

It's Time for Some

March 2026

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Keith Genske
March 2026
Eflite Cub

Model of the Month

STICK & RUDDER MEETING MINUTES

Planes, Trains & Automobiles

100 MISSIONS 2026



Stick and Rudder

This Month's Cover:

2025 Defending IRCC Model of Year Champion, Keith Genske's Model of the month winner for March 2026, the Piper Cub that he bought from the Vic Allen estate sale. Keith restored the aircraft and is flying it over the IRCC Aerodrome! A fitting tribute to Vic Allen who was taken far too soon!

By IRCC President Kevin Pazda

Health and Well-being - As we begin to see the weather warming up, we realize that summertime is just around the corner. The grass will begin to grow, the sun will spend more time overhead, and the temperature will warm up as we enjoy the beautiful flying weather. With the prospect of spending more time outside in the heat, I think it's helpful to reinforce the idea of taking care to not overexert yourself, stay hydrated, and take those rest breaks when you need them, and watch out for one another.

AED - The club has procured an AED. By the time of the April meeting, it should be installed. We anticipate having some training on the operation of the unit and would like to gather as many people as possible to learn how it is used. More information will be available at the April meeting, so I encourage you to attend and learn more firsthand.

Mowing - Very shortly, we're going to be in a position where we'll be mowing the grass every week. Bill Pawl has done a great job for 10 years now, managing the field maintenance activities, and has now decided to pass the wrench on to the next enthusiastic member. We are a community of members with a wide range of experiences, backgrounds, and capabilities. As a group, I believe we have members who can contribute as operators and maintenance/repair specialists. If you have an interest and some time to mow some grass, make it known. If you could help schedule the volunteers, that would help out as well. If you like changing oil or sharpening lawn mower blades, we have a place for you as well; this can be a team effort. I will say that it is very satisfying to stop and look around at the freshly cut field, enjoy the smell of the grass, and be proud of a finished job.

Open gates – A pastoral landscape painting of an open gate usually depicts either a welcoming invitation to enter, or neglect. On an increasing frequency, we have been finding the gate open. While I doubt our members are leaving the gate open, I encourage everyone to continue to close and lock the gate when they are the last ones out.

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.

Stick and Rudder Continued

Upcoming IRCC events

- **Frank Tiano Scale event May 7-10**
- **National model aviation day, August 22nd, complete with our Tri-Fecta Fun Fly!**

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

March 14, 2026

Total Adult members 71 / Needed for Quorum (20% w/2 Officers) 14

Members Present: 22

- The Pledge of Allegiance was said at 10:00 am and the meeting was called to order by the President, Kevin Pazda.
- Visitors or new members: Alfredo here for demo flight
- Awards/Certificates
 - Model of the month certificates: Tim Meyer, Tom Carracino, and Benny Paz
 - 100 mission award Drew Powell, Tom Carracino, and Benny Paz
- Minutes – Motion to accept as published in the newsletter. Accepted
- Treasurer’s Report - Renewals being accepted now. Bills paid and Money in the bank...”all good”
- Membership Report Currently 75 Full adults, 79 total
- Field and Maintenance Report - Bill Pawl announced he is retiring from mowing and maintenance. IRCC needs volunteers need to take over.
- Instructors Report – Jeff Hughes did 4-5 demo flights. Tom Carracino taking over as primary trainer at least one volunteer trainer needed to help
- Safety Report – No safety incidents to report. Keep flying safe!
- Club Newsletter - Jerry McGhee All Good, send articles or anecdotes or pictures.
- Website - Ron McKie All Good
- New Field Developments – None
- Old Business –
 - 2026 Dues being accepted now
- New Business
 - Debrief from David Raff - Planes Trains & Automobiles 7 IRCC members attended.
 - Debrief from David DeWitt - SAE Competition all went well David thanked everyone for the help.
 - Jerry McGhee made a motion and it passed that the IRCC will charge \$2000.00 for SAE students use of the IRCC field and Volunteers for the event.
 - The International Student teams that utilized the IRCC field left the club facility in shambles and the trash cans were overflowing and the heavy wind blew the trash across the IRCC field. Additionally the students utilized spray foam and they had very little regard for where the foam went and they made a mess of the shelter with the foam that IRCC had to clean up. This lack of clean up by the students after themselves precipitated this motion and acceptance by the club for any future SAE support.

IRCC Meeting Minutes Continued

- Future Events (6-month look ahead)
 - Frank Tiano scale event, May 7-10, all scale no size limits, and trophy sponsors remind that sponsor money due asap
- Over and Above Award: David Raff for Planes, Trains and Automobiles. David Dewitt for the SAE event' and Bill Pawl for his many years of service
- From the Shop – Bob Curry not present
- Model of the Month - Keith Genske E-flight carbon cub

Announcements:

- 50/50 Drawing - Drew Powell 45.00
- Meeting Closed. 10:48 pm

The End





IRCC Meeting Day

March 2026



Kevin Pazda Leads our meeting



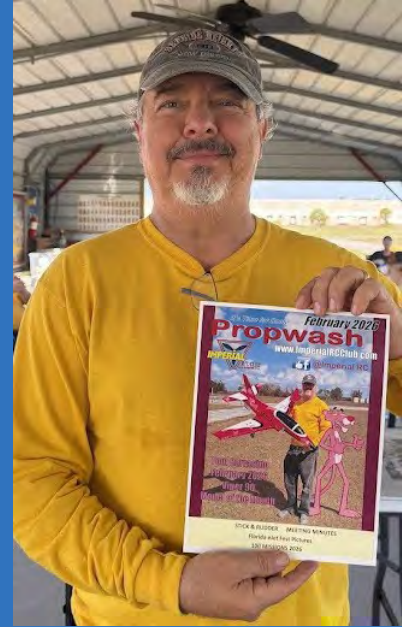
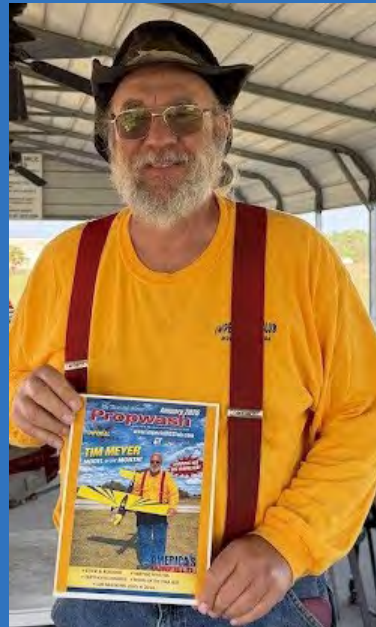
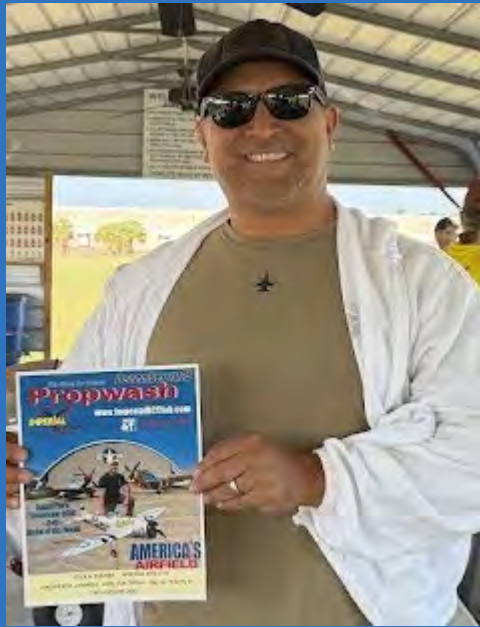
Bill Pawl announces his resignation from Field & Maintenance Leader. The IRCC thanked him for 10 years of service.





IRCC Meeting Day

March 2026



L-R: Benny Paz, Tim Meyer and Tom Carracino receive their IRCC Model of the Month certificates



L-R: Tom Carracino, Drew Powell and Benny Paz achieved their 2026 100 Missions Over Florida patches! Congratulations!



PLANT CITY
PLANES, TRAINS &
AUTOMOBILES



Imperial RC Club

SAFETY CORNER

Don't Fly Over the Pits!



KEEP THE PITS SAFE!



**The Golden Rule: Planes over there...
People back here!**

Use your head - Not your plane!

IRCC 100 Missions Over Florida

ROLL CALL 2026



TOM CARRACINO
DREW POWELL
BENNY PAZ

The Rules for the 100 Missions Over Florida

LOG YOUR SORTIES!

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

2026

Model of the Year Nominees

January - June



January
Tim Meyer
Sig Kavalier
Kit
Builder of the Model: Yes



February
Tom Carracino
Viper Jet
ARF
Builder of the Model: No



March
Keith Genske
Eflite Cub
ARF
Builder of the Model: No

April
TBD
TBD
Builder of the Model:

May
TBD
TBD
Builder of the Model:

June
TBD
TBD
Builder of the Model:

Blue Angels & Thunderbirds Performing Near Lakeland!

IRCC Members Can Go To Both!



Cocoa Beach

APRIL 11-12, 2026

SUN n FUN

AEROSPACE EXPO

APRIL 14-19, 2026

Lakeland, Florida



AIR DOT SHOW

Cocoa Beach

APRIL 11-12, 2026



Triple Creek Radio Control Aircraft Club

WARBIRDS ANNUAL FLY-IN

The Public is Welcome!
Free Admission!



SATURDAY APRIL 11TH

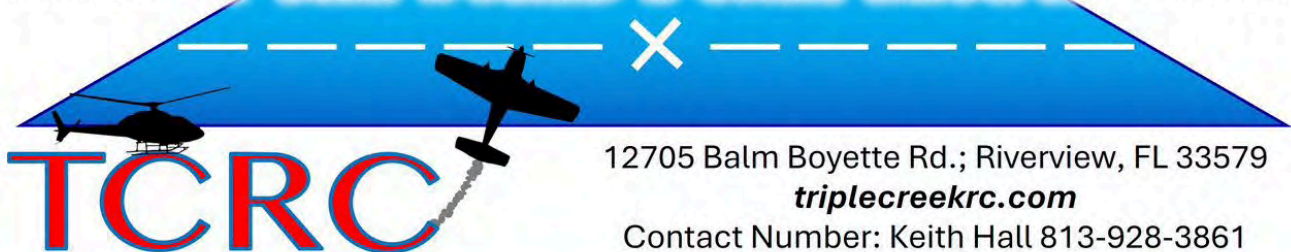
No turbines permitted

- **Registration:** 8:30am
- **Event:** 9am – 2pm
- **Open Flying:** 2pm – until
- Concessions available
- **Landing Fee:** \$30
 - Includes lunch
- Covered pits with electric outlets

All Warbird Pilots and Spectators Welcome!

- NO OVERNIGHT CAMPING PERMITTED -

HOME OF THE WORLD'S ONLY BLUE RUNWAY!



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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#MODELAVIATIONDAY



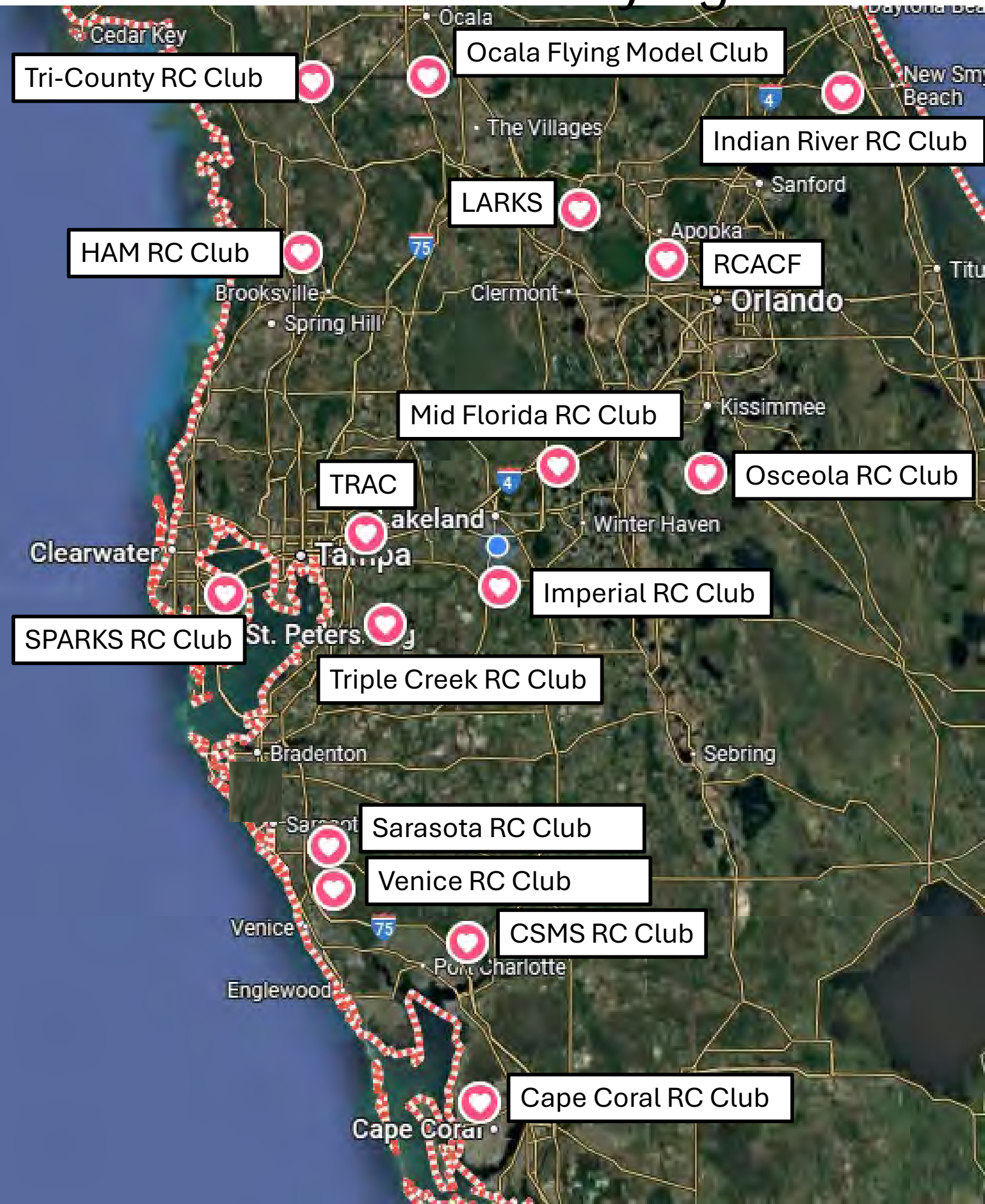
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NEXT IRCC MEETING



SATURDAY
April 4, 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
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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