



**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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## August 2009 Edition

### July Meeting Notes...

The July club meeting was called to order at 7:00:20 by Rick Hill. VP Bruce Hoffman and secretary/treasurer Delbert Davis were also present and accounted for. President Mark Sexton was AWOL.

Several new members were voted in. Please welcome Frank Rogoyski, Jesse Payton, Larry Deckard, & Wayne Hudson.

Jim Scott announced that the shirt/jacket order had arrived & he was trying to get them delivered & paid for. The price for pockets was not as quoted at an earlier meeting & my shirt with one pocket cost me \$28.00! The XL size dark blue shirt looks nice but comes to my knees so it's for sale, if you're interested.

There was some discussion about getting a sales tax exemption for the club. More on that later after some research is done.

Rick Hill & Michael Friesel are working on the sponsor/advertising signs and will update some next month. We are down one sponsor. RC Jets Unlimited did not renew this year.

Joe Rogers reported on the annual "Charlie Built" fly-in at Nebo Memorial R/C Field. It was a very windy day but everyone who attended had a great time socializing & practicing our second favorite activity (after flying) eating. Thanks Joe for putting on a great event & happy birthday to you & Randy Byers & Mike Habig & everybody else who had a birthday in June!

The new picnic table that was built by Rick Hill & installed in the club shelter last Summer was stolen from the property at the beginning of July. It appears that it won't be back. Some thought that somebody took it home to paint it & some thought that it was just borrowed for a July 4th celebration & might return after the holiday. Mark & Tina Sexton have donated another table for the shelter to the club which was recently purchased from Bob Watson, who was also at the meeting & is feeling much better. The donated table will be installed as soon as we get time to trailer it to the field & tie it down. Thanks Mark & Tina!

The annual club airshow has been moved to September 20th! Please update your event calendars. Mark was not going to be able to attend on the 13th as planned & nobody wanted to take over his job in the concession area so the date was changed. The rain date was changed to the 27th but several of us will be in Dayton at the GWAA Dawn Patrol event on the 27th so let's hope it doesn't rain on the 20th!

The current holder of the "Dork Award" Steven Dombrosky took advantage of Mark Sexton's absence and forwarded the award to him for an incident that took place at the "Charlie Built" fly-in. Seems that after several pre-flight inspections, Mark took off with his ailerons reversed. In the big wind that

day he only got far enough to roll inverted & hit the corn. With a little help from Charlie, it will be back in the air soon.

Steve Shoop has picked October 25th for his Fall fly-in / chili cook-off. Steve says to come down to his place in Brown County about 10:00 A.M. and the chili feast will begin around 2:00 P.M.

Tim Mellott announced that the 2010 club swap meet will be on Sunday, February 28th. The prices will remain the same as 2009. More tables should be available in 2010 and most of the details should be worked out by August 15th. Delbert will get the info to the AMA for the ad in Model Aviation magazine.

The meeting was closed at 7:37:00 & Tim Mellott called me on the cell phone after he left for home & reported that he counted thirty-five people at the meeting.

### Interesting Bits...

Jesse Payton completed the requirements to earn his solo certificate after the club meeting on July 8th. Larry "Butch"



Thomas & Scott Kopp earned their certificates on the following Tuesday (7/14) at trainer night. Congratulations to all three pilots for a job well done! These pictures should get them some fame & they will have to work on the fortune themselves.



### For Sale:

Joe Rogers has a fully loaded, Top-flite AT6 Texan for sale. It is ready to fly with a Saito 100 4-stroke, Futaba 3010 servos, retracts, & flaps. Joe reports that it looks great, flies great, and he is asking \$500.00 for it. You can contact Joe at 765-318-3515.

Jeff Self submitted the following article and photos after his trip to the giant scale air races in Ohio. Thanks Jeff!

It's about a seven hour drive to Ashtabula, Ohio where the Giant Scale Pylon racing's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual North Coast Challenge was held on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> this year. Dennis Friesel wanted to leave around noon on the 10<sup>th</sup> and the MCRCC's meeting was scheduled for that evening at the field. I didn't want to miss the meeting, because I was going to give the report of the club's 1<sup>st</sup> Heli fun fly, but I didn't want to drive to Ashtabula the next day by myself, so I dropped a copy of the fun fly report off with Brian to take to the meeting. We were meeting Michael Friesel in Ashtabula.

Dennis, Michael and I got up early Thursday morning to get coffee and a little something to eat before heading to Ashtabula County Airport to stake out our pit area and get Dennis' Sundowner and Michael's Polecat teched and ready for the first heat race on Friday. Thursday was nearly a washout. It was wet, windy and cool, but by the afternoon the skies had began to clear with promise for a great weekend of racing. There were about 27 entries in four classes, Unlimited (alcohol fueled unlimited displacement engines, 200 + mph), Formula 1 (alcohol with max. displacement of 85cc, 180 + mph), Formula 1 GT (gasoline fueled max. displacement of 85cc, 160 + mph) and Sundowners (Hanger 9 kits with max. displacement of 35cc, 120 mph). The club was well represented with Dennis, Michael and Tim Sparks racing. Tim brought his Unlimited and FIGT Polecat, but found out after he got to Ashtabula that he had holed one of the pistons of the unlimited at Bloomfield the week before while tuning. Michael and Tim would compete with 7 others in the FIGT class. My job is to be caller/spotter (get the pilots to the starting line at the right time, tell the pilots when it's time to turn and to watch for other aircraft) and general pit crew for whatever is needed. I'm rarely bored.

Friday's weather was nearly perfect for racing and two heats per class were run with a relatively early end to the day, which was appreciated by all. Everyone had a chance to get plenty of rest for a long day on Saturday. It was a beautiful day on Saturday and it was busy. Three heats for the four classes, lunchtime air show with some very impressive 3D flying by an Arizona pilot using a 40% Extra powered by a DA 150 and MARCS club fed us well for dinner with some delicious grilled steaks, the sweetest corn on the cob I had this year and homemade side dishes. It was almost worth the trip just for the dinner! And after dinner there was plenty of fun flying, but Sunday was the big day with the Gold races for the prizes for the top five in each class, so after a few flights it was back to the motel to get some rest to be fresh for the next day. Sunday would have one more heat race for points and then the Gold. Dennis, Michael and Tim all qualified for their Gold heat, so they all flew a total of seven races each for the weekend. That's only about 15 minutes of actual racing, but there was another 45 minutes of stick time to get five planes in the air and then back down on the ground for each race. It takes a lot of effort to put these races on with between 25 and 30 people working (nearly all volunteers) the flight line, pylon lights and scorers.

Dennis placed fourth in the Sundowner class, Michael placed second in FIGT and won \$200 and Tim placed fifth. Best of all, they all brought their planes home in one piece. In October we're planning on going out to southern California to race on the dry lake beds. Watch for a report of the racing in the November newsletter.



## Event Calendar

- August 8 Linton Fly-In**
- August 8 Columbus IMAA**
- August 23 Annual Club Picnic**
- August 29 3rd Annual 4-Stroke Event**
- August 29 Lafayette IMAA**
- September 20 Annual Club Airshow**
- September 27 Airshow Rain Date (if necessary)**
- September 25-27 GWAA Dawn Patrol (WPAFB)**
- October 10 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In**
- October 25 Shoop's Cili Fly-In**
- December 9 Annual Christmas Dinner/Meeting**

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