



**Meetings:** (monthly) 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. **Clariti Advanced Vision Correction**  
**481 S. Landmark Ave., Bloomington, Indiana**

*\*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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## December 2008 Edition

### November Meeting Notes...

The November 12th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 7:00:09 in the nice warm & dry lobby at Clariti Advanced Vision Correction (thanks Dr. Matt) with nineteen members present.

The first order of business was to update everyone on VP Bruce Hoffman's condition. He is at home doing as well as can be expected, after his surgery to remove part of a brain tumor, which was just recently diagnosed. Bruce & Leslie are waiting on a pathology report & the doctor's next plan of action. Radiation & chemotherapy are in Bruce's future when he has recovered & gained strength from the surgery. You can call & or email Bruce & Leslie to wish him well & see if there is anything you can do to help them fight this battle. You will find Bruce's contact information at the top of this newsletter. Mark Sexton brought in a card & passed it around the meeting room for members present to sign.

Mark reported on the income from the Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In in October. Since the MCRCC's annual airshow was cancelled due to weather, the donated (& many dated) raffle prizes were raffled off at the Nebo show along with some fine cookies & snacks. Tina Rogers worked with Chris Chandler & made arrangements to sell some of the Coke products that were donated for the MCRCC airshow also. It probably wasn't as big a take as we would have gotten at the Monroe County R/C Club's airshow but Tina & her crew made the best of a bad situation & raised some money for charity.

Plans are being finalized for the December 10th annual club Christmas dinner/meeting. Reservations must be made with Mark Sexton by November 30th if you want in on the buffet at Chapman's. It now looks like the club's contribution to the evening will be around \$650.00. Mark will contact our landlord John Naylor & our neighbors, The Peterson's to see if they would like to attend the dinner as our guests. It was also suggested that Dr. Matt Fornefeld be our invited guest to the dinner as a small token of our appreciation for allowing us to meet in his new office. That motion was passed with no discussion. The evening will begin at 6:00 P.M. (EST) with the appetizers & the buffet will be open at 7:00. The meeting will follow dinner.

If you choose not to do the buffet or missed the deadline, you can still order from the menu at Chapman's. If you don't want to eat at all, you are still welcome (and encouraged) to attend the meeting.

Steve Shoop reported on his fly-in / chili cook-off at his home in Brown County on October 18th. There was no wind & plenty

of flying. Tee-shirts were awarded & if anyone left hungry, it was their own fault. There was plenty of food to go around.

Mark reported that, after reviewing the club's financial reports for 2008, there will be no increase in club dues for 2009. That's good news considering the shape of the economy.

It was reported that Bob Watson suffered some damage at his home from an explosion at the quarry, which is just across the road. They may have to move on short notice. Mark bought his huge picnic table & Jim Scott volunteered to store Bob's airplanes as needed.

There was some damage to the shelter at the club field after the big flood in June. The ground water pushed the posts up around four inches. As the shelter moved, one of the roof braces broke away from its attachment point. Mr. Scott & Mr. Sexton checked the situation & Jim made a repair on the brace. We'll keep an eye on it & see if other measures become necessary or if it will settle back to its original position. Many of the posts along the safety fence have been pushed up by the water also.

As the economy goes to pot, Delbert is investigating the possibility of investing some of the club's funds into bank CDs that pay some interest but would still make the money available if needed, without paying a penalty.

Mark announced that the security measures on the club's bank accounts are in place & working properly. He hadn't been to the bank for some time & found out recently that he had been locked out of the account because of his inactivity. He's back in the loop now after they confirmed with Delbert that he was legit & not a conman. Even the president has to pass muster at the bank!

The "Dork Award" will soon be back in circulation. Several members are working to create a copy that can stay with Mike Habig. He was awarded the original some time ago & was so "honored" that he didn't want to pass it on. If the copy passes inspection, the original will be available for a new temporary stay with someone who pulled a "good one" at the flying field. The first name that came up at the club meeting as the next recipient was a gentleman who demonstrated how to properly dump a trainer in the bean field. This event happened just before a club meeting with more than twenty witnesses (good one).

The annual process of selecting club officers for the coming year is a done deal. Our current officers agreed to serve again in 2009 and no new candidates were nominated. Please remember to thank Mark, Bruce, & Delbert for their service to the club! Their contact info is at the top of the newsletter. They spend a lot of time & effort taking care of the day to day club business while we play at the flying field.

The meeting was closed at 7:50:20.

## Interesting Bits...

In case you missed it last month, here's the Christmas dinner info again.

The dinner buffet is \$22.50 with tax and gratuity included. The menu is: Large tossed salad with Dinner roll, Steamed Petite Green Beans / Parsley Buttered New Potatoes, Beef Bourguignon / Chicken Plicate, Chocolate Layer Cake / Pecan Pie

The Kid's meal is \$8.75 with tax and gratuity included. Choice of: Ham & Cheese / Grilled Cheese / Chicken Strips all with Fry's, Small personal Pan Pizza Spaghetti and Marinara Sauce

You are encouraged to make your reservations at the November 12th club meeting. The deadline for signing up for the buffet will be Nov. 30, 2008. If you wish to send your payment in the mail send it to:

Mark Sexton  
3808 S. Valmore Av.  
Bloomington, Ind. 47403

Made payable to Monroe County R/C Club

If you miss signing up for the buffet dinner, you may order off the menu. Be advised your meal will be served after the buffet has been served.

This November has not been good for flying model aircraft outdoors. The days have been few & far between when the temp. has been above thirty and the wind has been below thirty at the same time. We are still playing with small electrics in the gym at Paragon Elementary School on Friday evenings from 6:00 to 8:00. All are welcome to come by & see what the indoor aviation thing is all about. It can get a little crowded at times & the helicopters make some dirty air for the light airplanes but we always manage to have a fine time. You can ask one of the regulars if you need directions but you can't get lost because all roads lead to Paragon!

On a recent Thursday evening, a few of us were leaving Nebo Memorial Flying Field in Martinsville (after dark) when we saw Mark Curtis's car sitting along 252, just outside Martinsville, with the flashers on. Mark Sexton & I stopped to see if Mr. Curtis needed any help. A giant deer had picked a fight with Curtis's car & lost. It put up a good fight & tore up the front of Mark's car (along with the hood) pretty good. While we were waiting for the police to arrive & finish the deer, we were talking about the clear sky & full moon. Strange things seem to happen when the moon is full. Deer jump out into traffic & it seems that many people drive a little strangely also. It was at that moment three vehicles came around the blind corner on 252 toward town. The first speeding car saw all the flashers & applied the brakes. The second car, that was following too closely, slammed on it's brakes to avoid the first car. The third car in the group was speeding, following too closely, & not paying attention. He slammed on his brakes & cut the wheel. The car left the road & headed directly toward where we were standing. It was a free-for-all as we scratched & clawed to get out of the way! The young man in the hotrod was totally out of control as he missed us by inches & plowed into a utility pole. On his way to the pole he ran over & killed the

deer in a nasty stagnant mud hole, covering us all with the stinking goo. Nobody was injured (except the deer) but we all could easily have been killed. It was a miracle that no one was hurt. A few lessons were learned from the incident. If you have a problem along the road, get away from the area while you wait for help. Other drivers can't be trusted. Cell phones are a good thing but having one doesn't mean that help is at your fingertips. It took nearly an hour to get an officer at the scene. Most vehicles on the road today have emergency 4-way flashers. Use them! If you choose to use a cell phone while driving, keep your distance from the car in front of you & obey the speed limit. If you are unable to drive safely while playing with a phone, either stay out of the vehicle or off the damn phone. And that's all I have to say about that!

Here's a picture of the dead deer squished into the big mud hole.



*I had the dates wrong last month for the Evansville & the Anderson swap meets. Sorry, hope U didn't miss them. Please send me any event dates you have for 2009.*

## Event Calendar

**November 28 Evansville Swap Meet**

**November 29 Anderson Swap Meet**

**November 30 Christmas Dinner/Meeting Reservation Deadline**

**December 10 Annual Christmas Dinner/Meeting**

**December 13 Marion Swap Meet**

**February 22, 2009 Annual Club Swap Meet**

**April 3-5 Toledo RC Expo**

**May 15-17 Dayton Hamvention**

**June 5-7 Mount Comfort (Indy) Airshow**

**July 27-September 2 Airventure (Oshkosh)**

**October 10 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In**

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