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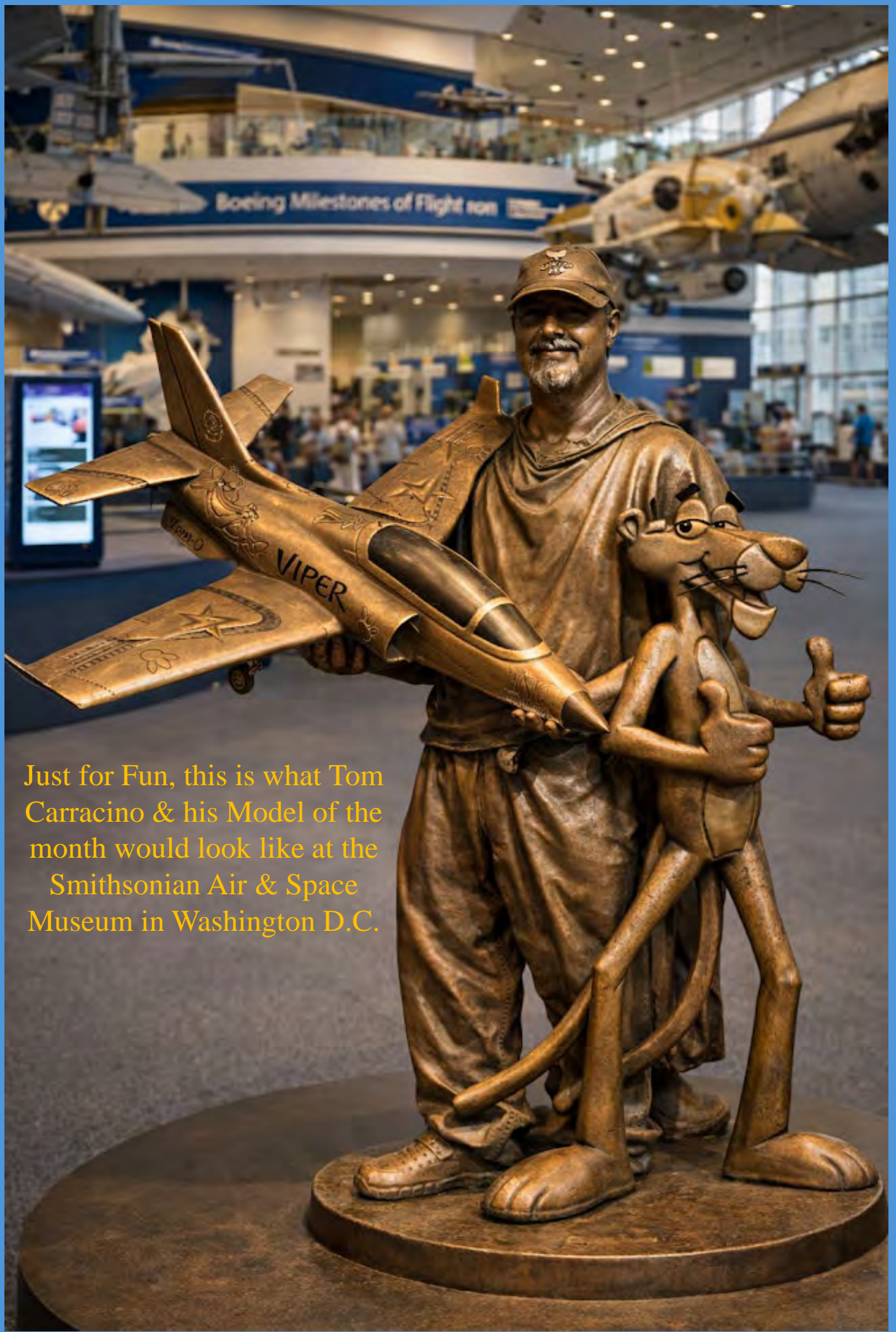


Tom Carracino
February 2026
Viper 90
Model of the Month

STICK & RUDDER MEETING MINUTES

Florida eJet Fest Pictures

100 MISSIONS 2026



Just for Fun, this is what Tom Carracino & his Model of the month would look like at the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum in Washington D.C.



Stick and Rudder

By IRCC President Kevin Pazda

March Meeting reminder – The March club meeting shall be on Saturday, the 14th, to avoid the SAE event.

Gratitude to the families of Vic Allen and Gary Snyder – The families of these club members had generously donated models and related items to the club. The club was able to auction these items to both raise funds and keep them flying. A sincere thank you.

Field Safety – Some of you may have seen evidence of a grass fire in the corner of the field. The dry conditions have made for a lot of tinder and kindling. We want to remind everyone of the firefighting equipment that we have on-site. Grass fires are best extinguished with water. We have a backpack water pump at the ready outside the West end of the pavilion. I suspect many are unaware of the unit or how it works. Bill Pawl gives an excellent introduction to the operation of the equipment; just ask. In an emergency, time and training matter.

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! – Was another great time! There was some concern about the weather as the event approached, but each of the 4 days got better as the event went on. I really want to thank everyone who helped out with all the jobs that make an event like this a success. The setup activities, registration, concessions, and cleanup all went smoothly, and the participants and spectators enjoyed the manicured field. Mercifully, the crash cart was largely unused. Some amazing flying and superb landings (most on the runway and one in the neighbors' yard) were brilliantly executed.

Planes Trains and Automobiles I will have an update on this event in next month's article.

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 us as well.

Stick and Rudder Continued

Upcoming IRCC events

- **SAE event March 6-8 Paradise field**
- **Frank Tiano Scale Fly-in 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



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 8th 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

February 14, 2026

Total Adult members 73 / Needed for Quorum (20% w/2 Officers) 14

22 Members Present

- The Pledge of Allegiance. Said at 10:00 am
 - Visitors or new members. Brian Hubbard
- Remember Gary Snyder and Vic Allen. A moment of silence to remember them
- Awards/Certificates
- Model of the month certificates, Tim Meyer not present
- Minutes – Motion to accept as published in the newsletter. Made and Passed
- Treasurer Report - Renewals being accepted now. Bills are paid, and all reporting for the year is complete
- Membership Report: Currently 68 Full adults, 73 total
- Field and Maintenance Report - Bill Pawl reminded everyone where the water is located in case of fire
- Reminder of flying boundaries. Done by Kevin Pazda
- Instructors Report – Jeff Hughes – Retiring as the lead trainer instructor, he will still do introduction flights and coordinate getting people connected with other training pilots
- Safety Report - Runaway airplanes again, Bob Curry reminded everyone about battery safety and throttle cuts
- Club Newsletter - Jerry McGhee is all good. Send your articles or funny stories.
- Website - Ron McKie all good
- New Field Developments – nothing
- Old Business –
 - 2026 Dues being accepted now
- New Business
- Debrief The 8th Annual Florida eJet Fest, Contest Director Jerry McGhee reported over \$2000.00 dollars made with 42 pilots! The raffle big success as well as food sales! He thanked everyone who participated, volunteered and donated to the event.
- Future Events (6-month look ahead)
 - Planes, Trains, and Automobiles February 21st in Plant City, FL
 - SAE event on March 6-8, Paradise Field volunteers needed
 - Frank Tiano scale event, May 7-10, smaller size changes coming, and trophy sponsors requested. Trophies on the way sponsors still needed

IRCC Meeting Minutes Continued

- From the Shop – Bob Curry Working on his ¼ scale Fokker DVII from Balsa USA. He is currently covering the model with fabric.
- Model of the Month: Tom Carracino and his Viper Jet
- Announcements:
 - Auction and sale of equipment
- 50/50 Drawing - Jeff Hughes \$42.00
- Meeting Closed at 10:57

The End



FLORIDA eJET FEST INTERNATIONAL

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had a successful 8th year
at the IRCC!

42 REGISTERED PILOTS!



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THANK YOU!

TO THE IRCC, THE AMAZING VOLUNTEERS
WHO ENSURED THE EVENT'S SUCCESS...

AND ALL THE PILOTS AND SPECTATORS
WHO ATTENDED TO MAKE IT GREAT!

YOU REALLY HELPED US SOAR ★
THANK YOU!





Best Scale Jet – Matt Moore, FL



Best Scale Flight – Sean O'Conner, FL



Best Static Jet – Bob Morasco, FL



Longest Flight – Tim Setter, FL: 36:25



**Fastest Composite Jet
Jeff Holland, GA: 202 mph**



**Fastest Foam Jet
Tyler Wells, GA: 178 mph**

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



FOR OVER \$2000 IN PRIZES AT





February 2026 MEETING DAY!



Kevin Pazda Leads our meeting

(Right) Jeff Hughes resignation speech as Chief Flight Instructor for IRCC for the last 8 years in service. Thank you Jeff for the many hours you have spent on the flightline instructing new RC pilots!



(Above) The estate sale of Gary Snyder and Vic Allen, our friends who have passed away. The families donated the proceeds to the IRCC.

SAFETY MESSAGE

Behold...
the **Hangar Queen.**



'It flew perfectly...
back when Obama
was president.

Eh... it'll
be fine.

It flew perfectly...

back when Obama was president.

If an airplane hasn't flown in **months**
or **years**, treat it like a **brand new build**
before flying again.

- Check hinges and glue joints
- Inspect linkages and control horns
- Test servos for slop or jitter
- Inspect wiring and switches
- Verify battery health
- Perform a full radio range check

A "Hangar Queen" becomes a crash report
when the preflight is skipped.

FLY SMART. FLY SAFE.

Inspect before you resurrect.



IRCC 100 Missions Over Florida

ROLL CALL 2026



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.

2026

Model of the Year Nominees

January - June



January
Tim Meyer
Sig Cavalier
Builder of the Model: Yes

February
Tom Carracino
Viper Jet
Builder of the Model: No

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:

SWAP MEET

Saturday, March 28

Gate Opens @7:30AM-12pm

\$3 Donation per car

\$5 per car- Selling



Hernando County R/C Club

SWAP MEET



TABLES (*while they last*)

Coffee, Doughnuts and Water available



Event Location:

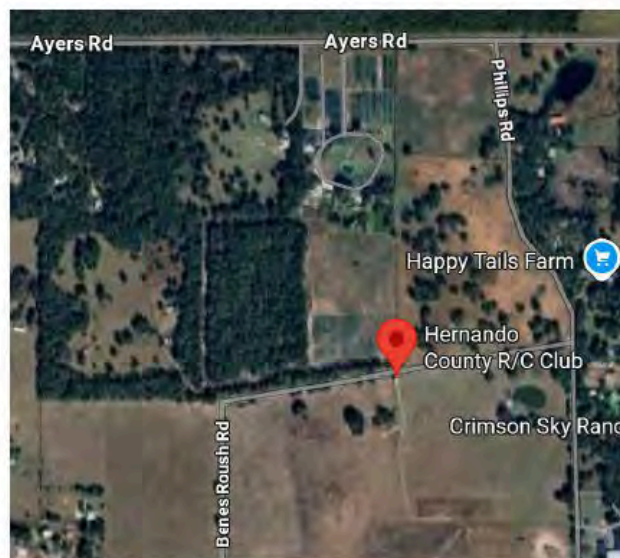
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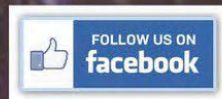


A FIRST COAST WARBIIRD EVENT
MARCH 27-29, 2026

**LET'S
GO-**

*THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL SCALE MODEL AIRCRAFT WITH MILITARY INSIGNIA
SPORT MODELS ARE NOT ALLOWED*

*LANDING FEES \$30.00
FREE FOR SPECTATORS
SQUADRON LEADER: PETER JACKSON*



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WINGS FOR VICTORY

FRANK



TIANO



ALL SCALE FLY-IN MAY 7th - 10th 2026 MULBERRY, FL



- AWARDS**
- 1ST 2ND & 3RD
 - Military WWI
 - Military WWII
 - Military 1946 +
 - Golden Age
 - Civilian
 - BEST OF SHOW



Sorry, No Turbines

ANY SIZE, ANY SCALE, ANYTHING GOES!



- Amenities**
- 600' x 30' Paved Runway
 - Dry Camping
 - Tents for Rent
 - Food On Site

Contest Director: Glenn Griffin
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AUGUST 22, 2026

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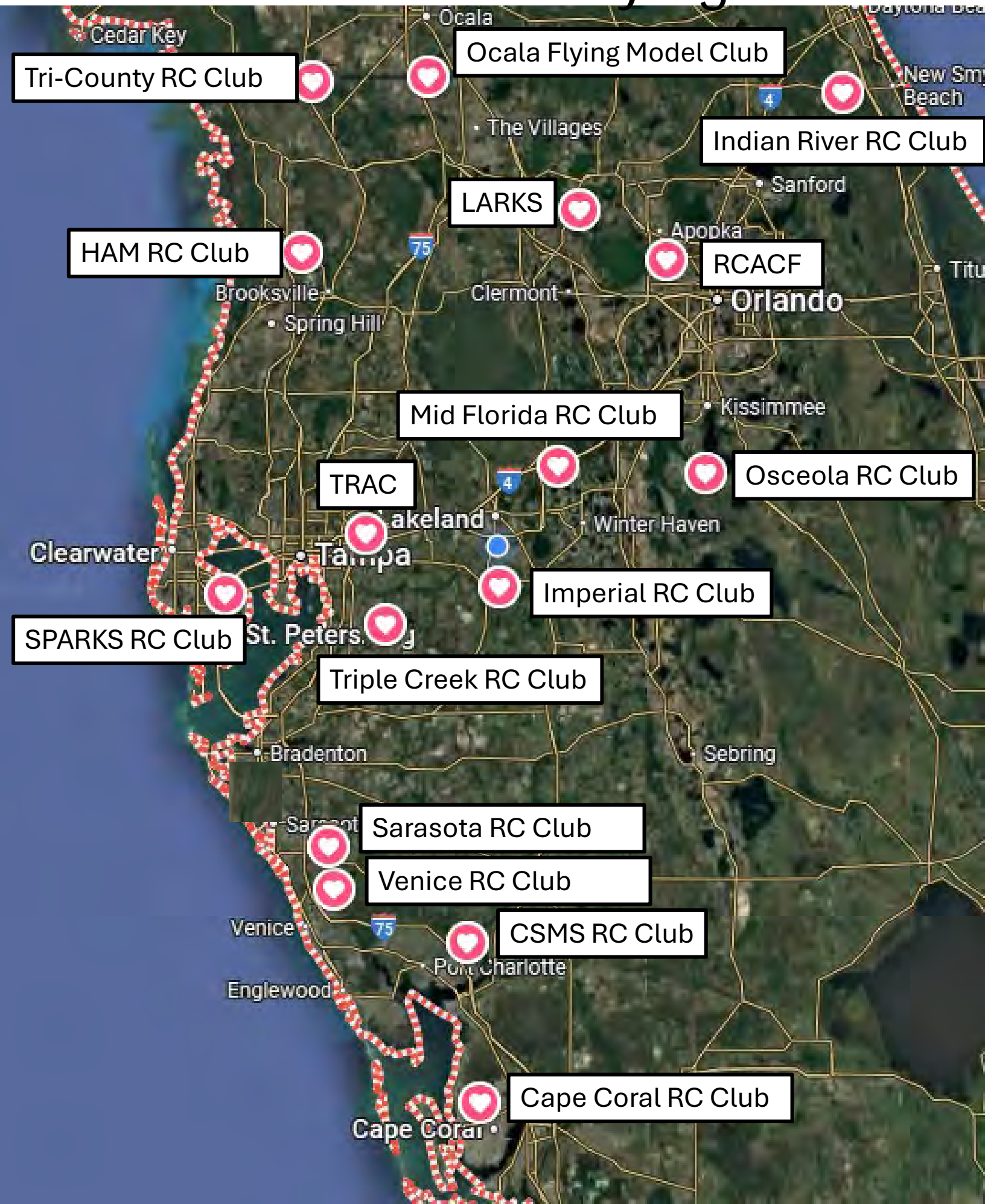
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NEXT IRCC MEETING



SATURDAY
March 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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IRCC
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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**

-  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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