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## **March 2007 Edition**

### **February Meeting Notes**

The Valentines Day meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order in the warm comfort of the Eye Center at 7:03:30 P.M. with nineteen people in attendance. One of those people was an interested visitor ,with money, who was quickly voted into the club. Please welcome Carl Ward of Bloomington!

President Mark Sexton read a letter from "Jill's House" thanking us for our donations & updating us on how the project is progressing.

We went over some details for our annual swap meet on February 25th & passed around some flyers for other upcoming swap meets in the area.

Mark has completed the research required for our AMA Gold Club application & sent it in. He is also working on our application for the AMA's TAG program & will submit it soon. Good work Mark!

August 12th was selected as the date for our 2007 annual club air show. Dr. Matt Fornefeld will be the chairman of the committee again this year. Thanks Matt!

The date for this year's club picnic will be September 9th. Mr. Jim Scott announced that the date for this year's "Cub Fly" will be June 2nd & the club "Fun Fly" will be June 23. Thanks for your work as Contest Director Jim!

Tim Harris's mother passed away recently & the club sent flowers to her calling.

Mark announced that this year's bulk fuel order will be placed in after the March club meeting. The deadline to get your order in to Mark is March 14th!

I believe the club voted to adopt a policy similar to the AMA's, concerning the new 2.4 Ghz. radios. That subject was discussed here in last month's newsletter & at the January meeting.

I'm not sure what happened after that. I went outside to check into the Morgan County Amateur Radio Emergency Service Net & got back inside just as the meeting was closing at 8:07.

## Interesting Bits

The weather this winter has been pretty rough but several members have swapper their wheels for skis & been out in the cold doing some snow flying. Here's a photo of Randy Byers, Tim Mellott, Brian Elliott, & Jim Scott with their aircraft. The second picture shows Charlie Thompson piloting his Goldburg

Eagle on skis. He has plenty of help from the cheering section.

(monthly) 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., at the Eye Center of

\*Club Meetings June - September, Held At The Club's Flying Site



Meetings:



Those that don't like the cold & snow and some that do have been getting together to play indoors at the Paragon Elementary School on Friday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00. We have been having a great time & as the word gets around, we've been

attracting more indoor pilots every week. There have been several makes & models of small electric helicopters, airplanes, & even a few cars. The most popular & stable indoor flying model seems to be the helicopters with two counter rotating



blades. The E-flite Blade CX , CX2, & CP are the most numerous but several others have been demonstrated. The Blade & it's most common replacement parts are available & reasonably priced at the Martinsville Radio Shack, which might be why it's so popular.

The club field on Wylie Road will need some work if Spring ever arrives. The snow, ice, wind, & floods this Winter have taken their toll on things. The signs on the building have blown down, the drive needs some gravel, & we may need to truck in some fill dirt & reseed part of the



muddy, rutted parking area. Stay tuned for a work day if the weather ever turns around...

The annual club swap meet was a huge success! Thanks to everyone who helped!! It was a little muddy in the parking lot but we didn't have to shovel any snow or have 4-wheel drive to get to the event. It looked bad the evening before as ice, snow, & freezing rain began to fall from the sky but temperatures began to rise overnight & everything worked out fine. Bob & Tim sold all the tables again & Mark brought enough refreshments to keep everybody fueled for the event. I'm sure that more food & drink was sold with Deb working the table.

Bruce did a fine job of taking everybody's money & Delbert

collected dues & sold club hats.

I finally got to meet life member Elmer Rohrbacher after all these years. Nice to meet you Elmer!

Everybody seemed to be having a good time & a lot of equipment & supplies

changed hands. Things started to wind down around noon & after the tables & chairs were all put away, Deven & Randy swept the floor & we were out of the building about 1:30 P.M.

Mr. Watson has already secured the building for next year's event on February 24th, 2008.

Randy Byers submitted this photo of his freshly built Sig

Seniorita kit. As you can see from all the "do purdy" stuff, he has too much time on his hands. Nice job Randy!



# New Safety Officer Needed

#### from Secretary/Treasurer Delbert Davis

Bob Shireman has declined reappointment as MCRCC Safety Officer. Thanks to Bob for his service to the club in that capacity during the past few years. When you see him, pass along your compliments on a job well done. Obviously we will be requiring a new Safety Officer for 2007. If you are interested in this appointment, contact Club President Mark Sexton before or at the March 14 meeting.

## 2007 Fuel Order

#### from Secretary/Treasurer Delbert Davis

If you want to order Sig fuel for 2007, contact Mark Sexton before or at the March meeting. That will be the deadline for placing "Sig" fuel orders through the club. Mark will also be available at the Swap Meet on March 25. Al Eygabroad is working on a possible alternative plan to purchase bulk fuel from Cooper Fuel Company. You can contact Al if you have questions about this. Al's email address is bipes4ever@yahoo. com. His cellphone number is (217) 273-9879.

#### A Note From The Secretary

## **MCRCC Dues & AMA Deadlines**

It's evident that all members do not understand how the AMA charter renewal system works (nor did I before I became secretary). This is meant to enlighten everyone as to how the system works and why it is important to renew annual MCRCC and AMA memberships in a timely fashion. The annual deadline for AMA charter renewal for the club is March 31. The MCRCC must submit its current roster, along with

payments for Charter renewal and insurance, each year before that date. The AMA then checks our roster against its member list to see that everyone is current with the AMA (Remember, AMA membership is a prerequisite to MCRCC membership, except for associate members). In order for the MCRCC to meet the AMA deadline, it is necessary that dues be paid by the March meeting each year. It is also necessary that individual AMA memberships be renewed before that

time. Therefore, please be advised that anyone who is not current with club dues by the March meeting (each year) will be removed from the roster until dues are paid. Also, any member who has paid MCRCC dues—but has not renewed their AMA membership—will be listed as an associate member until their AMA obligation is satisfied. MCRCC dues can be made payable and mailed to Monroe County RC Club, c/o Delbert Davis, 2059 S. Andover Ct., Martinsville, IN 46151-6138. Dues can also be paid at the February 25 Swap Meet, or at the March 14 club meeting. Thanks to everyone for your understanding and cooperation.

—Delbert Davis, MCRCC

Out in the cold...



More cold (ice storm)





More warm (Jason & Jeff)



Thanks to those who contributed to this month s newsletter! Delbert Davis, Tim Mellott, Jim Scott, & Randy Byers.

#### **Event Calendar**

March 10 Johnson county Swap Meet

March 10 Fort Wayne Swap Meet

**March 14 Monthly Club Meeting** 

**March 14 Fuel Order Deadline!** 

**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

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 12 Monthly Club Meeting** 

September 9 Annual Club Picnic

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



Randy's new Coco Lama...



Mark needs a hat!



Randy's Seamaster on snow



Charlie's ski upside wrong...



