to the runway, a few club members gathered under the pavilion, sipping their sodas, and placing silent bets on whether Paul's "test flight" would end in triumph or—let's just say—entertainment. With a confident grin, Paul advanced the throttle and the mighty little Sukhoi leapt skyward like a caffeinated dragonfly.

At first, all was well. Rolls were tight, loops were graceful, and the crowd murmured approvingly. Then, mid-flight, Paul decided to test the fail-safe module. He flipped the switch... and the airplane immediately **departed controlled flight** like it had been insulted.

"Uh oh," Paul said, eyes widening.

The Sukhoi began what witnesses later described as "*an elegant but deeply confused ballet*." It circled the Imperial RC Club like a contestant in a game of musical chairs, unsure which object to crash into first—the pits, the flight line, the porta-potty, or that one guy's new trailer. It wagged its wings mockingly, almost as if it knew Paul was frantically toggling every switch on his transmitter like a toddler playing a church organ.

"Come on, baby, listen to Daddy!" Paul pleaded. But the airplane, apparently fluent in sarcasm, responded by performing a perfect slow roll—completely on its own—and then aimed itself toward the **east swamp**, where the alligators of Mulberry reside.

There was a collective gasp as the SU-26 made its final, heroic arc and disappeared into the muck with a *splash* that could be heard from the parking lot.

The field went silent.

Paul looked around at his fellow pilots for volunteers to help retrieve the stricken aircraft. But suddenly, everyone seemed to remember urgent appointments elsewhere. "Gotta go check my battery voltage," muttered one. "Promised the wife I'd mow the lawn," said another. Within moments, Paul stood alone, holding his transmitter and wearing the look of a man who had just realized his backup plan was himself.

So, donning his trademark yellow Imperial RC Club shirt and a look of grim determination, Paul grabbed a Jon boat, an oar, and a questionable sense of optimism. He pushed off into the murky swamp, where at least three sets of reptilian eyes watched his every move. The gators, perhaps mistaking him for the lunch delivery, circled lazily as Paul paddled toward the wreckage. There it was—his proud Sukhoi, half submerged, prop bent, but still defiantly colorful against the green swamp. Paul jabbed at it with his oar, muttering about loyalty, warranty coverage, and why fail-safes never seem to fail safely. When he finally hauled the plane onto the boat, the gators gave him a slow, sarcastic round of bubbles. Paul looked back at them, squinted, and said, “Yeah, yeah—laugh it up, fellas.”

As he returned to shore, soaked, triumphant, and missing one shoe, the pavilion erupted in applause. Someone yelled, “Hey Paul, next time, maybe test the *success-safe* instead!” And from that day forward, the east swamp was unofficially renamed “**Birch Bay.**” Every pilot at the Imperial RC Club knows: if your plane ever goes rogue, dances with gators, and lives to tell the tale—you’ve officially joined the **Paul Birch Swamp Recovery Society.** 🌳✈️



SAFETY MESSAGE

**DO NOT FLY
OVER**



**THE PIT
AREA**

IRCC 100 Missions Over Florida

ROLL CALL 2025



TOM CARRACINO
JEFF HUGHES
JERRY MCGHEE
KEITH GENSKE
GLENN GRIFFIN
JIMMY ENDERTON
TODD BEATTY
BILL PAWL
PAUL BIRCH
RON MCKIE

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.

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
Wally Sunday
Piper Cub
ARF

November
TBD
TBD
TBD

December
TBD
TBD
TBD

NEXT IRCC MEETING



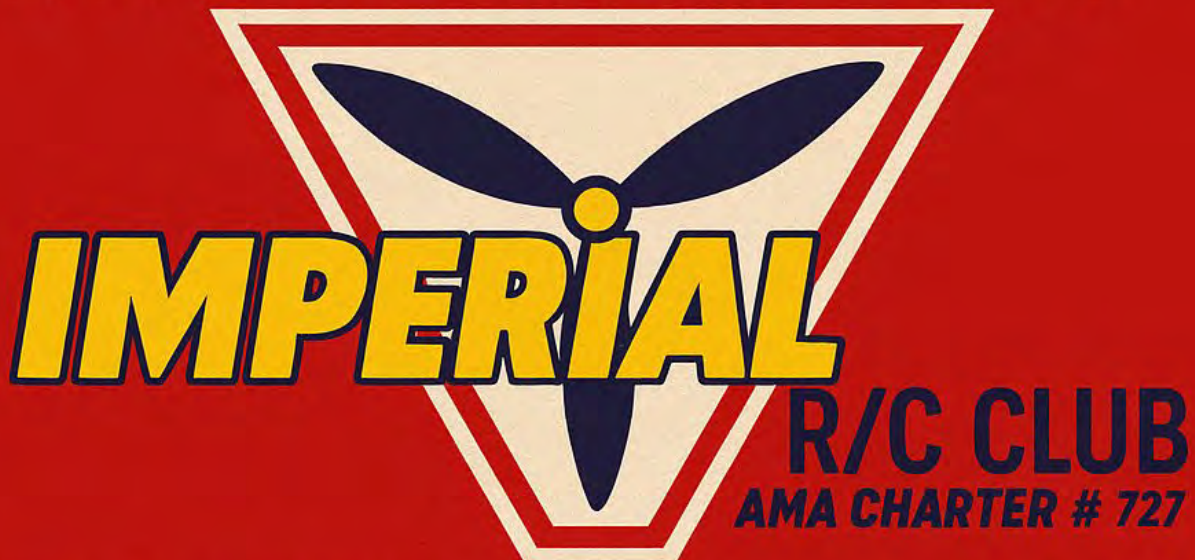
SATURDAY
November 1, 2025
10:00 AM

TOYS FOR TOTS

15TH ANNUAL

FLY-IN

FAMILY DAY POT LUCK
END OF THE 2025
R/C FLYING YEAR CELEBRATION



DECEMBER 6, 2025

ADMISSION: ONE DONATED TOY OR \$10.00

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Friday Oct 31st - Sunday Nov 2nd
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- Free for Spectators
- Electric/Gas/Glow - no turbines
- Free swap meet
- Concessions on-site
- Landing fee \$15/day or \$25 all three days
- Dry-camping available - Only \$20 for the weekend
- New for this year - Geotextile runway!
- Raffle on Saturday

Pre-register at www.bcmarc.com/FallFlyIn25

Event CD: Jeff Holland 770-871-8046



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November 7th to 9th

2025 AeroFest

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Model MUST be representative
of full-scale airplane or
helicopter—Civilian or Military

*Propeller Driven Models ONLY
(including Turbo Props)*

NO Sport Models — NO Jets

AMA required—Sanction # PENDING

LANDING FEE: \$40.00
includes Saturday lunch

Early Arrivals Welcome
Primitive Camping (no hookups)





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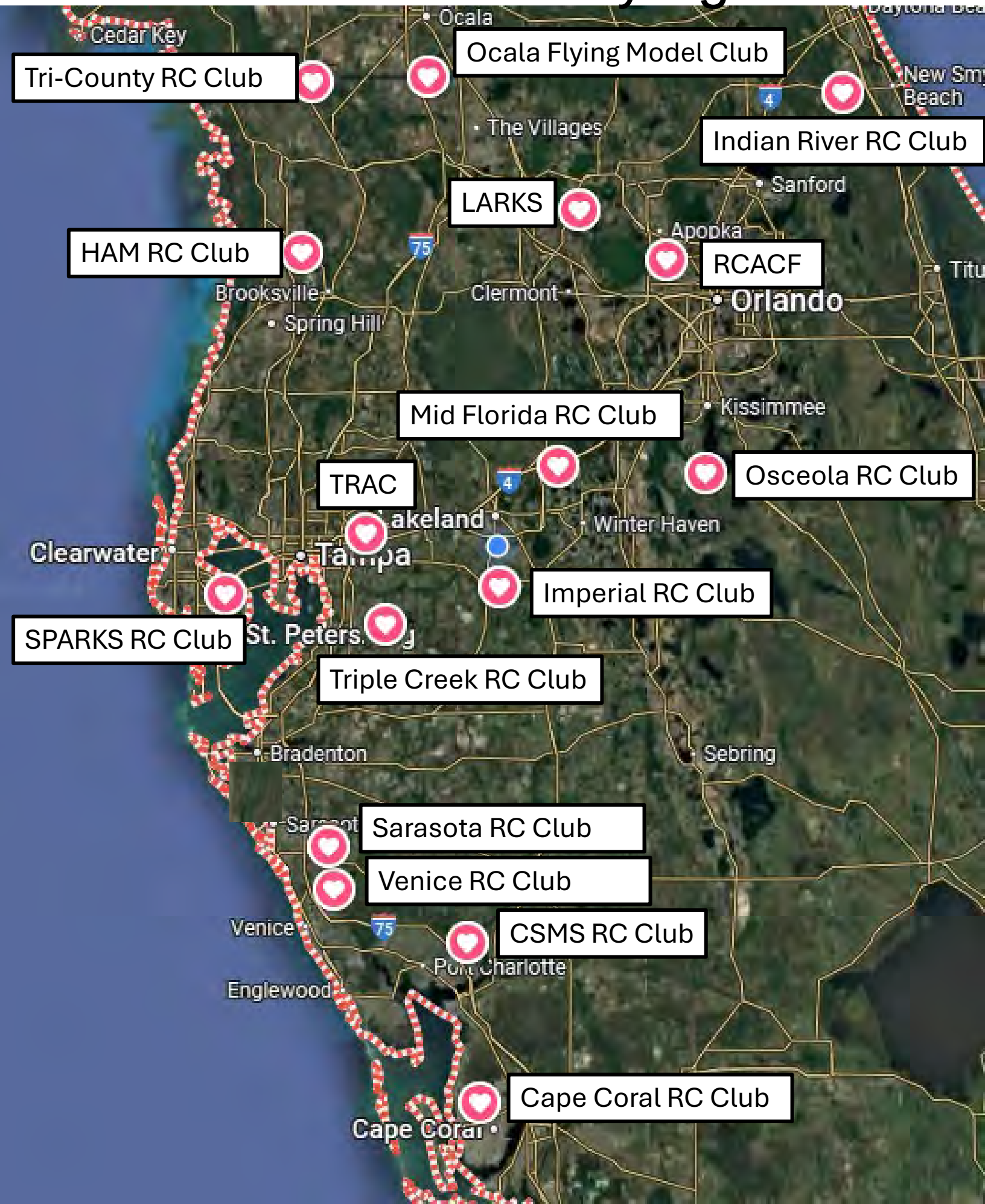


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Central Florida RC Flying Clubs





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 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

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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