

MAY 2001

From The President
Ian Clark

Well, I made it through my first meeting. Aside from feeling like I was sucker-punched, I'm doing fine.

I feel that the old wounds are healing and we are starting to move forward as a club. I want to thank everyone for attending the meeting. We got some positive work done. The North-East runway has been opened. We can use it for take-offs, but because of the length, I hope we don't try landing on it. We have to observe the pilot barriers and the no-fly zone south of the East-West runway as designated by the AMA.

It is important for everyone to attend the next meeting. We will announce the new Vice President. Be sure to send in your ballots. I am very pleased to see the interest shown in the club offices. We need the support!

With everyone's cooperation, we can continue to have the greatest club and members around. Above all, we should go to the field to enjoy our hobby.

AIRSHOW WRAP-UP

By: John Burdin

This years AirShow could be called, "turning lemons into lemonade"..

With little time to prepare we were able to turn this years AirShow into a very successful event. First, we went back to a

simple format that proved to be very successful in the past. Second, I got on the phone and the net to solicit help, and I got it. I think what happened here proves that if a person is asked to help, they are usually willing. It does take some effort to contact people and ask!!! Third, we got some assistance from the AMA and the local media. One of our members said we were lucky. We were not lucky. It is my relationship with the media over the years that got us the free publicity we needed. Fourth, A lot of our club members stepped up to the plate and took some responsibility. The members make things happen!!

Frank Ciccerallo and his wife Betty did a great job with concessions. Ian Clark took care of parking. Alice and Art may sold a lot of raffle tickets. Arnold Schmidt and Phil Hagg made sure no body got on the wrong frequency and Scott Smith and Don Wasilewski registered the pilots.

These folks were not the only members who assisted. I will try to name all the rest of the supporting cast. Joey Harvard, Frank Stephens, Mike Zellars, Lee Jarvis, Dee Miller, John Banner, Doug Burrell, Dave Magazine and Jim Urick. Please excuse me if I neglected to name someone and please call me and let me know. If you helped out, I want every club member to

know!!!!

In addition to a great time we picked up several new members and introduced quite a few people to what it is we do. More members are certainly likely.

I suppose that it is also important to note that financially the IRCC benefited very well.

Let's do it right next time and start with lemonade!!!!

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We have friendly neighbors and we want to keep them that way. Review the no-fly zones. Page 2.

Special Notice

There will be a special election during the May meeting to fill the vacant position of Vice President. You have received a ballot in the mail and it needs to be mailed in or brought to the May meeting. Please exercise your responsibility and vote.

Make your vote count!!!!

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS:
May 3rd**

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Regular Meeting Minutes

April, 5 2001

By – John Banner, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm., 28 members attending.

New Members – Greg Franklin

Motion to accept the last meeting minutes and Treasurers report made. Motion passed.

Field Maintenance Report – Bunk reports a hole on the West Side of the taxi way about 2 to 3 inches in diameter.

Safety Report – Mark Martin apologizes for missing past meetings and advises everyone to make sure they are drinking enough water while out at the field and not to get dehydrated.

Instructors/ New Pilots - None

Membership – Don Wasilewski reports the membership is up to 70

Old Business – John Burdin takes the floor. John briefs us on the up coming spring AirShow. Don Wasilewski and Scott Smith will help with registration. Frank Ciccarello and Dee Miller will run concessions. Arnold Smith and Phil Haag will help with the impound. John Burdin discusses the importance of

airspace control; Wally Sunde and Mike Vascellaro will help with that. John States he would like to see a lot of volunteers so people aren't stuck in one place all day. Art and Alice May will be selling raffle tickets. The AirShow will be at 1:00 on Saturday and 1:15 on Sunday. Jon Burdin talks about AMA, and the fact that they printed the AirShow had been canceled., John has talked to AMA about this and they are going to mail a flyer to every AMA member in a 7 county area around our club letting them know they goofed and that the AirShow is not canceled.

Mike Vascellaro takes the floor. Mike says he is not going to address the letter issue, but wants to talk about Badcock Mike feels everyone realizes that we are not supposed to fly over Badcock's buildings.

Mike asked Keith to ask Jim Nunnallee how many times Jim was in contact with Badcock, the answer was 0. Mike asks Bill Mintz how many times he was in contact with Badcock, Bill says 3.

One was the crash that happened at the WarBird event, the second was to check the damage, and the third was to give them the check for the damage. Mike wonders how we get our information from Badcock, and reports Norm Skinners wife has lunch with a lady from Badcock and this is how we get information to the club.

Mike discusses a file Badcock has on

the club and Bill Mintz confirms this as fact. Mike feels that Badcock has a file on all the businesses they deal with and feels this is just the way they do business. Mike states, we don't have a file with anything pertaining to Badcock in it and should have some kind of record of dealings with Badcock in it.

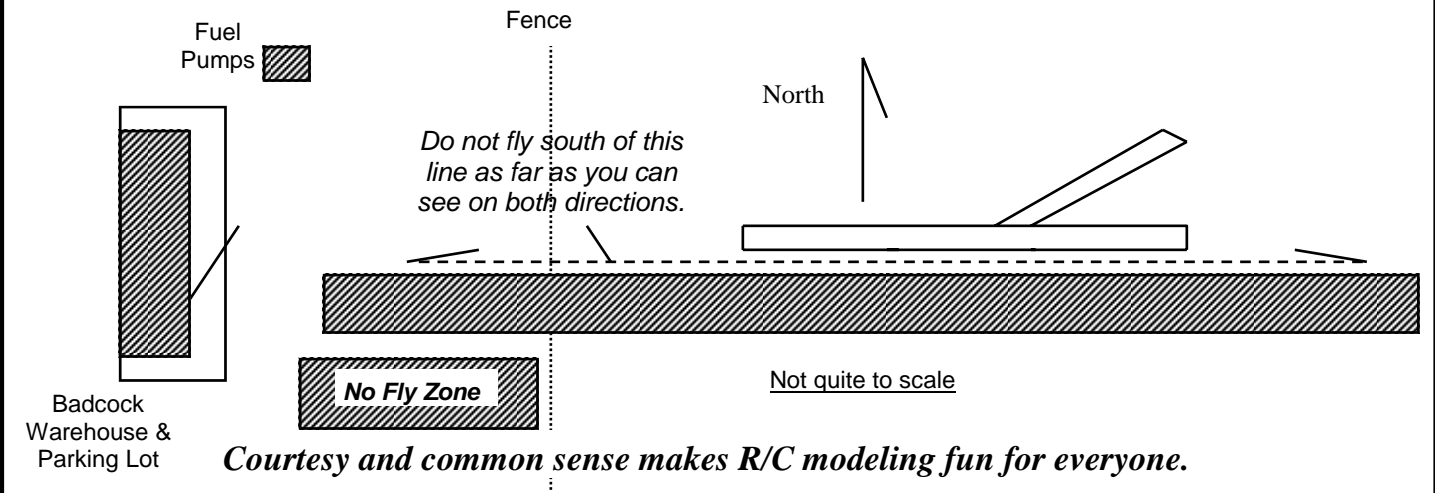
Mike want to propose that if Badcock has a problem with us, put it in writing and send it to us and that this would change the pipeline of information.

Proposed IRCC Policy Change/ Addition 4/5/01

11.) Any and all complaints directed at and/or regarding the Imperial Radio Control Club that originates from sources outside the IRCC must be in writing and delivered directly from the complainant to the current IRCC President. Any written complaint delivered as described above, shall be presented by the President to the general membership at the next regular club meeting for response considerations.

Dee miller suggests we have contact with Badcock on a regular basis. John Burdin feels that letters from Badcock to the current IRCC President is a bad idea. Wally sunde feels we should keep our relationship between IRCC and Badcock informal, and that

Please pay attention to this diagram and what's printed below. Please do your best !!!!!



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we should keep in touch with them in a neighborly fashion. Jim Urick feels that every new president of IRCC should send a letter to our neighbors

letting them know if they have any questions/problems to contact him. Jim also feels we should have documentation of planes that crash on IRCC property and on anybody else's property.

Dee Miller suggests we have a list stating you signed to get your plane on Badcock's property. Mike Vscellaro says we have to put a stop to the bickering. Keith Hunt makes a motion to make Mikes policy change the way it is written on Mike's handout Wally Sunday strongly suggests that we do not put anything in writing. John Burdin makes a motion to table the policy until next meeting. Keith Hunt retracts motion and agrees to table motion until next meeting. Wally Sunday brings up the raffle plane and is looking for a volunteer to bring it to Macdill.

New Business – Phil Haag makes a motion to either fully open or fully close the diagonal runway open or close runway for takeoffs only. Wally Sunday feels we should either have runway opened or closed. Keith Hunt amends motion to simply open the north half of the runway. Mike Zellars brings up the point that Buldgers asked us to close this runway. Dee Miller informs us that buldger asks us not to fly over his helicopter. Motion passed, runway is open.

Ian Clark discusses the position of Vice President Ian Clark lets us know about Mike Zellars accepting the nomination for Vice President Mark Martin nominates Scott Smith for Vice President.

Jim Urick brings up that we could save the club some money if we sent the newsletter via email to those who want it in email form. John Burdin feels we could work towards this. Jim Urick recognizes Bill Mintz for a great Job!

Plane of the Month - none

8 Ball Award – none

MAY BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!!

Charles Patterson	6th
Elwood Shay	18th
Dennis Peterson	24th
Dan Smith	24th
Joey Harvard	27th
Stephen Taylor	27th

50/50 – None

Meeting Adjourned – 8:54 p.m.

Soap Box

By John Burdin

I believe for the first time in a long time we had a constructive meeting last month. We had a frank discussion with no name calling or arguments. It was a refreshing change from the last several years of, "how quickly can we adjourn".

New leadership with Ian Clark will hopefully allow the club to re-center itself, and get most of us back on the same page.

There is a motion to add a new policy which commands and demands action by other than IRCC members. This motion as well as it may be intentioned, it is flawed in many respects. We simply can't require action by other than IRCC members. This proposed policy change requires that.

I urge each of our members to read closely the proposed policy and fully understand its ramifications.

Good things are happening again and that is good. Lets keep it that way, and lets all

participate.

COME TO THE MONTHLY MEETINGS

CHOPPER CORNER

By: Mike Zellars

Howdy Folks! As some of you probably have noticed I have been bringing the helicopters out lately and I must say we have been having a blast. In case some of you are wondering helicopter flying really isn't all that difficult. It does take some concentration but the biggest learning curve with choppers is the set up. Here is where a few other club members and myself can really help out. I can set any chopper up for a newcomer wanting to learn and more then likely have you hovering in no time. Another myth about choppers is cost. Well I am here to tell you the cost is much less then what it used to be due to the popularity picking up. Most of you probably already have a radio with helicopter programming in it and that is typically one-half the cost. Now adays you can get into a quality machine with engine, gyro and muffler for about \$400.00. Add your radio and servos and you are hovering! There is no feeling like the one you have the first time you lift off and hold the machine steady for a few minutes! After that we will

"A little effort by every IRCC member will go a long way in making our club the standard by which all others are measured"

have you flipping and rolling in no time! If anyone wants more info,



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2001 Coming Area Events

Top Gun April 26- 29

IRCC Summer Swap Meet July 21st

IRCC WarBirds Unlimited Sept. 15 & 16

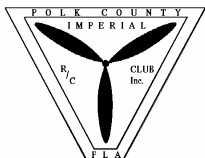
IRCC Florida Aerobatics /IMAC Oct. 15 & 16

Florida International Jet Rally Nov. 2 - 4

IRCC IMAA Winter Rally December 1st

As we go to press, Mike Vascellaro has informed me that he would like to modify his proposal made at the April meeting. That change should make the proposal more acceptable to many of those who had concerns.

I have offered my own idea for that change. Hopefully it will be considered a the April meeting.



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