



# The Airscoop

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## IRKS Meeting Minutes 17 March 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. Gerry Armstrong asked visitors and new members to introduce themselves. Gerry A. asked for a motion to approve the January minutes. The motion was made and seconded. Gerry A. called for a vote to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

## Officer Reports



Gerry Armstrong, the President, reported the Flying Site Fund balance as \$43,170.42, of which \$10957.30 is allocated for approved flying site improvements. This leaves the uncommitted Flying Site Fund balance at \$33213.12. There was an anonymous donation of 31 kits. Gerry took them to the Perry swap meet and sold 18 for \$2730, which will be contributed to the flying site fund. \$23.50 was contributed from the February concessions and \$24 from the 50/50 drawing.



Charley Gray, the Vice President, reported that the mall show will be held the last weekend of July. The mall does not schedule events until 3 months prior to the event but that they have penciled us in for that date. He has requested 40 tables but the mall has only 30 tables available. We may need to bring some tables to complete the set up. AMA insurance has been applied for.



Lee Royer had nothing to report.

Mark Sorenson, our new membership secretary, reported that there are 172 members as of the meeting. Two new members, Robert Trinchitella and Eddie Rutledge joined at the meeting.



John Vennerholm, the Treasurer, reported the general fund balance was \$7905.27, with outstanding checks of \$1,144.79 and New Equipment Fund of \$420, leaving an available balance of \$6,340.48. John reported income of \$2097.73, and expenses of \$2446.07 for a net income of -\$348.34 for the month.



Ron Huhn, the Safety Officer, had nothing to report.



Don Fourson, the Event Coordinator, asked John Vennerholm for a report on the Glider event. John reported that there 49 pilots on Saturday and 31 on Sunday. There were pilots from Jacksonville, Punta Gordo, Orlando, and Ft. Lauderdale. The weather was excellent for the event. Several visiting pilots mentioned how much they enjoyed flying at the IRKS field and said they were looking forward to our next event.

IRKS members participated in the Valkaria Air Fest with RC exhibition flying and a control line demo.

The Indoor Fly-In, held Friday before the air fest, attracted 40 pilots. A control line demo was held during the event.

Don made a motion to re-schedule the GL Plus contest to Sunday May 2. Jim Blackteer seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

## Old Business

Control Line Sunshade – The county has changed their building rules, they now require all structures to be built by a licensed contractor.

Charlie Gray moved that the club reimburse Gerry Armstrong for his expenses related to hauling the kits to Perry. Sue Lawrence seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

## New Business

Gerry O’Keefe volunteered to have a club banner made for display at SEFF.

## Show and Tell

John Vennerholm reported that Gordon Buchman completed a 8 hour slope soar, one of the requirements for Level 5 League of Silent Flight achievement, at the Pompano Beach club site.

Art Zinkel showed an Balsa Flying Models Auto-Gyro kit he was working on. It is powered by an OS-25 and weighed 3 ¼ lbs.

Dick Antoszewski showed an electric Control Line Ringmaster weighing 13 ½ oz.

Danny Melonik showed a Shark ARF electric trainer with leading edge slats. He reported that it is very stable but capable of aerobatics.

Alex Fleming shared a wing bag he made from insulating material and duct tape. He reported the total cost was about \$20.

Dale Kai shared his new Futaba 6 channel 2.4 GHz receiver. It weighed ¼ oz and is suitable for medium size aircraft. He also showed the 2.4 GHz Futaba transmitter module.

The membership selected Art’s demonstration as Show and Tell of the month.

## Model of the Month

Fahim Ahmed showed his latest B27 electric kit. It is powered 4 brushless 370 motors and weighs 5 pounds with batteries.

Chris Van Nostrum hybrid Edge 540 which he converted to a YAK 55. It is powered by a VA 50 CC gas engine and weighs 16 lbs.

The membership selected Chris's model as Model of the Month.

## 50/50 Raffle

The 50/50 raffle this month yielded \$19 to the club and \$20 to Roger Vitoli.

## Upcoming Events

SEFF April 22-25

Top Gun April 28-May 2

Joe Nall May 8-May 15

## For the good of the Club

### 2009 IRKS Veterans Day Fly-In Proceeds Donated

The Planning Team for the 2009 IRKS Veterans Day Fly In is pleased to announce the selection of the Wounded Warrior Project as the Veteran charity to receive the proceeds of the 2009 IRKS sponsored and AMA sanctioned event. A check for \$850 has been sent and received by the Jacksonville Headquarters of the Wounded Warrior Project.

The Wounded Warrior Project is a not-for-profit 501 (c)(3) corporation organized February 23, 2005, for the purposes of providing vital programs and services to severely wounded service members and veterans in order to support their transition to civilian life as well-adjusted citizens, both physically and mentally. The mission of the organization is to honor and empower the wounded warrior through mind, body, and spirit.

This is a link, <http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org>, to the Wounded Warrior Project Website where you can read about the many programs they have initiated to assist our severely wounded returning veterans. Our research to find the right organization showed that there are many deserving charities serving our Veterans which made choosing the right one a difficult task. In the end two criteria were used which included an established organization with a documented track record and one which provided a hand up and not just a hand out. The goal of the IRKS Veterans Day Planning Team was to conduct an event that honored the memory and service of all American service men and women and we believe that this donation to the Wounded Warrior Project directly adds to that goal.

The Planning Team would like to extend a warm thank you to all IRKS members for their continued support of this annual event.

### 2010 IRKS FAMILY PICNIC

A forward looking E-Board member asked one of his fellow IRKS members if he would be interested in planning and organizing the 2010 IRKS picnic. Before responding the member, in turn, asked a number of other IRKS folks if they would be interested in participating in developing a picnic plan and if the plan was approved by the IRKS

membership to then make it happen. In a single day fifteen people volunteered to participate and that signaled a green light to begin developing a plan to take to the members. The first meeting was held on March 26th with overwhelming support to make the focus of the picnic a family event and to conduct all of the different flying venues simultaneously. The 2010 IRKS Family Picnic, is being planned as an event centered around family entertainment, kids games with prizes, including a skilled face painting specialist, kite building and flying, flying for control line, sailplanes, helicopters, park flyers, electrics and all manner of powered planes and a complete lunch catered by a Space Coast favorite.

All of the details have not been worked out but, planning progress is moving forward. Areas of responsibility have been defined and volunteers have been assigned to develop plans for each of the areas. The first order of business is to get approval of the IRKS membership and in order to do that we need to inform the members of what we have planned, the budget for the family picnic and the recommended date so that we can vote on the measure during the April 21 meeting. If the vote is positive then we will all be off to the races to finalize everything and make it happen.

The purpose of this narrative is to inform all of our IRKS members of the plans for the family picnic and to include a copy of the motion that will be presented at the April 21 meeting for the member vote. If you have questions after reading this you are urged to call anyone of your choosing from the list of volunteers to get additional information.

The 2010 IRKS Family Picnic is open to all IRKS members and their immediate families and will be fully funded from existing IRKS funds. If you are a member IRKS then you're past dues and hard work will be paying for you and your family to enjoy the day. The focus is for this to be a family event so we are planning organized entertainment for spouses and the kids to make that happen. I will tell you that for the moment we are stumped on the entertainment for the spouses -- but, we are working on it. We are looking at having buddy box flying for both spouses and the kids, kite building and flying, face painting fun, games, prizes, and of course a candy drop. Additional larger sized restroom facilities will be provided along with hand washing stations. Field Marshalls have been assigned to each of the flying areas and two overall flying coordinators assigned to develop and execute what we need to accomplish the simultaneous multiple flying venues. The original date has been changed to a new recommended date of Saturday, June 5 in order to reduce contest conflicts and maximize the number of IRKS folks who can attend -- Sunday will be a backup weather day. One of our best culinary organizers is working hard to find the best catered lunch in town so that everyone can enjoy the day with their family. A limited breakfast is planned for the early arrivers that will likely include coffee, juice, rolls and biscuits and gravy. We want to include something for everyone and encourage maximum participation.

For planning purposes (and we are flying blind until we get your approval) we hope to have 140-190 people attend and our budget preparation takes that into consideration. The expectation is for the fixed costs to be approximately \$1265 and the cost per person for the early morning breakfast and catered lunch to be very close to \$13.50 per person. If we get 150 attendees then the total cost would be \$3290 which is easily covered by existing IRKS resources.

To achieve this gala model airplane family event we need to get your approval of the following motion at our next meeting on April 21, 2010:

"Motion to approve moving the date of the IRKS picnic from May 15, 2010 to June 5, 2010, to be planned and conducted as described in the IRKS newsletter, to include all venues of model airplane flying possible, and that the budget will include a fixed cost of \$1265 and a per person cost of \$13.50."

The Planning Team Needs your support and we need your vote at the next meeting.

#### List of IRKS Family Picnic Planning Team Members

Lee Royer	Lew Walls	Art Zinkel
Jim Blacketer	Gary Dennison	Tom Schultz

Phil Veatch	Steve Rasbach	Stan Cottrill
Ron Huhn	Ron Adkins	Bob DiTota
Don Fourson	Roger Vizioli	Luther Duda
Danny Dowling	Dick Antozewski	Ralph Carlen
Jim Nimocks	Hardy Birch	

### **Motion to change SEAR date**

In order to get SEAR 2010 in a better time slot and further from Thanksgiving and our Veterans Day Fly-In, I would like to make the following motion: "I make the motion to move SEAR 2010 from November 20-21 to October 8-9."

Thanks,

Gerry Armstrong

### **Dual Signature Amendment**

In accordance with our by-laws all checks must have two signatures. At present we only have three board members who are authorized to sign the checks. Only having three board members who can sign the checks has proven to be problematic at times causing delays in getting members reimbursed. The executive board would like to make the following motion: "We move that all executive board members have signature authority on club checks."

Thanks

IRKS Executive Board

### **Video Library Corner**

We now have Dave Platt's latest 3 volume video, '**Watt's the Deal?**'. This series makes the physics of electric power understandable and leads you through the building of an attractive and great-flying model, the Twocan, that you can duplicate yourself. You may have seen Dave flying his electric Twocan at our field and at SEFF.

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**Dated Material**

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**Next Meeting  
Wednesday, April 21st at 7:30 P.M.  
Front Street Community Center, Melbourne**