



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**
Flying Site: 1 mile East of SR 37 on Wylie Road, Bloomington, IN
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June 2007 Edition

May Meeting notes

The May meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club got underway at 7:06:15 with twenty-three members in attendance. Club secretary/treasurer Delbert Davis was on an excused absence, at home with a back problem. President Mark Sexton called the meeting to order & VP Bruce Hoffman filled in for Delbert by reading the minutes & the treasury report.

Mark reported that our landlord & gravel trucking guy John Naylor has delivered & spread new gravel on the drive at our flying site on Wylie Road. You no longer will need 4-wheel drive to get in & out. Thanks John!

Mark also brought in the Gold Leader Club pins & certificate from the AMA. The pins were passed out & Michael Friesel will attempt to weatherproof the certificate, so we can display it at the field.

The materials for the AMA TAG (Take off And Grow) have arrived. We received two trainers, buddy boxes, & simulator software packages to be used during our public instruction program which is scheduled to be held the week following our club airshow. Bill Black is setting up one of the trainers & Lane Jorgensen is setting up the other. Tim Mellott is working with one of the software packages.

There was a review of our adventures at the Scout-O-Rama in Martinsville on April 28th. Members participating should receive a pin from the AMA that Delbert Davis will distribute.

Jim Scott reported that about half of the signs damaged in the big wind last November have been reinstalled on the club shelter. He is working to repair the rest & get them back up.

Steve Shoop reported that twenty-seven people & eleven pilots participated in his Butterfly Hills R/C Challenge on May 5th. There was more than enough food on hand to feed all the practicing fat guys. Steve says he will do it again the first weekend in May 2008. Thanks for having us out to Brown County Steve!

The new batch of club hats has arrived. See Bruce Hoffman to purchase one.

Mark reported that the "06" IRS tax statement has been prepared by his accountant & is ready to mail.

The June club meeting will be held at the flying field & this will continue through September, weather permitting, as has been the practice for the last several years.

There is some interest in having our club host an IMAA fly-in sometime this Summer. Contact Mark or Bruce if you are

interested in helping or participating.

Tim Sparks reported that he will be participating in the USRA (giant scale pylon racing) event in Rantoul, IL on June 8-10 along with Dennis & Michael Friesel. They would like to see you there.

John Sparks (Tim's brother) has a van for sale that would make a nice airplane hauler.

There was some discussion about getting some press coverage for the club to help advertise our gold leader club status, the annual airshow, & the TAG program. Contact Mark if you have any ideas.

Mark reported that he is lining up some war veterans to speak at our club meetings. Many of the WWII veterans are not getting any younger & have some very interesting stories to pass along to us youngsters. Stay tuned for details as they become available.

The meeting was closed at 7:49...

Interesting Bits

We have some new members that haven't been to a club meeting for a meet & greet but you may run into them at the club field. Please welcome them to the club & assist them with the rules & safety procedures. Derek & Blaine "AB" Bradfield are father & son and have been under the instruction of Neal Zook. AB soloed on April 29th. Congratulations AB!

Michael Hunt is an accomplished pilot & has some nice aircraft. He currently has an Aeroworks Stearman for sale with an OS five cylinder radial. It has digital servos & is very pretty in yellow for \$1800.00.

Chris Rogers is from Terre Haute & is the brother of Joe Rogers, but we won't hold that against him. He is training under the intro pilot program but will have his full AMA membership soon. He is doing very well with his Colts Kadet & should solo soon.

We had a great time at the first annual "Charlie Built" Fly-In at Nebo memorial Field on May 6th. Joe & Tina Rogers did a fine job putting the event together. The name tags & the signs added some real flavor to the fly-in but the burgers & dogs had some flavor of their own. I don't have a detailed report but there were a lot of airplanes at the event that were built or repaired by Monroe County R/C Club & Nebo Memorial Pilot's Association member Charlie Thompson. It was kinda windy on that Sunday but we had one heck of a turn out. I heard that over fifty people attended. Joe reports that he will organize the event a little later in the season next year hoping for better weather conditions.

Steve Shoop had a computer crash right after his fly-in & lost all his pictures. If you have any photos from the fly-in, please submit them for the newsletter.

The weather was fine for the Nebo Spring Fling on May 26th. With a light Southerly breeze, we flew from noon till around 6:00 P.M. when a thunderstorm blew in & closed the field for the evening. Bob Shireman & Delbert Davis did the cooking around 2:30 in the afternoon & we practiced our second favorite pastime (eating) while the field was closed briefly for a funeral in the graveyard. Thanks to all who attended!

Just in case you've been living under a rock & didn't hear, Tuesday evenings are for training at Wylie Field in Bloomington. If you need some assistance with an aircraft, need flight instruction, or would like to help provide the assistance, come on out on Tuesday evenings. Instructors & veteran modelers will be available to help you.

A note from the president wanted me to remind everyone that Thursday evenings are for mowing at Wylie Field. Weather doesn't always allow Michael Sexton to mow the field on Thursday but that is his primary plan. If he gets rained out on Thursday, he might mow on Friday or Saturday. Everybody wants the field mowed for the weekend but it requires your cooperation! We started Nebo Nights on Thursday evenings many years ago to get everyone away from the Bloomington field so Michael could mow. Feel free to join us at Nebo Memorial Field in Martinsville to fly any Thursday evening. If you can't make it to Martinsville or happen to be at Wylie field anytime when Michael shows up to mow, remember that the mower has the right of way! Don't wait to be asked! Get your stuff out of his way. Airplanes, pit equipment, vehicles, etc., etc. Don't go out to fly while he is mowing! The only big spinning propeller Michael wants to deal with while he is mowing is the one under the mower deck. Thanks for your cooperation!

Friday June 1st is the last night we will have the gym in the Paragon Elementary School for indoor flying until next Fall when school resumes. Thanks to everyone who has come out to participate & hope to see you again next Fall. Thanks to Karen, the night custodian at the school, for putting up with us. If you have any ideas for other local indoor flying sites, please step up & let us know!

Thanks to those of you who have donated to the Nebo Memorial mowing fund this season! For those who might not know, the Monroe County R/C club only maintains the club field on Wylie Road. Nebo Field is maintained by volunteers from the Nebo Memorial R/C Pilots Association. All funds for equipment & maintenance come from donations. The property is owned by Nebo Memorial Park but they do not maintain the runway & pit area.

Event Calendar

- June 1-3 Extreme Flight Championship (AMA site)**
- June 2 Nothin But Cubs Fly-In (Club Field)**
- June 8-10 USRA Racing Rantoul, IL**
- June 13 Monthly Club Meeting (at the Field)**
- June 16th 4-Stroke Fly-In (Club Field)**
- June 23 Annual Club Fun Fly**
- July 7 Jim & Vanessa s Wedding 7/7/07@7:00**
- July 11 Monthly Club Meeting**
- July 21 Jimmy Vanvleet s Retirement Party**
- July 21 Warbird Fly-In (Atterbury)**
- July 23-29 Airventure Oshkosh**
- August 8 Monthly Club Meeting**
- August 12 Annual Club Air Show**
- August 18 TAG Program (Club Field)**
- September 7-9 Heartnut Fly-In (Atterbury)**
- September 8 Warbirds Over Washington, Indiana**
- 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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Thanks to Vanessa Osborne, Walter Ellis, Jimmy Vanvleet, Delbert Davis, & anyone else I forgot, for this month's pictures.

Delbert may have found an alternate place for us to get fuel next year



Charlie gets his VIP tag from Tina Rogers



A picture of the Shoop group after several had already gone home



Charlie Built Fly-In group



Charlie with some of his planes & customers



Delbert's Kadet Seniorita gets rescued from one of Shoop's trees.



Steve Shoop & Bill Black in their new hats from the fly-in



Joe & Tina Rogers serving us lunch

