

It's Time for Some

April 2026

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Brian Rivers Fokker DR-1 Model of the Month

**STICK & RUDDER MEETING MINUTES Meeting Day
100 MISSIONS 2026 & EVENTS, EVENTS, EVENTS!!**



Stick and Rudder

This Month's Cover:

Brian Rivers and his dog Kinser display Brian's scratch-built Fokker DR-1! Along with Kinser is Lothar von Richthofen as Brian modeled his plane. Lothar is the brother to Baron von Richthofen a.k.a. The Red Baron. Great job Brian!

By IRCC President Kevin Pazda

Frank Tiano Scale event – Coming Up May 7-10, Get your scale models dusted and charged. We are looking forward to another good event. Glenn has been hard at work collecting raffle prizes and has collection sure to impress the participants. Even if you don't wish to fly, you can always come out and help out, enjoy lunch, some camaraderie, and

the show. We will be looking for help to get the field ready, work registration, raffle, concessions, and cleanup.

AED - The AED cabinet has been mounted, and we have plans for a training session after the May meeting. We would like to gather as many people as possible to learn how it is used. 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. 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. As a follow-up, I spoke to the property owner, and he plans to move the entrance gate farther from the road to permit the container drivers to get off the road when they pull in.

Stick and Rudder Continued

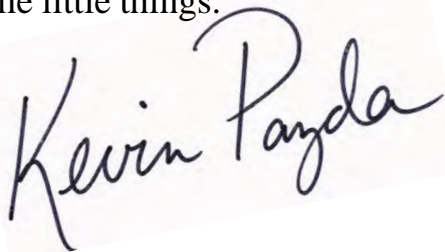
Dues – Reminder, we offered an option this year to split the dues into 6-month periods. As we approach June, the second payment will be due. I have been emailing membership cards to members as I receive the information.

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.

Upcoming IRCC events

- **May 7-10, 2026 - Frank Tiano Scale event May 7-10**
- **August 22, 2026 - National Model Aviation Day complete with our Tri-Fecta Fun Fly!**

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 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! Tom Carracino will coordinate any training needed to operate the equipment. Please contact Tom Carracino via email at pcgboca@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

April 4, 2026

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

Members Present: 24

- The Pledge of Allegiance. Said and call to order by Kevin Pazda at 10:00 AM
- Visitors or new members. Jason Jones from Planes, Trains, and Automobiles
- Awards/Certificates
 - Model of the month certificates, Keith Genski
 - 100 mission patch Jerry McGhee
- Minutes – Motion to accept as published in the newsletter. Accepted
- Treasurer Report - Renewals being accepted now. Bills paid and money in the bank
- Membership Report: Currently 71 Full adults, 77 total
- Field and Maintenance Report – Any Issues? Tom Carracino noted that we need mower gas, a new flag, and a new windsock mowing was done by Benny Paz and Tom Carracino
 - A motion was made to procure these items, seconded and passed by majority vote.
- Instructors Report – Several students in training, but not showing up on a regular basis
- Safety Report - Prop safety discussed, and the use of sunscreen in the summer months
- Club Newsletter - Jerry McGhee All good
- Website - Ron McKie, all good online membership app to be modified for JR membership to be 5.00 one-time fee until 18 years old. AMA must be kept current
- New Field Developments – None
- Old Business –
 - AED Update: We have it, and it needs to be mounted. Motion made to get a training class for AED use. Glenn Griffin is working on this.
 - 2026 Dues being accepted now
- New Business None
- Future Events (6-month look ahead)
 - **Frank Tiano scale event, May 7-10**, Trophy sponsors requested. Several raffle prizes were procured. Pam is going to do the cooking. Help needed 5/6 for set-up and 5/10 for tear down, and volunteers needed for registration table and assisting with concessions

IRCC Meeting Minutes Continued

- Future Events (6-month look ahead) – Continued from previous page
 - [National Model Aviation Day 2026](#) will be celebrated on Saturday, August 22, 2026. This day is dedicated to promoting the hobby of model aviation and encouraging clubs to celebrate it with community events. The AMA Foundation is excited to host various activities and events on this day, making it a great opportunity for model aviation enthusiasts to gather and share their passion for flying models.
- Over and Above Award: Benny Paz for mowing
- From the Shop – Bob Curry Nothing new
- Model of the Month - Brian Rivers for his Fokker DR-1 Scratch Built
- 50/50 Drawing - Keith Genski 53.00
- Meeting Closed. At 10:56

The End





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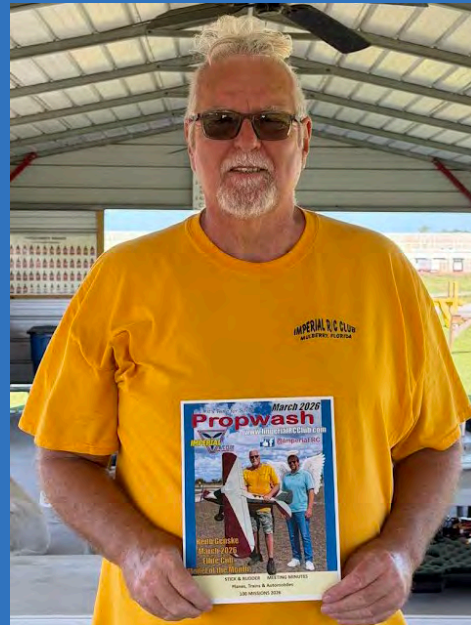
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IRCC Meeting Day

April 2026



IRCC President Kevin Pazda Leads our meeting with IRCC Secretary Glenn Griffin keeping the minutes.



Keith Genske gets his Cover photo for last month's Model of the Month



Jerry McGhee receives his IRCC 100 Missions over Florida Patch for 2026!



Brian Rivers presents his scratch-built Fokker DR-1 (on the cover) for Model of the Month



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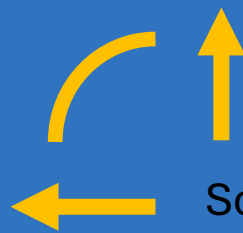
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Brian River's Fokker DR-1 receives the pass and review from Bob Curry and Jeff Hughes!

Wally Sundry shows his 17th Planes, Trains & Automobiles trophy from the Feb 2026 event!



Some of the 24 members in attendance for this month's meeting!

SAFETY MESSAGE

Imperial RC Club

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ALL RIGHT!



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IRCC 100 Missions Over Florida

ROLL CALL 2026



TOM CARRACINO
DREW POWELL
BENNY PAZ
JERRY MCGHEE

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
Brian Rivers
Fokker DR-1
Scratch Built
Builder of the Model: Yes

May
TBD
TBD
Builder of the Model:

June
TBD
TBD
Builder of the Model:

IRCC
NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Get ready for takeoffs, touchdowns,
and everything in between.
See what's coming up for
IRCC members!



EVENT CALENDAR

Dates, times &
locations



FLY-INS & COMPETITIONS

Fun flies, contests
& more



CLUB GATHERINGS

Meet up, connect
& share



DON'T MISS OUT!

Plan ahead and
be part of it

LET'S MAKE SOME MEMORIES!

SEE YOU AT THE FIELD!

FRANK



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ALL SCALE FLY-IN MAY 7th - 10th 2026

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

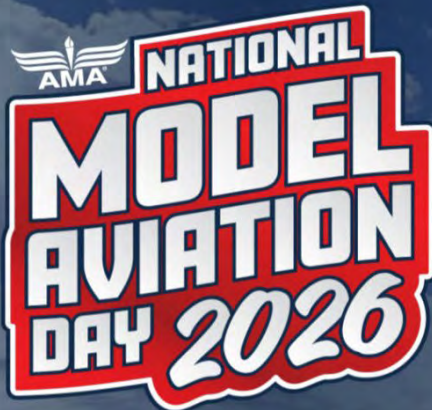
Amenities

- 600' x 30' Paved Runway
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- Food On Site

Contest Director: Glenn Griffin
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 gggriffin.rrt@gmail.com



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Big Bird Fly In

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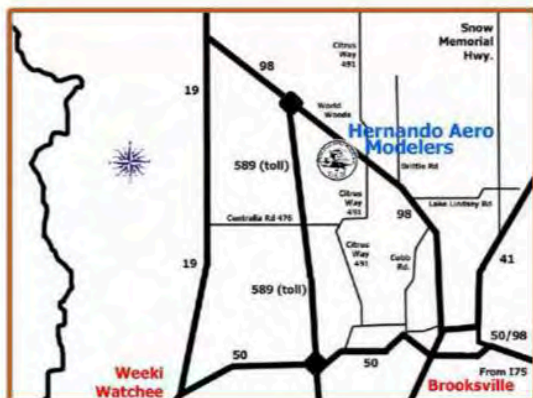
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Saturday, May 16, 2026

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★ JULY 18, 2026

0900 - 1600

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- ★ Pilot fee: \$20 (includes lunch)
- ★ Pit tables: first come first serve
- ★ Aircraft Restrictions:

Any warbird and any classic era aircraft (classic aircraft are defined as designed/build/modeled before 1976, ie 50 years), warbird colors not required, no turbines



SPECTATOR INFORMATION

- ★ Free to spectate
- ★ Free parking



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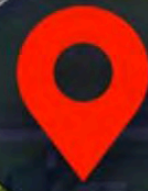
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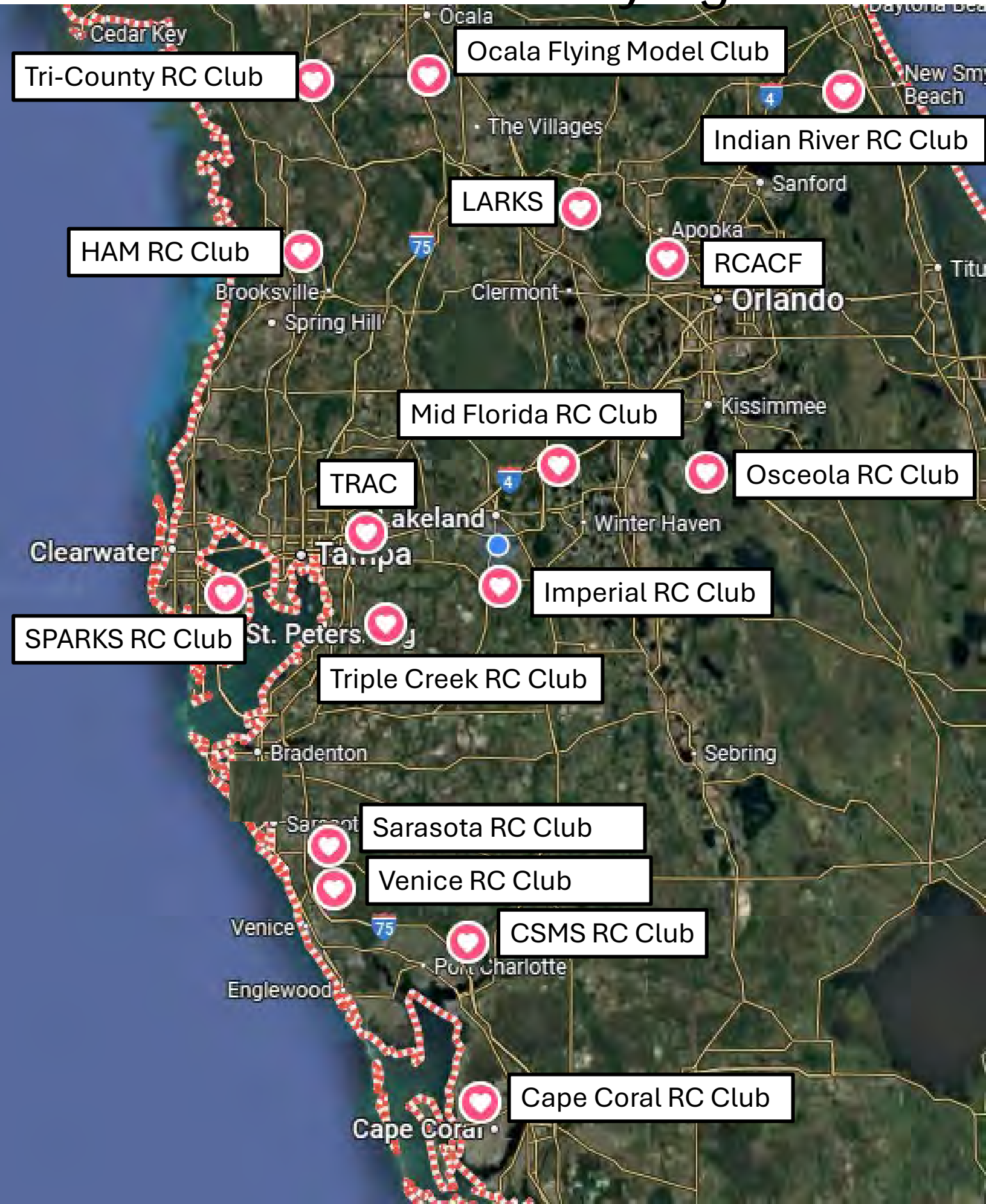


NEXT IRCC MEETING



SATURDAY
May 2, 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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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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