

# Propwash

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## Touch & Go

By: Scott S. Smith

Well, after much thought and work by Rick Ruede, owner of Aero R/C Hobbies, and myself, the new frequency board is up and working. It turned out really nice, and I think all of you will be impressed with it. Thanks to Rick for all his hard work to make this project come to pass. Since we now have a great frequency board and impound, make sure you **USE IT!** Impound your transmitters when you arrive, check out your pin to fly, and return the transmitter and pin as soon as you are thru flying. This accomplishes two things: The transmitters are visible to all to dismiss the accidental turn-on's that cause crashes, as well as allowing others on the same frequency the ability to fly without having to look for the pin and getting frustrated. It is not only a safety issue, and a courtesy to others, it is IRCC policy.

Safety is a very important issue with what we all do. We all need to be mindful of not reaching thru a running prop, always use a glove, starter or chicken stick to start our models, and **ALWAYS** have the model restrained by some secure device or another person. Get in a routine for starting your models, including a throttle position check prior to attaching the glow starter or turning on the ignition so that we don't have any hit-and-runs from our planes. And always keep it in mind, if you are all alone and an accident happens, no one else will be there to possibly save your life. Joey Harvard, who is our safety officer, is out there to assist in making sure these things are done to benefit us all, but we all need to help out and make sure everyone is practicing safety. Safety is everyone's job.

Well, until next month, lets all remember we are participating in a relaxing and enjoyable sport. Make sure you are there to enjoy it, and

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make a conscious effort to make sure everyone else can enjoy the same benefits as you. Courtesy and fun are contagious, and I am looking for an epidemic! Bring your planes out, fly, have fun and I will See ya' at the field...

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*This appeared in a recent issue of  
Australian Aviation Magazine  
and sent to us by John Foglesong.*

1. Every takeoff is optional. Every landing is mandatory.
2. If you push the stick forward, the houses get bigger. If you pull the stick back, they get smaller. That is, unless you keep pulling the stick all the way back, then they get bigger again.
3. Flying isn't dangerous. Crashing is what's dangerous.
4. It's always better to be down here wishing you were up there, than up there wishing you were down here.
5. The ONLY time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.
6. The propeller is just a big fan in front of the plane used to keep the pilot cool. When it stops, you can actually watch the pilot start sweating.
7. When in doubt, hold on to your altitude. No one has ever collided with the sky.
8. A 'good' landing is one from which you can walk away. A 'great' landing is one after which they can use the plane again.
9. Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself.
10. You know you've landed with the wheels up if it takes full power to taxi to the ramp.
11. The probability of survival is inversely

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*Courtesy and  
common sense  
makes R/C modeling  
fun for everyone.*

### **Mowing is a priority!!!**

When the field is being mowed, Bunk has the right of way. Don't fly over or near him. He has the authority to close the field if he feels that he is unsafe.

proportional to the angle of arrival. Large angle of arrival, small probability of survival and vice versa.

12. Never let an aircraft take you somewhere your brain didn't get to five minutes earlier.

13. Stay out of clouds. The silver lining everyone keeps talking about might be another airplane going in the opposite direction. Reliable sources also report that mountains have been known to hide out in clouds.

14. Always try to keep the number of landings you make equal to the number of take offs you've made.

15. There are three simple rules for making a smooth landing. Unfortunately no one knows what they are.

16. You start with a bag full of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before you empty the bag of luck.

17. Helicopters can't fly; they're just so ugly the earth repels them.

18. If all you can see out of the window is ground that's going round and round and all you can hear is commotion coming from the passenger compartment, things are not at all as they should be.

19. In the ongoing battle between objects made of aluminum going hundreds of miles per hour and the ground going zero miles per hour, the ground has yet to lose.

20. Good judgment comes from experience. Unfortunately, the experience usually comes from bad judgment.

21. It's always a good idea to keep the pointy end going forward as much as possible.

22. Keep looking around. There's always something you've missed.

23. Remember, gravity is not just a good idea. It's the law. And it's not subject to repeal.

24. The three most useless things to a pilot are the altitude above you, runway behind you, and a tenth of a second ago.

**Here are the results of the 2003 AMA National Pattern Championships. I have limited the results to the top ten in each category.**

### **INTERMEDIATE**

- |    |            |                    |
|----|------------|--------------------|
| 1  | 4000.00000 | KRISTOPHER KOVANDA |
| 2  | 3936.98450 | A.C. GLENN         |
| 3  | 3927.75631 | JOE DUNNAWAY       |
| 4  | 3880.29468 | MICHAEL RADEKE     |
| 5  | 3721.72246 | THOMAS COLLINS     |
| 6  | 3686.66247 | SCOTT PAVLOCK      |
| 7  | 3677.24538 | FRANK DELGUIDICE   |
| 8  | 3645.33647 | HARRY WAGNER       |
| 9  | 3592.75466 | ERROL VERRET       |
| 10 | 3461.71523 | EUGENE VILLA       |

### **ADVANCED**

- |    |            |                   |
|----|------------|-------------------|
| 1  | 3976.16162 | MICHAEL HILL      |
| 2  | 3969.23388 | ROBERT FORTINO    |
| 3  | 3859.80476 | TIM PAZARA        |
| 4  | 3854.17395 | BRETT BOWEN       |
| 5  | 3852.91852 | TERRANCE BROWN    |
| 6  | 3834.22469 | MICHAEL MIDDLETON |
| 7  | 3762.92732 | THOMAS PHISTRY    |
| 8  | 3747.24761 | STEVEN BYRD       |
| 9  | 3721.46594 | ROBERT KANE       |
| 10 | 3626.52501 | KENNETH BLACKWELL |

### **MASTERS :**

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|-----|---------------|------------|
| 1.  | Donny Wright  | 3000.00000 |
| 2.  | Dave Villwock | 2948.17878 |
| 3.  | Glen Watson   | 2945.85728 |
| 4.  | Earl Vincent  | 2942.95685 |
| 5.  | Jim Woodward  | 2935.07391 |
| 6.  | Rusty Fried   | 2864.41900 |
| 7.  | Jerry Budd    | 2842.29564 |
| 8.  | BW Ponder     | 2837.33621 |
| 9.  | Joe Walker    | 2823.59989 |
| 10. | Jeff Carrish  | 2799.88991 |

The IRCC monthly club meeting is held in the terminal building conference room at the Lakeland Linder Airport. The meeting is on the first Thursday of each month and starts promptly at 7:30pm.

**FAI**

- 1. Don Szczur 2989.28571
- 2. Chip Hyde 2988.51270
- 3. Troy Newman 2846.21669
- 4. Trent Byrd 2821.47687
- 5. Dave Lockhart 2767.75259
- 6. Todd Blose 2765.75490
- 7. Andrew Jesky 2745.54419
- 8. Michael Harrison 2719.19616
- 9. Pete Collinson 2717.81607
- 10. Bryan Hebert 2630.94894

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**Helicopter Fun-Fly  
status report**

*By: Doug Bruns, CD*

I wish to take this opportunity to report to the club members the status of the November 1 & 2 helicopter funfly.

The required AMA paperwork has been forwarded to the contest coordinator for the sanctioning of the event.

As many of you already know I have requested that turbine helicopters be allowed to participate at the fun fly, here is basically what I am requesting. (for this event only)The pilot present a current AMA waiver, agree to restricted flight and have appropriate safety equipment on station. I am urging every member to please give thought to this request and respond with your views. I would like very much to have this issue finalized at the next scheduled meeting. Due to prior obligations, I will not be in attendance at the August club meeting (out of country). So, if you have any questions or just want to discuss it please call me.

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**From The Editor**

*By: John Burdin*

I would like to echo some of Doug's thoughts, and add some of my own for consideration.

It has become of interest to consider a very limited activity at the Heli Meet in November by

turbine powered helicopters. There are many and varied opinions on the subject, and we will be discussing it at the August meeting.

About two years ago our club decided to disallow turbine powered aircraft, and hence anything with a turbine in it is considered in that action. As a group we failed to take into consideration that turbine powered helicopters could be upon us so soon, or even at all. It's reasonable to believe at that time the turbine airplane situation may have been justified because of our neighbors. However we must consider an airplane moving at 300 feet per second is a far cry from a much slower and less agile turbine helicopter.

With those thoughts in mind, the general idea is to allow this on a one-time exemption basis. There is no thought of attempting to reverse any prior actions regarding airplanes, or to make it permanent for helicopters.

Turbine powered flights will only be performed one at a time. Each flight will be highly supervised and kept in a restricted area. We will have the needed safety equipment on the flight-line, and it will be manned during these operations. It is unlikely that more than 4 – 8 turbine machines will be at the meet, but regardless, each flight will be highly supervised.

This plan should seem reasonable to most, but that is why it will be discussed at the meeting. This is a one time deal, and we will worry about next year's event after reviewing our experience this year.

The IRCC has been accused of a lot of things, but never, not being progressive. The IRCC Heli meet is now our premier on site event. We have an opportunity to expose our members, other modelers and spectators alike to the latest technology. The benefits are many and will be greater into the future!!

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*There are no minutes for the July meeting as there was not a quorum present. No official business could be conducted, and the meeting was adjourned after a short social session.*

### Look for Changes....

*Rick Ruede – Aero R/C Hobbies*

AERO R/C HOBBIES will be under going some changes in then next month or two. They are planning to expand their existing shop and inventory. That is where you come in!! Rick would like to get feedback from you as to items that you would like to see them start stocking or items that they need to stock more of that in the past they have run out of when you were there. In addition, if there are problems you have had in the shop PLEASE let Rick know.

If you do have any suggestions, comments or ideas please contact Rick. He can be reached at his home e-mail at [rruede@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rruede@tampabay.rr.com), or you

can send it to him at his home address below or let him know at the field when you him there.

### August Meeting Agenda

Discuss the Heat!!!!

Discuss the Upcoming Helicopter Meet.

Some year-end house keeping issues will begin.

Bring your plane and show off your work!!

### 2003 Coming Area Events

#### **IRCC Helicopter Meet**

November 1-2

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#### **Florida International Jet Rally**

November 7 - 9

Lake Wales Airport

[www.phonecsi.com/fjweb](http://www.phonecsi.com/fjweb)

#### **IRCC Winter IMAA Meet**

December 6 - 7

Dave DeWitt

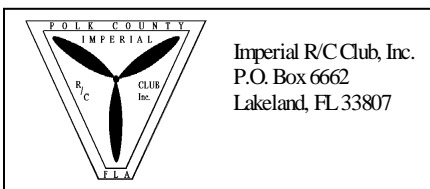
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