

## CARTWHEELS

BY: LARRY LOUCKS, PRESIDENT

### New Members

*None Reported at the December Meeting???*

**Now is a great time to renew  
IRCC Memberships.  
Renewal Applications are available on the  
club website under Membership.  
Do it now and start flying again.**

**Our next club meeting is:  
Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup> at FTE  
There is important business to be  
conducted, so plan now to attend.**

## Imperial R/C IMAA Winter Fly In

By: David DeWitt, CD

We had great weather and 20 registered pilots at the December 6-7 giant scale fly in at the Mulberry field. There were several visitors and about 12 members of our club that came to fly. A big thanks to Dean Bishop, Dan Hudson and Roger Pilkenton and a couple of helpers for doing the food concessions.

These are the members that participated in the event.

Frank Allegato  
Ash Bishop  
Dean Bishop  
Bob Curry  
Sean Curry  
David DeWitt  
Dan Hudson  
Joe Manzella  
Nob Muraki  
Dennis Peterson  
Rick Ruede

Wally Sunday  
Mike Zellars

Thanks for coming out and supporting the Club.

## From the Windom Eagles Windom, Minnesota

A photographer for a national magazine was assigned to take pictures of a great forest fire. He was advised that a small airplane would be waiting to fly him over the fire.

The photographer arrived at the airstrip just an hour before sundown. Sure enough a small Cessna airplane was waiting.

He jumped in with his equipment and shouted, "Let's go!"

The tense man sitting in the pilot's seat swung the airplane into the wind and soon they were in the air, though flying erratically.

"Fly over the north side of the fire," said the photographer, "and make several low-level passes."

"Why?" asked the nervous pilot.

"Because I'm going to take pictures," yelled the photographer.

After a long pause, the pilot replied, "You mean, you're not my instructor?"

**here are several new sets of pictures on the  
club website. Have a visit and take a look!!!**

## You Might Be An RC Modeler If..

by Bill Atkins - Byron Georgia

....You have a layaway account at the local hobby shop but can't understand why your wife buys so many clothes.

....You can land your plane even after you discover you are standing on a fire ant bed.

....You spend more money for a pair of sunglasses than for a lawn mower.

....You use your field box to crank your lawn tractor.

...Your kids borrow rubber bands from you.

....You think R/C flying should be an Olympic event.

....You read the AMA Journal of Medicine but can't find first aid treatment for prop cuts or monocote iron

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

burns.

....Your wife frowns at you at the family cookout when you carve the Thanksgiving turkey with an Exacto knife.

....You buy a 4-wheel drive pickup so you can go get your plane when you "land" it.

....Your wife spray paints her wrought-iron patio furniture with your fuel-proof paint.

....You use fuel tubing to drink from your sports cool cup.

....You have to put out an APB for your plane that flew out of the back of your pickup on the interstate.

....You buy the "wife and kids" a new Pentium computer for Christmas so you can practice with the Dave Brown flight simulator.

....You have watched *TOP GUN* and *IRON EAGLES* more than ten times.

....Your neighbor calls the cops on you for spraying your lawn with an Aries Thrush crop duster model.

....You put DU-BRO wheels on your TV tray.

....You wear goggles and a silk scarf around your neck driving to the field.

....Your wife's card table has glue and fuel stains on it.

....The weather is too bad to rake the leaves but you can go flying.

....You got more "toys" for Christmas than your kids did.

....You have a field box full of every special tool made but don't have a lug wrench when you have a flat tire on your car.

....You look for the servo linkage and antenna wire on every airplane in a movie.

....You have at least ten T-shirts with airplanes on them.

....You carry a chain saw with you to the flying field so you can retrieve your plane or clear for a landing approach.

....You have ever made a picture frame from parts left over from an airplane kit.

## IRCC Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2008

*Minutes recorded by:*

*George Nauck, Secretary*

Larry Loucks called the meeting to order at 7:30, breaking up many interesting conversations among the TWENTY THREE members and guests.

**Treasurers Report:** Checking balance of \*\*K and a CD of \*\*K

**Field Maintenance Report:** Field is very nice shape, except for minor issues like some deteriorated cross-ties. A trio of David Kreitz, Ian Clark, and Dale Anderson will put together a strategy for picking up FREE cross-ties and transporting them to the field. A work party will be organized on a cool day to fix up odds and ends at the field.

**Safety Report:** there were no serious safety issues to discuss.

**Instructors Report:** all instruction is going very well.

**Newsletter Report:** newsletter articles are needed and welcomed.

**Events:** upcoming IMAA event, and the Spring Pylon Event to be held March 21-22.

**Old Business:** None

**New business:** The club needs more members to volunteer to help at least a short period at events that our club hosts such as Top Gun, Florida Jets, and our own club events. The revenue from these events keeps the club dues much lower for everybody, and gives our club national and international prominence. The same members tend to work all of the events. It was stated that some clubs REQUIRE 10 hours of service per year in order to renew membership.

**Election of Officers:** The club voted to retain all current officers for 2009. Bob Curry was voted to become a Director, replacing Gary Snyder whose 3 year term is expiring.

**Sportsmanship Award:** presented to David Kreitz for his tireless volunteerism and work on our field behind the scene.

**50-50:** won by David DeWitt for a very large sum.

The IRCC monthly club meeting will be held at FTE near the Lakeland Airport. The next meeting will be on Thursday January 8<sup>th</sup> and starts promptly at 7:30pm. Remember to bring a chair - if you want to have a seat.

### Strange Planes

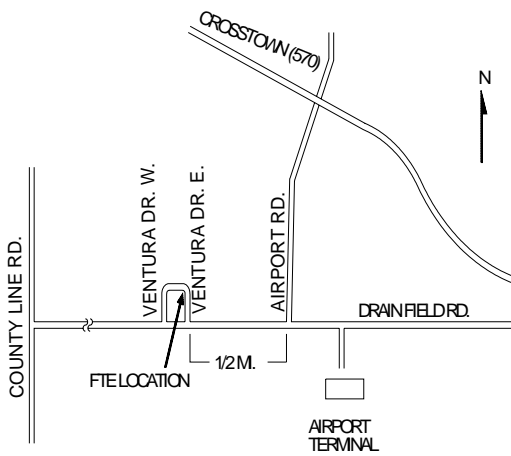
*For those of us who have known George Nauck since he started to fly with us, we can remember some of George's creations he brought to the field in the early days. Here is something from George about his beginnings in R/C, and some pictures from those early days.*

I broke into R/C in about 1996 in Jacksonville, Florida. Two years earlier, I had bought an Airtronics Transmitter, and flight pack for an entirely different application. I needed remote control of a video camera 30 feet up on a pole, and I rigged a system using the receiver and servos. Later, I built a better system and had everything I needed to fly R/C except an airplane

As most have observed, I really don't prefer airplanes and helicopters that look like everyone else's. I built this "recycle airplane" from Ace Hardware yardsticks, empty pop cans, FedEx envelopes, and a "high tech" Fizz Keeper to pressurize the interconnected pop cans to stiffen the fuselage.

I think this may have been before Top Gun was organized, so I only turned heads at the club in Jacksonville. The club was located on land surrounded by the city landfill on two sides, so my plane blended in well and was eventually put to rest there.





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



### Coming Area Events

#### **Florida Jets**

March 5 – 9  
Lakeland Airport  
[www.franktiano.com](http://www.franktiano.com)

#### **IRCC Spring Pylon Race**

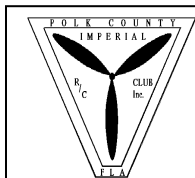
March 21 - 22  
Newell Terry Field  
Mulberry Florida  
[www.imperialrcclub.com](http://www.imperialrcclub.com)

#### **Sun 'n Fun**

April 21 – 26  
Lakeland Airport  
[www.sun-n-fun.org](http://www.sun-n-fun.org)

#### **Top Gun**

May 6 - 10  
Lakeland Airport  
[www.franktiano.com](http://www.franktiano.com)



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Don't  
forget the  
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**OUR NEXT MEETING IS: January 8<sup>th</sup>**  
*Check out the directions to our meeting place.*