



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

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

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## October 2008 Edition

### September Meeting Notes...

The last meeting at the flying field (for 2008) of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 7:00:41, just five minutes after Mr. Tim Sparks provided the evening entertainment by crashing his trainer into the bean field while showing us "how it's done".

Plans for the upcoming airshow took up most of the meeting. Lots of people volunteering lots of time to get things in order.

In other business, Tim Mellott turned in a bill for a new wind sock that he installed on the short pole at the West end of the field. Thanks Tim!

Randy Byers volunteered to chair the nomination committee for 2008 club elections that will be held in November. If you would like to run for a club office or nominate someone to run, please contact Randy at 765-346-0088 or email him at rbyers@surf-ici.com.

Rick Hill announced the plan for the 2nd annual airplane guy motorcycle ride on September 21st.

There was yet another confirmation that the 2009 club swap meet will be February 22nd.

Solo certificates were awarded to Don Williams, Jeff Self, & Steven Dombrosky. Jeff & Steve had their pictures in last month's newsletter & Here's Don's photo. Congratulations gentlemen!



The meeting was closed at 7:40:00 with twenty-nine members in attendance.

### Interesting Bits...

For the first time since I have been recording R/C history, the annual Monroe County R/C Club's public airshow was cancelled due to the weather. It was just a stroke of bad luck that an area of low pressure was riding up a front toward our area just as the remains of hurricane Gustav joined in the mix from Texas. A ninety percent chance of thunderstorms was predicted, along with a high wind warning for Bloomington & most of Southern Indiana. Winds in excess of forty-five miles an hour, horizontal heavy rain, & lighting are not conditions that go well with model

airplanes & large groups of people standing in the middle of an open field. Even if we had pulled out our "windy day" airplanes, safety was the main concern & the reason the show was cancelled. At 10:00 A.M. the wind had not yet reached it's peak & the rain had not arrived but it was obvious that it wasn't going to be an airshow day. Mark Sexton & Steven Dombrosky got in a test flight before the rain came & several tried their luck tossing some of the free flight balsa gliders that Dr. Matt had acquired for the kid's glider contest. We met for breakfast, went to the field, & spent some quality time bench flying & listening to the National Weather Service warnings on NOAA radio so it wasn't a wasted morning, it just wasn't an airshow day. As radar reports via amateur radio showed the area of precipitation approaching Bloomington, we called it quits & headed home. The rain & wind arrived & many spent the next several hours or more without electricity as damage was widespread across the area. I'm glad I wasn't on the airfield! Better luck next year & maybe a rain date too!

There is also no rain date for the Nebo Fall Festival Fly-In on Saturday, October 11th. With help from the Monroe County R/C Club, Tina Rogers, & Jane Black, the Nebo Memorial Pilot's Association hopes to entertain & feed the public from noon to around 3:00 P.M.

We plan to raffle off the free stuff that was donated for the Monroe County show at Nebo to raise some money for "Jill's House" in Bloomington. We will also have a separate pot for donations to the Martinsville Fall Foliage Festival as we have done for several years.

All modelers are welcome to attend but a valid AMA membership is required to fly. If you don't wish to fly, bring a model or 2 or 3 for static display.

Bring plenty of cash & an appetite because Tina & Jane are planning to make the fat boys fatter. Concessions will be available at the site.

Joe Rogers found a new home for his Giant Scale Sportster but don't let that stop you from calling him to talk about something else.

Former member Mike Habig has been in the hospital with a heart blockage. He is home now & taking it easy. Get well soon, Mike!

I heard this sad story about a student holding the trainer switch on the master radio while an instructor flew his airplane with the buddy box. As you might guess, things didn't end well for the airplane. Instruction for the instructor (the hard way)...

If you get whiplash &/or motion sickness while your truck is on cruise control, it might not be working right. Just a little tip from the Kmart school of fine driving...

Doug Singer at the Martinsville Radio Shack is working on a new website for their hobby products. Stay tuned for details. In the meantime, stop by & check out his new stock, including the Blade MCX mini heli.

Many thanks to Rick Hill for putting together another great route for this year's Airplane Guy Motorcycle Ride! There were only three motorcycles (Rick, Jay, & Brian) but we had a great day & didn't get wet. Thanks also to Barb Hill for taking some nice pictures!



The Hoosier Bar & Grill has changed hands & we may not be able to hold our annual Christmas dinner/meeting there. If you know of a good spot to hold the dinner/meeting, please contact club president, Mark Sexton. His contact info is at the top of this newsletter.

We had a fine time visiting the Tri-County Aero RC field in Vincennes. It was a little windy but very nice for late September. Bob Shireman, Tim Mellott, Lane Jorgensen, & Brian Elliott made the trip. Tri-County club members came out Saturday morning to sow some grass seed where the June flood created some bare spots on their runway. We love to watch somebody else work! We also checked out their future home, just down the road, where



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runway on his property & has a much better way to sow the seed. He also gave us quite a free show while doing it! He always seemed to pop in while Lane was in the air.



## Event Calendar

**October 8 Monthly Club Meeting**

**October 11 Nebo Fall Festival Fly-In Noon to 3:00 P.M.**

**October 12 Columbus Fireman's Fund Fly-In**

Contact Mike Bealmear 812-350-7793 [bealmearm@comcast.net](mailto:bealmearm@comcast.net)

**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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