

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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February 2007 Edition

January Meeting notes

The January meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 7:24 P.M. in the banquet room of the MCL Cafeteria on Liberty Drive in Bloomington because nobody showed up at the Eye Center to unlock the door. It wasn't frigid but it was cold enough that we didn't want to meet out on the front porch of the Eye Center as we had done in November.

It was kinda loud inside the MCL & there were a lot of people around who weren't club members so we decided to postpone the treasurer's report & secretary's report until the February meeting.

Mark Sexton gave a report on the Christmas party at Hoosier Bar & Grill. It looks like Hoosier will be the spot for the "07" Christmas party/dinner/meeting unless somebody comes up with something better in the next few months. It was decided to start planning a little earlier this year, so that we know how many people to expect. The record crowd at the "06" event made the appetizer selection disappear rather quickly.

Lane Jorgensen & Dennis Friesel gave a report on their progress with the students at Jackson Creek Elementary School for the Science Olympiad that is coming up in February.

Tim Mellott gave a report on plans for the annual club swap meet on February 25th because Bob Watson got lost somewhere between the Eye Center & the MCL. As in the past, interested volunteers will meet for breakfast at the Cracker Barrel in Bloomington at 6:00 A.M. & arrive at the Monroe County Fairgrounds around 7:00 A.M. to set up tables in the building.

Mark Sexton reported that \$800.00 was donated to "Jill's House" this year, from the air show & from the Christmas party. Dennis Friesel reported that ground breaking for the structure would occur during the Spring of 2007.

Mr. Sexton reported that our "Gold Club" status with the Academy of Model Aeronautics is still being worked on & mentioned the new TAG program that the AMA has announced. Clubs who qualify can hold a model aviation class for the public that includes class instruction, simulator time, & buddy box time, with the simulator & trainer aircraft being supplied by the AMA. After the class, the simulator & the trainer become the property of the hosting club. Mark volunteered to do some checking on the program.

Al Eygabroad has been researching the new 2.4 Ghz radios & how the AMA is treating them with regard to frequency control. Several members have ideas but since everybody couldn't hear

each other at the MCL, it was decided to table the matter until the February meeting.

Steve Shoop announced that a new hobby shop has opened in Columbus.

Mark will work out a permanent back-up plan so that in the event that we can't get into the Eye Center by meeting time, everyone will know where we went to hold the meeting.

The meeting was closed at 7:52. Depending who you choose to believe, there were twenty-eight or thirty-one people in attendance. Tim Mellott counted 31 & Mark Curtis counted 28. Club Secretary/Treasurer Delbert Davis will know for sure by the February meeting because most of them paid dues before, during, & after the meeting. Busy night for Delbert...

Interesting Bits

Your club webmaster Vargha Manshadi was unable to attend the annual Christmas party again in "06" due to a family illness but Mark caught up with him a week or so later with the newest member of his family to present him with his "Outstanding Service" certificate. Congratulations Vargha & thanks for a job well done.



If you have any suggestions or info for the club web site you can email Vargha at simurgh@kullychaha.com or give him a call at 812-369-1117.

If you have any suggestions or info for this newsletter you can email them to n9jpx@monroecountyrcc.org or call 765-346-1123.

If you have any suggestions for the club in general you can email Mark Sexton at cudaman321@sbcglobal.net or give him a call at 812-327-6012.

If you have a question about membership information or dues you can email Delbert Davis at deldavis@insightbb.com or call him at 765-318-0120.

If you can't contact Mark, or would rather just talk to Bruce Hoffman, you can email him at his new email address propsville@insightbb.com or call him at 812-320-0417.

Contact information for all club officers appears at the top of every newsletter & on the club web site ([monroecountyrcc.org](http://www.monroecountyrcc.org)) but some people get lost in the sea of information & need a guide from time to time.

2007 Swap Meet Details

The Monroe County R/C Club's 2007 Annual Swap Meet will be held Sunday, February 25th at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. Vendor set-up will begin at 8:00 A.M. (local time) & the event will run from 9:00 until it's over. The crowd will determine the closing time. In the past it has been over between Noon & 3:00, so don't delay, get there early!

Tim Mellott & Bob Watson are taking table reservations. You can contact Tim at 812-829-8821 or email him at warbird1@sbcglobal.net. Bob's number is 812-824-2521 & you can email him at bwats@yahoo.com.

Tables are \$10.00 & general admission is \$2.00. Refreshments (doughnuts, hotdogs, chips, pop, & coffee) will be available so bring lots of cash! Club secretary/treasurer Delbert Davis will also be available to renew club memberships that were due in January.

A "PDF" flyer is available for download on the club web page at monroecountyrc.org & there should be an announcement in Model Aviation Magazine & on the AMA web site (modelaircraft.org). Pass the word & make plans to attend!

Just My Opinion...

The new 2.4 Ghz radio systems are designed to not interfere with each other or with any other band of frequencies. It's tempting to ignore the frequency control board at the field if you own one of the new radios but I believe that would set a bad precedent. We are all used to the system where we go to the frequency control board & insert our AMA card in the slot where we pick our channel tag for 72 Mhz (or 50 Mhz for amateur radio operators). If we don't continue to use that system, somebody will come to the field with multiple airplanes & multiple radios. They will get "used" to going straight out to the flightline without a tag for their 2.4 Ghz radio. Then they will get out an aircraft that still uses the "antique" 72 Mhz system and proceed to forget all about the frequency control that is still required for that frequency. They switch on the old 72 Mhz radio & shoot down somebody who is already in the air using that channel & has the proper channel tag. Somebody is gonna be really pissed & somebody is gonna be really sorry! An aircraft may be destroyed & somebody could get hurt in the process!

I propose that we continue to use the frequency control system that we currently have but modify it slightly to accommodate the new 2.4 Ghz radio systems. Just put in a row of several new frequency tags that have 2.4 Ghz on them but no channel numbers. The lucky pilot with the new "Spectrum" radio will still go to the frequency control board & insert his or her AMA card into the slot & pull a 2.4 tag. If the pilot has an antique 72 Mhz radio, they should still remember to insert an AMA card & pull the proper channel tag for that frequency. Even if the "antique" bands of aircraft frequencies are outlawed, everyone should retain the habit of going to the frequency control board to post a current AMA card. Anyone can go to the board & verify that all pilots on the flightline are insured!

This is just my opinion. Bring yours to the February club meeting or send it to me for next month's newsletter...

Brian

Event Calendar

February 14 Monthly Club Meeting
At the Eye Center (Dr. Matt will be there!)

February 17 Muncie Skychiefs Swap Meet

February 25th Annual MCRCC Swap Meet

March 14 Monthly Club Meeting

April 11 Monthly Club Meeting

April 13-15 Toledo R/C Expo

May 5th Butterfly Hills R/C Challenge
 (Steve Shoop's place in Brown County)

May 9 Monthly Club meeting

May ?? 1st Annual Charlie-Built Fly-In

June 13 Monthly Club Meeting (at the Field)

July 11 Monthly Club Meeting

July 23-29 Airventure Oshkosh

August 8 Monthly Club Meeting

August ?? Annual Club Air Show

September 12 Monthly Club Meeting

September ?? Annual Club Picnic











October 10 Monthly Club Meeting (Back Indoors)

October 13 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In

November 14 Monthly Club Meeting

December 12 Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting

If you have a small, electric, indoor type model, we have been flying in the gym at the Paragon Elementary School on Friday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. The Nebo Memorial Pilot's Association is renting the room for the amazing fee of \$3.00 an hour. You must behave yourself or Karen (the night custodian) is authorized to throw you out!

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