



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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August 2007 Edition

This edition of the Monroe County R/C Club newsletter is dedicated to the memory of Phyllis Naylor. Phyllis passed away Friday July 6th at Bloomington Hospital. She was one of the Monroe County R/C Club's biggest supporters & will be missed.

July Meeting Notes

The July meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was Markless (Mr. Sexton was AWOL) and was called to order by club Vice President Bruce Hoffman right on time at 7:00:30, with thirty-one people in attendance. Two of those people were visitors. Rick Mowery of Bedford came to join the club & was voted in. Ray Lepore (WWII P-51 pilot) came by invitation from Matt Fornefeld to entertain us as a guest speaker.

Tim Mellott gave a report on the 4-stroke fly-in that was held in June. The event brought in enough money to cover the prizes that were awarded so Tim plans to host the event again next year. If you have any suggestions for next year's program or would like to assist, see Mr. Mellott.

Jim Scott reported that the annual fun-fly was rained out on Saturday & Sunday & there are no plans to reschedule this year. The newly married Mr. Scott ate all the brownies that Vanessa had prepared for the fun fly & now wants to retire from his post as fun-fly CD. If you would like to step up & be a contest director for this event or any other, please contact Mark Sexton. If you need brownies contact Vanessa Scott. Thanks to Jim for hosting the fun-fly over years past.

Bruce reported that Mark has contacted the outhouse people & straightened out some confusion about cleaning our unit. We should be back on a regular cleaning schedule now.

Much of the meeting was devoted to airshow planning. Matt Fornefeld distributed flyers & said that he would be doing pilot sign-ups & info via email. Club member volunteers were signed up for various duties. Chris Chandler will get concession supplies from his employer (Coke) again this year. Thanks Chris! It was decided that the proceeds from this year's show will be donated to Jill's House in Bloomington in Phyllis Naylor's name. Most of you already know that Phyllis, who was one of our landlords & one of our biggest supporters, passed away recently. Bruce announced that this year's raffle prizes have been donated by the McFarland family. Club member Bill McFarland's son is donating an airplane and Bill's wife is

donating a quilt that she made. Thanks to the McFarlands! The club trainers that the AMA sent for the TAG program to be used for buddy box flights will be used during the show. Tim Sparks is getting some gliders from his employer (FedX) again this year for the kids glider contest. There will also be some investigation into getting a better (more kid friendly) prize for the glider contest. Matt is checking into getting some outside performers for the airshow. Tina Rogers is working on the public relations and advertising for the show. She has radio interviews scheduled & is working with the print media. Tina is also going to try to work the TAG program into her advertising and we will pitch the TAG program at the airshow. The airshow date is Sunday, August 12th with a rain date of Sunday, August 19 starting at 1:00 P.M.

The Take-off And Grow program is scheduled for Saturday, August 18th. This is the Saturday after the airshow, unless the airshow gets rained out. Then it would be the day before the airshow rain date. Delbert Davis has the forms & materials provided by the AMA. We will need to make up a flyer for the event & sign up volunteers.

There was an announcement about the retirement party for Jimmy Vanvleet that will take place at Mark's house on July 21st. Bring a covered dish & show up around 5:00 ish.

There was some discussion about having a second picnic table in the club shelter. Several members are researching the possibilities.

Jim Scott gave a brief report on he & Vanessa's wedding. It was short, sweet, & we all had a fine time. Congratulations Jim & Vanessa!

Tim Sparks gave a report on the Blue Moon racing team's success at the USRA event in Rantoul, IL.

Bob Watson announced he had a .60 size "U Can Do" with slight damage that he wanted to give away. Mark Curtis quickly snapped it up.

The meeting was closed at 7:43:40 so we could enjoy our guest speaker Mr. Ray Lepore. Ray was a P-51 fighter pilot during World War II and shared several stories with us about his experiences during combat over Germany in 1944-45. We really enjoyed having Ray speak & he is invited to come back anytime! Thanks for your service Ray & for sharing your life as a fighter pilot with us!

We held a special meeting on Wednesday July 18th to get the TAG program organized & off to a good start. The program & it's requirements were discussed. Volunteers were appointed to the following areas. Director: Bruce Hoffman, Safety: Randy Byers & Jim Scott, Ground School: Charlie Thompson & Lane

Jorgensen, Simulator Stations: Jason Breeden, Tim Mellott, & Jim Hail, Buddy Box Flights: Bill Black, Lane Jorgensen, Jim Scott, Dennis Friesel, & Brian Elliott (intro pilots), Food/Concession: Jim Scott & Chris Chandler, Signs & Grounds: Delbert Davis, Electricity: Jason Breeden, Parking: Kevin Nuetzman, PR & Advertising: Tina Rogers & Mrs. Rick Hill, Pre-Flight: Joe Rogers, Kiddie Area: Haley Ferguson, Sign-In: Tina Rogers, Delbert Davis, & Rick Hill. The club decided to not have a construction area or a static display area because of a lack of volunteers. If you have not volunteered to help with the TAG program, there is still time to get involved. Check with one of the area managers or contact Bruce Hoffman. We don't know how big this event will get but with advance advertising & interest generated by the airshow, it could be huge. We need your help! Don't stand back & let someone else do the work! Get involved & volunteer to help!!!

Bratwurst trailer. We watched a shortened airshow program on Friday after one pilot was killed when two P-51s collided on the runway after landing together. Saturday's show was much happier with no incidents & an extended warbird program. The highlight of Saturday's show for us was the slow motion acrobatic demonstration by a Mr. Moore using a stock blue & yellow Stearman PT-17. We are already making plans to attend the show in 2008 so get with Mark if you would like to travel with the fat boys who never miss a meal.



Interesting Bits



You've heard of a cup cake but how about a Cub cake... Congratulations on your retirement Jimmy!

Photo by Jim Scott...



Debbie Nuetzman is starting an airplane cleaning service. It's only for those who really need help. Don't ask what it costs! If you have to ask, you can't afford it...

Photo by Kevin Nuetzman...

Randy Byers got his Florida vacation off to an interesting start. He loaded up his wife, his motorcycle, & all their bags in his trailer. They hitched the trailer to the truck & headed South. About four hours down the interstate, he realized that the key to the motorcycle was laying in the kitchen of their home way back in Martinsville! Priority mail saved the day with a twenty-dollar cardboard envelope & a neighbor that had the code to his door at home. Checklists are not just for airplanes!

Mr. Tim Sparks was out at the field with his new Hangar 9 Spitfire on July 15th. After a trip into the cornfield to retrieve it, he must have been ready to head home. Several minutes after he had gone, his pit neighbors realized that all his stuff, including the airplane, was still on the field. A cell phone call brought him back to collect his gear. Whatever you do, don't ask Tim if he was in a hurry to leave or if he is just getting old like the rest of us...

It was a smaller group that made the trip to Airventure (Oshkosh) this year. Mark Sexton, Lane Jorgensen, & Brian Elliott headed North in Bud Sexton's van on Thursday July 26th & made the traditional stop along the way for another tour of the Miller brewery. We just missed Steve Bryant & his crew who left Oshkosh on Wednesday. We did run into Al Eygabroad while having lunch on Friday at the Johnsonville

Event Calendar

- August 8 Monthly Club Meeting**
- August 12 Annual Club Air Show**
- August 17 19 USRA Racing (Ashtabula)**
- August 18 TAG Program (Club Field)**
- August 25-26 Mt. Comfort Airshow**
- September 7-9 Heartnut Fly-In (Atterbury)**
- September 8 Warbirds Over Washington, Indiana**
- September 9 Annual Club Picnic**
- September 11-12 EAA s B-17 Aluminum Overcast at Monroe Co. Airport**
- September 12 Monthly Club Meeting**
- September 15-16 Terre Haute Airshow**
- September 21-23 Dawn Patrol Rendezvous Fairborn, Ohio (WPAFB)**
- September 28-29 Annual Trek to Vincennes**
- September 30 Airplane Guys Motorcycle Ride**
- October 10 Monthly Club Meeting (Back Indoors)**
- October 13 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In**
- October 20 Indy Swap Fest (State Fairgrounds)**
- October 26-28 USRA Racing (Parker, AZ)**

November 14 Monthly Club Meeting

December 12 Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting

February 24, 2008 Annual Club Swap Meet

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