



**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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## April 2007 Edition

### March Meeting notes

The March meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 7:06:35 in the warm comfort of the Eye Center. Mark was a little late because he had to pick up the key from Kenny (the maintenance man) because Dr. Matt was in Florida on Spring break. Thirty members were in attendance.

Mark remembered to bring Bob Watson's club service certificate that he has had since the Christmas dinner & presented it to him. Better late than never.

The swap meet was the next topic of discussion. After all the figures were tallied, we made \$465.00 from the event!

Mark announced that we are now a Gold Leader Club since our application has been accepted by the AMA. We should be receiving some fancy pins shortly.

Our application for the AMA's TAG program has been submitted. Only one club per district will be chosen by the District VP. All we can do now is wait until the announcement is made.

Bruce went over the changes to the club bylaws concerning frequency control at the field & the new 2.4 Ghz. radios. The changes were voted on & approved by the membership. More slots & tags will be added to the frequency cabinet soon. Thanks to Bruce for his efforts on rewriting the affected sections of the bylaws!

The annual bulk fuel order was the next topic up for discussion. Mark has the orders for SIG fuel, like we have gotten the last several years, & Al may still be taking orders for the big drums that he is going to get from Cooper. See the March newsletter for details.

The club voted to give the officers a free membership again this year for their efforts. Some tried to tie in a clause making Mark the lifetime president of the club but he caught on pretty quick before the bill was passed.

Randy Byers & Jim Scott volunteered to fill the Safety Officer position. Delbert will check with the AMA to see if we can list dual Safety Officers. Mark also reminded members that everyone is a Safety Officer when at the field.

Intro pilots for 2007 will be Bill Black, Jim Scott, Lane Jorgensen, & Brian Elliott. There was some discussion about the difference between intro pilots & instructors. Then there was some discussion about the qualifications for each. Then there was some discussion about pilot level certifications. Then there was some discussion about a formal adoption & adding it to the

club bylaws. I'm not sure but I think it was decided that common sense should prevail & you can't legislate that.

The club voted to continue having Model Aviation Magazine sent to Fairview School.

Delbert reported that he is working on the AMA charter & that it is due by the end of March.

Jim Scott & Randy Byers volunteered to spray the field for weeds again this Spring & roll the runway. Mark will check with our landlord & dump trucker / gravel delivery guy John Naylor about some stone for the drive.

Jim Scott reported that he is working to get the advertising signs back up that were blown down during the Winter.

The club will have a static display & possibly a flying demonstration at the Scout-O-Rama in Martinsville on April 28th. More info on that at our April 11th meeting.

The meeting was finally closed at 8:13 P.M. so we could check out the nice Mr. Mulligan that Charlie Thompson brought in for show & tell. Nice job Charlie!

I forgot to mention last month that Dave Poland did the show & tell thing with his new Cosmic Wind. Thanks Dave!

### Interesting Bits

I don't know how these rumors get started but Delbert & Randy are not working on a 1/3rd scale gee bee (yet)!

Tony Bezzy got quite a haul at the Johnson County swap meet in Columbus. He just kept carrying out airplanes one after another. That's the spirit Tony!

Kevin Nuetzman is the proud owner of a new Blade CX2 after a lesson in tricky swap meet vendor negotiations from Tim Mellott. Congratulations Kevin!

Jimmy Vanvleet put on one heck of a fish fry at his place in Franklin after the Johnson County swap meet! We got to check out his new Goldberg Extra 300, flew Kevin's new helicopter in the garage, & ate loads of fish. We checked out Jimmy's private runway out back but it was a little windy to fly. If you missed it, ask Jimmy when he's gonna do it again. Thanks Jimmy & Sandy!

Michael Friesel & Bruce Hoffman have completed the 2.4 Ghz. frequency tags & holders and have them in the frequency control cabinet at the field. Now you Spektrum owners can begin putting your AMA cards in the slot & getting a transmitter tag just like everybody else. Thanks for your efforts Michael & Bruce!

Sunday March 18 turned out to be "Mark Day" at the club field. It wasn't a planned event but just an accident. Mark Curtis, Mark Sexton, & Mark Claerbout were all at the field at the same time & one had to be careful about yelling "hey Mark". You could get three responses. Here's three pictures of the three Marks in action. Mark #1 (Sexton) giving a prospective new member a newsletter & a Tower flyer, Mark #2 (Claerbout) on a low



fly-by with his hotrod glider, and Mark #3 (Curtis) working to repair an aileron he ripped off



during a high speed pass. Yep. He got it down safely with the aileron hanging by it's linkage rod!



We spent a very windy Thursday evening checking out the Morgan County Fairgrounds with Robin Sighting (Boy Scout Leader) to see how we could set up our display for the Scout-O-Rama on April 28th. There will be plenty of room under the shelter of the open-sided hog barn for static display & computer simulators. We will have electricity in our area. There will also be room for a table or two for AMA materials, club literature, & old modeling magazines to give away. There looks like plenty of room to fly some smaller R/C aircraft outside if the weather cooperates. .40 size or so glow & electrics should be able to take off & land from a paved runway with grass available adjacent to the pavement. The runway will probably be East/West but we can work that out with the weatherman the morning of the event.

The Scout-O-Rama runs from 11:00 A.M. till 4:00 P.M. & those interested in practicing our other favorite pastime can meet for breakfast at Forkey's in Martinsville at 7:30 A.M. Hope you can be there!



Tim Mellott's Blade CX in police colors flying inside the Paragon School gym.



Wile E. Coyote taking his Ryan STA out for a spin at Wylie Field.

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## Event Calendar

- April 11 Monthly Club Meeting
- April 13-15 Toledo R/C Expo
- April 16 SkyWarn Weather Spotter Class  
(Martinsville High School @ 7:00 P.M.)
- April 28 Scout-O-Rama R/C Demo-Display  
(Morgan County Fairgrounds)
- May 5th Butterfly Hills R/C Challenge  
(Steve Shoop's place in Brown County)
- May 9 Monthly Club meeting
- May 12 Warbirds On The Ohio (Evansville)
- May ?? 1st Annual Charlie-Built Fly-In
- May 26 Kentucky Float Fly
- June 2 Nothin But Cubs Fly-In (Club Field)
- June 13 Monthly Club Meeting (at the Field)
- June 23 Annual Club Fun Fly
- July 7 Jim & Vanessa s Wedding 7/7/07@7:00
- July 11 Monthly Club Meeting
- July 23-29 Airventure Oshkosh
- August 8 Monthly Club Meeting
- August 12 Annual Club Air Show
- September 9 Annual Club Picnic
- September 12 Monthly Club Meeting
- September 21-23 Dawn Patrol Rendezvous  
Fairborn, Ohio (WPAFB)
- October 10 Monthly Club Meeting (Back Indoors)
- October 13 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In
- October 20 Indy Swap Fest
- November 14 Monthly Club Meeting
- December 12 Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting
- February 24, 2008 Annual Club Swap Meet

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