

# May 2006 Edition

#### **April Meeting notes**

The April meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club got underway at 7:08:20 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time with twentysix people present.

Mark Sexton announced that long time Monroe County R/C club member Otto "Nick" Carder passed away & that his funeral would be Thursday 4/13 in Ellettsville. The club sent flowers to the funeral home & several members attended the calling. Mark also talked a little about the funeral for Ed Williams 4/11. Ed wasn't a member of the club but had a special interest in full scale & model aviation. He was a P-51 pilot during WW2 & also enjoyed watching our models fly. Randy Byers & Mark painted Mark's Pica P-51 to look like the one Ed flew during the war. You may have seen the picture in the newsletter some time back. Ed purchased plots at Nebo Memorial Park a few years ago & mentioned to Kenny Costin that there should be a military fly over at his funeral since his plots were just off the end of the R/C runway. When we went to his calling the first thing his widow asked us was if we were going to do a fly over. The day of his funeral it was very windy but we did a two aircraft formation fly over with a P-47 & an AT-6. Both planes that Ed had flown. Just minutes after we landed the models, we heard the roar of a Merlin engine & looked up to see a real P-51 Mustang screaming over Martinsville. Seems that Ed had a friend in Illinois who owns a Mustang & he flew over here to do a real military fly over. He didn't get exactly right over Nebo but his timing was perfect!

The bulk fuel order has not arrived yet & no information was available. Mark Sexton will investigate & an email will be sent out when it arrives.

The proposed changes to the club by-laws that were taken last month & written by Bruce Hoffman were accepted by a large majority present at the meeting. More input will be taken by the executive committee & the issues should be resolved by next month's meeting.

Mark Sexton will contact the port-a-pot people & have the rental unit delivered to the field as soon as the ground is dry enough. The lock we used last year was misplaced or stolen & will have to be replaced, along with the key to the old outhouse. It was suggested that we purchase these items at Kliendorfer's Hardware & Variety Store, since they are one of our business/ corporate sponsors.

Matt Fornefeld gave a report on his adventure at the Toledo R/ C Expo. He entered his Me/Bf 109 in the model competition &

 

 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

 Flying Site:
 1 mile East of SR 37 on Wylie Road, Bloomington, IN

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came away with a 3rd place finish in Military Sport Scale, beating some very well known scale modelers. He won a JR radio with a plaque. Matt also gave us some tips on how to compete in scale competition. Congratulations Matt! Well done! Photo by Jim Scott.



The executive committee is looking into getting us listed with the gold leader clubs through the AMA. We already meet most of the requirements & it shouldn't take too much to meet the rest of them.

The recent warm weather has motivated the membership & they voted to have the May club meeting at the field. Spring weather can be a fickle thing here in Indiana so have some warm clothes ready just in case.

A few dates were firmed up on the event calendar. The Cub Fly will be held June 3rd & the Fun Fly will be on June 24. Both events will be held at the club field. It's gonna be a busy month!

Steve Shoop reminded everyone about his Butterfly Hills R/ C Fly-In on May 6. Steve has a 400' X 75' runway. Driving directions appear later in this newsletter.

Bob Watson brought an arm load of stuff available for quick sale at bargain prices.

The meeting was closed at 7:53...

#### **Directions to Shoop s Fly-In**

9:00 A.M. till whenever (Eastern Daylight Time) Saturday, May 6 3394 Green Valley Road Nashville, In 812-988-0570

Take SR 46 East out of Bloomington. Turn left at the Little Nashville Opry. Stay left at all intersections. Four miles from 46. Look for 2' X 4' sign:

> Shoop 3994 Butterfly Hills RC Flying Field

Good luck & see U there...

### Interesting Bits

The field is in tip top shape. Dave Poland brought out his tractor & rolled the area in early April. Randy Byers borrowed a sprayer & a tractor from our neighborhood farmer guy Sonny Payton a couple of weeks later & met Jim Scott at the field who bought the chemicals & they sprayed the property for weeds & rolled it again. Michael Sexton has been mowing on Thursdays for three weeks or so. Thanks for your labor gentlemen. It looks very nice! Photo by Jim Scott.



We usually don't start our regular Tuesday training nights till May but the weather has been so warm the last few weeks that we've been at it most of April. Rick Hill has been working very hard in the wind with his Hangar 9 P-51 trainer. Troy Harker has been flying his Nexstar trainer with Lane Jorgensen. Chris Chandler was out with a hybrid trainer/stick that he picked up at a pawn shop. Secretary/Treasurer Delbert Davis has been out practicing with his new Tiger 60 also. If you need some help or just want to brush up on your landings or learn a new maneuver, come on out to the field on Tuesday evenings. Instructors will be available to assist you (weather permitting). We've been over this topic time after time but it needs to be driven home again. Check your receiver batteries before every flight! If you cycle them on a regular basis then you know where they dump. As a general rule if your four cell 4.8 volt 600 Mah NiCad battery reads 4.9 volts or below with a load, don't fly it. It only takes 20 or 30 min. to peak it using a field charger at .8 Amps. It's not worth taking a chance. Ask Vargha about the fate of the Manshadi family trainer. That last flight was really it's last flight & the last thirty seconds or so it was without the benefit of radio control. A picture is supposed to be worth a thousand words...



Dennis Friesel is planning to compete at the Top Gun contest this year with his giant scale electric sea plane. Good Luck Dennis!

## **Breaking News!**

The fuel order is in. Delbert sent out this email. If you don't do email, this is your notice.

#### Dear MCRCC Member:

For those who ordered bulk fuel the prices are as follows: 15% 4-Stroke \$ 11.50 / Gal 15% 2-Stroke \$ 11.00 / Gal 10% 2-Stroke \$ 10.00 / Gal 15% SYN-PLUS \$ 13.50 / Gal 20% CAR FUEL \$ 19.00 / Gal The fuel will be available at the next meeting, May 10, at the MCRCC flying field. Please come early and bring exact change, if possible, or a check pavable to Monroe County RC Club. If you fly at Nebo, Mark Sexton will deliver your fuel on Thursday (April 27 or May 4) if you prefer. You must email Mark at cudaman321@sbcglobal.net and make arrangements for this. Again, please bring exact change, if possible, or a check payable to Monroe County RC Club. **Delbert Davis** Sec'y / Treas MCRCC

#### **Event Calendar**

- May 6, 2006 Steve Shoop Fly-In (Nashville, Indiana)
- May 7 Heather Sexton s IU Graduation Reception 12:00-4:00 at Mark s house (call Tina if ur coming)
- May 10 Monthly Club Meeting (at the field)
- June 3 Nothin but Cubs Fly-In (Club Cub Field)
- June 8-11 Warbirds Over Arkansas (visit Vargha)
- June 10-11 Dawn Patrol Rally (Kingsbury, Texas)
- June 14 Monthly Club Meeting (at the field)
- June 24 Annual Club Fun-Fly
- July 12 Monthly Club Meeting
- July 18 American Barnstormers Tour (KBMG)
- July 24-30, 2006 EAA Airventure (Oshkosh, Wisconsin)
- August 9 Monthly Club Meeting
- August 13 Annual Club Airshow
- September 10 Annual Club Picnic (Club Field)
- September 13 Monthly Club Meeting (Last 1 at the field)
- September 23 ?? IMAA Fly-In (Club Field)
- October 7, 2006 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In
- October 11 Monthly Club Meeting (Back in the Eye Center)

December 13, 2006 Annual Christmas Dinner/Meeting

November 8 Monthly Club Meeting (Elections)



A few of us spent the afternoon at Freeman Field in Seymour on Friday 4/28 hoping to see some full scale warbirds fly in for an event at the airport. It was a golden afternoon but all we got to see was some local air traffic & a couple of helicopters. This one was from the Indiana State Police. We also enjoyed lunch at the Heartbeat Café & toured the museum at Freeman Field. It was a wonderful afternoon even if we didn't get to see any AT-6s.

Thanks again to Delbert Davis for proofreading the newsletter. Thanks also to Mr. Jim Scott for taking the pictures & to Mark Sexton for getting them to me. Some day Mr. Scott will figure out how to email them to me. You would think that the chief engineer on a starship would have the computer thing down. Beam me up Scotty... Jim has also recruited a new business sponsor for the club.

Information & a sign graphic should be available soon. Thanks Jim!

