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IRKS Meeting Minutes 19 August 2009

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 July minutes. The motion was made and seconded. Gerry A. called for a vote. The motion passed.

Officer Reports



Gerry Armstrong, the President, reported July concessions brought in \$22.02, the 50/50 raffle brought in \$15.00 for a total of \$37.02. The Flying Site fund stands at \$41,632.05. With \$783.63 remaining from the original \$5,000.00 sun shade budget, \$600.00 to pilot stations \$5,000.00 for entry road materials, \$2,400.00 for speakers and installation at 524 site, \$1,042.08 for the spectator fence at the 524 site, \$100.00 for a flag pole at the 524 site, \$1,000.00 Sunshade for the Valkaria flying site and \$958.22 for loss/replacement at the Valkaria flying site leaving the uncommitted Flying Site Fund balance at \$29,576.34.



Charley Gray, the Vice President, brought in some old containers one could use to store parts and asked for donations to the flying site fund. Charley also brought in several soldering aids made of clothes pins mounted to a wood plate and asked a \$1.50 each in donations to the flying site fund. Charley shared that he learned a great deal about drainage ditches and French drains in conversations with various club members, and found about a 50/50 split on the issue of parking or driving over the 524 site system. Also, there is a lot of discussion about the need or not for a spectator fence at the 524 site. He asked all members to consider the safety and insurance liability implications that come with the AMA flying site guidelines.



Steve Formanek, the Secretary, had nothing to report.



John Vennerholm, the Treasurer, reported net income from membership dues as \$24.00. Expenses included \$99.22 for administrative expenses, \$14.90 for safety stand repairs, \$137.27 on the 524 site, to include Porto-O-Let rental, \$62.69 for Fuel/Oil/Grease, \$161.02 for 524 site equipment parts and consumables and \$263.80 for equipment rentals (roller for the 524 site). The total for expenses was \$753.90. After accounting for uncashed outgoing checks, the current general fund balance stands at \$2,722.72.



Ron Huhn, the Safety Officer, discussed problems popping up lately with servo failures, with no particular brand seen as the leading offender. Ron also reported two plane crashes at the 524 site that in part were attributed to the pilot's view being blocked by the pilot sunshade.



Don Fourson, the Event Coordinator, reminded members about the Fun Fly scheduled for 10 AM Sat, 23 Aug 09. Also, Don is looking for volunteers to run future club fun fly events. Don also led a discussion about setting a minimum number of pilots before cancelling a fun fly event. A motion was made, seconded and approved to set the minimum number to three pilots.

Old Business

Sunshade Floor – Phil Veatch reported his initial research yielded a 4 inch deep pea gravel floor with wood border would run approximately \$1300. Also, Phil found a source for 900 square foot of pavers for \$500. The source is from a person that installs pavers and is essentially left over pavers from other jobs. This would put us about 250 square feet shy of what we need, but we could get more from the same source later. A motion was made, seconded and approved to purchase the pavers for \$500.

Control Line Sunshade – Roger Vizioli provided an estimate of \$2,300 for materials to construct a sunshade for the control line area, similar to the center section of the powered RC sunshade at the 524 site. The estimate did not include the cost for the permit or flooring. The landfill managers concurred with building the sunshade, provided the permitting process is followed. A motion was made, seconded and approved to set aside \$2,300 for the control line sunshade.

524 Site Flag Pole – Gerry Armstrong reported he found a source for a hinged flag pole that can be lowered in preparation for bad weather. However, the cost is \$200, which is double the budget of \$100 approved in the 2009 Flying Site Budget. A motion was made, seconded and approved to increase the flag pole budget to \$200.

524 Pilot Fence/Spectator Fence – There was discussion about the location of the spectator fence approved by the membership earlier in the year. Basically, why was the fence at the back of the “T” of the sunshade versus the back of the top of the “T”. After a discussion of the AMA flying site guidelines, a motion was made to move the spectator fence forward so that it was 65 feet south of the safety line. The motion was seconded and approved.

192 Site Update – Gerry Armstrong reported that landfill management has filed permits to develop the 192 site. However, due to expected litigation with Deseret, it may be 6 years before the county can begin operations and IRKS may be allowed to fly at the 192 site.

New Business

Activity at Northeast Corner of the 524 Flying Site – Gerry Armstrong reported the activity NE of the 524 flying site is a temporary staging area for construction of a new landfill mound north of the current flying site. It will not interfere with our flying operations.

New 524 Site Access Road – Thanks to Phil Veatch, Steve Rasbach, Danny Dowling and Luther Duda for setting up the new entrance road to the powered RC flying site. The new road is on higher ground and should be less susceptible to flooding.

Updated Flying Site Rules – Ron Huhn reviewed the updated flying site rules for the 524 site. A motion was made, seconded and approved to adopt the new rules.

Updated Event Coordinator Duties Description – Gerry Armstrong reviewed draft Article 8 language amending the description of duties for the club event coordinator. A motion was made, seconded and approved to adopt the new Article 8 language.

Potential Increase in Meeting Hall Rent – Gerry Armstrong reviewed a letter and follow up information he received from the City of Melbourne concerning the rent for the meeting hall we use for monthly club membership meetings. If approved by the City of Melbourne, the new rates could go into effect as soon as October 2009. The rates are for the full facility, or the larger east side or the smaller west side. The new rates will be substantially more than we currently pay. Gerry will provide more information at the next membership meeting and asked members to pass along any other possible meeting locations.

Officer Elections – Gerry Armstrong reminded members that officer elections are due this November for the offices of President, Secretary and Field Manager. Steve Formanek will not run for Secretary this year. Gerry Armstrong has not made a decision about running for President again. The Field Manager office is currently vacant. In accordance with the club bylaws, nominations are made at the September and October membership meetings, with elections made at the November meeting. Anyone interested in finding out more about the upcoming positions should contact one of the executive board members.

Stan Cottrill – Phil Veatch reported that Stan was in the hospital recovering from a heart infection. See Phil for additional information, if you want to visit Stan.

Larry Cook Estate – Phil Veatch reported he has a check for \$208 from Larry Cook's estate to be deposited in the club's Flying Site Fund.

6Volt Batteries and Winch Shipping Box – Jim MacLean brought several old 6Volt golf cart batteries and a 2 foot cube plywood box used to ship our new winch to the meeting and asked if anyone could ferry them out to the 524 site for storage.

Show and Tell

Bob Whitney – shared a tip to stop glow fuel from foaming from heavy engine vibrations by add 1 drop of Armor All to an 8 ounce tank of fuel.

Charley Gray – shared his clothes pin-board design to be used as a soldering aid (i.e., an extra pair of hands).

Jerry O'Keefe – shared a hand launched glider called the Alula, an ARF priced at \$79.

Gerry Armstrong – projected a presentation on the French drain concept in general and their specific application at the 524 flying site.

The membership selected Bob's anti-foaming tip as the Show and Tell of the month.

Model of the Month

Fahim Ahmed – shared his B-17 60 inch foam model kit, which is powered by a 3 cell battery pack. The model weighs approximately 4 pounds, uses 360-size motors and 2 of the 4 props are counter-rotating.

Lee Royer –shared an ARF by Great Planes called the Reactor. It weighs 22 ounces and uses a \$45 Chinese Hacker motor.

Danny Melnik – shared his Franken copter, which is a nitro to electric conversion. It uses a 3 axis gyro system and a 6S, 40C battery pack that can generate 140 amps. Easy flying yields a 9 to 9.5 minute flight. More aggressive flying is in the 5 to 6 minute range.

Kris Van Nostran – shared his PC-6 Pilatus Porter. It started as an ARF, but Kris stripped it down and recovered it in MonoKote and ordered custom graphics to mimic an actual Swiss Air Force aircraft. The wingspan is 3.2 meters and weighs approximately 30 pounds. Kris is flying with a Desert Aircraft 85cc engine on a tuned pipe. The plane will be used as a tug for future aero tow events.

The membership selected Fahim's airplane as Model of the Month.

50/50 Raffle

\$20.00 went to Paul Comeau and \$20.00 went to the flying site fund.

Event Report

No event reports were made this month.

Upcoming Events

None reported.

For The Good of the Club

Flying Site closures due to excessive rain

Due to the design of the drainage system at the 524 flying site, if we get a lot of rain for multiple days we can be in a situation where we have to close the field due to standing water. Luckily this has only happened twice since we moved to 524 back on October 1, 2006. As you know the second time was over this past Labor Day weekend. In the future we will use the following guide lines to close the field should this happen again.

Phil Veatch has volunteered to be the point of contact and judge for the condition of the field. If we should have standing water on the field and Phil determines that it would be in the club's best interest to close the field then the field will be closed. Phil will notify the club officers and other members by email. He will also notify the scale house so that anyone not getting the message will be turned away at the gate. Phil will continue to report the field status until it dries enough for us to resume flying. If you are not sure if the field is open or closed after

a lot of rain and you have not received an email, you can contact any of the club's officers or the 524 scale house at 633-1892. We will also have signs made to be posted at the field and gate.

Some good news on the home front

On September 9th, Gerry Armstrong and Charlie Gray met with Mary Ann Bowman, the Director of Leisure Services for the city of Melbourne, about the upcoming rental increase for the Front Street Community Center. We were pleasantly surprised that the city council had directed the leisure services department to recalculate the fee structure so that the facility would be rented at cost to non-profit organizations such as ourselves. Once approved by the city council, the new fee structures for non-profits for a three hour time slot will be:

Small Room	\$39.50
Large Room	\$55
Whole Building	\$76

The city council will have two public meetings to discuss the upcoming budget. They will be held on September 15th and 24th at 6:30PM in the New City Hall at 900 East Strawbridge Ave. The meeting is open to the public and everyone is welcome to come.

2010 Budget

It's time to prepare and approve the 2010 budget. Please review the 2009 budget below and be prepared to offer any inputs or changes at membership meeting. You may also contact an executive board member, if you wish.

Proposed 2009 Flying Site Fund Budget			
Income		Expenses	
Membership Dues	5,790.00	Entry Road contingency material	5,000.00
Concessions	180.00	Pilot Shades	600.00
50/50	260.00	524 Sunshade	709.73
Merchandise	100.00	Spectator fence	1,042.08
Donations	300.00	Install speakers on sunshade	400.00
		Flag Pole	100.00
		Valkaria Sunshade	1,000.00
		Valkaria Loss Replacement	1,130.00
Total	6,630.00	Total	9,981.81

INDIAN RIVER KONTROL SOCIETY

Proposed 2010 Budget Figures for Review and Input

INCOME	2009	Thru Aug	2010	EXPENSE	2009	Thru Aug	2010	EXPENSE	2009	Thru Aug	2010
Dues				Events				524 Buildings & structures			
Dues - Regular	\$13,600	3618		Banquet	\$200	263		Flight station maint.	\$100	500	
Dues - Junior	\$30	15		Big Bird	\$500	77		Portable toilet rental	\$1,634	1373	
Dues - Family	\$990	150		Club Picnics	\$250	217		Safety stands	NIB	15	
Dues - Snowbird	\$800	340		Cocoa Expo rental	\$240	0		Storage building maint.	NIB	222	
Dues - Total	\$15,420			Combat	\$125	0		Table repair	NIB	0	
Other				Club contests	\$300	234		Wind socks	\$40	0	
Banquet	\$600	12		Control line fun fly	\$125	26		524 Runway & flying surfaces			
Big Bird	\$1,500	554		IRKY-DIRKY Award	NIB	21		CL circle centers	\$275	0	
Cash	NIB			Model of the Month	\$110	40		CL tables	\$58	0	
C/L Fly-In	NIB	175		Participant of the Year	\$600	537		Electric fence	NIB	152	
Combat	\$400	0		Pilot of the Year	\$180	139		Fertilizer	\$1,640	671	
Indoor Fly-In	\$240	0		Sailplane contests	\$250	0		Fire ant control	\$500	39	
Refunds	NIB	20		SEAR	\$200	0		Field lease	\$1	0	
Sailplane contest	\$600	0		Show & Tell	\$55	20		Paint for C/L circles	\$45	0	
SEAR (Sanctioned)	\$2,000	0		Valkaria Air Fest	\$25	50		Rentals	NIB	162	
Veterans' Day	NIB	0		Veterans' Day fly-in	\$300	0		Roadway maint.	\$200	0	
VRCS	\$200	0		VRCS	\$300	0		Weed killer	\$230	53	
				Administrative				524 Equipment			
				AMA Charter	\$150	150		Consumables	\$400	77	
				Bank fees	NIB	16		Fuel/oil/grease	\$1,100	390	
				Check stop	NIB	90		Repair parts	\$1,800	395	
				Florida incorporation fee	\$65	0		Retail repairs	\$200	0	
				Flyers & mailings	\$20	4		Sailplane launch gear	\$1,390	102	
				Insurance	\$240	0		Support items	\$25	36	
				Library	\$500	219	400	Valkaria			
				Meeting hall	\$240	0		Equipment maint.	\$500	0	
				Office equipment	NIB	247		Field lease	\$360	360	
				Office supplies	\$50	141		Field Maintenance	\$880	0	
				P.O.B. - Palm Bay	\$160	94		Fire loss	NIB	343	
				Postage	\$140	74					
				Q-Books on-line backup	\$50	0	50				
				Newsletter							
				Printing	\$150	4					
				Postage & Materials	\$130	0					

Discount propane fuel

Sue Lawrence can get propane fuel at a discounted price. If you need propane fuel for a club event, contact Sue at slawrence@cfl.rr.com

524 Site Access for Family Members

Recently, there has been a change in landfill security staff, accompanied with a renewed effort to enforce the site access rules. As you know, anyone entering the flying site must have a current IRKS membership card or be signed in by another IRKS member that has a membership card. This applies to family members as well. We had a situation where the wife of a member was bringing food to the flying site for a picnic, but since the wife was not with the member, the security guard would not let her pass. The member had to drive up from the flying field to sign her in. This is in accordance with our site access procedures, so no foul on landfill security. However, we have made an offer in the past to print up membership cards for family members so this situation can be avoided. If anyone has a need for a family member card, please contact Steve Formanek (trainsteph@aol.com). Note: this is for immediate family members living in the same household. It is not meant to be used as a guest pass for other family members or friends.

Gentle Lady + Soaring Contest

Space Coast Aeromodeling Park

Saturday September 19 @ 10.00 AM

Contest requirements for two meter +

- Two meter (78.5in.) or fewer spans.
- Rudder and elevator only.
- If the sailplane has spoilers or flaps they must be disabled for the event.
- Anyone using functions other than rudder & elevator will be disqualified for the entire event.
- No zoom launches.
- Food will be available and prepared fresh on our grill.

C/D Kris Van Nostran

k.van@earthlink.net

Contest coordinator

Don Fourson (407)353-3941

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Rush !!!**

**Next Meeting
Wednesday, September 16th at 7:30 P.M.
Front Street Community Center, Melbourne**

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INDIAN RIVER KONTROL SOCIETY

in association with the

VINTAGE RADIO CONTROL SOCIETY

and

SENIOR PATTERN ASSOCIATION

Present their 3rd annual



PIONEERS OF RADIO CONTROL

Cocoa Landfill Flying Site
Cocoa, Florida

September 25-26-27 2009

(See schedule on reverse for event days)

**VRCS Events -- Concours, Match the secret time
Eligibility -- any VRCS-legal model, i.e. prior to 1-1-1973**

(see VRCS website www.vintagercsociety.org for list of eligible models)

SPA events -- Novice, Sportsman & Expert patterns

Eligibility -- SPA-legal models + "ballistics" welcome

(Go to -- <http://www.seniorpattern.com/scoresheets/2009-2010%20%20Score%20Sheets.pdf>)

**Registration \$25 at the field. VRCS & SPA members \$20.
AMA required.**

**CD (VRCS) Dave Platt (321) 724-2144 misterscale@cfl.rr.com
CD (SPA) Ron Ellis (321) 431-6344 rellis2@mindspring.com**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday Sept 25

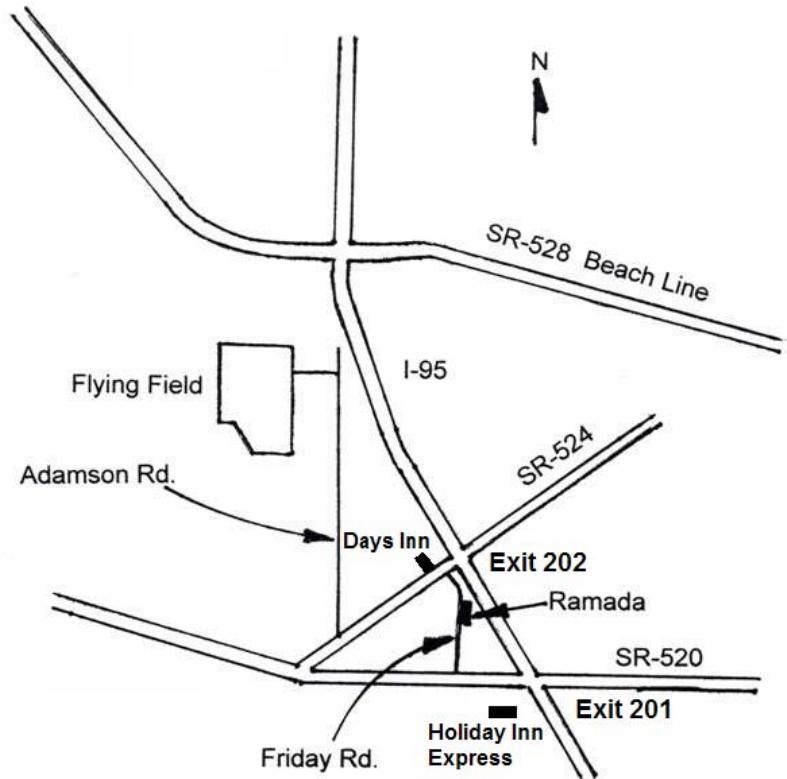
**9 am – 5 pm VRCS events,
Concours, Match the secret
time.**

Saturday Sept 26

**8 – 10 am SPA pattern
10 -12 noon VRCS open flying
12 noon – 2 pm SPA pattern
2 – 4 pm VRCS open flying
4 – 6 pm SPA pattern**

Sunday Sept 27

9 am – 2 pm SPA pattern



Directions to closest hotels:

Holiday Inn Express (321-635-9975): From I-95, take exit 201 and go west. The hotel will be on your left. www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/ex/1/en/hotel/coiaa

Days Inn (321-636-6500): From I-95, take exit 202 and go west. The hotel will be on your right. www.daysinn.com/DaysInn/PropertyMapper/cocoa06431

Ramada/Super 8 (321-631-1210): From I-95, take exit 202 and go west. Turn right on Friday Rd. and the hotel will be on your left. www.ramada.com/Ramada/PropertyMapper/cocoa00644

Directions to field: From I-95 North or South - take exit 202, go west 1.1 miles to Adamson Rd., turn right and go 2.2 miles to landfill entry gate on the left, 2250 W. Adamson Rd.

RV's are welcome but cannot stay overnight at the flying site. Forest Village RV Park (321-631-0305) is located just a few miles away. Their website is www.forestvillagerv.com