

Tail Spin

By: David DeWitt, President

Hope everyone is having a good summer and getting in some flying time. It's been quite busy at field with a majority of the pilots getting their flying in early in the day to beat the heat. Our membership is growing and everyone seems to be having a good time. It's great to see all the activity over at the helicopter shed, it appears the number of helicopter pilots grows every weekend. The concrete floor has been poured and we will soon be adding a large table to complete the project.

We had a very impressive electric ducted fan jet demonstration at our field on July 8, 2007. Bob Violett brought over a couple of his new Electra Jets and flew several flights showing the excellent performance capability and flight duration with these electric powered planes. I believe all the members who came out to watch were amazed at the high speed passes and yet the slow landing speeds of this plane.

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Here is some information regarding our up coming helicopter event taking place in November.

The 2007 Mulberry Helicopter Event will be held on November 9th, 10th, and 11th. As always there is a large flight line for freestyle and 3-D flying.

We are adding FAI to the activities list for those who want to learn and participate. We will have some top FAI pilots to assist in this area.

We have added a permanent building and flying area for the day to day helicopter club members. This area will be used for the scale participants who will be using channels 50 and 27 exclusively. There will be clinics and plenty of experienced scale pilots who can assist in 518 competition and they will be available to assist novice and entry level pilots.

Please remember that Channel 27 and 50 are to be used for scale helicopters only.

See you at the flying field.

New Members

No new members were proposed at the July meeting.

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Sorry we missed the July Newsletter. It's been hot, and there wasn't much to report on so we didn't miss much. We are back on track and look for future newsletters around the end of each month.

Spektrum Radios...

... Should you buy one?

From: Gary Snyder

Being involved both in RC modeling and amateur radio for 35 years, I've watched with interest the evolution of RC radios during that period. Of course the latest and greatest has to be the new Spektrum radio. Introduced in 2005, this radio system will likely take over and make our present systems obsolete. Some of the advantages of the Spektrum system are:

- Spektrum operates at 2.4 Ghz (same as 2400 Mhz) making possible very short antennas both on the transmitter and receiver. Receiver installation is easy with all model antennas internal.
- Frequency interference with other RC

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transmitters is eliminated. 40 channels can fly at the same time. Our frequency board becomes obsolete for Spektrum flyers.

- Virtually glitch free and immune to interference.
- Improved servo sync for immediate communication with the model.

Are there any disadvantages with the Spektrum system:

- Early systems suffered with limited range (park flyers only). These problems have been solved and new models offer full range flying.
- Due to the high frequency, Spektrum operates in line of sight only. Don't fly behind a building or you lose control.
- Make sure the transmitter syncs with the receiver. Occasionally you have to turn off both receiver and transmitter and start over to sync with the model.

Spektrum, JR, and Futaba all offer these new systems starting at \$250 and up. Several aftermarket suppliers are also coming on board. Club members Mike Zellars, Wayne Blackshear (BJ), Mark Cochran, Doug Bruns, and President David Dewitt have been using these systems with excellent results.

Also several flyers at Top Gun and Florida Jets were using these systems. Bob Violett was using a Spektrum on his electric jet that he demonstrated at our field on July 8. If it's good enough for the top flyers in the world it's good enough for me. So if you're ready to upgrade to a new radio, go Spektrum and you won't be disappointed.

**Minutes from the
July 5th, 2007 Club Meeting**
Allen Sale, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President David DeWitt at 7:30 pm.

Present were

Rick Ruede gave the Treasurers report which is on file.

Doug Bruns gave a report on the upcoming Heli event. After a Very lengthy discussion Doug made a motion to add an FAI scale program to the event, and keep the existing 3-D. Dale Anderson seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The event is scheduled for Nov 10th & 11th.

David reported that the IMAA meet will be held Dec 1st & 2nd and that the Lake Wales Jet Rally will be held Nov 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th.

For plane of the month Doug brought a micro electric Llama 5 heli and did a demonstration. The heli RTF including transmitter is \$99.99.

Earl Studstill won the raffle

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

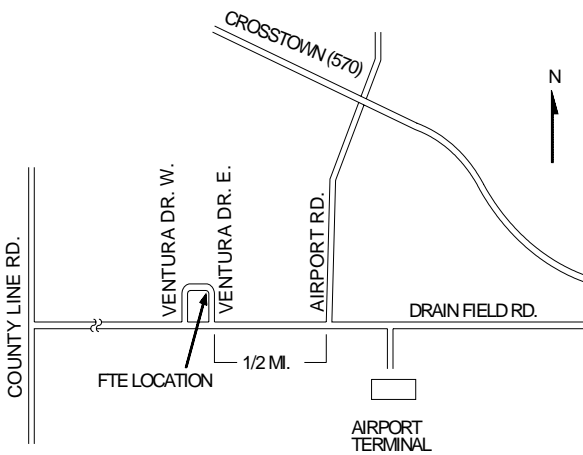
Bob Violett stopped by the field on July 8th to show off his latest electric jet – Electra. He could have called it Patty!!!

Bob is continuing to lead the way in all forms of r/c jets with his new line of exciting electric models.

Visit: www.bvmjets.com for all the information about his high quality line of r/c jets and accessories.

The IRCC monthly club meeting will be held at FTE near the Lakeland Airport. The next meeting will be on Thursday August 2nd and starts promptly at 7:30pm. Remember to bring a chair - if you want to have a seat.





Please **DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS** at FTE or his neighbors.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS: August 2nd
Check out the directions to our meeting place.

Coming Area Events

Summer Pylon Race

August 25th and 26th

Rick Ruede:

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Florida International Jet Rally

Lake Wales Airport

November 1 – 4

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IRCC "Heli Spectacular"

Mulberry, Florida

November 9 – 11

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IRCC IMAA Winter Rally

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