



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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The March 11th club meeting was called to order at 7:03:54 with thirty-five members present. VP Bruce Hoffman was on a trip to visit his father & could not attend the meeting so Rick Hill filled in for Bruce. Bruce should be back this Saturday.

Tim Mellott & Mark Sexton reported on the annual club swap meet that was held in February. It was a good event & all tables were sold. We might be able to sell more tables in the future if there is room to put them & if they are available. We'll do a CAD layout of the room to arrange the tables for next year & Tim will check to see if we need to rent more tables from an outside source if necessary.

Long-time member & one of the "founding fathers" of the club Mr. Joe Jackson was selected by secret ballot to receive a life membership in the Monroe County R/C Club. Joe has done a lot for the club over the years & was nominated for the life membership last month by Bruce Hoffman. Congratulations Joe & thanks for your many years of service to the club!

Mark reported that John Naylor will deliver some gravel to the flying site & make the drive a little wider. You should no longer need 4-wheel-drive to get in & out of the site.

Lane Jorgensen & Dennis Friesel reported that the students they have been helping received a first place in the regional Science Olympiad with their rubber powered aircraft. They will move on to the state event at IUPUI on March 30th. Lane & Dennis have also been assisting some other students with an engineering project building bridges. Congratulations to the students & thanks to Lane & Dennis for your service!

A couple of new events have been added to the event calendar. Jim Scott announced that he will CD the annual "Nothin But Cubs" fly-in on Saturday, May 16th at the club field and Joe Rogers announced that he will CD the annual "Charlie Built" fly-in at Nebo Memorial R/C Field on Saturday, June 27th. Don't forget Steve Shoop's event in Brown County on May 2nd & Jeff Self's Heli fly-in at the club field on May 30th. Larry Mcintosh also mentioned a fly-in at Linton on August 8th that may be attended by Mr. Mike McConville. We're still working on dates for a fun-fly & for the annual airshow. There may be a rain date selected for the airshow also this year since we had a hurricane on the airshow date last year which cancelled the entire show for the year.

For those that didn't read last month's newsletter, we discussed Doug Singer's announcement that he would now be offering a discount to Monroe County R/C Club card-carrying members at the Martinsville Radio Shack. We will also add Doug's website address www.singerhobbies.com to his sponsor sign on the club shelter. Thanks Doug!

Randy Byers was "drafted" by Mark to be the club's safety officer again for 2009 & he graciously accepted. Thanks Randy!

The annual bulk fuel order is being processed & the details on pricing will be passed along as soon as possible. The plan is to distribute the fuel at the April 8th club meeting. Rick Mowery of RC Jets Unlimited is assisting with the fuel order again this year. Thanks Rick!

We went over the AMA safety code as required and decided that along with knowing & understanding the written safety guidelines from the AMA, using a little common sense should be the most important rule of any day. Fly safe!!!

Steven Dombrosky is getting an estimate from his brother on painting the shelter & the sign at the club field. He is a student at Purdue & is doing this type of work this Summer as a school project. He is also an R/C pilot & is planning to join the club. We promised not to hold it against him that he is Steven's brother.

Also for those that never look at the newsletter header, the first meeting at the club field this year is June 10th.

Tim Sparks volunteered to make some copies of the intro pilot paperwork & put them in the frequency cabinet at the field. Seems that some intro pilots have been caught "off guard" at the field without the proper papers.

Mr. Mark Curtis was presented with the "Dork Award" for an incident that took place at Nebo Memorial R/C Field on a cold Winter day with ten inches of snow on the ground. It seems that one witness (a safety officer in a blue truck) spilled the beans to Tim Sparks (the past holder of the award) & Tim seized on the opportunity (new award witness rules in place) to pass the coveted award on to Mark. Congratulations Mark! You shouldn't have to hold it long since the weather is getting nice & there will surely be plenty of "dorkable" events happening.

The meeting was closed at 8:10:10. Will I get ten minutes of overtime? Not! 0 X 1.5= 0 That ain't right!

Interesting Bits...

We're having a get-together for Bruce Hoffman at Jim Scott's house on Sunday, April 5th. The shindig gets underway at 2:00 P.M. and everyone is requested to bring a covered dish & your lawn chairs. The meat & drinks will be provided. Jim & Vanessa's place is just West of Bloomington near highway 45 (2nd street). Go West past the Walmart, through the light at Curry Pike/East Leonard Springs Rd., then about 2 1/4 miles. After you pass the orchard, watch for the Vet's office on the left & turn left there on West Leonard Springs Rd. The 3rd drive on the right from 45 is the place (5901). Hope you can be there! Please let Jim & Vanessa know if you plan to attend! Email jimscott7707@yahoo.com or ring his cell at 812-325-8855.

There was a perfect photo opportunity at the Martinsville Goodwill store recently. A giant six-foot rabbit was impersonating the Easter Bunny while a woman in Playboy bunny ears was being escorted through the store by the police. I understand that the Woman was the store manager & we'll protect her identity by just calling her **Tina**. The six-foot rabbit had a good

disguise but I heard someone call him **Joe**, as in Mr. **Rogers** neighborhood. Enjoy the pictures! I'm sure I won't get in trouble for this one...

It's been a rough time for the Sig 4-Stars recently. Tim Mellott lost his some time ago. It's not actually lost, if U know what I mean. I bought one from Jimmy Vanvleet last year & the receiver died on it (on the ground thank goodness). Then the engine bearings failed & had to be replaced. Then the muffler fell apart & I had to weld it back together. I can't really ask for my money back since I only paid Jimmy about half of what it was worth. Bob Shireman had a battle between his 4-star & the wind at Nebo one evening & the wind won (it's fixable). Then Randy Byers had a problem trying to "loop-to-land" with his 4-star at Nebo & the ground got in the way (it's fixable too). Hopefully the "4-star curse" is over now & we can all rest easy.



Our condolences to the family of Randy Byers. His sister Verna passed away on March 24th. The Monroe County R/C Club sent flowers as did the Nebo Memorial Pilot's Association.

Richard Anderson recovered what was left (some dust) of his little bitty foam electric Cesna 210 in the Paragon gym after it got sucked into the ultra high speed rotor blades of a big ole Trex 500 electric heli that was hovering in the middle of the gym. The heli wasn't injured & Richard was heard saying "I really didn't like that airplane anyway".

Barb Hill took some nice photographs at our annual swap meet in February. Here's a couple of them. Thanks Barb!



Event Calendar

- April 3-5 Toledo RC Expo
- April 8 Monthly Club Meeting
- May 2 Shoop's Butterfly R/C Challenge
- May 13 Monthly Club Meeting
- May 15-17 Dayton Hamvention
- May 16 Annual "Nothin But Cubs" Fly-In
- May 30 Heli Fly-In (Club Field)
- June 5-7 Mount Comfort (Indy) Airshow
- June 27 Annual "Charlie Built" Fly-In (Nebo)
- July 27- August 2 Airventure (Oshkosh)
- August 8 Linton Fly-In
- October 10 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In
- December 9 Annual Christmas Dinner/Meeting



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