

It's Time for Some

September 2026

Propwash



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**Bill Pawl's King Air
Model of the Month**

STICK & RUDDER | MEETING MINUTES | Meeting Day

100 MISSIONS 2026 | EVENTS!!

KNOW YOUR FLYING AREA

One club. Shared responsibility.

Before you power up, know where your aircraft should fly.
Respect your fellow pilots and help protect our flying site.

RULE 7 - HELICOPTER FLYING AREA

Imperial RC Club - Field Operations Reminder



RULE 7: EXACT WORDING

Helicopter & Heli "3D" flights should be flown at the southwest portion of the field. These flight operations are limited to one flight at any one time, and may in no way interfere with normal runway flight operations.

PILOT REMINDER

Use the southwest helicopter area near the small red shed.

One helicopter flight at a time.

Helicopter operations may in no way interfere with normal runway flight operations.

Shaded areas are illustrative; exact boundaries are not defined in Rule 7.

ONE HELICOPTER AT A TIME.
NO INTERFERENCE WITH RUNWAY OPERATIONS.

Use the southwest helicopter area shown near the small red shed.

FLY SMART. FLY SAFELY. RESPECT THE FIELD.



Stick and Rudder

This Month's Cover:

Bill Pawl presents his Hobby King
twin engine (motor) electric
King Air!

By IRCC President Kevin Pazda

Fall All Scale Event – This event is coming up in a couple of weeks, October 16th / 17th. The event allows for a whole range of scale aircraft to be flown in a relaxed get-together. You still

have an opportunity to show off your scale planes and try your hand at scale flying. The goal of RC scale is to create a miniature replica of a full-scale aircraft and fly it in a realistic fashion to create the illusion you are viewing a real aircraft both on the ground and in the air... You do not need to be a master builder or premier pilot to participate and have fun!

Mowing – The rain showers that we have been getting are keeping everything green and healthy. As we roll into the fall months, we are looking forward to some relief from both the growth and warm temperatures. My sincere appreciation to all who have spent time and energy in keeping everything looking great.

Club Elections – It is that time of year again. That is, considering volunteering to run for officer positions for 2027. For any club, these positions are crucial to the direction of the club. It is always the voice of membership that makes the decisions, but the Executive Committee is an important role that sees those desires brought to fruition. I have been President for the last 4 years and found it rewarding to lead such an awesome group of people with the same common interest: to have fun flying RC! It is obvious we have one heck of a membership, and many have a passion for the club just as they do for flying. So please consider giving any of the electable positions some thought; your club needs you! The electable positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and one director position. All nominated members and the positions they are seeking will be announced at the October meeting, with elections held at the November meeting. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me. I look forward to a strong response. As I said previously, serving your club in this way is another rewarding experience of this great hobby!

Open gates – I encourage everyone to continue to close and lock the gate when they are the last ones out.

Health and Wellbeing – people sometimes become numb to hearing the same sort of warning repeatedly. I know that it is a cause for breakdowns of safety programs when people feel like they have heard the same messaging several times in the past and they stop listening. The study “Public Complacency under Repeated Emergency Threats: Some Empirical

Stick and Rudder Continued

Evidence“ addresses the Florida 2004 hurricane season. Mike Rowe of “Dirty Jobs” fame also had some thoughts on the personal responsibility aspect of being safe.

I mention this because our AMA District 5 VP Andrew Griffith shared a story out of Houston, of a modeler that went to retrieve an airplane in a wooded area, which ended in tragedy. Some key takeaways are:

Take a buddy

Have a phone

Stay hydrated – heat-related illness is real!

Upcoming IRCC events

- **Scale event October 16-17**
- **Toys for Tots Fly-in**

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

Kevin Pazda

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.

Every Marine is a Rifleman and every member of the IRCC is a grass mower. We have a club of over 100 members and we need everyone to take their turn cutting the grass. 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! Jerry McGhee will coordinate any training needed to operate the equipment. Please contact Jerry McGhee via email at mcghee66@gmail.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

The infographic is divided into two main sections: Heat Exhaustion (orange background) and Heat Stroke (red background). In the center is a stylized human figure with a thermometer in its head, a water bottle, and a question mark, indicating the progression of heat-related illness. To the left of the figure, under Heat Exhaustion, are symptoms: Dizziness, Thirst, Heavy Sweating, Nausea, and Weakness. To the right, under Heat Stroke, are symptoms: Confusion, Dizziness, and Becomes Unconscious. Each section has a box labeled 'ACT FAST' with specific instructions. At the bottom, logos for NOAA, CDC, and NIOSH are shown, along with the slogan 'Stay Cool, Stay Hydrated, Stay Informed!' and a small image of a person in a life vest.

Heat Exhaustion	Heat Stroke
ACT FAST • Move to a cooler area • Loosen clothing • Sip cool water • Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve	ACT FAST CALL 911 • Move person to a cooler area • Loosen clothing and remove extra layers • Cool with water or ice
<i>Dizziness</i> <i>Thirst</i> <i>Heavy Sweating</i> <i>Nausea</i> <i>Weakness</i>	<i>Confusion</i> <i>Dizziness</i> <i>Becomes Unconscious</i>
<i>Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke.</i>	<i>Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.</i>

NOAA CDC NIOSH Stay Cool, Stay Hydrated, Stay Informed!

IRCC Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2026

Total Adult members 87 / Needed for Quorum (20% w/2 Officers) 17

Members Present: 22

- The Pledge of Allegiance. Said at 10:00
- Visitors or new members.

Cris Altvater, Sydney Altvater, and Savannah Altvater, all new members

- Awards/Certificates
 - Model of the month certificates, Drew Powell
 - 100 missions? none
- Minutes – Motion to accept as published in the newsletter. Motion made and accepted
- Treasurer Report – All Good
- Membership Report Currently 87 Full adults, 95 total
- Field and Maintenance Report
 - Mower operators and maintenance volunteers?
 - New mower attachment report. New mower working well. Volunteers needed for 9/24; George Hoekstra has volunteered
- Instructors Report – Jeff reported 2 or 3 students learning first flights, with the new members done today
- Safety Report - No issues noted
- Club Newsletter - Jerry McGhee: All good
- Website - Ron McKie: All good
- New Field Developments – None
- Old Business – discussed selling the old mower, Tom Carracino will list it on Facebook Marketplace

IRCC Meeting Minutes Continued

- New Business
 - Club Elections – nominations at October meeting, elections in November
- Future Events (6-month look ahead)
 - Fall All Scale Fly-in October 16-17
 - Toys for Tots: No date yet

Over and Above Award: **None**

Model of the Month - Bill Pawl for his King Air

50/50 Drawing - Jeff Hughes won \$41.00, and \$41.00 to the IRCC. Thank you to all who participated!

Meeting Closed. 10:31

The End



IRCC Meeting Day

September 2026



Drew Powell "receives" his Model of the Month certificate



Bill Pawl repainted his FMS Ranger. Looks Great Bill!



L-R: George, Mark and Mark



IRCC Meeting Day

September 2026



SAFETY MESSAGE



Prop strikes are
relentless

IRCC 100 Missions Over Florida

ROLL CALL 2026



TOM CARRACINO

DREW POWELL

BENNY PAZ

JERRY MCGHEE

JIM GIALLOMBARDO

KEITH GENSKE

GLENN GRIFFIN

STEVE ORTIZ

TODD BEATTY

JIMMY ENDERTON

PRESTON VALK

JEFF HUGHES

GREG KISER

BILL PAWL

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-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
Glenn Griffin
Flightline P-51 Mustang
ARF
Builder of the Model: Yes



June
Wally Sundry
Phoenix Models WACO
ARF
Builder of the Model: Yes

2026

Model of the Year Nominees

July - December



July
Benny Paz
RC Skydiver
ARF
Builder of the Model: Yes



August
Drew Powell
Conscendo
ARF
Builder of the Model: Yes



September
Bill Pawl
King Air
ARF
Builder of the Model: Yes

October
TBD
TBD
Kit/ARF/Scratch
Builder of the Model:

November
TBD
TBD
Kit/ARF/Scratch
Builder of the Model:

December
TBD
TBD
Kit/ARF/Scratch
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!

ELECTRIC
FLYING
A BRIGHTER
TOMORROW!

TCRC

Triple Creek Radio Control Aircraft Club
Riverview, Florida

Planes
People
Passion!

TCRC WATTFEST

OCTOBER 10, 2026

ALL ELECTRIC FUN FLY ⚡

SAME
SKIES
BIGGER
SMILES!

FLY
CHARGE
LUNCH
REPEAT



LARGE PAVED
RUNWAY



ELECTRIC CHARGING
AVAILABLE



LUNCH
INCLUDED



ALL SIZES
WELCOME



Sponsor: Triple Creek RC



Category: RC Electric



Class: Class C



Event Details: All electric, any size aircraft

- 40 acres
- 450 x 35 asphalt runway
- Sheltered pit with electric outlets for charging aircraft batteries and equipment
- No overnight camping
- Landing fee \$30 includes lunch
- No turbines
- AMA required



Website: www.triplecreekrc.com



Event Code: 19557



Event Contact: Malcolm Greenberg



Site: 12705 Balm Boyette Rd,
Riverview, FL 33579-9105

SEE YOU AT
WATTFEST!



FALL ALL SCALE ANY SIZE FLY-IN OCTOBER 16-17, 2026



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of the EDF Jet Event TRIFECTA in 2026!

Florida EJet Fest International in February...
The Original EDF JetJam in June...
and now...

EJets Over Georgia in October!

**DON'T MISS
THE FINAL STOP
OF THE
TRIFECTA!**



EVENT DATES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026
THROUGH
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026



LOCATION

BARTOW COUNTY MODEL AVIATION
@ KINGSTON DOWNS
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ROME, GA, USA



LUNCH

LUNCH AVAILABLE
EACH DAY
FOR PURCHASE

★ MARK YOUR CALENDARS & JOIN US FOR THE ULTIMATE EDF EXPERIENCE! ★

NEXT IRCC MEETING



Saturday
October 3, 2026
10:00 am



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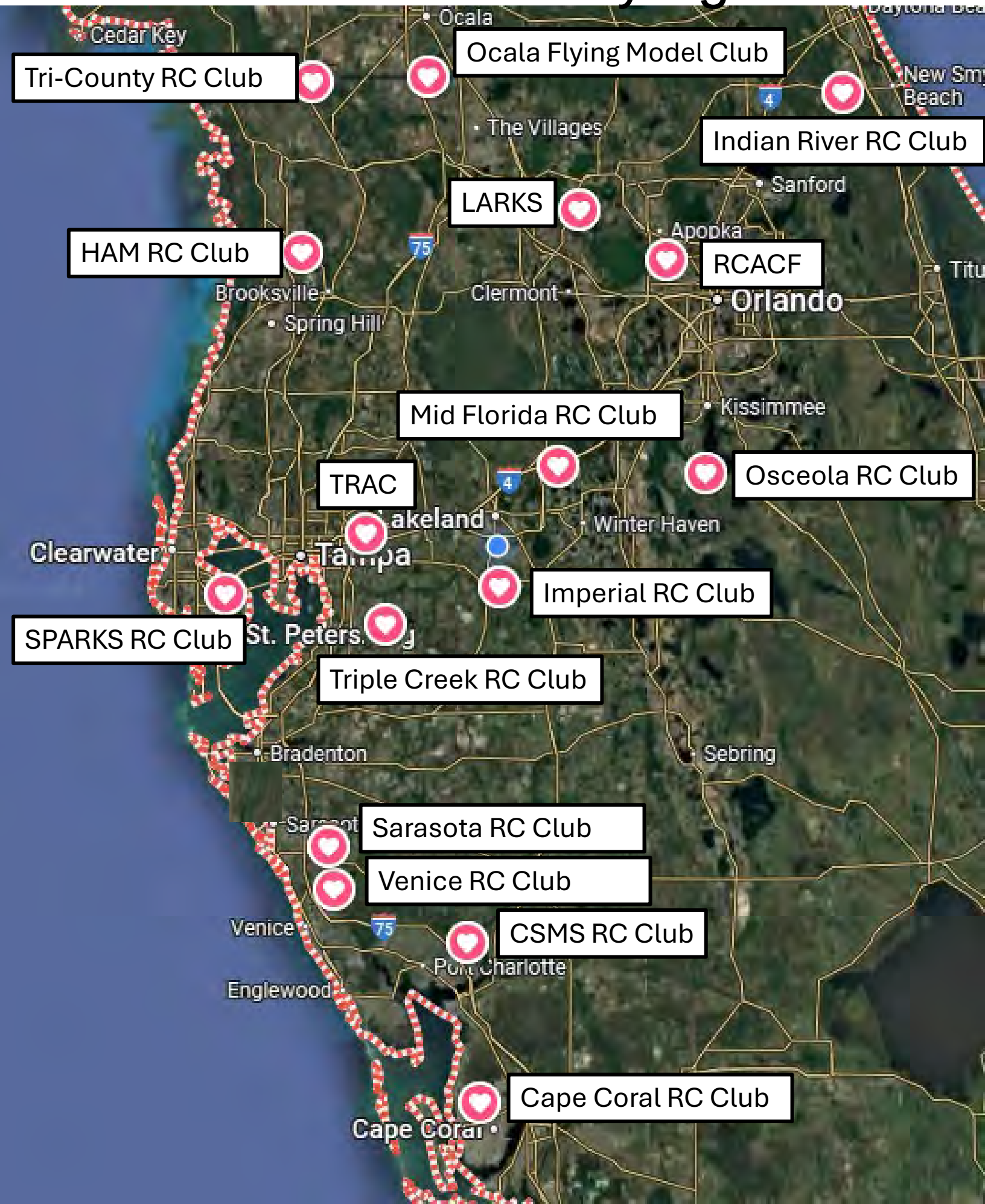
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Central Florida RC Flying Clubs





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
Member
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**

**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.

SPECIAL

NO GOLFING AT THE IMPERIAL RC CLUB



SOMEONE IS **HITTING GOLFBALLS** AND **LEAVING** THE GOLFBALLS IN THE FLYING AREA. THESE GOLFBALLS ARE GETTING PICKED UP BY THE LAWN MOWER AND **DAMAGING THE LAWNMOWER BLADES.**



THE MEMBERS OF THE IMPERIAL RC CLUB VOTED UNANIMOUSLY
★ ★ ★ **AT THE JULY 4, 2026 MEETING** ★ ★ ★
TO PROHIBIT ALL GOLFING ACTIVITY AT IRCC

Thank you for respecting our flying field and helping us keep it safe, fun, and in top condition for everyone.

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