



**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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## November 2006 Edition

### October Meeting notes

The October meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was back in the warm comfort of the Eye Center of Southern Indiana. It was called to order right on the money at 7:00:00.

President Mark Sexton announced that long time member & past secretary/treasurer Brent Hoover had paid his dues for 2006.

Steve Shoop announced that his Halloween party/ fly-in would begin at 2:00 P.M. on October 28. Steve will be cooking the burgers & have buns for dinner & those attending can bring a covered dish.

The Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In will be Saturday, October 14th from noonish till dusk or so. Everyone is invited & AMA membership is required to fly.

Dave Poland reported that he & Damon Ferguson had not found anyone wanting to run for a club office except the current officers. Additional nominations can be made right up until the election at the November meeting (11/8).

Mark reported that his annual financial report has revealed that a dues increase for 2007 will not be necessary! If something should change, we will address it at that time.

The club voted to have it's annual Christmas party/meeting at Hoosier Bar & Grill in Ellettsville again. Steve Jackson volunteered to contact them & work out the menu details. Most agreed that last year's event worked out fine & was very tasty.

The subject was brought up again of allowing ultralight & other man carrying aircraft to use our runway. As before, the club voted not to allow any man carrying aircraft to use our runway unless it was an emergency.

Jackson Creek Elementary School has requested some help from the club to get ready for their participation in the Science Olympiad in 2007. Lane Jorgensen volunteered to contact Bob Watson & Dennis Friesel about assisting the school. Bob & Dennis got nominated because they are old retired guys & they were not present at the meeting. You've got to be at the meetings to defend yourself!

Matt Fornefeld announced that he would be holding another building class this Winter through his church. They will be building a Great Planes Electric Cub this time, starting in January.

The Academy of Model Aeronautics is currently offering a free buddy box to new AMA members. If you know someone who has been thinking of joining, now is the time.

Tim Sparks announced that he needs six people to help during the Science Olympiad in February. If you are willing & able,

contact Tim at [elmshoot@aol.com](mailto:elmshoot@aol.com).

Haley Ferguson is working on another video (DVD) presentation for the Christmas party. She needs photos from the 2006 flying season. If you have any R/C related pictures taken at the field or at any club events, get them to Haley, so she can begin working on her project. Last year's presentation was widely acclaimed & is probably still available on DVD if you didn't get to see it. You can contact Haley through her grandfather Delbert Davis via email at [deldavis@insightbb.com](mailto:deldavis@insightbb.com) or give him a call at 765-342-7240.

Damon Ferguson is interested in having an electric indoor fly-in sometime this Winter. If you have any suggestions or ideas on a location, you can contact Damon through Delbert also. In case you haven't figured it out yet, Damon is Haley's brother.

The meeting was closed at 7:44 with thirty people in attendance, according to Tim Mellott.

### Interesting Bits

It was a sunny Fall day on October 14th for the Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In. After a chilly start it warmed up nicely but the twenty mile an hour crosswind never let up.

We had a nice static display & lots of people out to visit & see the aircraft but there wasn't a lot of flying to see.

During the event we had seven aircraft up for a go with the wind. Joe Rogers flew his P-51 one time & decided that was enough. Jim Scott did the same with his BARF. Mark Sexton flew his Hangar 9 Stick, tore off the landing gear, glued it back on, & went back for more. Dave Poland flew his Sweet Stick several times & even tried his luck with a 1/4 scale Super Cub. Michael Hinz flew his electric Blade CX helicopter one time just to see if he could keep it from ending up in Morgantown & had a successful landing on the Nebo runway. Brian Elliott got in a few flights with his Raptor helicopter while his winged aircraft were tied to the ground to keep them from blowing away.

Other pilots who participated but decided not to have a go with the big crosswind were; Randy Byers, Delbert Davis, Damon Ferguson, Haley Ferguson, Bill Black, Mark Curtis, Bill McFarland, Tim Mellott, Deven Mellott, Charlie Thompson, Mike Habig, & Rick Tirey.

Special thanks to Tina Rogers for taking care of publicity for the event! She did a radio spot on WCBK with Steve Vail & did battle with the Martinsville newspaper to get the information out to the public. Thanks also to Mason & Sharon Tirey for keeping everyone fueled up with cookies & apple

cider at their refreshment stand. Thanks to Delbert Davis for roping off the spectator area & keeping all the aircraft on display safe. Thanks also to Bill Black for bringing his table. A big thank you to Kenny & Debbie Costin & Nebo Memorial Park for allowing us to use their property & for the nice Fall decorations they placed for the event. Kenny even brought out a couple of trash cans for us to use. We also want to thank Bev Skinner & the Martinsville Fall Foliage Festival Committee for allowing us to participate in their annual program!

Mark Curtis completed the required three take-offs & landings on a single tank of fuel & then did a dead stick



landing, all without the buddy cord, to earn his solo certificate on October 3rd. Congratulations Mark!

Phil Gach completed his pilot training & earned a solo certificate on October 9th. Photo not available (yet). Congratulations Phil!



Here's a picture of Dave Poland & his spotter Michael Hinz playing in the wind while several spectators watch the flying & others check out the model aircraft on display.

Delbert Davis is not having much luck with Goldburg Tiger 60s. Bill Black has had a thing with SIG Kadet Seniors for some time & now Delbert is trying to take his record with Tiger 60s. The first one self destructed in a tree at Nebo. The second was ready to fly one week before the Nebo Fall Festival Fly-In. It had 2 or three flights on it when it went out of sight behind some trees at the South end of the Nebo runway. It met with a big sycamore tree right over the driveway that is just South of the Nebo entrance. It wasn't hard to find & wasn't destroyed as bad as the first one but it was bad enough. Delbert says he's gonna work on a Seniorita & take a break before starting on number three.

Don Williams has caught the fever. He had been training for several weeks with a couple of little electric park flyers when Jerry Keener brought out his old Kadet LT40 trainer for Don to try out. Don caught the bug & now is training with his new Hangar 9 Alpha 60!

New member Ron Glasscock learned a hard lesson about how to epoxy the wings together on his first trainer. The instructions were a little vague & he just put a little glue on the wooden wing joiner but didn't epoxy the wing root ribs together. It flew fine for a while but during a spirited turn with a hand full of up elevator, they folded up & down she went. He's now training with a Kadet Senior ARF & is thinking about putting wing struts on it just incase.

Ron's aircraft has a unique color scheme that is the opposite of his friend Phil Mix's. They were in a hobby shop together & saw two Kadet Senior ARFs. One was blue & the other red. They bought both & started swapping parts. Both are now red, white, & blue but opposites. Very clever!

## Event Calendar

**October 28 Shoop s Halloween Party**

**November 4 Dave Poland s Bonfire**

**November 8 Monthly Club Meeting (Elections)**

**November 25 Madison County Swap Meet**

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

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