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January 2026

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MODEL OF THE MONTH!

**WINNING HIS
SIG KAVALIER!**



**AMERICA'S
AIRFIELD**

- STICK & RUDDER
- MEETING MINUTES
- CERTIFICATES /AWARDS
- MODEL OF THE YEAR 2025
- 100 MISSIONS 2025 & 2026

In Memorium

Victor Allen



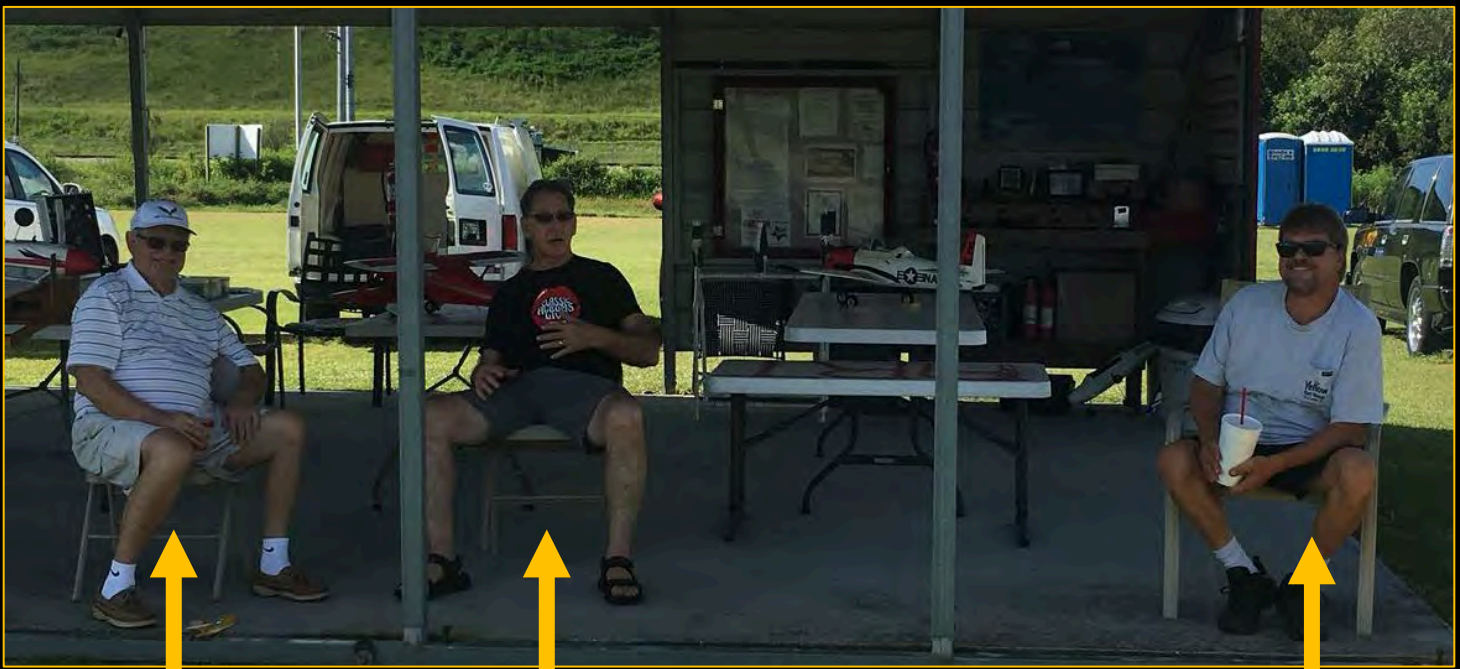
1969 - 2026

In Memorium

Gary Snyder



1944 - 2026



Gary Snyder

Ian Clark

Victor Allen

Above: 2018 – Gary Snyder, Ian Clark and Victor Allen all enjoying some flying at IRCC



Above: 2018 L-R Dan Hudson, Terry Baker and Gary Snyder transition the IRCC Treasury to IRCC New Treasurer Gary Snyder

Victor Allen 2018 with his eFlite F-4





Stick and Rudder

By IRCC President Kevin Pazda

I just want to start this month to say how proud I am of everyone that helps getting new members into the club and become successful model aviators. We all play a part in making newcomers feel welcome and stick around to enjoy the hobby. Last year we had more than 20 members that were either new or returning from an extended break. This represents 1/5th of our club. I am sad to say that we have also lost some good friends over that same period as well. Try to enjoy the aspect of the hobby that means the most to you. Don't miss an opportunity to share a laugh, celebrate small victories and commiserate the losses.

Annual renewal time – We are now collecting dues for 2026. I have been emailing membership cards to members as I receive the information. The gate code has been updated for 2026. If you have sent in your renewal and need the gate code, let me know.

Florida eJet Fest! – Is just around the corner, February 5-8. Jerry will be looking for help in all the usual areas. Many hands make for light work, so if you can find time for set-up, registration, concessions, raffle related activities, cleanup – along with participating, I encourage all to come on out and enjoy the event and help it along.

Planes trains and Automobiles – Provides an opportunity for contact with the public, some of whom are experiencing model aviation for the first time. The simulators were a big hit last year, for those interested in trying them out. There is also an opportunity for the public to vote on their favorite airplanes. This year it will fall near the end of February, come on out and meet the future aviators.

SAE event at Paradise field – This event comes around every other year or so. It provides an opportunity for the club to participate in a world class educational event, by providing knowledgeable service to the event. Our role is generally to help with the inspection activities on the aircraft that are designed and constructed by teams from all over the world. The proficiency of the teams varies greatly, and we are there to lend our knowledge in the inspection phase, as a safety step. Our function is not to solve problems, or offer advice, guidance or coaching, but rather to identify deficiencies, deviations from the supplied plans and unsafe conditions on the aircraft. This is a learning experience for all participants and ourselves as well.

Stick and Rudder Continued

Upcoming IRCC events

- **Florida eJet Fest International! February 5-8**
- **Plane Trains and Automobiles Feb 21**
- **SAE event March 6-8 Paradise field**
- **Frank Tiano Scale event May 7-10**

I hope you get out to the field, get in a couple flights, look out for your neighbor, and enjoy the little things.

Sincerely,

Kevin Pazda

Imperial R/C Club President 2026



Kevin Pazda in the Bell X-1 Cockpit

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 2026



IRCC Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2026

Total Adult members 35 / Needed for Quorum (20% w/2 Officers) 7

38 Members Present

- The Pledge of Allegiance. And call to order at 10:00
- Visitors or new members. Shelly Small and Allen
- Awards/Certificates
 - Model of the month certificates, John Burdin, Mike Fiandola, Nick Cain and Bennie Paz
 - Model of the Year award Keith Genske
 - Final 2025 100 mission patches none start working on next year.
- Minutes – Motion to accept as published in the newsletter. Accepted
- Treasurer Report - Renewals being accepted now.
- Membership Report Currently 33 Full adults, 35 total
- Field and Maintenance Report Bill Pawl Tractor repairs complete
- Safety Report - Art Duncan careful with batteries a small knife cut caused a fire
- Instructors Report – Jeff Hughes – All good
- Club Newsletter - Jerry McGhee All good
- Website - Ron McKie All good
- New Field Developments – nothing
- Old Business –
 - 2026 Dues being accepted now
- New Business None
- Model Of the Month - Tim Meyer and his kit built Sig Kavalier
- Sadd patch no volunteers
- Future Events (6-month look ahead)
 - Florida eJet fest February 5th – 8th EDF Only Help needed some raffle prizes coming
 - Planes, Trains, and Automobiles February 21st in Plant City, FL
 - Frank Tiano scale event, May 7-10, smaller size changes coming, and trophy sponsors requested
 - SAE event on March 6-8, Paradise Field volunteers needed
- 50/50 Drawing - \$58.00 won by Dave Richards
- Meeting Closed. At 11:06

The End



January 2026 MEETING DAY!



Kevin Pazda Leads our meeting



37 members present!



John Burdin, Mike Fiandola and Benny Paz receive their awards



(Above) Keith Genske wins Model of the year



(Left) Dave Richards wins the 50/50 drawing

IRCC Model of the Year Champion Keith Genske



2025



SAFETY MESSAGE



Don't start your plane by the IRCC Shelter with your exhaust pointing at the people in the shelter.



Florida eJet Fest International Schedule 2026

Wednesday, Feb 4, 2026

IRCC Field Set-up

- 3 or 4 volunteers needed for flags, banner, and parking lot set-up

Thursday, Feb 5, 2026

1st Day of Florida eJet Fest

0800: Registration/flying opens everyday

0930: Pilot's Meeting every day

- Volunteers needed for Registration desk, raffle sales, safety observers, cooks, food sales, and all-around ambassadors for the IRCC

Friday, Feb 6, 2026

2nd Day of Florida eJet Fest

- Volunteers needed for Registration desk, raffle sales, safety observers, cooks, food sales, and all-around ambassadors for the IRCC

Saturday, Feb 7, 2026

3rd Day of Florida eJet Fest

2:00 pm Raffle Draw

- Volunteers needed for Registration desk, raffle sales, safety observers, cooks, food sales, and all-around ambassadors for the IRCC

Sunday, Feb 8, 2026

4th Day of Florida eJet Fest

12:00 pm Event Closes – Normal Flying Resumes

IRCC Field Clean-up

- Volunteers needed for event teardown, flags, banners, parking lot

Monday, Feb 9, 2026

Tent Removal by contractor

IRCC 100 Missions Over Florida

FINAL ROLL CALL 2025



ROGER GRIFFITH
GREG KISER
STEVE FRANC
MARK DURKAC
DREW POWELL
PRESTON VALK

TOM CARRACINO
JEFF HUGHES
JERRY MCGHEE
KEITH GENSKE
GLENN GRIFFIN
JIMMY ENDERTON
TODD BEATTY
BILL PAWL
PAUL BIRCH
RON MCKIE
JOHN BURDIN
ART DUNCAN
LARRY ODOM
JIM GIALLOMBARDO

The Rules for the 100 Missions Over Florida

LOG YOUR SORTIES!

- Flights must occur over the state of Florida
- 1Flight = 1 tank of fuel or 1 battery
- Crashes count as a single flight
- Touch-and-go DO NOT count toward your 100 sorties count.

IRCC - 100 Missions Over Florida Patches (2019-2026)



2019



2020



2021



2022



2023



2024



2025



2026

100 Missions Over Florida By the Numbers

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Totals	
IRCC Total Members	125	100	128	110	108	93	107	110	(avg)
100 Mission Participants	67	65	58	51	42	37	38	51	(avg)
Percentage of Participation	53.60%	65%	45.31%	46.35%	38.89%	39.78%	35.51%	46.30%	(avg)
100 Missions Achieved	20	22	25	20	16	16	20	19	(avg)
Percentage Achieved	29.85%	33.85%	43.10%	40.13%	38.10%	43.24%	52.63%	38.83%	(avg)
Number of Sorties Logged	4,760	6,559	6,084	4,660	3,708	3,125	3,838	32,734	(total)

IRCC Mission Participation & Achievement (2019-2025)



* Note: Estimated averages used for 2022 due to hurricane-related data loss.

2026

Model of the Year Nominees

January - June



January
Tim Meyer
Sig Cavalier
Builder of the Model: Yes

February
TBD
TBD
Builder of the Model:

March
TBD
TBD
Builder of the Model:

April
TBD
TBD
Builder of the Model:

May
TBD
TBD
Builder of the Model:

June
TBD
TBD
Builder of the Model:

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 McGhee 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

2026 Southeastern Model Show (Perry Swap Meet)

Join Us for the Largest R/C Aircraft Swap Meet in the US!

When

Feb 27, 2026, 10:00 AM EST – Feb 28, 2026, 5:00 PM EST

Where

Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agrirama,
401 Golden Isles Pkwy, Perry, GA
31069, USA



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SAVE THE DATE!



Saturday February 21st, 2026

The 14th Annual Planes Trains & Automobiles Event is about a month away and the Imperial Radio Control Club has been requested once again to represent Model Aviation for the show! IRCC has been honored each year from the very start back in 2010 to be a part of this fun, family-friendly one day event.

As in years past, there will be full-scale aircraft on static display along with railroad exhibits, displays and set-ups including one made entirely of Legos.

Between 70-80 show cars including hot rods, classics, military & emergency service vehicles will be on display.

Word on the street is there may be some really interesting aircraft on display this year including:

North American T-28 Trojan
Beechcraft Model 18 "Twin Beech"
John Hopkins "Lifeline" Medivac Helicopter
Douglas DC-3
Eisenhower's Twin Engine Aero Commander L-26B
(The smallest "Air Force One")

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 will be onsite as well.

SWAP &



DATE

SATURDAY, 21 FEBRUARY 2026

START FROM: 8 AM - 5 PM

FLYING SITE ADDRESS: 1020 SE 110TH ST, Ocala, Florida

- FREE ATTENDANCE- OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- \$10 VENDOR/ PILOT REGISTRATION FEE- (COVERS YOUR SPOT, WHETHER YOU ARE SELLING OR FLYING, OR BOTH)
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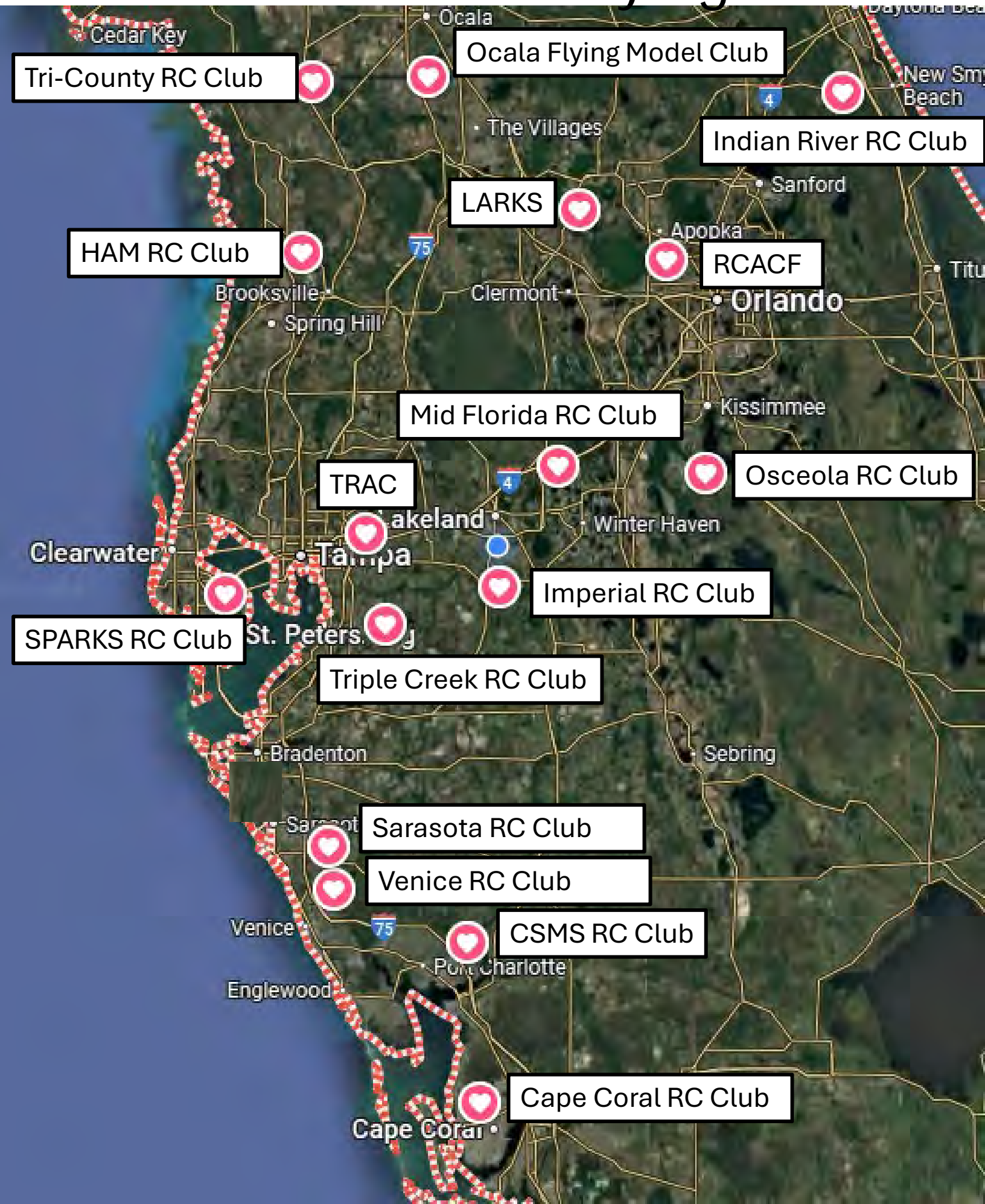
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NEXT IRCC MEETING



SATURDAY
February 14, 2026
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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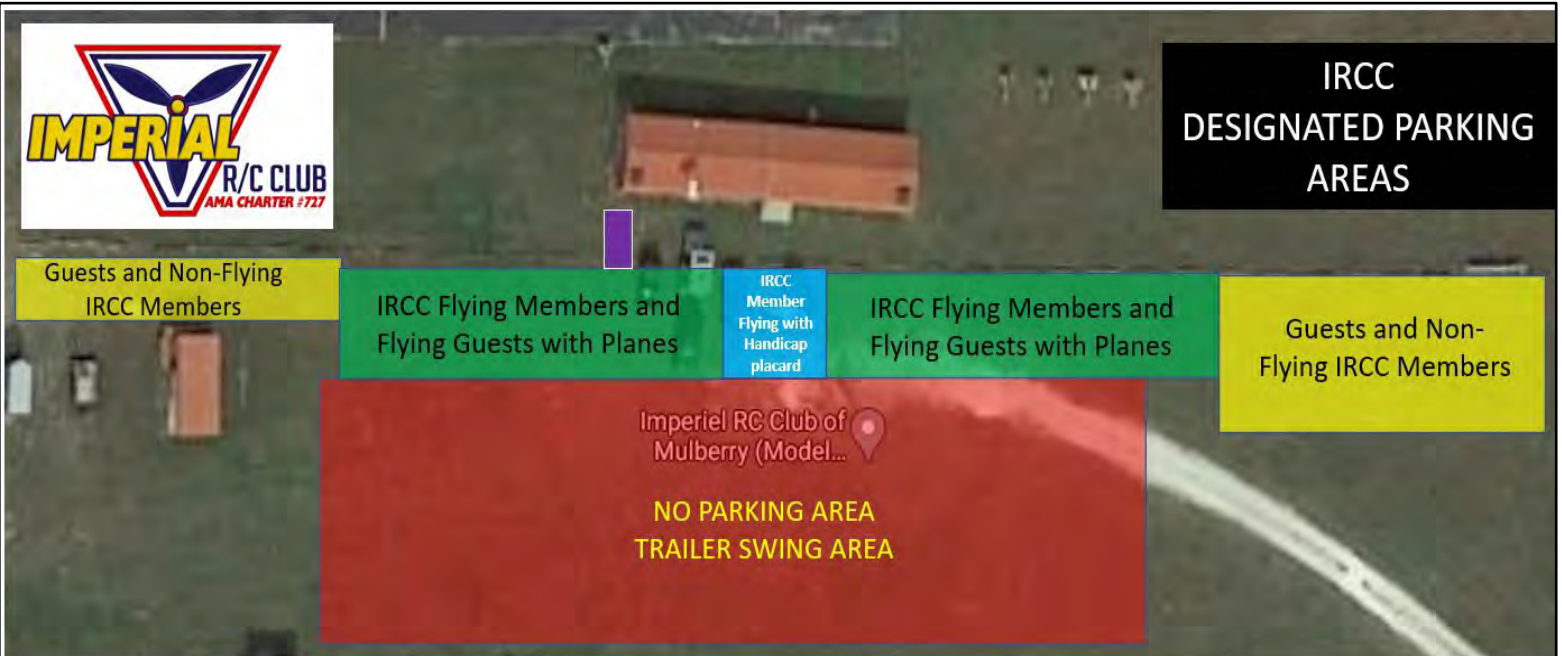
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3 Designated spots for IRCC members with handicap placards and they intend to fly during their visit to the IRCC. Non-flying park in yellow spots

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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