

It's Time for Some

November 2025

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**Mike Fiandola's
November 2025
Ryan STA
Model of the Month**

**AMERICA'S
AIRFIELD**

STICK & RUDDER MEETING MINUTES

CERTIFICATES /AWARDS 2026 Club Officers Toys for Tots Fly-in

100 MISSIONS 2025



Stick and Rudder

By IRCC President Kevin Pazda

Elections - I want to thank everyone who came to the November meeting and participated in the annual club officer's election. For the coming year, we have the slate of officers published in the meeting minutes elsewhere in this issue of Propwash.

Annual renewal time – We are now collecting dues for 2025. If you wish to get your renewal to any of the club officers at the field, please make sure your information accompanies your payment. You may also mail a check to the treasurer. Lastly, we have a new payment system on the website that you may use for electronic payments. The new system is no longer the PayPal system that we have used over the years, but the reminder to please add the 3% if paying through that route still applies. I shall be updating the gate code after the club meeting in January, so do not miss out.

New faces at the field – I will be the first to admit that after the last 3 years as President, there are still members that I am meeting for the first time. Additionally, we have had a surprising number of “new” members who are coming into the hobby, relocating to the area, or are returning to the hobby. It is very gratifying to see our membership grow as these fresh faces show up. Please join me in making everyone feel welcome. I learn new things from people every day, and our strength is in our numbers. The next interested person to arrive may have the answer to all our concerns.

Fall Scale Event – This year’s event was a success! If you recall, last year was disrupted by a nasty hurricane. We have an opportunity to grow this event; it will take some time, energy, and marketing, but it appears to have good potential. Thank you to everyone who came out to help with working the event and participated.

News about other activities at the field – I received a message from the property owner letting us know that there will be some equipment arriving on-site for storage. The initial indication is that the equipment shall be stored along the Hwy 60 frontage, near the entrance. Additionally, both lighting and cameras will be installed to provide some additional security for the property. No word yet on fencing installation.

Stick and Rudder Continued

Upcoming IRCC events

- **Toys for Tots – Dec. 6th December club meeting, end-of-the-year celebration, and fun fly**
- **Florida eJet Fest International! February 5-8, 2026**

I hope you get out to the field, get in a couple of 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

November 1, 2025

Total Adult members 99 / Needed for Quorum (20% w/2 Officers) 19

- The Pledge of Allegiance and the Meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM.
- No visitors or new members were present.
- Awards/Certificates
 - Model of the month certificates, John Burdin, Wally Sunde
 - 2025 Replacement 100 mission patches were issued to Ron McKie and Paul Birch
- Minutes – Motion to accept March as published in the newsletter.
- Treasurer Report: All good and money in the bank. Renewals are being accepted now.
- Membership Report: Currently 107 members, Full adults, 101 total

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

- Field and Maintenance Report – Bill Pawl indicated welcome reduced growth in the grass and anticipated a reduced workload.
- Safety Report - No incidents to report.
- Instructors Report – Jeff Hughes – Trainers and students are all going well.
- Club Newsletter - Jerry McGhee welcomes reader input, humorous stories, and special interest pieces.
- Website - Ron McKie indicated all is up and running without issues.
- New Field Developments – None reported

IRCC Meeting Minutes

- Old Business –
 - Update from The IRCC All Scale Fly-In - October 24 -26, the club collected about \$600 from the event. Thank you to all who attended, participated, and helped.
 - Update on AED device. – Inquiries are being made presently on the supply of the device.
 - 2026 Dues being accepted now

- New Business

The following people were elected by club vote for IRCC 2026 Officer positions:

1. President – Kevin Pazda
2. Vice-President – Jerry McGhee
3. Secretary – Glenn Griffin
4. Treasurer – Steve Jaworski
5. 1st Year Director – Tom Carracino
6. 2nd Year Director – David DeWitt
7. 3rd Year Director – Jim Giallombardo

- Future Events (6-month look ahead)
- Toys for Tot and Family Fun Day and December meeting - December 6th, David Raff will coordinate a sign-up list.
- Florida eJet fest February 5th – 8th EDF Only
- Plane of the Month: Mike Fiandola with a Ryan STA
- 50/50 Drawing - Went to Jerry McGhee \$35
- Meeting Closed.

The End





November 2025 MEETING DAY!



(Left) Wally Sundeley receives his Model of the Month cover for October 2025

(Below) Tom Brooker (L) and Mike Fiandola (R) present their airplanes for the Model of the Month award.





The **Imperial Radio Control Clubs Annual Toys for Tots** toy collection is now in high gear and will continue until Saturday, December 6th, 2025, coinciding with the Family Day and End of the Year Celebration at the field.

This will be the 15th year that the **IRCC** has played a part in helping this wonderful organization put a smile on the face of a child on Christmas morning. Last year, they were able to distribute close to 55,500 toys to over 15,250 less fortunate children here in Polk County!

Toys can be for either a girl or a boy (or both) between the ages of 5–12 years old and must be unwrapped.

A collection box has been placed under the main pavilion for those wanting to drop off early, or you may not be able to attend on that date.

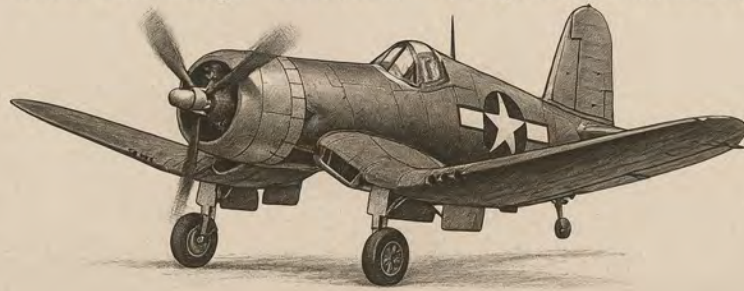
Finding yourself with a little extra free time on your hands?

We are so glad to be partnering with them again this year, but that almost didn't happen as they were severely short on volunteers last year and were very close to closing their doors forever. If you would like to find out more information on how you can be a part of this fantastic organization, copy and paste the link below into your web browser:

<https://polkcounty-fl.toysfortots.org/>

✈️ “SAME PLANE, ✈️ DIFFERENT OWNER’

From One Hangar to Another – The Journey Continues.



Jim Giallombardo at Imperial RC Club, July 16, 2020, with his Flightline F-4U Corsair



Jerry McGhee at Imperial RC Club, October 28, 2025, with his Flightline F-4U Corsair

On July 16, 2020, Jim Giallombardo proudly maiden'd his Flightline F-4U Corsair, a stunning warbird he had purchased from Motion RC. The aircraft quickly became a favorite in his hangar until 2022, when he passed it along to fellow aviator Jerry McGhee during the Top Gun event. Three years later, on August 5, 2025, Jerry began giving the Corsair new life with a meticulous repaint, transforming it into a tribute to Maj. Greg “Pappy” Boyington’s iconic aircraft. Then, on October 28, 2025—after sending his youngest son off to college and nursing a broken foot—Jerry finally took to the skies for the maiden flight of his own Corsair. With Jim standing beside him, the moment carried deep meaning: the same plane, reborn under new hands, soared once again, continuing its proud legacy and friendship-fueled journey through the skies.

SAFETY MESSAGE

**IF YOUR PLANE IS
ON FIRE**

**USE THE FIRE
EXTINGUISHER
TO PUT IT OUT
IF NECESSARY**



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
JOHN BURDIN

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
Mike Fiandola
Ryan STA
ARF

December
TBD
TBD
TBD

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

LOCATION: IMPERIAL R/C CLUB - MULBERRY, FL

ALL AMA MEMBERS WELCOME!

CONTEST DIRECTOR: DAVID RAFF 863-899-6972

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8TH ANNUAL

FLORIDA eJET FEST INTERNATIONAL

FEBRUARY 5-8, 2026

Mulberry, Florida
Imperial RC Club



2025 Best Jet Matt Moore

600x30 Paved Runway
EDF ONLY EVENT

f Florida eJet Fest International



Trophies
Raffle Prizes
Food & Drinks

Sorry, No Turbines, No Props

Fly-In INFORMATION
 CD: Jerry McChee mcghee66@gmail.com
 Co-CD: Steve Jaworski sajetguy@aol.com
 Website: www.imperialrcclub.com
 Event: EDF Fly-in
 Registration: \$40.00/all 4 days; \$20/day
 Facility: 26 acres of cleared land
 Onsite Camping: Available, no services
 Hotels: Several within 5-20 minutes from the field

2025 RCACF FLORIDA JET TOGETHER December 4-6

Come Watch Some of the Best RC Jet Pilots in the World!



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Event Coordinator
Gary Freeman Jr.
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VIP, Vendor spots, tent rental, and golf cart rental will be available
Check the Facebook group page for info "2025 Florida Jet Together"

\$55 preregistration
\$70 at the event

WARBIRDS

OVER SARASOTA

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 6TH
2025**

**RAIN DATE:
SATURDAY MAY 16TH 2026**



Donate a Teddy



Teddy bears are donated to the Sarasota Police and Sheriffs Dept. for children when they need comfort

AMA Sanction: 18808

Registration: 8:30AM

Flying: 9:30 AM - 2:30PM

Landing Fee: \$15.00

(\$5.00 off when you bring a Teddy Bear)

**All aircraft must be military semi-scale with the appropriate markings
Gas, Glow, Electric and Turbine**

(Gas turbines depending on Drought Index, check the website)

Public Welcome

Electric Warbird Gaggle before lunch

Flying Demonstrations at lunch break

Pitt area open for spectators during noon break

Handicap Friendly - Lots of Parking - Sun Shelters

Bring a lawn chair - Bring your camera - Raffle Prizes

**Follow the signs off I-75 Exit 207, go three miles East on Bee Ridge Rd
into Rothenbach Park, then bear right to the top of the hill**

Check Sarasota R/C Web Site for map to field www.sarasotarc.com



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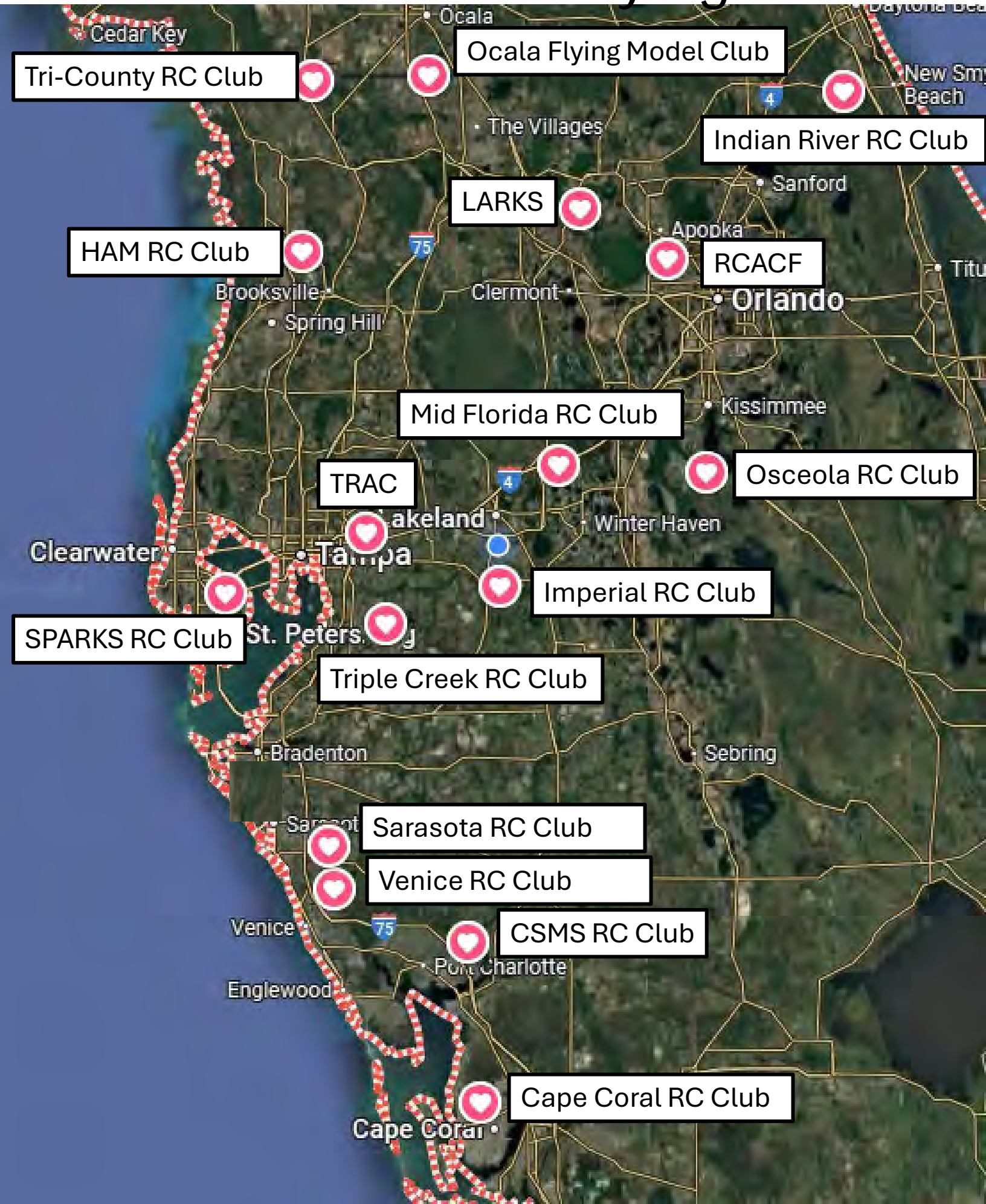
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or
Jim Martin: (941) 806-8520**

NEXT IRCC MEETING



SATURDAY
December 6, 2025
10:00 AM

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 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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