

**SEPTEMBER 2000**

**CONTACT**

By: Bill Mintz

This thing called working for a living is for the birds. One, I find it a problem to take care of things that are important such as building and flying models. Two, siesta times are not as long as they should be. Three, you are still worried about meeting the already accrued bills. However, if you don't work, you'll never get to build and fly (because of the already accrued bills), and you'll always be hungry (eliminating siestas). Sounds like a catch 22 to me.

Speaking of catch 22, the mowing situation at the field now seems to be less confusing; however, we've all come to the conclusion that whatever we do, we are going to have to spend money. At the last meeting, we all expressed our needs and wants for the future spending for the club. Budget priorities include repairing or replacing the mower deck, building a new shed, and entertaining the thought of widening the existing runway.

The widening of the runway may be a benefit to

the majority of the club members who cannot hit the runway at its present width (myself included). We also need to think about rebuilding or replacing our tractor in the near future. In short, we have a lot to think about when putting a budget together. However, we are in a better financial situation now, and it appears it may be getting better.

Remember our military fun meet will be held September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. As usual, volunteers are needed by the hundreds! (Ok, maybe not that many, but we sure could use your help!). This meet

has the potential of being a very profitable show for both the club and participants.

Always remember (and practice!), safety is everyone's responsibility. If you find someone may have momentarily gone "brain dead," don't scare him while he's flying. Wait until he's on the ground with his plane shut down to question his alleged infraction. This delay might save a good model and you from an altercation which may be disastrous.

See you at the field, and keep 'em flying!

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: *Courtesy and common sense* :  
: *makes R/C modeling fun for* :  
: *everyone. This has been* :  
: *working really well the past* :  
: *few years, as we have enjoyed a* :  
: *lot of very nice member* :  
: *interaction. Verbal abuse of* :  
: *another member serves no* :  
: *purpose, and should not be* :  
: *tolerated. If you are having* :  
: *trouble speaking to someone in* :  
: *a courteous manner, please* :  
: *keep your thoughts to yourself.* :  
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**Swap Meet Report**  
By Jim Urick

As you all know our club sponsored a swap meet at Tiger Town's hanger facility. And the turn out was pretty good for our first indoor event. We managed to put a few dollars in our bank account, and possibly the start of an annual event. Approximately 70 tables

The IRCC monthly club meeting is held at the Mulberry City Hall at 7:30pm on the first Thursday of each

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS:**  
**September 7th**

The deadline for contributions to the next newsletter is:  
**September 15th.**

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were reserved, which exceeded my expectations. A big cross-section of hardware and airplanes were put on sale. Of the people that I talked to, all said it was a good event and looked forward to next year.

I would like to give thanks to the girls in the concession area. They did a great job. The response for help from our club members was outstanding. You all know who you are. I do have to apologize for inconveniencing some of our club members. I had asked for members to bring models to display at the hanger. I was afraid that there would not be room for this and canceled that activity. I should have contacted the people that offered their planes. Some showed up and I had to tell them not to display them. I hope you forgive me. I also would like to thank Al for the use of his video tapes. They were a big hit.

In closing, I hope the next person who steps up and takes on this task enjoys doing it as much as I did. But, It's time to pass the torch. Again I thank you all for your help, and I'll see you at the field.

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### **Meeting Minutes** August 3, 2000

Some of our members are not locking the gate when they leave the flying field.

*"Last one out locks the gate."*

If you have a question weather or not your are the last to leave, lock it anyway.

Remember to rotate the tumblers when you unlock the gate. This way the lock only has to be latched to be locked. Take a moment and do it right!!!

*By: John Burdin  
(Keith was still MIA)*

*Meeting called to order at: 7:27  
23 member in attendance.*

**New Members:** Tom Connor

Minutes and Tres. Report was approved.

**Field Maintenance Report:** Lee Jarvis indicated that several of the benches need to be repaired. No plans were made.

**Safety Report:** Norm Skinner informed the club that the first aid kit has been updated.

**Instructor report:** We have three new pilots: Lee Jarvis, Zac Olsen and Bryan Dahlen

**Membership Report:** Don reports membership up to 97

**Event Report:** Jim Urick reviewed the Summer Swap Meet. It was a huge success in every respect, especially for the first time. The city really like the job we did running the show, and everyone is looking forward to doing it again next year. Jim indicated he *would not* be able to organize and run the Swap Meet in the future.

Fred Schmidt discussed the upcoming WarBird and IMAC meets. As usual help is needed. Call Fred or Keith Hunt an offer your assistance.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None Bill Mintz spoke briefly after the meeting regarding next year budget . That will be presented at a future meeting.

**Plane of the Month:** George Rada, Jet Hanger Hobbies Turbine Cugar.

*Meeting Adjourned: 8:10*

**TAILSLIDE** - By Keith Hunt

Hi Everyone: It has been requested by several people that I report on the trip to Muncie and the

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AMA Nats, so.....here goes;

The trip to Muncie took twenty hours from Lakeland, leaving Monday evening and arriving at the motel late Tuesday night. Four of us from Florida were making the trek, Ransom Fairchild and Ben Perreau from Boca Raton, John Schroder from Tampa and myself. We dubbed ourselves "Team Florida".

**Wednesday** we drove to a local flying club that was located on an abandoned airfield and practiced along with many other Nats competitors.

We arrived at the AMA flying site **Thursday** morning at 7:45am sharp for the first of the daily pilots meetings. This meeting was a "sit down" meeting lasting over an hour with over sixty people attending. After going over rules, procedures, safety instructions etc. it was time to fly!

With about fifty pilots flying in the three classes, Sportsman, Advanced and Unlimited, there was a good deal of "down" time between flights. I admittedly was nervous just before my first flight, after all, this was my first major contest. As soon as my Cap broke ground, all the nervousness went away and I began to focus on flying. I felt real good about my first sequences knowing I produced as good of flying as I ever have, however, after the first round scores were posted, that reality check I've mentioned before, hit me! After flying nearly perfect, (in my mind), I was in..... **FIFTH PLACE!**!?!?. I was stressed. At the end of the day I gained a little on the 4th place position, but still in 5th.

**Friday**, the wind began to howl

## September BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!

Garth Bell	16th
Harry Price	19th
Ray Jarvis	20th
Chris Kachadurian	20th
Mark Faske	22nd
Shelia Fowler	23rd
Eugene McDermott	24th
Jimmie Chamblis	27th

gusting up to 30 knots, we all new this would be interesting. Many pilots had trouble landing but only one aircraft was damaged due to the windy conditions. For some strange reason, I seemed to fly better than my competitors in this wind. At the end of this day I had moved up to 4th place and had 3rd in my sights!

**Saturday**.....well.....Saturday was.....airplane day from hell. About halfway through my first flight of the day...my engine stopped! After recovering the plane and receiving zeros for the rest of my flight score, I had to pull the back-up Cap out as I was unable to determine the cause of the deadstick. On my next flight with the back-up Cap, my rudder servo went out. I was able to complete the flight without much use of the rudder, but it wasn't pretty. I didn't even want to know what the score was for today.

Saturday night, the official banquet was held at a local country club where the top eight finalists of each class were announced, only these finalist

would fly on Sunday. We were glad to hear that all of "Team Florida" had made the finals! I had dropped to 6th place, but I was still flying on Sunday!!

**Sunday** morning, we began feeling the fatigue setting in but we were still ready to fly! Team Florida flew well but the only one of us to gain any ground was Ben. The final positions were; Ransom Fairchild 8th in Unlimited, John Schroder 6th and Ben Perreau 3rd in Advanced. I remained in 6th in Sportsman.

We were able to stop by the AMA Museum before leaving, and I must say, this was awesome! If at all possible, I would highly recommend seeing this exhibit!

Even with a disappointing finish, I was extremely happy to have participated and to have visited the AMA site. I met a lot of very good pilots and my learning curve sharpened a bit.

I would like to thank **Mike Vascellaro** for building two excellent flying Cap 232's, **Jim's Hobbies**, **Ransom Faichild** and **Futaba**, who replaced that bad servo on the spot!

Maybe I'll get'em next time!

Keith



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## Coming Area Events

### **Warbirds Unlimited 2000**

2nd Annual IRCC WarBird Meet  
*September 9 – 10, 2000*

Contact: Keith Hunt  
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### **Florida Aerobatics 2000**

2nd Annual IRCC / IMAC  
*October 14 – 15, 2000*

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### **FIJR 2000**

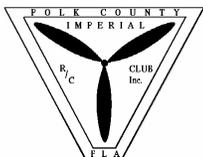
7th Annual Florida International Jet Rally  
*October 20 – 22*

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### **Winter Rally 2000**

IRCC / IMAA Winter Rally  
December

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