



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

Website: <http://www.monroecountyrcc.org>

President:	Mark Sexton	812-825-4343	cudaman321@sbcglobal.net
VP:	Bruce Hoffman	812-876-6219	propsville@comcast.net
Sec:	Delbert Davis	765-318-0120	k9del@comcast.net
Newsletter:	Brian Elliott	765-342-7236	n9jpx09@yahoo.com
Webmaster:	Varqa Sharif	479-739-7553	simurgh@kullychaha.com

January 2009 Edition

Happy New Year!!!

I hope everyone had a good holiday season! 2008 seemed to be the year of extremes. The club field experienced the normal Spring flooding in March but it seemed to be more severe than usual. Normally we don't get flooding in June but during the week of June 7th, we had a 500 year rain / flooding event that many will remember for the rest of their lives. We moved the airshow date to September in 2008 in hopes of cooler weather. What we got on that date was a hurricane that worked it's way up here from Texas, canceling any hope of an airshow. After all the water & severe weather, we were left with the plague of mosquitoes & other pests that thrive in the rain forest atmosphere. That made cleaning up the flood debris & fallen trees that much more of a pain in the *&%#. Then there wasn't much relief going inside, since the power was out & there was no air conditioning available unless you went to your car & used some of that \$4.00 a gallon gas to cool off. That seems long ago, now that we are dealing with ice storms & wind chills of -40. The bright side there is that the gas you're burning while sitting in that four-hour traffic jam, contemplating your investments that have all gone down the toilet in our sorry economy, is only \$1.50 a gallon (for now).



Then there were other issues that had nothing to do with the weather. Bob Watson nearly had his house blown up by a quarry blast that was way too close for comfort & Jim Scott was released from the hospital after surgery only to return the same evening with a reaction to the anesthetic that could have been very serious. Three club members & a bystander were nearly killed when a careless driver almost ran them down beside the highway following a car/deer collision, but the most serious note of 2008 was the announcement that Bruce Hoffman, our Monroe County R/C Club Vice-President, was diagnosed with brain cancer & given a fatal prognosis.

Here's a big congratulations to everyone that made it through 2008 and a wish that 2009 goes a little smoother with not so many extremes.

December Meeting Notes...

The annual Christmas dinner / meeting was a festive affair with a more somber tone also. Mark Sexton started the meeting by introducing our guest of honor & landlord John Naylor. Mark then gave the audience an update on Vice-President Bruce Hoffman's current condition as he battles brain cancer. Mark mentioned that several club members have volunteered to help fill in as needed until Bruce has recovered. The Hoffmans are in need of some firewood for the Winter & several club members volunteered to assist. The club will be informed via email if other assistance is required. The club voted to give its charity donation (from the air show proceeds & the 50/50 drawing) to the Hoffmans this year. Bruce & Leslie are facing some huge medical bills & Bruce has no health insurance. Mark & Delbert presented certificates of appreciation to several club members for their service during the past year.



Members awarded certificates included:

1. Bruce Hoffman - Vice-President
2. Delbert Davis - Secretary / Treasurer
3. Brian Elliott - Instructor / Newsletter Editor
4. Mark Sexton - President
5. Lane Jorgenson - Instructor
6. Randy Byers - Safety Officer
7. Matt Fornefeld - Airshow Chairman / Sponsor
8. Tim Mellott - Contest / Swap Meet Director
9. Michael Friesel - Advertising / Signage
10. Chris Chandler - AirShow Committee
11. Joe Rogers - Contest Director
12. Rick Hill - Contest Director / Advertising
13. Jim Scott - Instructor
14. David Poland - Flood Clean-up
15. Carl Ward - Flood Clean-up
16. Jay Strosnider - Instructor
17. Bill & Jane Black - Air Show Committee
18. Tina Rogers - Airshow Committee / Public Relations
19. Varqa Sharif - Webmaster
20. Barb Hill - Event Photographer
21. Dennis Friesel - Instructor



After the meeting, and with some equipment help from Rick Hill, Tim Mellott presented a slideshow with music DVD of some photographs collected during the 2008 flying season.

A good time was had by all & we enjoyed visiting with Varqa & the Sharif family who finally made it to the dinner after trying for several years.

Mark your calendar now for 12/9/09 so you won't miss the next one.

Interesting Bits...

Joe Rogers didn't do the buffet thing at the Christmas dinner. He ordered from the menu, got his dinner first, & look what he got! He was willing to share but wasn't excited about it...



It's a new year & time to renew your club membership! Here's the official email I got from Delbert.

Dear MCRCC Member:

It's time for our annual friendly reminder about Club dues. Monroe County RC Club dues for 2009 are payable on January 1

(If you have already paid your dues, thank you, and please disregard this message).

You may pay by one of the following methods:

1. In Person at the January Club Meeting (January 14, 7:00 p.m.)
2. In Person at the Annual Club Swap Meet (February 22, Monroe County Fairgrounds)
3. By US Mail

Monroe County RC Club
c/o Delbert Davis, Secretary/Treasurer
P.O. Box 1389
Martinsville, IN 46151

Dues rates are as follows:

- Open Member Age 19 thru 64, \$50.00
 Senior Member Age 65+ (at anytime during 2009), \$40.00
 Youth Member Age 18 or less, Full-Time Student, or Family Member (spouse, or significant-other of a member), \$25.00 (Family Memberships for children 18 or less are free)

Please be reminded that anyone not paying dues by the March 11 Club meeting will be purged from the roster.

Also, remember that AMA renewals are due by January 1, and that no flying is permitted without a valid AMA membership.

Have a Happy-Flying and a prosperous New Year!

Regards,
Delbert Davis, Secretary/Treasurer
Monroe County RC Club
(765) 318-0120
mcrcc@comcast.net

Jeff Self sent me this photo from the UMRA event in California. Looks like he actually knows what he's doing & check out that hat! Good advertising Jeff!



The Nebo Memorial Pilot's Association enjoyed a wonderful dinner at Bynum's in Martinsville on the shortest Thursday of 2008 (12/18). With freezing rain in the forecast, only eleven people turned out for the annual event but those that made it got some valuable practice in what we do best. Eat!

Two pilots (Jeff Self & Brian) braved the cold temperatures & dark overcast skies & flew at Nebo before the dinner.

Jeff Tackett organized the annual Christmas party in the gym at Paragon School for the indoor, electric flyers on Friday the 19th. Lots of goodies were brought in and everyone managed to get in some flying time while stuffing themselves. The school will be closed for the holidays so our next indoor flying session will be January 9th.

Event Calendar

- January 9 Back in the gym at Paragon (6:00—8:00)**
- January 14 Monthly Club Meeting**
- February 7-8 Great Planes E-Fest (Champaign, IL)**
- February 11 Monthly Club Meeting**
- February 22, 2009 Annual Club Swap Meet**
- March 11 Monthly Club Meeting**
- April 3-5 Toledo RC Expo**
- May 15-17 Dayton Hamvention**
- June 5-7 Mount Comfort (Indy) Airshow**
- July 27– August 2 Airventure (Oshkosh)**
- October 10 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In**
- December 9 Annual Christmas Dinner/Meeting**

<p>Douglas J. Singer Radio Shack 765-342-7959</p>	<p>RC Jets Unlimited Rick Mowery 812-279-0399 27 Pinhook Road Bloomington, IN 47421 www.rcjetsunlimited.com</p>	<p>Kleindorfer's HARDWARE & VARIETY STORE 1401 W. KIRKWOOD AVE., BLOOMINGTON 332-0487</p>
<p>Wetzel Plumbing Inc. 710 Beech 765-338-8100</p>	<p>FIRST INSURANCE GROUP 331-3230 1402 N. COLLEGE AVE., BLOOMINGTON</p>	<p>NAYLOR TRUCKING 4925 N. Kinser Pike Bloomington, Indiana 339-4958</p>
<p>Mary M's Flowers & Plants 336-3222 406 W. SECOND STREET</p>	<p>Western Skate Land 930 W. 17th Street Bloomington, IN 47402 812-332-7288</p>	<p>Monroe Bank Since 1872</p>
<p>TIRE & WHEEL AUTO IMPROVEMENT CENTER 2501 W. Third - Bloomington, IN 333-8473</p>	<p>Everlasting Memorials MONUMENT CO. 336 - 6469 1908 W. ALLEN - BLOOMINGTON</p>	<p>MAX</p>
<p>Electric Services & PLUMBING Steven D. Long 812-338-0200 765-332-1940</p>	<p>Monroe County Indiana R/C Club Bloomington Indiana AMA #234</p>	<p>AMA SINCE 1936</p>

Don't forget to support our sponsors!