

THE FLIGHT LINE

By David Raff – President

Boy, we have had a busy couple of months! Between Florida Jets – The Southern 500 Pylon Races – Planes Trains & Automobiles and Top Gun not to mention the spring “Honey Do” list’s at home and whatever else “life” decided to throw your way I don’t know how we found time to actually fly - but we did!

Just a quick update on the last two events listed above. The 3rd Annual Planes, Trains & Automobiles Event held at the Plant City Airport and hosted by the Plant City Chamber of Commerce was held (despite the gloomy start to the day) on Saturday March 23rd and was once again a fantastic success! The early forecast did not look to good but by 10:00 AM the clouds started to break and the show was on. Larry Loucks, Ray Bruneel and I had the opportunity to perform for the crowds as they started to arrive. We were also able to fly most of the day in between the Plant City Police Dept. K-9 demonstrations. Since they were set up right across from us we suspended flight activities during their shows so not to distract the dogs.

The record crowd had a lot to see with all of the aircraft both full size and R/C and automobiles on display. CSX participated with the railroad display as well as a model railroad club that set up a very large display inside one of the hangers. This year there was no shortage of food vendors so nobody left hungry. The kids had lots of things to do and see as well with all of the bounce houses, rock climbing wall, face painting, balloon magicians and Lowes Home Improvement workshop where they and their parents got to work together making a coin holder bank that they were able to take home with them. At the end of the event the votes were tabulated and the winners of the Peoples Choice Awards received their trophies.

Wally Sunday’s F-15 Eagle took 1st place this year. This gives Wally a “Hat Trick” as he has now won all three awards in three consecutive years.



Wally receiving his trophy from Todd Cox (Tampa Aviation Authority) and Jason Jones (PTA Chairman)

Gary Snyder and Ian Clark captured 2nd and 3rd place with Gary’s B-25 Mitchell and Ian’s P-51 Mustang.



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This years Top Gun Invitational was also a great success! David Dewitt reported on behalf of Frank Tiano that everything went very smoothly and all rounds went off without a hitch! According to David, Frank also reported that there were record crowds in attendance this year which was a really good thing to hear!

Another part of this success story was the IRCC Raffle that was held during the event. The record crowds combined with the hard work and dedication of Wally Sundry and team which included: Don LaPointe, George Nauck, Dennis Peterson, Tommy Nolin and yours truly, ended up with over 320 people registered to win one of 11 great prizes and collecting a record breaking \$\$\$\$.\$\$ amount for the club.

In addition, I want acknowledge the following club members and say Thank You to everyone that took part, whether it was on the flight line or working the gates on crowd control. This includes:

David DeWitt	Gary Marshall
Allen Sale	Ray Bruneel
Greg Rowe	Terry Crosby
Bob Doherty	Rick Ruede
Todd Beatty	Scott Smith
Shelly Smith	Michael Shook
Jim Taylor	Gary Snyder
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Great Job by each and every one of you!

Until next month – that's it from "The Flight Line".

IRCC Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2013
Recorded by Ian Clark, Secretary

The meeting was brought to order at 9:06 by President Dave Raff.

New members and guests

We have four new members since the last meeting. They are:

Steven Griffin
James Casey
Michael Shook
Ron Wyncoop

We welcome them to the club.

A motion was made to accept last months minutes. It was accepted and passed.

Treasury Report

We started April with \$xxxx.xx in the checking account. With the funds from Florida Jets and the Mulberry Southern 500 pylon race, we raised \$xxx.xx. We are in great shape for this time of year. Our membership now totals 91.

Field Maintenance Report

Our new mower that was donated by Rick Ruede is running well. The money allocated for the purchase of a new one was returned to the treasury.

We have all the figures ready to move forward with installing the power cable used with the new generator. It will require burying a cable and dropping off outlets at the cooking pavilion, our new building and the original building .

A field maintenance day is being planned. The club will be asking for volunteers to help out and cleanup the field. With your cooperation, we can trim and weed eat the field in a short time and have the rest of the day to fly.

Safety Report

We need to remind everyone the the AMA requires us to put identification in or on our planes. The minimum should be our AMA number, even better would be our name and address/phone number. This will benefit us in the event we lose a model. Also we stand a better chance of recovering our prizes.

The IRCC monthly club meeting will be held at Frank Tiano Enterprises (FTE).
The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 6th and will start promptly at 7:30 pm.

Instructors Report

In the last month we have had no new pilots. The club is looking for a new trainer aircraft to replace our last one which met with an unexpected retirement. If anyone has one that they would donate or sell to the club, please contact one of the club officers.

Past Events

The Mulberry Southern 500 Pylon Race is in the books. It was a successful event and we would like to thank all our members for their help. Without you, there would be no race. It was reported that the pilots enjoyed our field and staff. The meet went very well with very few casualties. The money raised between the AMA's donation and what was raised at the meet will buy the first stage of the electronics needed to run this event with fewer support people. It is estimated that by next year there may be enough money to get the complete package and which will then make the event almost labor free .

Planes, Trains and Automobiles. This takes place at the Plant City Airport every year. Our club has been invited for the last three years to participate. We put up a very nice static display as well as many flying on the infield. There were opportunities to fly the larger aircraft on the main runway. They would shut the full sized aircraft down to allow this. We have been invited back for next year. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

We had three "Peoples Choice Awards" for our static display.

- 1st place Wally Sundry with his F-15 Strike Eagle
- 2nd place Gary Snyder and his B-25 twin engine bomber
- 3rd place Ian Clark with his P-51B Mustang

New Business

Top Gun starts on May 1. It will run through Sunday May 5. Dave Dewitt gave us an overview of the event. He will be asking for volunteers to run the flight line and crowd control. Please try and donate some time. You are getting a first hand view of model aircraft's premier event. Wally Sundry has already volunteered to run the raffle. Because of his hard work in the past, the raffles have been successful.

Be sure to check our bulletin boards for all club events, ours and others outside the club. It was decided to have one more go at night flying. Friday April 12 will be our last time until next fall.

We decided to plan another family day before the summer. On May 11, 2013, we will hold a swap meet and family day.

Larry Loucks has volunteered to do the cooking . With everyone bringing a covered dish, we all should enjoy the day. Be sure to bring all your old and unused equipment to sell.

On April 17, 2013, at Ft Walton Beach, near Pensacola, the last reunion of the Doolittle Raiders will take place. Gary Snyder will be organizing the trip and will send out an e-mail invitation.

Dan Hudson has a bi-plane for sale. He is donating all the proceeds from the sale to the club.

20/20 by Wally Sundry

The 20/20 was won by Greg Rowe.

A motion was made and passed to close the meeting at 9:45.



IRCC RECORD RAFFLE!

By: David Raff



As in years past, the Imperial Radio Control Club set up an information and raffle booth at TOP GUN 2013. We were very fortunate this year to be able to share a tent with the AMA who was also in attendance.



This years prizes included a 32" Flat Screen TV – (2) Ready to Fly "Micro" airplanes, one donated by Frank Tiano and the other by Hobbytown USA. Three "Any Link" 2.4 conversion modules also donated by FTE and (5) \$20.00 Gift Certificates donated by Graves Hobbies in Orlando.

As you can see in the picture above and to the right, the crew manning the display on Saturday which included George Nauck, Dennis Peterson, Tommy Nolin and myself were kept busy handing out flyers and registering everyone that Wally Sundeby had sold tickets to while "working the crowds".

In addition to those mentioned above Don Lapointe also assisted on the Thursday & Friday before.





Our AMA partners left to drive back to Muncie after they finished on Saturday so we had the entire tent to use the next morning. Sunday, although starting out a little slow, again brought record crowds to watch the noontime show and yet another opportunity for Wally to work his "charm"!

We even had a little show of our own with the "Baron Dennis Von Peterson" making an appearance with Lola, his Fokker D1 Tri-Plane on display and taking photographs with all that passed by.



The raffle drawing was held on Sunday afternoon and much to our surprise (happily), the winners of all three of the larger prizes - the TV and both airplanes were in attendance and took possession immediately at the show. The winners of the gift certificates and "Any Link" Modules were contacted by phone and had their prizes mailed to them. All tolled, we had over 320 individuals register over the 4 days of the event which netted a record \$\$\$\$ amount for the club!

Thank You to Frank Tiano (FTE), David Mottern (Hobbytown USA), John Graves (Graves RC Hobbies) and everyone that helped to make this a great success!

NEW MEMBERS

David Burgner will be a new member of our club very soon. He visited with his grandson, Titus, on Saturday morning, May 11th. He and Titus each got an orientation flight with the new Nexstar Club Trainer, with George Nauck assistance. Titus is visiting from Shreveport, La. This was home to George from 1964 until 1967. David's son pastors a church in Shreveport. David lives in south Lakeland. We look forward to seeing him at the field often!



Here is new IRCC member Ron Wyncoop with a big smile and his new Sensei Trainer. After having his first "Intro Flight" Ron was pretty much hooked and was looking into what to buy as his first airplane. At first we were looking at an electric conversion to the Alpha "Elite" nitro, but weighing in all cost seemed a bit on the high side. After some internet surfing and checking out a few reviews I sent to him, Ron decided on the "Sensei" from Flyzone. This is a true "READY TO FLY" trainer with a little something extra!

The Sensei comes complete with all electronics (motor – esc – servos - receiver) pre-installed. The elevator and rudder, by design, self-align and install with one screw. The steerable nose gear is already attached and connected to the rudder servo so two more screws attach the mains and complete the tricycle landing gear. The 2-piece wing is assembled with a support joiner which has $\frac{3}{4}$ " square carbon fiber tubes extending approx $\frac{1}{4}$ distance from the fuselage on both wings and attaches with 2 nylon screws. A 2100mAh 3 cell battery, charger and 6 channel Tactix transmitter complete the package.

That little something extra I mentioned earlier - a 5th servo attached to a drop door on the underside of the airplane controlled by the "flap" switch on the TX. I am seeing "bomb drops" or even a small candy drop in the near future! As of right now we have 2 of these in the club. Yeah, I liked it so much I went out and bought one too!

By: David Raff

GREAT NEWS!!!

For all of you that are either now or thinking about moving into gasoline engines this should be some really good news!

One of the biggest issues facing today's smaller gas engines is the use of Ethanol enriched gasoline which can over time, "gum up" the carburetor as well as other parts of the fuel system.

You can now buy 90 octane Ethanol "FREE" gasoline right around the corner from the flying field at Able & Willing Small Engine Repair. The owner - Ken Reinsch says the cost per gallon will fluctuate with the market but right now is at \$4.69 per gallon.

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GEOCACHING!

Recently, a new way to introduce our hobby and our location to outdoor sportsmen was implemented. A published geocache was planted at the roadside of our field. The name of the geocache is "Fly High – Land Low". The description of the geocache reads as follows:

"Spectators always welcome, but please don't block the gate! We love to welcome spectators, any time the gate is open. Just don't block the access gate. This is a small tupperware type cache. Not big enough for a pencil, so bring yours. FTF (first to find) qualifies for a free orientation flight! Others as instructors are available. It's another great outdoor sport!"

Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity, in which the participants use a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver or mobile device and other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers, called "geocaches" or "caches", anywhere in the world.

A typical cache is a small waterproof container containing a logbook where the geocacher enters the date they found it and signs it with their established code name. After signing into the log, the cache must be placed back exactly where the person found it. Larger containers such as plastic storage containers (Tupperware or similar) or ammunition boxes can also contain items for trading, usually toys or trinkets of little value.

In 2003, a worldwide gathering of geocachers was organized in Louisville, Kentucky. The event was named "GeoWoodstock". Each year since, annual geowoodstocks have been held at different cities throughout the U.S. Geowoodstock XI will be held on May 25th right here in Lakeland. It will be held at Circle B Bar Reserve on Winter Lake Road, and is expected to draw several thousand geocachers from around the world. Any number of these may stop by our field to visit if the gate is open, so be sure to offer our customary friendly greetings to anyone stopping by.

George Nauck

Geocacher since April 14, 2013

More information at www.geocaching.com and www.geowoodstock.com



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