

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

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Thanks!

I want to personally thank everyone who called to offer help & support during the flood disaster. We had over eighteen inches of rain in less than a week that I measured in Morgan County but the damage & destruction was spread all over Central & Southern Indiana. The clean-up & recovery will take months and I ask you to bear with me while I try to get the newsletter out on time. My office in the basement is no more. The computer was saved & is running on my kitchen table but at least I have a kitchen table & a roof over it. Many people in this area lost everything. It will take some time for me to figure out where my supplies are that were rushed out of the basement in plastic tubs. I should have labeled them since they are all the same color. The airplanes are all safe & sitting all over the house & garage now along with all the other stuff that used to live in the basement. Special thanks to Delbert Davis, Jimmy VanVleet, & Bob Shireman who got all sweaty & muddy helping clean up here, at my Mom's house, & at Bobby's. What a mess!

Most everybody has a story about the severe weather & flooding. If you were directly affected & have a good story, send it to me for a future newsletter. I know that several got to see some rural areas that they don't normally travel & spent hours (if not days) trying to get home or to someone who needed help after the flood.

If anybody is interested in some fine Morgan County Spring water, it can be bottled here, my Mom's, at Bobby's, at Randy's, or Joe & Tina's, & just about any other basement around Martinsville. Bring your own jug. If FEMA doesn't come through, we may be selling it on Ebay!

Thanks for your thoughts & patience!

Brian

June's Meeting Notes...

The June meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club got underway at 7:04:17. Delbert & I were running a little late but were lucky to be able to attend, considering the disaster we'd been through the previous weekend.

The meeting took place at Dr. Matt's office since there weren't enough boats available to hold it at the flooded flying field.



Here's Bob Watson pointing out the high water mark on the club shelter. I think it was 67". The drift wood from the flood on the new picnic table wasn't pretty.

We has a brief flood update and an update on Jim Scott's sickness. He's well enough now to be on vacation so he'll survive.

Mark went over the sponsor/advertiser signs that need to come down & the ones that need to go up. Rick Hill & Michael Friesel are working on the project. The new visitor/guest flyer signs are not ready yet but the design work continues. Dennis & Michael Friesel are working on that with assistance from the executive committee.

Matt reported that he is still considering a shortened TAG type event at the end of the airshow. Details next month.

Tim Sparks hasn't erected his racing pylons yet because the fields haven't been planted because of the wet (now flooded) conditions.

The group from New York that was taking air samples via radio controlled aircraft has departed. They got some data around the flying field with the help of Dennis Friesel & Lane Jorgensen but the expensive flying machine developed a short circuit in its internal wiring and it literally crashed & burned. Nobody was injured & no property was badly damaged as a result of the crash or the fire but the airplane & it's onboard equipment was a total loss.

There will need to be some flood clean-up done at the field after the water goes down. Tim Mellott is hoping to have things cleaned up enough to have his 4-stroke event as scheduled.

Mark Curtis invited members to come & float fly with him at Boggs Lake on July 3 & 4. He has permission from the DNR at the lake & they may supply a retrieval boat.

Tim Sparks announced that the giant scale pylon race at Rantoul, IL has been cancelled this year due to a lack of participants.

New members Doug Hill & Brad Byers were voted in. Welcome Doug & Brad!

The meeting was closed at 7:56:55 and we headed to Nick's in Bloomington for a much needed post-flood beer!

Interesting Bits...

The indoor flying at the Paragon School is over for the Summer but will continue in late August when school is back in session. Here's Richard Anderson fishing out his aircraft from the basketball net after making 2 points.







We had a fine time at the 2nd Annual "Charlie Built" Fly-In at Nebo Memorial R/C Field on June 28th. That Joe Rogers cooks some mean burgers for a birthday boy! Here's Joe with a look of amazement at what a big wind can do to a small aircraft & Charlie with his fan club after the picnic.





Pizza night at Nebo was well attended on the longest Thursday of the year. Nice evening, good flying, & several spectators from the local deer population trying to get in on the pizza.







Thanks to everyone who has donated to the Nebo Memorial Runway Mowing Fund! You know who you are and your donations are appreciated! It's been handy having an alternate flying site on high ground.

Event Calendar

July 9 Monthly Club Meeting

July 19 Atterbury Warbird Fly-In July 26-27 Hoosier Hospitality Sr. Pattern Contest (Atterbury) July 28-August 3 Airventure "Oshkosh" August 10 Club Picnic (Club Field) **August 13 Monthly Club Meeting** August 29-31 Dayton Giant Scale R/C Air Show **September 5-7 Heartnut Fly (Atterbury)** September 10 Monthly Club Meeting September 14 Annual Club Air Show (Club Field) October 8 Monthly Club Meeting October 11 Nebo Fall Festival Fly-In October 12 Martinsville Fall foliage Festival Parade October 18 Steve Shoop's Chili Cook-Off / Fly-In October 18 Indy Area Swap Meet & Hobby Expo **November 12 Monthly Club Meeting** December 10 Annual Christmas Dinner/Meeting February 22, 2009 Annual Club Swap Meet



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