

THE FLIGHT LINE

By David Raff – President

Well, were at that point of time once again when the old year is nearing its end and the new year is anxiously waiting for its beginning. I for one am looking forward to the upcoming new year with both enthusiasm and optimism. Waiting to see what opportunities and challenges it will bring.

Over the years, I have had to write many speeches and develop several training manuals for the companies I have worked for and the most difficult part always seems to be the "Opening Line". You know, the one that's set's the tone for the whole conversation. After trying several different approaches and not having much luck, I decided to see how some of the past presidents of the club began their first articles. Believe it or not, Larry Loucks has not always been the president of this club!

You did a great job Larry and we are all thankful for the time and dedication you put into the club.

What I found - were articles that talked about recent club events. Others that focused on increasing membership and wanting to make the club a fun and friendly place to be. There was even an article a couple of years back that mentioned the need to increase membership fees to help cover expenses due to an increase in the rent. Imagine that!

There was one common thread within them all though and that was the desire to make the club stronger and a fun place to be. As your new president I share in this desire and will do everything possible to continue to strengthen the IRCC and keep it a fun and friendly atmosphere for all members and their families.

What can I do to make a difference?

This is one of my primary thoughts as I begin this venture but I would also like to challenge each and every member of this great club to ask themselves the same question. Then, take it one step further and come up with an answer!

I would also like to know your thoughts on what you as an IRCC member would like to see happen in this new year.

A couple of ideas have already been brought to my attention that I would like to share with you.

- 1) **"Make the club meetings more about the hobby and less about the politics".**

While there is the need to keep the club members aware of the status of their club we should also have someone talk about things like "What's New" in the hobby or "How To tune my engine" HUM! – does this open the door to doing a "PLANE OF THE MONTH" segment?

- 2) **"Make the field a little more inviting to visitors".**

I know that this may be a double edge sword but I tend to agree that something needs to be done to make us a little more visible to the general public. Several ideas came up at the last meeting that we will be reviewing and looking deeper into.

- 3) **"Hosting more events at our field".**

I believe that almost everyone has expressed this comment at one time or another but remember, this requires the action of participation of the club members for it to work. So in the great words of **NIKE - JUST DO IT!**

Well that's it for now. Let's all take some time to enjoy the holiday's, our families and friends and yes – do a little flying. After all, that's what we are all about!

New Members

Proposed at the December Meeting

None Reported

IRCC Membership Update

From Gary Snyder, IRCC Secretary

This is the season for IRCC and AMA renewals. To date 36 members have renewed for 2012. This compares with our final 2011 count of 94 members so we still have some work to do. Encourage your flying buddies to get their memberships in. Remember a valid AMA card is required for IRCC membership.

Renewal forms can be found on the club website or in the shelter at the field. Call Gary (863-438-4166) if you need any help

Flying B-17, B-24, and P-51 to be in Winter Haven

Thanks to Gary Snyder for the heads up on this.

The Collins Foundation will have their restored B-17, B-24, and P-51 aircraft at Gilbert Field in Winter Haven in January with the following schedule:

Jan. 23, Monday	2 - 4 PM
Jan. 24, Tuesday	9 AM – 4 PM
Jan. 25, Wednesday	9 AM – 12 PM

Walkthroughs are \$12 and you can schedule a flight for \$425 (call 978-562-9182). Check it out !!!

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From the FAST LANE

By: Scott Smith

Hello guys, are you ready for the races? This coming year we will be hosting two events for the AMA classes in the South East Model Pylon Racing Association (SEMPRA) region. Our first race is right around the corner; March 17th and 18th, with set-up and practice on Friday March 16th. This race will be our 8th annual springtime pylon racing event, and I am expecting a good turnout. We will run all three AMA classes: Sport Quickie (AMA 424) will run both days, with Quickie (AMA 426) will run Saturday and Quarter 40 (AMA 422) on Sunday. We will repeat this same format for our 8th annual fall pylon racing event, on October 19th thru the 21st.

I am also putting our name in the hat for the FAI F3D Team USA qualifier event, which will pick the pylon racers who will represent the US in the world international competition in the Netherlands in 2013. This event is a full 3 day event where the pilots add all their times for 14–17 heats all together, and the 3 fastest guys win! Last years times from first place to fifth place were separated by less than a second and a half, with almost all the pilots running the 2.5 miles in just over 61 seconds average! We hope to once again be able to host this prestigious event at the Imperial R/C Club sometime around mid to late September. As most of you know, we were the first club on the East side of the USA to host it in nearly 20 years, and I would like nothing more than to keep it here! My proposals for the AMA and the National Pylon racing Organization is almost completed, and I should have it ready to submit shortly after thanksgiving.

I will be making my rounds and calling for help soon, so please plan to attend these events and help out so that we can continue to support racing and the raise money for the club. I would love to have some of our wives provide baked goods for sell, or even have a Saturday night cookout like some of the other races I attend around the South East region. Most of the clubs do a pot-luck with steak, salmon or chicken dinner for \$15 to \$20 a plate, and it is almost as popular to the pilots as the races there selves. It is a great time for pilots and club members to relax at the field and socialize without the pressure of racing. Could be a good time for everyone!

That's it for now from the *fast lane*.... I'll see **you** at the races.....

**Our next club meeting is:
Thursday January 5th at FTE
Plan to attend and see what's
new !!**

From Georg Nauck

Kudos to Bruce Brazaitis (check the membership roster for spelling of last name) for buying and donating a wireless weather station for the field. George Nauck set it up on Thursday, October 20th, after it rested in the cabinet for several weeks. It was a good test evening with wind speed varying from a little over 4 mph to 10+ mph. It also gives barometric pressure, temperature, wind chill, historical data, relative humidity, time and date. A really neat setup with wireless 915 mghz transmission to the portable display unit. Thank you Bruce!

IRCC Meeting Minutes

December 1st, 2011

Minutes recorded by:
George Nauck, Secretary

- Attendance was 23 members.
- Larry Louckes called to order at 7:34
- Treasurer Report – General fund around \$xxxx and \$xxxx of CD available.
- Membership report – 93 members, about 10% youth.
- Field Maintenance – George Nauck re-coated the top of the concession trailer with silicized cool seal roof coating. David Kreitz did an awesome job in the shed, repairing shelving, fixing wheels on the grill, and reorganizing all the contents.
- Safety Report – no issues have been noted recently.
- Instructors report - With George Nauck largely unavailable due to Apache helicopter demonstrations, Allen Sale, Larry Louckes, Chris Trumble, and others have been working with new prospects and members needing help.
- There was a lengthy discussion as to whether the motion at the last

The IRCC monthly club meeting will be held at FTE near the Lakeland Airport.
The next meeting will be on Thursday January 5th and will start promptly at 7:30pm.

meeting was worded properly to not change the by-laws, but change the policy for winter memberships. In order to assure that it was only a policy change and in accordance with the club bylaws, another vote was taken to simply change the policy for winter memberships, making them the same as regular memberships at \$200. The motion passed.

- It was decided not to set up a club pay-pal account for those who might need to make payments on the membership, but Larry Loucks and David Raff offered to work it through their accounts if anyone needed the payment plan.
- Allen Sale presented copies of a draft policy for flying turbine powered aircraft at our field, and a good discussion followed. George Nauck suggested that an additional item be added, limiting the start-up area to a designated location at least 50 feet west of the main shelter. This was agreed upon and added to the proposed turbine policy. Main points of the policy were to limit the thrust to 35 pounds, fuel capacity to 1 gallon, and turbine flight only allowed on Saturday and Sunday after 12 noon. The field would still be open to all types of aircraft during that time. A motion was made, seconded, and passed with 15 yeah votes, allowing turbine flight.
- Sportsmanship award went to Bruce Brazaitis for purchasing and presenting to the club the neat weather station for our field.
- The 50/50 drawing went to Art Magarino and returned it to the club treasury.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:50. Everyone went home (presumably).

IRCC Turbine Policy / Policy #10

Approved at the December IRCC Meeting

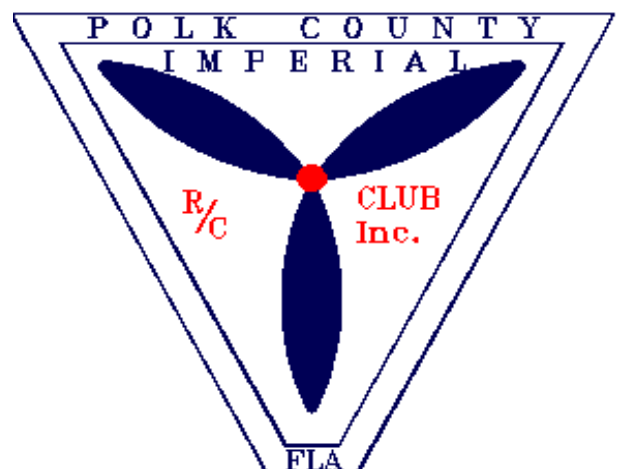
- 1) This policy applies to all turbine operations at the current IRCC Flying site at Mulberry Fla.
- 2) The IRCC will issue IRCC turbine authorizations under certain conditions which follow. These will be for regular IRCC members who have paid 100% of the annual dues for the current year. The fee for this special authorization will be fifty dollars (\$50) per calendar year. No junior members, winter members, associate members or guests. No exceptions.
- 3) A current AMA turbine waiver / license is required to request an IRCC turbine authorization. AMA card with turbine waiver must be on person of pilot and IRCC membership card with turbine authorization must be in 2.4 card section at all times turbine is in operation. No exceptions. IRCC turbine authorization will be an IRCC membership card with "turbine authorized" typed at the bottom.
- 4) All AMA rules, including but not limited to turbine waivers,

safety, and all related costs of complying therewith and the costs of complying with additional club conditions are solely the responsibility of the turbine flyers. No club general revenue will be used to offset cost of turbine flying. Additionally, all turbine flyers will have their own spotters and the AMA rule for fire suppression is hereby clarified to mean a mobile tank containing at least 5 gallons of water to be on hand whenever a turbine is in operation. All turbine flying will be done from the Easy-West runway.

- 5) All turbine models will operate on 2.4 radio systems.
- 6) Turbine flying will only be allowed on Saturdays and Sundays after 12 noon. All members retain full access to the field at these times, whether or not turbines are present.
- 7) Turbine Engines will be limited to 30 lbs. of thrust. No detuned engines. One gallon "on board" fuel capacity.
- 8) Notwithstanding all other rules, the policing of each turbine flyer is the responsibility of every turbine flyer as well as the members. It will be the added responsibility of turbine flyers to make sure that all turbine flyers are safe.
- 9) All turbines will start up in a designated turbine start up area at least 50 feet west of the main shelter.

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Renew your IRCC membership >>>>>
<http://www.imperialrcclub.com/pdf/ircapp12.pdf>



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Coming Area Events

Florida Jets

March 1-4

IRCC Spring Race Week – “Southern 500”

March 16 - 18

Sun'n Fun

March 27th – April 1st

Easter

April 13th

Top Gun

May 2 – 6

Monster Planes USA

TBA

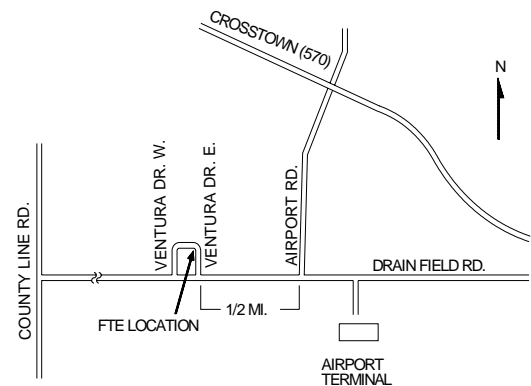
Twelve O'Clock High

TBA

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Here is where we meet each month.

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at FTE or his neighbors.



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