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THE FLIGHT LINE

By David Raff – President

Hello IRCC and welcome to 2014!

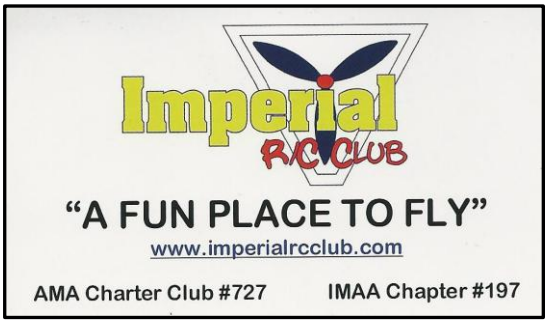
We are off to a great start this year with a record number of renewals and several new members! At our January meeting there were 5 new inductees to the club. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Sean McCafferty Wayne Northcutt, Nathan Weinrich, Richard Moffatt and Bret Warren to what we like to say is the **"BEST RADIO CONTROL CLUB"** in the state of Florida! Be sure to take a moment to introduce yourselves and welcome them the next time you find yourselves at the field together.

Although the following are not new faces, we do have a few members assuming their new roles as part of the Executive Committee. This includes Terry Crosby (Vice President) and Dan Hudson (Director). I want to thank both of them for volunteering their time and energy to the betterment of the club. I would also like to thank Robert Russ for his two years as my Vice President and Steve Baxley who filled one of the Directors seats. Both of these fine gentlemen spent quite a bit of time assisting with making the club what it is today. Be sure to say ***Thank You*** the next time you see them.

Gary Snyder (Treasurer) provided us with a general overview of the clubs financial situation over the past year and a projection for 2014. The numbers presented were not exactly were we wanted to be at the end of 2013. We unfortunately took a big hit earlier in the year when we had to purchase a new mower deck when the old one gave out. We also decided, based on our financial status at the time, to pay off the remaining balance of the loan for the tractor. Slightly lower income from events than what we had the previous year also contributed to this. Even though the end of the year totals were somewhat less than anticipated, the ***Imperial Radio Control Club*** continues to have a strong financial foundation and we are now "debt" free!

The forecast for 2014 certainly looks to be a very good one! With all of the changes and additions that have been graciously donated to us over the past few years as well as the time and efforts put forth by several of our members to complete the new marquee sign at the entrance, I anticipate a larger than expected increase in membership. Plans for more events to be held at the IRCC flying field in 2014 will help as well. It is also my understanding that Frank has just had a new "asphalt" runway installed at **Paradise Field** that should make the "jet jockeys" very happy! This should help add to the participation and excitement at all of the events held there.

Something else that has been done to help spread the word about our club (thanks to the persistence of member Don Lapointe) was to have the older business cards updated and printed.



We included directions complete with GPS coordinates on the back as well as mentioning that we offer flight training by AMA Authorized Flight Instructors. We gave David at HobbyTown USA in Lakeland about 300 of these which he placed in every shopper's bag during the holidays!

We had 3000 of these printed and have them available to any member that would like to have some to pass out. They are in bundles of 25 each so just get with either Gary Snyder or myself to get yours.

Until next month, that is all from **The Flight Line**!

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IRCC MEETING MINUTES

January 2014
Recorded by Ian Clark (Secretary)

The January meeting of the Imperial R/C Club was brought to order at 7:30 by President David Raff. A motion was made to accept the minutes from the December meeting and was approved.

Visitors and New Members:

We have 5 new members: Sean Mccafferty Wayne Northcutt, Nathan Weinreich, Richard Moffatt and Bret Warren. We wish to welcome them to the club!

Treasurers Report:

2013 was a challenging year in which we had a negative cash flow. This was due to some exceptional circumstances such as buying a new mower deck and paying off the tractor loan. Our overall income was down slightly and expenses where up. There were fewer events and less income generated.

A very special thanks goes out to Wally Sundey for his heroic work selling raffle tickets. He generated quite a bit of money for the club last year!

Field maintenance Report:

The charging station for the helicopter shed should be completed soon. A work day is being planned to do a little clean up at the field. Date to be announced! It was suggested that we have a swap meet the same day.

Safety Report:

Allen Sales has been the clubs Safety Officer for the past 4 years and has done a great job for us but the time has come to turn over the reigns. Mason Benfield has volunteered to be our new Safety Officer. Thank you Mason!

Instructors Report:

Our instructors have been quite busy the last couple of months with new students. Our new sign message is up to welcome people that want to learn to fly their new Christmas presents.

Past Events:

Our Mulberry Electric ExTravaganza did not have the turnout that we had hoped for but those that did attend had a great time. We managed to collect a lot of toys that were given to area children as well as generate a small income for the club.

New Events:

February 15th Dave DeWitt is going to be the C/D for our upcoming IMAA event! This will be a large plane fun fly with a minimum wingspan of 80" for mono-wing and 60" for bi-planes.

March 5th – 8th FLORIDA JETS! Frank Tiano will be hosting his jet event at the recently remodeled **Paradise Field**. They have just had a newly paved runway installed which will make for a much smoother show. We will be putting out the call for volunteers to help with this event.

March 21st -23rd Mulberry Southern 500 Pylon Races. Scott Smith will be putting out the call for volunteers. ANY and ALL help will be greatly appreciated.

We are planning on having our first Family Day of the year before our "Winter" members travel back to their Northern homes. We are looking at March 29th 2014.

Old Business:

Our nitro fuel that was purchased through HobbyTown USA will be available soon for those that ordered. Thank You to Dave at Hobbytown for being so generous to our club members.
We now have updated business cards to hand out to the public. They give a lot of information about our club and will be given to any interested party. If you do not have any - see Gary Snyder or David Raff.

Sportsmanship Award:

Because of a delay in getting the award to her in December, Dot Crosby (Terry Crosby's wife) was once again given this prestigious award.

50/50

Ron Wyncoop was the big winner this month.

A motion was made and accepted to close the January 2014 meeting.

IRCC 2014 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

DAVID RAFF

Executive Officers

President – David Raff

Vice-President – Terry Crosby

Treasurer – Gary Snyder

Secretary – Ian Clark

TERRY CROSBY

GARY SNYDER

Directors

Mason Benfield

David DeWitt

Dan Hudson

IAN CLARK

MASON BENFIELD

DAVID DEWITT

DAN HUDSON

COMING EVENTS!

February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6 IRCC CLUB MEETING 7:30 PM	7	8 IRCC Field Work Day & Swap Meet!
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 IMAA FUN FLY IRCC Field
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

March 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 IRCC CLUB MEETING 9:00 AM
2	3	4	5 FLORIDA JETS PARADISE FIELD LAKELAND	6 FLORIDA JETS PARADISE FIELD LAKELAND	7 FLORIDA JETS PARADISE FIELD LAKELAND	8 FLORIDA JETS PARADISE FIELD LAKELAND
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Looking for IRCC Lifetime Members!

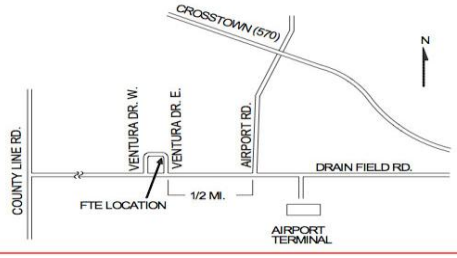
Do you know of any current member that would qualify?

A Lifetime Member is defined as an individual who has attained the age of 70 years old and has maintained an "Adult" membership within the IRCC for a minimum of 20 years. If you, or someone you know would qualify, please inform any of the clubs officers or directors.

Our next club meeting will be at FTE on Thursday Feb. 6th 2014 starting at 7:30 PM. Be sure to bring a chair if you want to sit!

Here is where we meet each month.

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



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