



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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June 2009 Edition

May Meeting Notes...

The May 13th club meeting got underway early at 6:59:48 (a new record) with twenty-nine people present. The two visitors present (Brian Baugh & Scott Kopp) both were voted into the club along with Brian's stepson Dakota Hasler. John Griner was not present but was also recognized & voted in. Welcome to the club Brian, Dakota, Scott, & John!

Bob Watson has not been doing well since his trip to the hospital last month but the doctors are trying to get his medication regulated. You can email Bob & cheer him up at bwats36@yahoo.com.

It was reported that Bill Black's vision is improving & that he is flying again. Congratulations Bill!

If you are interested in ordering club shirts & or jackets contact the club secretary/treasurer Delbert Davis. His contact info is at the top of this & every other newsletter.

Delbert passed out AMA Gold Leader Club pins to several new members who didn't get one last year. If you don't have one yet, ask Delbert.

Steve Shoop reported that his Butterfly Hills R/C Challenge Spring Fly-In / Pig-Out enjoyed some of the finest weather to date. The good weather also contributed to a fine turnout. Thanks to everybody who participated & thank you Steve for hosting us at your place!

The annual "Nothin But Cubs" fly-in scheduled for Saturday, May 16th was cancelled due to the weather & the flooded field. Mr. Scott will try to reschedule it at a later date.

Jeff Self is finalizing the plans for the Heli Fun-Fly on Saturday May 30th. If you are available to help at the event, please contact Jeff at jself@indiana.edu or call him at 812-988-1863. The flyer is available on the club's web site which is also always listed at the top of the newsletter.

Tim Mellott announced that he would host the 3rd annual "4-Stroke Event" at the club field on Saturday, August 29th.

Following an incident last Tuesday involving a runaway electric airplane, Carl Ward reminded everyone that electric powered aircraft should be tied down or restrained in the pit area just like the glow & gas powered models. The electric models can sneak up on unsuspecting bystanders much easier & probably faster than their noisy counterparts & many now pack quite a punch!

Joe Rogers passed the "Dork Award" to Randy Byers for an incident involving a new Four Star 60. There was no shortage of possible recipients (at least 5) & a discussion followed concerning term limits. Mark Curtis is keeping a running tally of "dorkable" incidents within the club & wants to create a "Dork-Of-The-Year" award for the Christmas party. It was decided after the discussion that to properly honor the spirit of

the original "Dork Award" that there could only be one dork per month but Mark's idea of a yearly award might fly as long as he is going to keep track of all the dorkable happenings.

The meeting was closed at 8:09:13...

Interesting Bits...

The heavy rain that fell the week of the club meeting flooded the flying field. It was either too wet & muddy or completely under water for almost a week. We got back on the field Tuesday evening (5/19) for "trainer night."

The FAA has added something new that I have never heard of before. They are issuing NOTAMs / TFRs for model aircraft! The AMA had the notice posted on their web site for May 17th when the president was scheduled to visit Indianapolis. I'm surprised that there hasn't been more information about this practice in Model Aviation magazine but maybe I just missed it.

Jeff Self is in the running for a "best crash" award in the Paragon gym. We've had aircraft in the basketball goals, stuck in the backboard framework, into the ceiling tiles, walls, & stage curtains but Jeff is the first one to take out one of the four stage lights that hang from the ceiling. At least he didn't do it with his own helicopter. He wisely used Mark Sexton's new Blade CP Pro for the "light combat".

At Nebo one evening Joe Townsend found that storing his glow lighter on the helicopter during flight is a handy spot to keep it from getting lost but it's kinda hard on the battery. It adds a little extra weight but man, what an idle till the battery goes dead.

Living next to a full scale runway can be exciting but dangerous at times. On Friday (5/22) a Cessna from out-of-state that was trying to land at McDaniel Field in Martinsville came in too fast & tried to abort. When the pilot saw the power lines at the East end of the airfield, he pulled up & stalled, hit the wires & landed on some vehicles at a used car lot. That lot is just a few hundred yards from where Bob Shireman was working in his garage. No one was seriously injured but the incident caused quite a stir in Martinsville on a Friday evening.

Charlie Thompson's new Goldberg Chipmunk is a keeper. It flies like a dream & he couldn't be talked out of it on it's first day out. Contact Charlie if you would like to get on the waiting list for any of his latest creations.

Jeff Self & Dennis Friesel attended a heli fly-in in Ohio recently to get some ideas on how to structure our heli fly-in on May 30th. Here's a few pictures he took at that event.



Event Calendar

- May 30 Heli Fly-In (Club Field)
- June 5-7 Mount Comfort (Indy) Airshow
- June 10 Monthly Club Meeting (Club Field)
- June 28 Annual "Charlie Built" Fly-In (Nebo)
- July 8 Monthly Club Meeting
- July 27– August 2 Airventure (Oshkosh)
- August 8 Linton Fly-In
- August 23 Annual Club Picnic
- August 29 3rd Annual 4-Stroke Event
- September 13 Annual Club Airshow
- September 20 Airshow Rain Date (if necessary)
- September 25-27 GWAA Dawn Patrol (WPAFB)
- October 10 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In
- December 9 Annual Christmas Dinner/Meeting

Nebo Memorial R/C Field has a new sign stating that the property owner requires all radio control aircraft pilots using the facility to carry Academy of Model Aeronautics insurance. Thanks to Bill Black, Mike Habig, & their helpers for creating & installing the new sign.

Here's a few pictures from Steve Shoop's Butterfly Hills R/C Challenge on May 2nd.



Memories of April ..

. Mushrooms from Nebo field found by Tina Rogers & Mike Habig. I cut them in half so there would look like twice as many. Thanks for the snack Tina & Mike!



For those of you that have never looked at the newsletter header, the June—September club meetings will be held at the club field (weather permitting). Same time, different place...

Thanks as always to Delbert Davis for checking the newsletter copy for errors & to Varqa Sharif for getting it posted

on the club web page!

Joe Rogers has moved the "Charlie Built" Fly-In from June 27th to June 28th to allow for a special wedding on the 27th. Please update your calendars!

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