

Propwash

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Touch & Go

By: Scott S. Smith, - President

Can you believe it is time for Top Gun already? We are very lucky to be a part of the world class event, and I am excited to be able to help to make this event one of the most popular events in the world. Where else can you see scale aircraft dating from the early days of flight, all the way to state of the art modern aircraft all competing to be the most authentic model of its type in the world! Top Gun is one of the shows I always wanted to see as a kid, and now we all have the chance to be a part of it, and experience it from inside the fence. Make sure you don't miss this chance to be involved to help your club, and have a great time at one of the best shows you will ever see in scale competition. Contact Jim Urick or myself and we will make sure you don't miss out.

OK, this is the part where I ask for you guys to help not only me, but your fellow pilots out too! One thing we are in need of is instructor pilots. We have in our club one of the best written student pilot courses in the country, but it does us no good if we aren't willing to teach new people how to fly. I have compiled a list of people willing to instruct, but my goal is to extend the list, to a point that we don't end up with a couple of people spending all their time at the field doing nothing but instructing. Everyone should go to the website and download a copy of our course and read over it at least once. When you do, you will see how easy it really is to teach a new pilot to fly, and maybe even make a new friend in the process. Once a new person understands the basics, you are really their too teach them the fine points of control and how to get out of a bad situation. Sharing your knowledge with someone else can be very rewarding, and even sharpen your flying skills at the same time. If you have flown a few planes and are willing to help someone else out, contact me and we will ease you into instructing in a way that will help others,

Top Gun
April 27 – May 2, 2004
Lakeland Linder
Regional Airport



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and not over-burden you at the same time. And, as always, if you have any suggestions, I would love to hear from you too.

I would like to once again thank all of you for your extra effort in making our events a great success. I thank you in advance for the effort I know most of you will once again put forth for Top Gun, and I know we will all have a great time together there. It is those people who put out a little extra effort that get the most out of life. Don't sit back and let life pass you by, jump in and enjoy what you have, and what you can do. I'll see you at the field...

Safety Information

There has been some recent conversation regarding certain flying practices at our field. These pertain mostly to high speed passes back and forth down the runway while other aircraft are in the air.

IRCC rules clearly state that all such flights shall take place at least 50 feet north of the E-W runway. In addition, we have always operated under the, "you respect me, and I will respect you" rule. This simply means, don't be a "JERK".

If there is a slow flyer in the air, respect his space and pace and there won't be a problem. By the same token all pilots must understand that no one person owns the airspace we fly in. It is shared by all.

Courtesy and common sense. That is what will keep it fun for everyone!!!

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Remembering Morgan Richards

Morgan Richards was a member of the IRCC for as long as I can remember. A Lakeland dentist for most of his adult life, Morgan was also an avid model builder and pilot. Over the past few years Morgan had suffered from failing health, and wasn't too active. We did see him at occasional club meetings, but he spent most of his time at his North Carolina vacation home.

We lost him recently, and he will be missed by all who knew him.

Newsletter Changes It's time to make your decision

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.

By now, those of you have the capability to view and print the newsletter from the website, have tried this new approach to newsletter distribution.

Now it's time for a decision. You will need to decide if you want to receive your newsletter by mail, or be notified via Email when it's available on the website. Obviously you must have a valid Email address, and internet access for this to happen. Members have the option. Please contact Dave Dewitt or Scott Smith and let them know your preference.

We understand that it is our responsibility to get the newsletter to our members, and your preference will be respected.

The following list of members is those whom we still do not have Email addresses for,. If you do not use the internet or Email, that is certainly OK, and you will continue to

receive your newsletter via US mail.

We also need a few missing phone numbers. This is not an option, because of safety and the ability to contact your family in the event of an emergency.

Bill Benner	Email Address
Oliver Green	Email Address
Airlyn LaPorte	Email Address
John Martin	Phone Number
Mark Martin	Email Address & Phone Num
Bill McKenney	Email Address
Dennis Peterson	Email Address
Harry Price	Email Address
Norm Skinner	Email Address
Doug Smith	Email Address
Robert Stenger	Email Address
Frank Stephens	Email Address
Santos Trabal	Email Address
Sharon Tremblay	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.

Thanks in Advance

IRCC Regular Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2004

Notes by: David Dewitt – Treasurer

Written by: Scott Smith - President

Meeting called to order at 7:31 PM by Scott Smith, President.

22 members were in attendance.

Motion to accept minutes and treasurers report was made, seconded and passed 22-0.

Concern about a new gate lock was made and was agreed to purchase a new one.

A comment about the fire ants was mentioned and we will put out some ant killer on the flight line areas.

John Burdin started discussion about avoiding high speed passes down the runway if other pilots are flying for

The IRCC monthly club meeting will be held at FTE near the Lakeland Airport. The next meeting will be on Thursday May 6th, and starts promptly at 7:30pm. Bring a chair (if you want to have a seat).

obvious safety reasons. Some discussion was made about a traffic pattern, and the general outcome was to announce your intentions to the other pilots and we can work it out. We all need to announce "taking off", "landing", "taxing out" and anything that could affect another pilot who is flying. Courtesy to one another is the key.

Scott spoke about Top Gun which is April 28 thru May 2, and asked for volunteers from those who haven't yet put their name in the hat. Jim and Scott will call the membership next week to confirm times.

The new pilot stand should be up soon, and is being built by Robert Stenger.

Frank Tiano offered to split the cost for the club on a golf cart retrieval vehicle for the club, and after discussion the general feeling was that it would be too easy of a target for theft. The club was grateful for the offer but felt it wouldn't last to long before it would disappear.

Some discussion on the future of pylon racing came up and the mention of a "practice race" with some of the pylon pilots, and the Vice President of the SEMBRA (*South Eastern Model Pylon Racing Association*) is in the planning for the near future. Scott should have a date by the next meeting.

George Nauch showed us his original designed biplane, and explained all the thought and ingenuity that went into this unique model, "Bad Fella". A very nice plane George.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

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 !!!!

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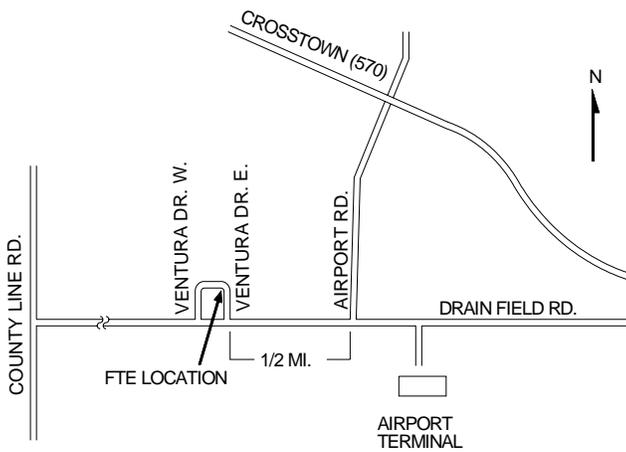
Help Needed???

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

We need a Field Maintenance Officer. "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 Club Safety Officer. We haven't had this position filled for a while, and it's important we do. We also need a Membership Chairman. 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

May Meeting Agenda

Top Gun Wrap-Up

Future Events

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

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

Top Gun

April 27 – May 2
Lakeland Linder Airport
FrankTiano.com

Florida Int'l Jet Rally

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

IRCC "Heli Spectacular"

November 13 & 14
Doug Bruns CD
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IRCC Winter IMAA Rally

December 4th & 5th
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OUR NEXT MEETING IS: May 6th
Check out the directions to our meeting place.

