

## Tail Spin

By: David DeWitt, President

We had perfect flying weather for the IMAA Winter District Fly In on December 3 & 4, 2005, with a very good turnout of 31 registered pilots and 85 giant scale airplanes. I want to thank all the club members that helped out at the event. Transmitter impound was run by Arnold Schmidt, Phil Haag and George Nauck and working registration were Allen Sale, Al Gaudiosi, Rick Ruede and Joe Manzella. We had an excellent lunch available at the field with Kurt Kauth, Kathleen Smith and her son Nick running the food concession tent. All the airplanes survived the weekend with no major damage. The most excitement was a couple of war birds with gear up landings, both caused by a loose retract valve retaining nut which was easily corrected by a drop of ZAP glue.

Some of our own club members brought out their planes to fly during the weekend, including Jim Urick, Dennis Peterson, Allen Sale, Al Gaudiosi, Tom and Evan Conner, Wally Sunday, Dee Miller, Frank Stephens and Rick Ruede, Sean Curry.

We have a couple of months of down time before our next event which is the pylon race on February 11-12, 2006 Rick Ruede and Scott Smith will need several volunteers to run the race so please let them know if you are available to help. Florida Jets will be on March 1-5, 2006 and Top Gun April 26-30, 2006 so please put these dates on your calendars. The club needs your participation to make these events happen and we need these events to help cover the club's estimated \$15,000.00 annual budget.

I wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas - see you at the flying field.

## It's time to renew your IRCC Membership

At the last monthly club meeting the membership was informed about an increase in rent for our flying site. The rent has actually doubled. Although this may seem like a lot, in the big picture if things it is still pretty low. The rent increase also comes with a three year lease which locks us in for a while. Something we have never had in the past.

Consider this; we as IRCC members still have one of the greatest flying sites around, and as members all we do is fly. Sure we have an annual work day and ask for volunteers, we have several events which create income to off-set much of our annual expenses, but that's about all this is required. IRCC membership is still a bargain regardless of how you cut it.

As a result of the rent increase, a dues increase was passed at the December meeting which is retroactive back to October 1<sup>st</sup>. Full members will now pay \$150 per year, and Seasonal Members will pay \$95. Anyone who has already paid under the previous dues schedule (and you know who you are) will have until December 31<sup>st</sup> to pay the balance, and retain flying privileges.

Membership forms are available on the website, and should be at the flying field as well. Please complete the form, attach your check and a copy of your AMA card and send it in. All renewals go to the club treasurer. 2005 privileges terminate after 12-31-05.

## 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.

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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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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### Basic Radio Control Definitions

*The Knight Flyer, Northern Knights Model  
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**Angle of attack:** Direction from which you are hit after setting up a nice mid-air with your club mate's new airplane.

**Autorotation:** What your car does on icy roads.

**Balsa:** What dreams were made of.

**Bernouillism:** Name of an antique sect regularly discussing religious problems (the weight of air, the speed of air, the 'mystic' reconnection of air).

Also—auto generates flames.

**Blind nut:** Judge at a pattern contest.

**Carpet fiber:** When others are bragging about their high-tech composite

airplanes, and you have only the Gentle Lady you built on the floor of your two-room apartment, you mutter quickly, under your breath, "Yep, this baby's reinforced with carpet fiber!"

**Circle tow:** How to point someone in the direction of the scoring tent when you have both hands holding your airplane together until the quick epoxy sets.

**Crash:** Quick method of removing the radio and engine from one model to fit

them in your new model.

**Center of gravity:** Point in which G-forces, dedicated to separating wing from fuselage, do their stuff.

**Computer:** Device that enables you to make mistakes at the speed of light.

**Cyanoacrylate:** Special glue, designed to instantly glue fingers to balsa structures. Also—special glue, instantly curing when parts are misaligned, will hardly (if at all) cure when parts are correctly aligned. Also—substance used to make eyes water profusely at critical points in construction.

**Dead stick:** Two of these can be found on your transmitter after failing to properly charge your batteries. Also—how the yucca your aunt gave you to clear the air in your shop looks after three months lack of water.

**Downwind turn:** Sensitive item that, when posted in rc.models.rc.air, will generate more than 100 entries.

**Engine:** Device designed to make noise. It will suddenly stop making this noise when beyond glide-in distance.

**Epoxy:** The stuff that has replaced the balsa after the flying season.

**Failsafe:** Option on PCM radios that allows a pilot to choose whether to crash nearby or far away.

**Firewall:** Removable part of fuselage that comes off on landing.

**Flare:** What someone has when they're good enough to show off. Also—beginner's luck.

**Flying wing:** To be seen after too tight a loop.

**Fuel tank:** Plastic bottle, designed to leak when placed in totally inaccessible locations.

**Fuselage:** Optional interconnecting structure between wings and engine. Also: Receptacle into which the radio control (RC) pilot stuffs money in the hope his airplane will fly better.

**Glitch:** What you holler when you pull up elevator while flying inverted at a 10-foot altitude.

**Gravity:** Force of nature designed to reduce aircraft to their component parts.

**Landing gear:** Structure to separate fuselage from runway after landing.

**Mean air chord:** That nasty minor eighth note caused when your wings snap on launch and whack together.

The IRCC monthly club meeting will be held at FTE near the Lakeland Airport. The next meeting will be on Thursday January 5th and starts promptly at 7:30pm. Bring a chair - if you want to have a seat.

**Mixture screw:** Device to meter too little fuel to the engine at critical moments.

**Nose wheel:** Implement used to remove firewall.

**Propeller:** Rotating knife that cuts holes in the air, which the aircraft falls into, thus propelling the aircraft. Also—handy tool to cut away excess skin on knuckles.

**Prop nut:** What Glider pilots call Power pilots.

**Radio:** Expensive electronic device to randomly alleviate overcharged batteries.

**Radio glitch:** Documented electronic occurrence, causing immediate and irreparable loss of control. Also—the source of any crash when there is a possibility of someone else's radio in close proximity to the airplane.

**Sink:** Non-mythical meteorological event stimulated by RC soaring contests.

**Snap roll:** After a nice hard G roll, something snaps (usually the wing).

Aerodynamic ability will slightly diminish.

**Stall:** Score: Gravity - 1 , Mr. Bernoulli - 0.

**Swept area:** The only part of your apartment not covered in balsa dust.

**Tail-dragger:** RC pilot who has spent an hour looking for his airplane in a forest.

**Thermal:** Mythical occurrence of rising air usually where one's sailplane is not.

**Tip stall:** Offering several minutes worth of un-requested advice to a nearby pilot instead of taking your turn to launch off the winch; used when sink is in the air and contest points are at stake.

**Trainer cord:** Handy device for electronically instilling false confidence in rookie pilots.

**Tree:** Implement used to separate wings from fuselage.

**Upwind turn:** Same as downwind turn ... No, it isn't! Yes, it is! No, it isn't! Yes, it is! and so on.

**Wing:** Device that, due to its airfoil, allows air to flow faster over the top, thereby giving you the opportunity to pour excess funding into the resulting low-pressure area.

## Minutes from December 1, 2005 meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by President David DeWitt

Dale Anderson went over the treasures report

Treasurers report and minutes from the last meeting were voted on and approved

### Old business

Wrap up on IRCC Helicopter Spectacular club made \$1,500.00 on the event

### New business

Discussion on upcoming IMAA Winter District Rally on December 3 & 4, 2005

Vote on accepting the three year lease agreement offered to the club by our flying site property owner. Yes vote was unanimous

Vote on raising the club dues from \$70.00 to \$95.00 a year for Winter Visitors and \$110.00 to \$150.00 for full members to help cover the cost of the rent increase. Yes vote was unanimous

### Sportsmanship award

Kathleen Smith was voted the Sportsmanship Award for the month of November for her help running the food concession tent at the last pylon race and the December IMAA event.

### Airplane of the month

John Banner brought his new electric "Super Snipe"

### Motion to close

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

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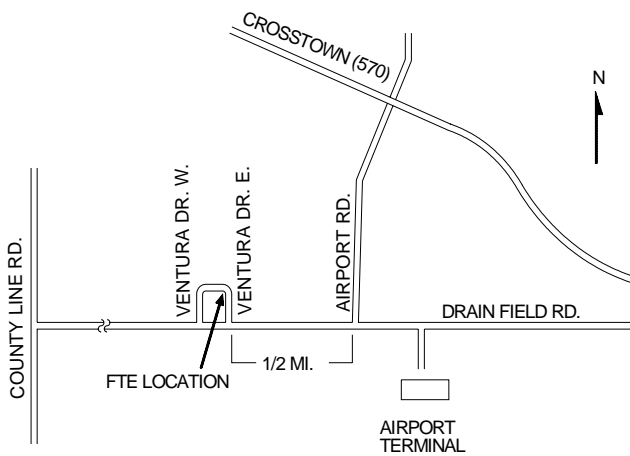
We need volunteers to fill the following positions as soon as possible:

**FFIELD MAINTENANCE OFFICER**

**SAFETY OFFICER:**

**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**

These positions are very important to the on going interest of our club.



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.

## January Meeting Agenda

### Future Events

IRCC Pylon – Winter Race Week  
Coming in February  
Spring events including Florida  
Jets and Top Gun  
are just around the corner.

### Membership Renewals

2006 IRCC and AMA  
Membership renewals are due.

### 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

### Winter Race Week

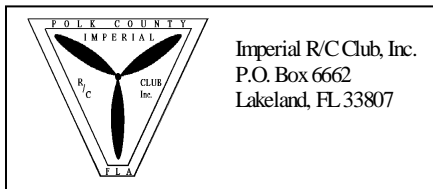
**IRCC Pylon**  
February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>  
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**Florida Jets**  
March 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>  
[www.FrankTiano.com](http://www.FrankTiano.com)

**Sun'N Fun**  
April 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>  
[www.Sun-n-fun.org](http://www.Sun-n-fun.org)

**Top Gun**  
April 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>  
[FrankTiano.com](http://FrankTiano.com)

**MacDill Air Fest 2006**  
(Cancelled)



Don't  
forget the  
stamp

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS: January 5<sup>th</sup>**  
*Check out the directions to our meeting place.*