

Meetings: (monthly) 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Hoosier Bar & Grill Richland Plaza, Ellettsville, Indiana

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

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October Meeting Notes...

Several of us went to Hoosier Bar & Grill early to meet John Walter, our scheduled guest speaker, & have a bite of dinner before the meeting. The October meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club "officially" got underway at 7:01:50. There were three guests present & twenty-seven members. You already know that one of the guests was John Walter who came to speak to us about his experiences as a B-17 pilot during WWII. A Mr. Fisher came as a guest of Steve Jackson to hear John speak. The other guest was Tom Hudson who came to join the club. Tom has been doing some training on Tuesday evenings & is doing very well. He was voted into the club & directed to show Delbert the money after the meeting. Welcome Tom!

Mark went over some old business, including Steve Shoop's Chili Cook-Off & Fly-In on October 27th. & some details on our annual swap meet on February 24th, 2008. Tim Mellott & Bruce Hoffman will be the contacts for the swap meet & the club voted to raise the admission price to a whopping \$3.00 after many many years of having a \$2.00 admission. After many years of dedicated service, Mr. Bob Watson has decided to retire from his post as swap meet contact man. Thanks so much for your service Bob!

The club's annual Christmas party/dinner/meeting will be at Hoosier again this year. Steve Jackson is working on the menu details with the restaurant staff. Details & prices will be available at the November 14th club meeting, which will be held at Hoosier also.

Randy Byers announced that the nominating committee for 2008 club officers found no new members interested in running for a club office. We will attempt to railroad the current officers into another term during the election that will take place at the November meeting. A note to current officers: If you didn't do such a damn good job, we wouldn't keep voting you back year after year!

Randy Byers announced that he has a new grandson who could be a potential new member in a few years. Congratulations Randy!

Lane Jorgensen announced that he & Dennis Friesel will be assisting Jackson Creek Elementary School again this year with their Science Olympiad entry for 2008. Good work men!

Mark went over some highlights of our annual trek to Vincennes. We had good weather this year & several full scale aircraft used "our" runway during the weekend which kept us entertained. We nearly lost Delbert's Kadet when a full scale aircraft nearly landed on it. The spotters didn't realize that the full-scale plane was on final approach until it was very close to the field. Dave got down safely & Bobby directed Delbert to get down as fast as possible. Delbert made a fantastic downwind landing but



turned toward the middle of the runway after touching down instead of turning toward the outside. His plane flipped upside down right in the middle of the active runway just as the full-scale was crossing the threshold on final. The full-scale pilot saw what was happening & gave us a nice fly-by at ten feet or so in a forty-degree bank angle & went around. Delbert's aircraft was hastily retrieved & we got a real show out of the



deal. Nobody present had ever seen Delbert run so fast! Thanks to Frank Roales & our friends at the Tri-County Aero Club in Vincennes for allowing us to come visit & fly at your field! You are always invited to our place.

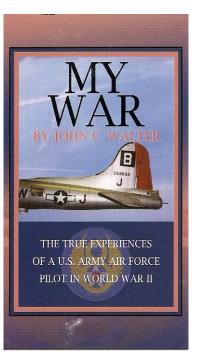
Old Richard Anderson sent word that there would be flying at Pam's Place Airport in Eminence on October 14th. Bring something for dinner at 6:00 P.M.

Several club members are interested in attending the swap meet in Indy on October 20th. There may be a carpool from Forkey's restaurant in Martinsville after breakfast that morning.

The floor was turned over to our guest speaker John Walter at 7:27. John had a booth at the Bloomington Airport during the B-17 visit last month promoting his book "My War". Jim Scott talked John into coming to our meeting & telling us some of his adventures as a B-17 bomber pilot during WWII. John is a very good speaker & brought maps of England to show us where he was based & some shrapnel fragments that he collected over Germany from his aircraft. John also brought copies of his book

and sold several after the meeting (about 8:30). Thanks so much John for sharing your story with us & for your service during the war!

You can contact John in Columbus, Indiana to thank him at 812-342-6946 or email him at johnb17@earthlink.net. His book is also available if you didn't get one at the meeting.



My War

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John C. Walter

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Interesting Bits...

The weather cooperated much better with us for this year's Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In on October 13th. The wind was light & the temperature was perfect. Seventeen pilots kept the flightline busy all afternoon as the spectators enjoyed plenty of R/C model aviation in the sky over Nebo. Tina Rogers kept everyone refreshed with her cookie & apple cider stand as she raised funds for the Martinsville Fall Foliage Festival Committee. Two training pilots earned their solo certification during the day. Congratulations to Jeff R. Tackett & Chris Rogers! A couple of potential new R/C pilots were given check-flights on one of the club trainers. Thanks to Jim Scott



arranging to have the trainer available. Bill Black set up the tables to distribute AMA & club information as well as the huge stack of modeling magazines that were donated by club members. Bill also pulled some

streamers behind his Kadet for the crowd. Delbert Davis roped off the pit area to keep things safe. Thanks to the Festival Committee for asking us to participate again this year & also to Kenny & Debbie Costin of Costin Funeral Chapel & Nebo Memorial Park for allowing us to maintain such a nice flying site on their property.



We got a nice write-up in the Martinsville newspaper on the following Tuesday, thanks to Joe Rogers, who bribed the reporter with free cider, & Tim Mellott, who baffeled him with bull@#!%. Thanks most of all to all of you who participated in the event. It wouldn't be much of a show without any pilots!

For Sale:

120 Ultra Stick -Ready to fly -Saito 120 -Quad Flaps -Minor Hanger Rash -\$425 Nitro Models 40 size Pole Cat -Ready to fly -Thunder Tiger .46 -Minor wing tip damage -\$200 Phil Mix 812-360-9252 Phillip.mix@navy.mil

Mini Cooper S -6 speed auto w/F1 paddles, Supercharged, intercooled, hood scoop/rear spoiler, Blue, Black hood stripes, w/black interior, 53,000 miles, \$17.000 (bone stock as delivered/ordered NO engine mods or body etc original owner)

765-342-8979 metalhead@rnetinc.net Jim Hail

Event Calendar

October 26-28 USRA Racing (Parker, AZ)

October 27 Converse Swap Meet

October 27 Steve Shoop's Chili Cook-Off/Fly-In

November 3 Dave Poland's Annual Bonfire

November 14 Monthly Club Meeting (Elections)

November 17 Charlestown Swap Meet (10:00 A.M.)

November 24 Anderson Swap Meet

December 12 Annual Christmas Dinner Meeting

January 12, 2008 Vincennes Swap Meet

February 24, 2008 Annual Club Swap Meet

