



**Meetings:** (monthly) 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., at the Eye Center of Southern Indiana. 1011 W. 2nd, Bloomington, IN  
**\*Club Meetings June September, Held At The Club's Flying Site**  
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## January 2006 Edition

### December Meeting notes

by *Delbert Davis* (your new Secretary/Treasurer)

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER/ MEETING IS GREAT SUCCESS

The food was delicious, the entertainment was great, and a good time was had by all who attended. That about sums up the annual Monroe County R/C Club Christmas Dinner/Meeting held at Hoosier Bar & Grill on Dec. 14, 2005.

Now to be a bit more specific. 21 members and 13 guests enjoyed the event. Many thanks to Mark Sexton and Bruce Hoffman for all the work they did in arranging the buffet dinner. The size of the order was about right, as everyone had plenty to eat and there was even a bit of "dogie" food left over.

After dinner, a few minutes before 8 PM, a meeting was called to order by Secretary/Treasurer Brent Hoover who missed the dinner but showed up just in time to stand in for President Mark Sexton. Mark was unable to attend due to an illness in his family.

The first order of business was to announce 2006 Secretary/Treasurer-Elect Delbert Davis, who was verbally dragged to the podium for a somewhat formal introduction. An audible gasp was heard from the audience as Brent reminded them that Delbert would be in charge of the club's treasury during the coming year. However, relief was visible in the members' faces as Delbert pointed out that club officers are now bonded - a new practice that was voted on and passed at the November meeting.

Next, the 50/50 Drawing was held (50% to Jill's House & 50% to the winner). This year's winner was Matt Fornefeld who generously donated his portion of the winnings to Jill's House, thus netting \$117.00 for the charity. Thanks to Randy Byers for his fine work in selling tickets and managing the drawing again this year. Dennis Friesel, who is on the Board of Directors for Jill's House, presented an overview of the project's success and its prospects for the future. He expressed the board's gratitude to the club for its past and present support.

Brian Elliott then took to the floor to present awards, of which there were many due to much activity and volunteer work by club members this past year. The following certificates were awarded: Randy Byers, Volunteer of the Year; Bob Shireman, Safety Officer; Matt Fornefeld, Air Show Director; Jim Scott, Contest Director; Bill Black, Decal Man of the Year; Varqá Manshadi, Member of the Year (especially noted was his work

on the club website); Lane Jorgensen, Instructor of the Year; Mark Sexton, in recognition of his many years serving as President; Bruce Hoffman, in recognition of his many years serving as Vice-President; Brent Hoover, Longest Service Award; and Brian Elliott, in recognition of his service as Intro-Instructor and Newsletter Publisher. Finally, Haley Ferguson, Damon Ferguson, and Deven Mellott were recognized as Young Pilots of the Year.

Brent announced there will NOT be the usual glider contest on New Year's Day. Steve Jackson has volunteered to put something together in this regard, probably in the Springtime.

Haley Ferguson then presented the DVD video she produced especially for the occasion, using many still photos from various club activities and events during the past year. The video also included recognition of our club's sponsors. Haley received a round of applause and several compliments for the fantastic job she did in producing the video.

The dinner/meeting ended shortly after 9 PM with everyone stepping into the night for the trip home, some to far-away places like Franklin and the Center of the Universe (Paragon). It was a dreary, rainy night, but at least - to everyone's relief - the temperature was safely above freezing.



Standing left to right: Lane Jorgensen, Brent Hoover, Brian Elliott, Randy Byers, Matt Fornefeld, Bill Black, Jim Scott. Sitting left to right: Haley Ferguson, Damon Ferguson, Deven Mellott. Receiving awards but not available for photo: Bruce Hoffman, Mark Sexton, Bob Shireman, Varqá Manshadi. Photo by Delbert Davis



Three of the missing award recipients Vargha Manshadi, Mark Sexton, & Bob Shireman, caught at Nebo Memorial Field on Thursday 12/22/05. BWE photo...

## Interesting Bits

I don't often promote companies or products but I want to relate a story to you about the fine people at Zurich International & their sunglasses. I have been flying wearing Zurich sunglasses for several years now. At the Toledo show last year I bought a new pair of their Z-2s. I took them to Dayton & was wearing them at the WWI Dawn Patrol Rendezvous. While taking pictures I had taken them off & put them up on my hat. While trying to get a shot, I knocked the glasses off of my hat & broke them. The following week I called the people at Zurich & explained what an idiot I was. They said there was no problem & if I sent them the broken pieces they would replace them at no charge! All I had to do was pay the shipping charges. They were in the process of having a new mold made that wouldn't be done until January but they volunteered to send me a new pair from the old mold to keep me flying until the new mold was finished. In these times when service seems to be in short supply, it's very refreshing to find someone who knows what customer service is all about. I want to thank the people at Zurich International for their fine product & their superior customer service. If you are in the market for a new pair of shades, I highly recommend them. They have an ad in most of the R/C magazines and are easy to find on the internet. They will also answer an old-fashion telephone call, which is not very common these days either...

Haley Ferguson & Delbert Davis did a very nice job of putting together the DVD presentation for the Christmas party. I was wondering what she was doing with all those picture files that she kept asking for. If you missed the party, find someone who has a copy & watch it, or ask Delbert for a freecopy.

We celebrated the shortest Thursday on 12/22 by flying at Nebo Memorial Field until dark (about 5:45 P.M.) & then heading to Bynum's Steakhouse in Martinsville for dinner. The

runway was a little muddy in spots & there were still a few patches of snow hanging on but we got a few flights in on the shortest Thursday. The steaks were excellent & we got to visit with the Manshadi family, who came all the way from Oklahoma to see us freeze our tooters off & eat at Bynum's.

If you haven't been snow flying yet, get some skis & get ready. It's an acquired taste but is a lot of fun with the proper clothing & a little preparation. A couple of things to remember. Cold snow will stick to warm skis & radios. Let your equipment get cold before putting it in the snow. The other thing is that cold engine. Choke it until you think it's flooded & then choke it some more. It's a little different when the air temperature is 22 than when it's 72.

## Event Calendar

**February 26, 2006 Annual MCRCC Swap Meet (Monroe County Fairgrounds) (Bloomington, Indiana) (Flyers Now Available!)**

**April 7-9, 2006 Toledo R/C Expo (Toledo, Ohio)**

**May 6, 2006 Steve Shoop Fly-In (Nashville, Indiana)**

**July 24-30, 2006 EAA Airventure (Oshkosh, Wisconsin)**

**October 7, 2006 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In**

**December 13, 2006 Annual Christmas Dinner/Meeting**



Retiring Secretary / Treasurer & recipient of the Longest Service Award, Mr. Brent Hoover, got to the Christmas party just in time to run the meeting. Thanks for your service Brent! Photo by Delbert Davis.