

## Tail Spin

By: David DeWitt, President

The clubs safety rules were designed for our own protection as well as for those on and around our flying field. We must do our best to police ourselves, and we are all responsible to keep on top of any safety violations that could prove to be potentially dangerous to the pilot, members, spectators or our neighbors to the east and west. Many of our members are very experienced pilots that have been flying for years but anyone can have an equipment failure or a momentary case of the dumb thumbs, and we can get into trouble instantly. Flying out in front of the runway rather than directly over the runway can give us some margin for error and hopefully avoid drifting south over the flight line and spectator area.

Some of us like to make long landing approaches and tend to allow the plane to drift far south on the final leg and if they get into trouble the plane could be heading straight for the flight line and pits. We need to make every effort to stay over the runway on final approach.

We have several new pilots who are progressing well, and seem to love the hobby. We don't want to discourage their progress, but when we see something we know isn't safe it's our responsibility to bring it to the attention of the safety officer, one of the club officers or a flight instructor. If you're not sure about a particular issue in regards to safety bring it to our attention and we will discuss the matter. Better to be cautious than see someone cause an accident. Most new pilots like constructive criticism, and need some pointers from time to time from our more experienced members. I know most of them are willing and eager to help. None of us are such experts that we can't learn something new from others in the hobby.

The safety rules are posted on the IRCC web site and at the flying field. Please be aware of what the rules are and follow them; we don't want to take the fun out of our hobby, but we have to keep it safe. However, if we have a pilot who disregards the rules, whether intentionally or accidentally, he will receive a warning for the first offence, a thirty day suspension of flying privileges for the second offence, and if the rules are violated again the pilot will have his membership terminated indefinitely.

The Imperial Radio Control Club  
is proud to host:

### Florida Jets

March 3 – 6, 2005

### Top Gun

April 27 – May 1, 2005

Lakeland Linder  
Regional Airport



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Meeting Date Change

Please note the date for our next meeting (March) has changed. It will be March 10<sup>th</sup> not March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

### Florida Jets Volunteers Needed

Even though this is the March Newsletter it will be distributed prior to Florida Jets. Jim Urick is organizing the volunteer workers again this year, and your help is needed. If only for a few hours, or a whole day, your help will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Jim today to offer your support.

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**Like most organizations, our club functions with volunteer help at events. We need support from all of our club members!!!! Contact Jim today.**

### Field Maintenance officer

Allen Sale has volunteered to become the new Field maintenance Officer. Being an active member, Allen is at the flying field on a regular basis giving him a good handle on what is going on, and what is needed. When Allen ask for your assistance on something, try to give him a hand.

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### Helicopter Instruction

If you are interested in becoming an accomplished RC helicopter pilot Contact Doug Bruns at the HeliCenter.

The HeliCenter provides all the equipment needed for the basic course,. You need to provide the desire, and your time.

For details call my office  
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Contributions to the IRCC newsletter by club members are always welcome. Hobby related are best, and 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.

All contributions for the Newsletter must be submitted no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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### Important Safety Note

Please remember to do all of your flying north of the runway.

From time to time any one of us may become disoriented and be where we are not suppose to be, but routine flying over the pits, the pilot stations or south of the runway should not occur. In case you are not aware; when we say south of the runway, that line extends east and west beyond the flying field. Not just the actual runway. The only exception might be for a slow flying sailplane at high altitude over 400-500 feet. If you are having a problem, ask for help or fly with a spotter. An extra pair of eyes can't hurt.

There is a very good description of the "no-fly" areas on the club website under the membership and safety link. If you are getting this newsletter via the internet, that information will be reproduced near the end of this issue.

Always be aware and be safe.

### Regular Club Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2005

FTE Site

Scott Smith, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 7:37 PM by David Dewitt, President.

27 members were in attendance.

Motion to accept minutes was made, seconded and passed 27-0.

The treasurer's report was unavailable, and will be presented at the March meeting for approval.

The membership report was 70 at the time of the meeting.

Rick Ruede spoke about the recent incident with a members unsafe flying, and that 1<sup>st</sup> official warning he had received. The member has been doing much better, and is flying much more under control.

John Burdin spoke on an effort to improve inter club communication to avoid conflicts with events, and is working on some measures to assist with this. John also reminded all the members that you are welcome to contribute to the newsletter and all contributions are welcome.

Scott spoke about the up and coming pylon race on February 19-20 and gave a short overview on how the event will operate. This will be an exciting SEMPRA (*South Eastern Model Pylon Racing Association*) national points race, and both intro quickie and quickie 500 will be run.

A reminder of upcoming events was discussed and a sign up sheet for Florida Jets was passed around.

The next events are:  
Florida Jets 2005 – March 3-6  
Top Gun 2005– April 27-May 1  
Heli Spectacular 2005 – November 11-13

We agreed to accept one added task for Florida Jets which will be Zap products sales.

Jerry Hicks and David spoke about there plans to co-CD the 2005 Heli meet with Jerry doing the scale, and David doing the pod and boom division. This will allow both to concentrate on a group, and neither group of pilots to be neglected. Jerry is working on a new idea for scale competition called "Above and Beyond" which will add realism to ground operations and special tasks each will perform that are indicative of each models full scale roles.

Discussion over the March meeting date

The IRCC monthly club meeting will be held at FTE near the Lakeland Airport. The next meeting will be on Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> and starts promptly at 7:30pm. Bring a chair (if you want to have a seat).

due to the conflict with Florida Jets meet was heard and it was decided to move the meeting to the second Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

The sportsmanship award went to Jerry Hicks for innovative thinking and his redefining scale competition in the interest of improving the overall appeal of the event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

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### WebSite Update

Visit the IRCC Website for some new information posted there. Under the Links link there is a new category with links to other central Florida clubs. You can see what they are up to, and what other events in our region may be listed on their sites. The list will expand over time allowing more information to be shared between all clubs.

We are also developing a common events page so all of the events are listed in one place. That is still under construction, but we have our own events link page with IRCC related events.

We recommend you tour around the IRCC site from time to time as things do change, and new areas of interest are added. The For Sale section also has new and different items in it from time to time.

Please feel free to Email the webmaster with comments and suggestions anytime.

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### Winter Race Week

SEMPRA Pylon Race

February 19-20

By: Scott Smith

Rick and I would like to thank each and every one of you for making Imperial R/C's return to pylon racing such a great success! Every one of the competitors I spoke to were impressed with our site, the friendly club members and the uncompromising commitment we all showed to do it right the first time. What makes these events so successful is all the people who make it happen, and we, as well as all the participants, thank you for all that you guys did.

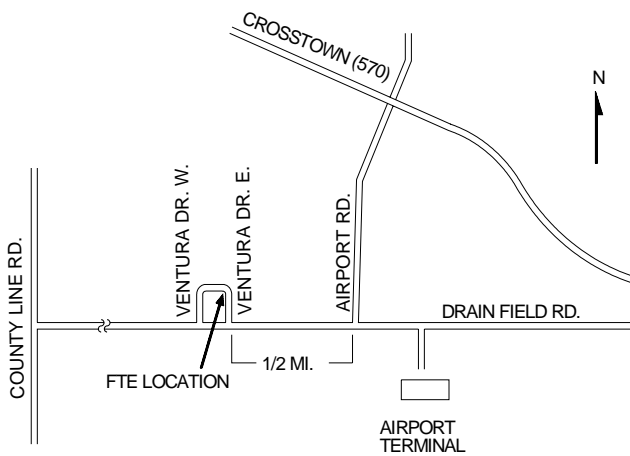
Saturday we had 24 entries, 3 rounds of sport quickie and 5 rounds of quickie 500. The weather was in the 70's, 6-10 mph. winds out of the northeast. There were a couple of crashes, but mainly a lot of good, hard, fast and close racing. From two planes mating in the air and rolling to the ground like a P-38, to pylon 3 getting cut in half at 170 mph! Sunday was another beautiful day with 21 entries and almost exactly the same weather, except the winds were out

of the southeast. As most of you know, that south wind coming over the hill has one adverse affect; a downdraft on the portion of runway that we use for our two fast corners. Did anyone notice? You bet! Right after lunch pylon 3 claimed its 2<sup>nd</sup> airplane of the weekend. The next race, pylon 2 claimed a plane and the disturbed air from it took the plane behind him too! Race three, pylon 3 ate another plane! Then it was my turn to tempt the racing gods. Knowing that I knew the downdraft trick, they were thinking hard for something I wouldn't expect, so along comes a dust devil (*mini tornado?*) right into the turn 1 area! It was definitely something I have never flown thru before, but kinda cool! If you stayed home over the weekend, you missed a really neat experience.

You all did a great job, and I hope the event allowed you to see something that was both interesting as well as exciting. We both appreciate your help very, very much. I know most of you have seen Rick and I practicing and wondered, *WHY?* Now that you have seen a *small* taste of what racing is about and has to offer, I hope you start to ask, how can I get into this?

We will see you at the field ... and hopefully soon... on the course!





There is a vacant lot across the street from FTE which is a good place to park. There is another Facility to the west of FTE which has parking. Please **DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS** at FTE or his neighbors.

### March Meeting Agenda

**Pylon Race  
Event Wrap Up**

**Florida Jets  
Event Wrap UP**

**Future Events**  
Top Gun is just around the corner.  
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 Dave DeWitt know so he can put it on the agenda.*

### Coming Area Events

**Florida Jets**  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>  
Lakeland Linder Airport  
[www.Franktiano.com](http://www.Franktiano.com)

**MacDill AirFest**  
April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>  
MacDill AFB, Tampa

**Sun 'n Fun Fly-In**  
April 12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>  
Lakeland Linder Airport  
[www.sun-n-fun.org](http://www.sun-n-fun.org)

**Top Gun Invitational**  
April 27<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>  
Lakeland Linder Airport  
[www.Franktiano.com](http://www.Franktiano.com)

**Florida Int'l Jet Rally**  
November 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>  
Lake Wales Airport  
[www.Floridajetflyers.com](http://www.Floridajetflyers.com)

**IRCC "Heli Spectacular"**  
November 12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>  
[www.imperialrcclub.com](http://www.imperialrcclub.com)

**IRCC Winter IMAA**  
December 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>  
[www.imperialrcclub.com](http://www.imperialrcclub.com)

## **OUR NEXT MEETING IS: March 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Check out the directions to our meeting place.*

**IRCC primary "NO-FLY" areas. Please observe and protect our flying site.**

Mowing always takes priority over flying. **Never** fly over or near the person mowing the field. The person mowing the field has the authority to close the field if he feels unsafe.

**Do not** fly over the Badcock Warehouse, Parking lot or Fuel Pumps

