

Touch & Go

By: Scott S. Smith, - President

Let me first thank all of you who made the effort to help your fellow club members, and your club by making Florida Jets and Top Gun two of the greatest events ever. Teamwork is the key to any successful organization, and I am proud to be a part of this group. Both events were a great success, and we will share the outcome of both events with you all at the next meeting. For those of you who didn't help out for some reason or another, you will get your chance this fall in our club events. You really do benefit by helping out, not only by helping the club achieve goals, but the comradely of your fellow members goes a long way in the enjoyment of your sport. Make it a point to get involved.

I would like to make a special mention to Rick Ruede for taking the position of club safety officer. I am glad to have a great person like Rick take time to fill this position as well as instruct new members. Rick is not just there to make sure the rules are followed, but is also there to help. Safety is ever member's responsibility, and is one of the most important jobs we all have. We are out to have fun, and the last thing any of us want is to get hurt or to hurt someone else. Be sure safety is a priority, as well as having fun, and we can all have a great time together.

We will be preparing some revised club documents over the next several weeks for all of you to review. There are some issues we need to address in our by-laws and rules, and my intention is to submit them all at one time for your review, revisions and comments so we will meet all of the AMA standards we are required to. If any of you have issues or concerns, feel free to bring it to one of the officers attention so we can get it prepared and submitted shortly. I don't want this to become a major issue that drags on for months, so by talking to us directly we can avoid

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lengthy meetings about numerous issues by having them already incorporated in the documents in their proper place, and given to all members for review in one shot. The more input we get prior to submittal, the more time we have to receive members comments, and the shorter time this process will take. This is your club, and we want your input to make it run like it should. I'll see you at the field...

Congratulations – IRCC members win at Helicopter TOP FUN Event

On April 23, 24 and 25 the Sanford Top Fun event was held, three IRCC club members participated isn this exciting event. Jerry Hicks, Shelly Smith and Doug Bruns all represented the IRCC in great form.

"Top Fun" is a helicopter event that provides for 518 AMA competition, as well as several fun and skill events.

Jerry Hicks was the contest Director, Shelly Smith won second place in the skills contest and Doug managed to come home with first place in the AMA 518 competition.

For some great pictures of this event, follow this link:

http://www.scalerchelis.com/gallery/topfun2004?page=1

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Important Newsletter Information

The IRCC newsletter is the primary means of communication between your club leaders, and members. We want to be sure every member receives the Newsletter in a timely manner.

We understand that it is our responsibility to get the newsletter to our members, and your preference will be respected. Please contact Dave DeWitt today, and let him know if you wish to receive the newsletter by mail or from the IRCC website. It is your choice.

The following list of members is those whom we still do not have Email addresses for.

Email Address Bill Benner **Email Address** Airlyn LaPorte John Martin Phone Number Mark Martin **Email Address** Bill McKenney **Email Address Dennis Peterson Email Address** Doug Smith **Email Address** Robert Stenger **Email Address** Frank Stephens **Email Address** Santos Trabal **Email Address** Sharon Trembly **Email Address** Richard Werner **Email Address** Joe Whelan **Email Address**

Please contact Dave Dewitt or your newsletter editor right away so we can bring our records up to date. <u>Thanks in Advance</u>

Thinking about the future

By: John Burdin

There are two items of interest that will be coming up this fall. I realize that summer is upon us, and not too many people are thinking four or five months down the road, but maybe we all should.

The IRCC nominates officers and directors for 2005 positions at the October meeting. All four offices, and one director position are put on the ballot. Some of the current office holders may want to continue, and some may not. The real question as a member is; what is my interest? Think about becoming involved with the leadership. It's important, requires some additional time and hopefully you will have the satisfaction of helping to lead your club. Contact Scott Smith with your interest. There are also several committee positions that need to be filled right now. These are important to our club, and are part of the executive board.

The other important issue we as AMA members will face this fall is the election of our district vice president. This information is contained in the AMA renewal package, which is generally mailed out around the first or middle of November.

There is a wide spread feeling that our current VP, Jim McNeill simply has out lived his usefulness. Jim did a great job for many years, however in recent years he has not been a very constructive member of the AMA Executive Council, and not represented us as modelers in a manner that many feel is in our best interest.

Tony Stillman is McNeill's opponent in the election this fall. Tony has a very distinguished history and background with the AMA. He has devoted his life to Modeling and done numerous things, often at his own expense to further all of our interest. I hope that all of you will vote, and more importantly vote for Tony Stillman for AMA district V.P. Check out Tony's website for more information.

http://webpages.charter.net/nneville/nneville/index.htm

The IRCC monthly club meeting will be held at FTE near the Lakeland Airport. The next meeting will be on Thursday June 3rd, and starts promptly at 7:30pm. Bring a chair (if you want to have a seat).

IRCC Regular Meeting Minutes 05/06/04

Secretary Miller called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM (the President and Vice President were busy changing a tire on Interstate 4)

The minutes of the April meeting were accepted

The treasurers report was accepted

We had no guests

We had two new members: John Schlichting and Bob Curry

Safety: no report

Field Maintenance: Bunk has requested that we pick up all parts of our crashed planes as the remains get in the mower if we do not.

Instructors report: no report

Newsletter report: Most members are getting the news letter by e-mail; if you are not, and wish to, please give your e-mail address to David Dewitt.

Old business: none

New business: The club voted to purchase a new vise for no more than \$ 50.00. The membership expressed a desire to revive the old 50/50 at the meetings.

Plane of the month: Bill Maisel A yellow covered formula I racer. A fine looking plane.

Sportsmanship award: Due to his continuing hard work the club gave Jim Urick the award.

Motion to adjourn was made and passed.

Contributions to the IRCC newsletter by club members are always welcome. Hobby related subjects are best. Both humorous and general information about R/C may be used. Please forward your material to the newsletter editor via Email so we can use our member's ideas

Here are a couple of planes FOR SALE

1/3 scale Balsa USA Piper Cub, OS 240 (4-stroke twin), fabric and dope finish, Ready to fly less receiver. SUPER NICE Only \$1,750!!!



Top Flite P-47 kit (giant scale). Includes optional cockpit and razorback kits, Robart retract units & struts. Only \$400 for everything !!!!

Contact Dave DeWitt 863-648-3367

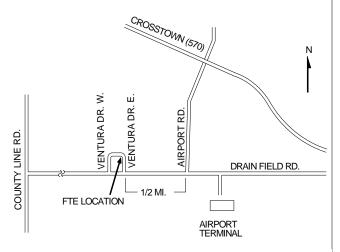
Help Needed???

Like most organizations the IRCC runs on volunteer help, and we need some key positions filled as soon as possible.

We need a <u>Field Maintenance Officer</u>. "Bunk" has been the unofficial FMO for a while, but there are many things that need to be done beyond mowing the grass, and keeping the grounds nice and neat. We also need a <u>Membership Chairman</u>. It's pretty obvious this has been missed for time, and again, it's too important to ignore. Please consider the three positions and call or Email Scott with your interest.

It's never too soon to consider the positions that will be up for election this fall. It's important to have as many members as possible active in the leadership of our club. The more members we have participate, the more great ideas that will come forth.

Remember, it's your club, and what you get out of it, is directly related to what you put into it !!!!!!



This map takes you to where we have our monthly club meetings, normally held the first Thursday of each month. Remember to bring a chair.

There are a number of other businesses in and around FTE. By the time our meeting time rolls around, most of the employees of those businesses should be gone home. This leaves a lot of parking, and a very short walk. Please DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS at FTE or any of his neighbors

June Meeting Agenda

Future Events

The 4th Heli Spectacular, IMAA and a Pylon Race. Any ideas for other events may also be discussed.

Document Review

We will discuss work that has been underway to reorganize, and bring our club by-laws and rules into compliance, and make them more meaningful.

Who's Building What??

Bring your latest creation, and show the other members what you are doing.

If you have a topic for discussion let Scott Smith know so he can put it on the agenda.

Coming Area Events

Florida Int'l Jet Rally

November 5 -7 Lake Wales Airport www.floridajetflyers.com

IRCC "Heli Spectatular"

November 13 & 14 Doug Bruns CD DBruns6549@cs.com www.imperialrcclub.com

IRCC Winter IMAA Rally

December 4th & 5th
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OUR NEXT MEETING IS: June 3rd

Check out the directions to our meeting place.