

Tail Spin

By: David DeWitt, President

Thanks to all the IRCC members the pylon race turned out great. However, the weather was awful with high winds and low temperatures - but the pilots just kept on racing. Rick Ruede and Scott Smith pulled off another exciting event and even managed to race the entire weekend without destroying their planes. Allen Sale had several good races and enough spare airplanes to make it thru the weekend.

Our members had to get very creative to stay warm during the race. Turn 2 & 3 judges sat in their cars to stay warm and the judges on turn 1 had their own kerosene heater and snacks thanks to George Nauck.

Our next event is *Florida Jets* which starts on Wednesday, March 1 and goes thru Sunday March 5, 2006. I want to thank everyone who has volunteered to work, however I could really use more man power Wednesday thru Friday if anyone is available (call David, 838-4459 or email, benz425@aol.com). Our club is responsible for flight line control, transmitter impound, front gate tickets sales, t-shirt & hat sales, pit security and help with the sound system. There is plenty of work to go around and if you have a friend that would like to help please let me know and I will assign them a position. This is going to be a record number of jet planes and pilots for this year's *Florida Jets*. It should be a lot of fun and a good source of income for the club; the more members we have who pitch in and help the smoother week will go.

The entrance to *Florida Jets* has changed from last year so take a look at the map for the new location.

Thanks for all the club member's support at these events.

IRCC Members and Others New Florida Jets Location

Please note that Florida Jets is being held at a different location on the Lakeland Airport from previous years. The new location is on the south side of the airport, and you will enter the area through the Sun N Fun museum entrance. It will be well marked.

We still need a volunteer to fill the position of :

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

This position is very important to the on going interest of our club.

Request from the Membership

From the December club meeting: Any member who arrives at the field, and does not have a model with them – please **do not** park on the flight line. The flight line area is for members who need the space, and are flying. Thanks for your courtesy, and observing this request.

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 should be submitted no later than the 15th of the month.

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IRCC 2006

*From: Dale Anderson IRCC
Vice President*

It's a new year and a great beginning for our Club! We have three busy events coming back to back-the Pylon Race, Florida Jets and Top Gun. Let's all pitch in and help off set club expenses by the revenue we generate for these important events. Volunteerism is the key to our collective success. We are so privileged to enjoy such a great flying field, and these events help us to sustain the quality of our field and our club.

The most important aspect of IRCC is its members. That means you! Let's make this a great year, full of fun, camaraderie, sharing our flying experiences, and sharing the genius of some of our members' creative talent, new designs, new aircraft and just a lot of fun flying. Let's try to keep "politics" to a minimum, and keep it a friendly, family oriented destination for us all and for our guests.

Speaking of guests, let's also be welcoming to everyone who wanders in to see what's up (in the air), because you never know who will want to join and become a part of our wonderful hobby.

Here's to a fun-filled 2006!

**Do you want to learn to fly ??
(Helicopters)**

Doug Bruns has put together a great program for those who have an interest in learning to fly helicopters. No equipment is required initially as one proceeds through the basics. That is right, Doug will supply the trainer helicopter, and all the student has to do is supply the fuel.

The learn to fly helicopter program currently has three participants that are super students. Two more will be starting in a week or so.

The purpose of this project is to have students that will earn the status of being safe, responsible and knowledgeable helicopter pilots.

Having people in our club with these qualifications will make it will be easy for other members to get involved with helicopters, and enjoy the sport.

The three members that are doing so well now are: Dale Anderson, George Nauck and Allen Sale. David Dewitt is assisting with the training (thanks David).

Please contact the participating members or Doug for more information.

Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2006

Alen Sale, Secretary

The IRCC held its regular club meeting Thursday, Feb 2 at FTE in Lakeland.

President David DeWitt called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

The minutes of the January meeting were unanimously approved as mailed and e-mailed.

Treasurer Rick Ruede gave the treasurers report which was unanimously approved, and filed for audit. We have 55 paid members.

There were no new members or guests at the meeting.

Ian Clarke has agreed to be the new club Field Maintenance Officer, and Chris Smith has agreed to be the club Safety Officer.

Safety: Planes parked south of the South taxi-way should be facing north when being started. Planes parked east of the East taxi-way should be facing northwest.

Good of the order: Six instructors names and phone numbers will be posted at the field.

Unknown problem with website has been fixed. Website was down for 4 or 5 days.

Future Events: Rick Ruede reported on the pylon event to be held Saturday & Sunday, Feb 11th & 12th. Field will be closed 11th & 12th. Field will be open on Friday Feb 10th, but pylons will be up and priority will be given to pylon competitors wanting to practice. **STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS.** Contact Rick Ruede. ph.682-7210.

Florida Jets will be held Wednesday, March 1st through Sunday, March 5th. Still need volunteers, particularly Thursday and Friday. Contact David DeWitt ph. 838-4459.

Top Gun will be held April 26th through 30th. Not yet signing up volunteers, but mark your calendar.

Old business: Still have ants.

The IRCC monthly club meeting will be held at FTE near the Lakeland Airport. The next meeting will be on Thursday February 9th and starts promptly at 7:30pm. Bring a chair - if you want to have a seat.

New business: Because of Florida Jets, next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 9th.

Some discussion about Spektrum Radios, Synthesized Modules and Seeker and Tracker model radios. Not sure what was learned, but conversation was lively and interesting.

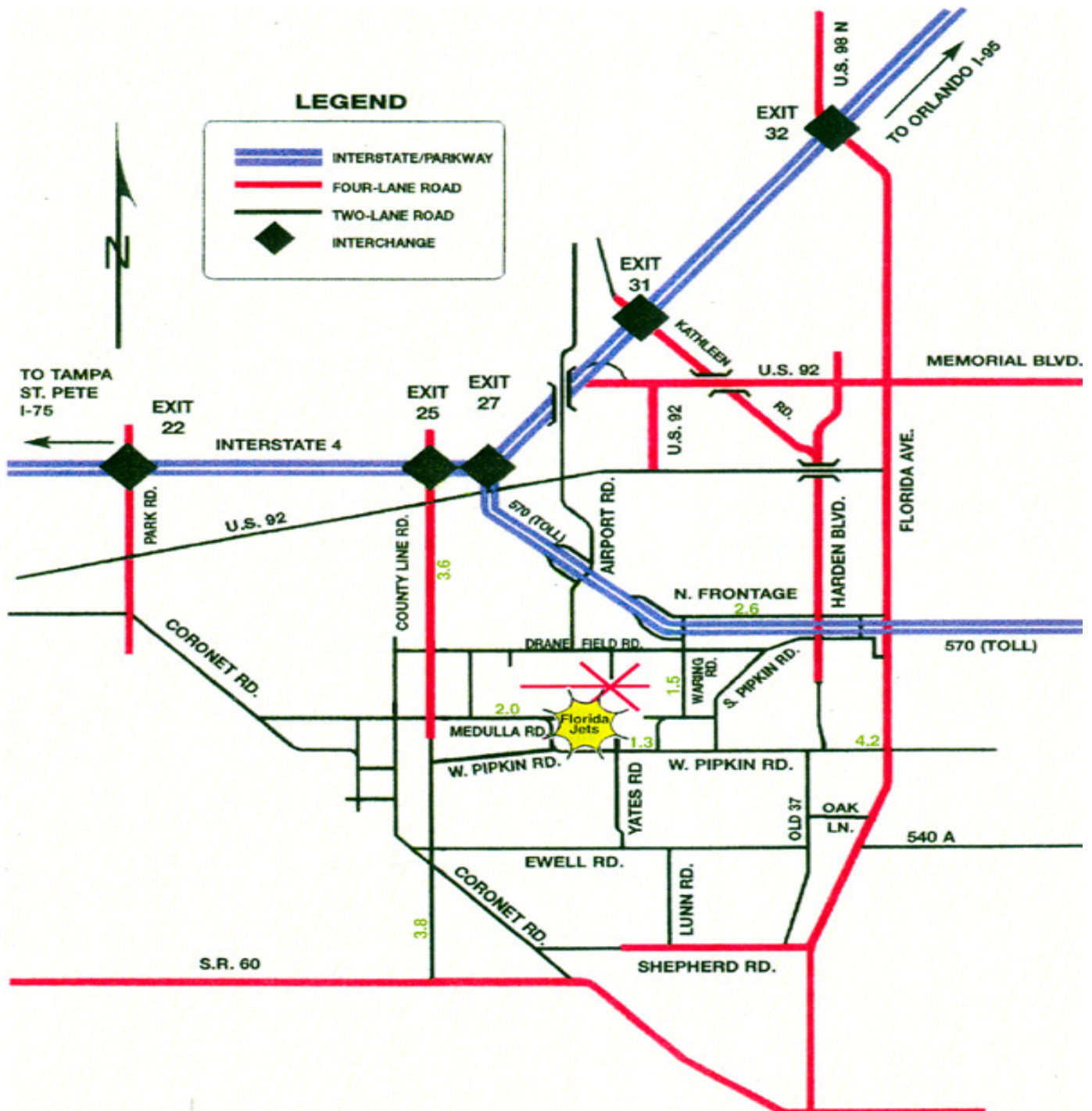
Doug Bruns received the sportsman of the month for his patient work with four club members he is training to fly helicopters.

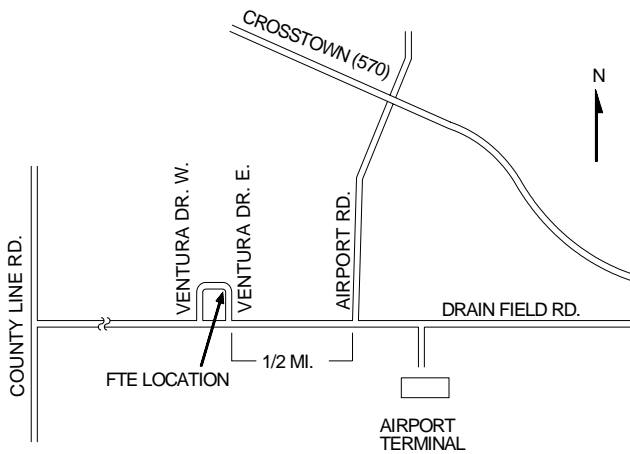
Plane of the month: Norm Skinner brought his profile "yippee"

P-38 twin, built from a kit and powered by two O.S. .25s. He gave a talk on the historic "yippee" P-38 and explained the componets of his model. Some discussion followed about the "Glacier Girl" P-38 recently restored and making the rounds.

Rick Ruede won the 50/50 and donated the winnings back to the club.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.





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

Events

Review and the IRCC Winter Pylon Race and Florida Jets. Look forward to Top Gun.

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 1st – 5th
www.FrankTiano.com

Sun'N Fun
April 4th – 10th
www.Sun-n-fun.org

Top Gun
April 26th – 30th
FrankTiano.com

OUR NEXT MEETING IS: March 9th One week later!!
Check out the directions to our meeting place.