

THE FLIGHT LINE

By David Raff – President

Hello IRCC!

About the time this newsletter comes out we will already have finished up with two of our fall events for this year which includes the 10th Annual Mulberry 500 Pylon Races and Monster Planes/12 O'clock High hosted by FTE. I will be looking for some interesting follow up from both events for next month's edition!

Our next planned event will not be until the first week-end in December (6th – 8th) which will be our 2nd Annual Mulberry Electric ExTravaganza or MEET for short. As the name implies, this all electric event will be open to any and all electric/battery powered aircraft. This year like last, we will once again be combining this with a Toys For Tot's toy drive. Our first year which was only a one day event drew over 30 registered pilots and collected more than 50 toys for this very worthwhile organization. We are hoping to be able to double that amount (at least in toys) this year by doing a Friday, Saturday & Sunday event with night flying both Friday and Saturday evening. More details to follow!

Unfortunately, the helicopter event that we were hoping to have in November is not going to happen so instead, we are going to have our fall Family Day & Swap Meet on Saturday Nov. 16th (we can hold the 23rd in reserve just in case). By that time just about all of our "snowbird" members should be back and the weather will be just perfect! The club will take care of the entrée's & drinks. We just ask that you bring your family and a covered dish to share. One suggestion that was made last year was to create a list of what was being brought so that perhaps there can be a little more variety. Personally, I have always been very impressed with all of the goodies brought and believe you me - never went home hungry! If anyone would like to volunteer to take point on this I would sincerely welcome it.

Speaking about volunteering (don't you just like the way I do this!) It's time to elect the club officers for 2014.

At the October meeting, we discussed the need to look for possible candidates to fill the four "Officer" positions for the club. This includes the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The "Term of Office" for these positions are based on a (1) one year term and voted on by the club membership.

As most of you are aware, this past year these positions were held by the following members:

Club President: David Raff

Club Vice President: Robert Russ

Club Treasurer: Gary Snyder

Club Secretary: Ian Clark

In addition to the elected officers above, the club leadership also includes a Board of Directors consisting of the President and three Directors. The Director positions are also an "elected" position however their "term of office" runs for a consecutive three year period. Your Directors at this time are:

Mason Benfield, David Dewitt & Steve Baxley

The director's position that Steve graciously stepped into is in its final year so a new Director needs to be selected to fill that seat.

Nominations for anyone wanting to be considered to fill the positions above will be accepted up to the start of the November meeting which will be held at the field on Saturday November 2nd, starting at 9:00 AM. To be considered, you must be a current AMA member and have held an adult IRCC membership in good standing for at least the past twelve months.

I am aware of at least two members have either put their name in or have been nominated to fill the Directors position so far. Thank you to Don LaPointe and Dan Hudson for stepping up!

Until next month – That is all from "The Flight Line"

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IRCC Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2013

Recorded by Ian Clark, Secretary

The October meeting was called to order at 9:06 by president David Raff. A motion was made and accepted to accept the minutes of the September meeting.

Visitors and new members:

We have three new members. Richard Gwyn, Paul Jones, and Jack Fehling. We would like to welcome them to our club.

Treasurers Report:

October tends to be the low point of our finances. We still have \$xxxx.xx in our checking account so we are fine. With renewals and events still ahead of us, our finances will increase from now to the end of the year. Our expenses for the month of September were totally within budget.

Field Maintenance Report:

We have purchased the last solar panel and hope to finish the installation by the second week of October. The next project is to build a sheltered corner over at the helicopter area and finish the solar panel table. It was decided to leave our generator where it is. Moving it to the area used for cooking could be noisy for anyone using that area. We also don't want to make the generator more visible. Steve Jaworski is getting the last of the materials needed for our new sign and it will be ready for use. We have a firm policy for recovering our aircraft should they go down on our neighbors property to the East. Dillon Transport would like us to go to the dispatchers office which is in the front building and is staffed 7 days a week and 24 hours a day. They will advise us on how we can get our pieces back. There is one exception they insist on. If you loose an aircraft in the pond behind the maintenance shop, DO NOT TRY AND RECOVER IT! There is a large alligator in the pond and the Terminal Leader, Nick Saban, wants it known, we are not to go in or on the water. It is a liability issue for them. Failure to follow this could put an end to our recovering anything on their property. They have been very good neighbors and we want to keep it that way.

Safety Report:

Dave Raff brought in a photograph he took at our front gate a few months ago. It is a picture of a four and a half foot water

moccasin. We need to remember that we do share the property with a lot of wild life. Some of them do not like humans. Use caution when walking around the boundary of the property.

Past Events:

There were no events during the month of September.

New Events:

The 10th annual Mulberry 500 Pylon Race is set to take place October 19th and October 20th. Scott Smith is looking for members to help with the program. This is not only exciting to watch, but generates funds for the club. Monster Planes and 12:00 High are taking place from October 24 to the 26th. Frank Tiano is holding this at Paradise Field, just South of Lakeland Linder Airport. Dave Dewitt is contacting people to help. This is also a great fundraiser for the club. Heli Spectacular is still on the books for November. December 6,7 and 8th will be our All Electric Event. We plan on doing some night flying on Friday and Saturday.

Old Business:

There was none

New Business :

We are now accepting nominations for club offices. All positions are available. If you would like to get more involved in the day to day processes of the club, please put your name in. We also have one position to fill with the board of directors.

Sportsmanship Award:

Because of all his work on our new sign, it was decided that Steve Jaworski was the next person to be deserving of the award. Congratulations go to Steve.

50/50:

There was no 50/50 this month.

Plane of the Month:

George Nauck showed us his new Slow Stick electric airplane from Hobby King. George modified the wings to accept ailerons and put lights so he could fly it at night.

A motion was made and accepted to close the meeting at 9:38.

2013 IRCC FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

Here are a few pictures of another one of the changes and improvements that have been made this year to make the IRCC flying field a "PREMIER" Flying Site for all to enjoy!

The New Marquee Sign

A considerable amount of time and planning was put into this project well before the visual results started to appear. Thank you to Steve Jaworski, Art Magarino, David Dewitt and Gary Snyder for your time and efforts.

After the location was finalized and the holes dug, Steve Baxley and "crew" took care of positioning the 6"x 6"x16' post.



The "Framing" Crew:
Dan Hudson – Ian Clark – Steve Jaworski
(I believe that Gary Snyder was behind the camera)



All framed up and ready for the next step!

The IRCC monthly club meeting will be held at the IRCC Flying Field.
The next meeting will be on Saturday, November 2nd and will start promptly at 9:00 am.

We finally got a little break in the weather and construction was re-started. After Steve had applied two coats of bright white oil based paint, the sign "face" panels were installed! Thanks Robert for the use of your generator!



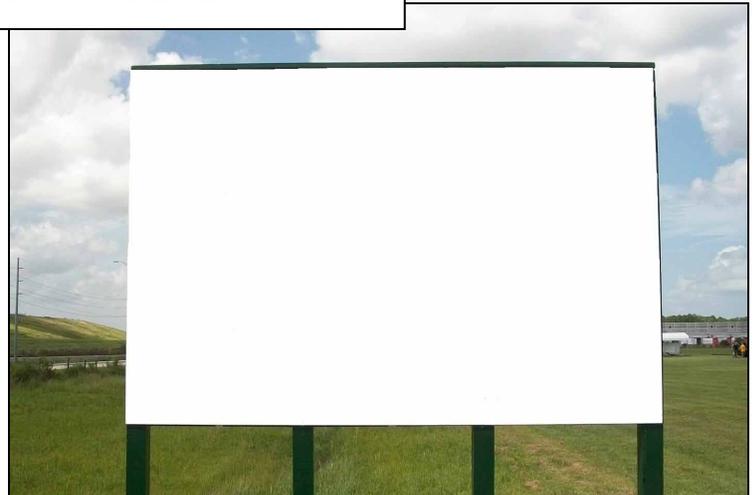
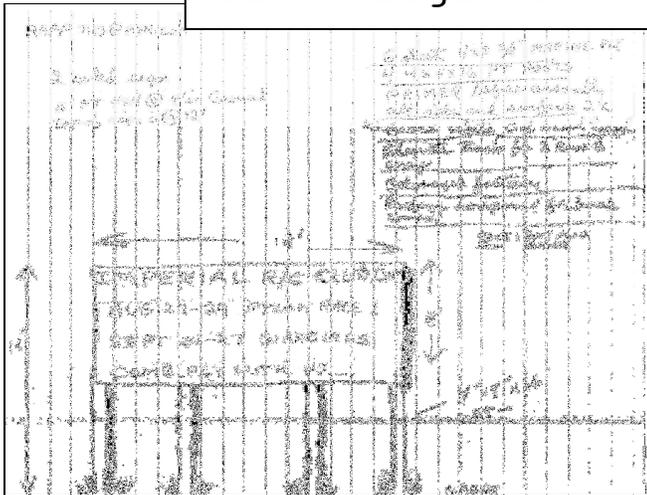
Left & Above
The "Finishing" crew consisting of Steve Jaworski, Gary Snyder, Paul Jones, Rich Gwyn & risking life and limb Dan Hudson!

I had to force them to stop so that I could get a group picture!

I was then threatened by Steve J. wielding a Home Depot "Multi-Purpose" tool if I didn't let them get back to work! You know the one. Paint can opener on one end and a "brown" bottle opener on the other! **JUST KIDDING!**

(About being threaten that is!)

From original sketch to finished



GREAT JOB EVERYONE!