



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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September 2006 Edition

August Meeting notes

The August meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club got underway right on time at 7:00:26. Congratulations club officers! Twenty-five people were in attendance, according to my official people counter Tim Mellott.

One of those 25 people was Tim Harris. He was interested in joining the club & was voted in. Tim is from the Paragon area & has been training on Tuesday evenings at our field & on Thursday evenings at Nebo. Welcome to the club Tim!

Other than the regular required meeting stuff like the treasurer's report & the mail call, the rest of the meeting was dedicated to the upcoming Air Show. Details were worked out about the concession area, parking, raffle ticket sales, & the performance schedule. Dr. Matt Fornefeld passed around a sign-up sheet for pilots to list the aircraft they wished to fly during the show & will work up a timeline that Mr. Randy Byers will try to keep on schedule. Mr. Mark Sexton is in charge of the concession area with his army of volunteers. Tina Rogers has completed her advertising assignments & reported that things are going according to plan & that public interest is up.

No new business was brought up & the meeting was closed at 7:34 so that Michael & Dennis Friesel could work on their floamie 3D routine. Nice rolling circles Michael!

Interesting Bits

There was an eyewitness report that Mike Habig was seen at Nebo Memorial Field on 8/24/06. He left early & missed his chance to give that "Dork Award" back to Delbert Davis. Delbert was practicing some low-level inverted flight with his Tiger 60 & pulled on the elevator stick instead of pushing on it. The search party found it perched in the top of a big tree East & a little North of the runway. Darrell Sisson called in a professional tree guy & what was left of the airplane was rescued shortly before dark. Delbert & Tim Harris went back the following evening & located the engine though it suffered a broken case in the crash.

There has been quite a bit of interest in our hobby generated by the Air Show. Several people have been out to Tuesday Trainer Nights searching for some assistance learning to fly, picking the right trainer, & just checking things out. Thanks to the instructors & club members who have been onhand to explain things & offer a helping hand! Kevin Nuetzman even offered a check flight on his Nexstar.

Help Wanted!

Lukey Illias is an architect in Bloomington & has a small electric (fixed pitch) helicopter kit that he would like someone to build for him. He received it as a gift & is unsure how to get started putting it together. He is willing to help with the project but would like some help from a more experienced modeler. It looks like all the required parts are there & it even came with a radio & flight batteries. If you are willing & able to give Lukey a hand with his kit, you can contact him at 812-336-5769 or email him at illiasl@yahoo.com.

After much trial & error (mostly errors) Tim Mellott's flying Indy Car finally made a successful flight with Lane Jorgensen at the controls. It has been over a year since Tim started the test flight portion of his project but with Lane's help he's now making some headway. Congratulations gentlemen!

Unofficial Air Show Report

The annual Monroe County R/C Club Air Show for 2006 is a done deal. The Bloomington newspaper reported that one-thousand people turned out to see the model aircraft do their thing & help support "Jill's House". The weather was a little



warm but we've seen much hotter & the air was good for flying. Everything seemed to run pretty smoothly & it looked like everybody was enjoying the show. I have not heard any official report on how much money was raised for "Jill's House" yet, but if the hotdog sales are any indication, it should be a good

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number. Hotdogs were sold out before the show ended & skinny little Tim Mellott didn't get one. It wasn't my fault because this fat boy only had time to partake in one (of the 4 planned).

The media coverage was excellent & a photographer even took his life in his own hands when he ventured onto the runway while we were flying to get a better shot.

There were a few trips into the bean field after some "off field" landings, but no major crashes that I remember.

Congratulations to all the pilots for some mighty fine flying!

I'm not sure why Joe Rogers's engine wouldn't start during the ag plane segment. I think he just didn't want to fly with me.

He had planned to fly ag planes with Charlie, & I just invited myself to fly with them.

The kids really enjoyed Joe's candy drops & the mass glider toss. Several signed up & got a little stick time on the buddy boxes that were available right after the show. They seemed to really enjoy their first experience with R/C model aviation.

It takes a lot of work by a lot of people to put on the show but the abundance of smiles during the event make it all worthwhile. Thanks to all who organized, helped, volunteered, & participated! An "official" report on the Air Show should be given at the September club meeting on Wednesday the 13th. If you would like to assist with next year's show, that would be a good time to volunteer & get started planning.

I didn't have a chance to take any pictures during the show but I got one of the long flight-line while Bob Shireman was still assembling his aircraft & one of the parking crew (Kevin Neutzman, Rick Hill, Jim Scott, & Joe Huggins) as they were formulating a plan on what to do with all the cars that would soon arrive.



Michael Friesel took some good pictures & has a link on the internet to them. The link was emailed to members the week after the show. That link is <http://www.flickr.com/photos/84503343@N00/sets/72157594237524005/>.

If you didn't get to see the write-up in the Bloomington newspaper, you can contact Tina Rogers at 765-352-0906.

Local R/C Aviator Gains Fame

Check out the September issue of Model Aviation magazine. In the "Top Gun" report there's a picture of Dennis Friesel's electric Mariner taken during its flight at the competition. Way to go Dennis!

September 3 Paragon Homecoming Fly-In
(Paragon School yard) 9:00 - 4:00

September 10 Annual Club Picnic (Club Field)
Bring a covered dish, Dogs & burgers will be ready to eat at 1:00 P.M. (Eastern Daylight Time)

September 13 Monthly Club Meeting
(Last 1 at the field this year)

September 22 Fatboys annual trek to visit Tri County Aero Club in Vincennes
(Contact Mark Sexton)

September 23 Warbirds over Washington
(Daviness County)

October 7 Heather s Wedding
(Mark s daughter)

October 11 Monthly Club Meeting (Back in the Eye Center)

October 14, 2006 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In

November 8 Monthly Club Meeting (Elections)

December 13, 2006 Annual Christmas Dinner/ Meeting

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