

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

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## **March 2009 Edition**

The February club meeting got underway at 7:03:18 with twenty-three members present. Larry "Butch" Thomas came to join & was voted in. Wayne Broadfield's wife came to pay his club dues & being the nice guys we are, we let her escape without making her sit through the whole meeting.

VP Bruce Hoffman felt good enough to attend the meeting again & gave us a report on his condition. He is doing well & is scheduled to have another MRI on President's Day.

Tim Mellott reported that there were only three tables left unreserved for the upcoming swap meet with twelve days left until the event. The swap meet schedule was confirmed as breakfast at 7:00, set-up at 8:00 & open for business at 9:00.

Jeff Self made a flyer for the heli fly-in that is scheduled for May 30th. It will be posted on the club web site soon. There are a few details to work out but the plan is coming along. If you would like to help during the fly-in, contact Jeff at 812-988-1863 or email him at jsself@indiana.edu.

Bruce nominated longtime member Joe Jackson for a lifetime membership in the club. The vote will be taken at the March meeting. Since Joe is over 60 years old & has a long history of service to the club, he meets the qualifications to be eligible.

The club voted that the officers dues would be waived again this year as we have done in the past. It's a small token of our appreciation for all the hours they put in for the club.

Jim Scott is working on plans for a Cub-Fly & a Fun-Fly for

2009. No dates have been selected but stay tuned for details. Joe Rogers is planning another "Charlie-Built" fly-in for June at Nebo Memorial R/C Field in Martinsville. Keep an eye on the event calendar for the date on that event also.

We've had a rough Winter and the driveway at the field is pretty soggy. Mark is going to contact our landlord John Naylor about getting some new gravel for the area.

Mark also reported that he has renewed our Gold Leader Club status with the AMA.

We will go over the AMA Safety Code at the March meeting so please plan to attend.

Charlie Thompson invited us all to his anniversary bash in Martinsville next Saturday. He & Lou Ann have been married for sixty years!

There was some discussion about the AMA's intro pilot program & how it affects the club & the instructors. Some trainees have been taking advantage of the system & the intro pilots. It was decided that this would be worked out on a caseby-case basis. The annual bulk fuel order will be taken at the March meeting. Check your supply & be prepared to place your order. Pricing details will be passed along when they become available.

The club roster will be purged after the March meeting. If you haven't paid your dues yet, get it done or you will be stricken from the list!

For some who missed the January meeting, we went over the guidelines concerning the "Dork Award" again.

Lane Jorgensen & Dennis Friesel have been helping the students at Jackson Creek Elementary School with their Science Olympiad project again this year. They are working on a rubber powered aircraft this time. If you have any experience in that area, contact Lane or Dennis.

The meeting was closed at 8:08:04 so we could give Bruce a little therapy by getting a transmitter back in his hands for a few minutes. We flew a little Blade MCX around in Dr. Matt's office. The helicopter survived without a scratch, nobody was injured, & no windows were broken.

## Interesting Bits...

Charlie & Lou Ann Thompson celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, February 14th (Valentine's Day) with an open house at Pritchard Park in Martinsville, just across the road from the power plant that Charlie is retired from. The R/C club was well represented & enjoyed visiting with the Thompsons & their close friends & relatives. We had cake & punch while we checked out some old photos of the happy couple & their hobbies. Congratulations Charlie & Lou Ann!



Seems that we got Bruce hooked on indoor R/C at the February meeting. Word got around that he really enjoyed playing with the Blade MCX & he was already planning to purchase one as soon as he could get back into good financial

shape. Somebody suggested that there was no need to wait. If we all chipped in a few bucks, we could just get him one for his birthday. Kevin Nuetzman passed the hat & we had a pretty good stack of bills in just a few minutes. Doug Singer at the Radio Shack in Martinsville gave us a special deal on the "ready-to-fly" version with an extra



battery. Jim Scott delivered the surprise on February 18th., just

before Bruce started his heavy dose chemo treatments. I got a nice thank-you note from Bruce & a note with pictures from Leslie.

I am SO OVERWHELMED with the KINDNESS and GENEROSITY shown to me by my brother MCRCC MEMBERS THAT IT truly brings me to tears of gratitude every time I look at the fantastic gift that you all have given me! I carry it with me throughout the house so that I

can continually look at it as I like it SO MUCH! It really cheers up my entire day! Once again, THANK YOU doesn't begin to express how I feel! Leslie took some digital pictures of me and Jim with the MCX, some even with it in flight! Leslie will email the pictures to you as soon as she has a few minutes to do so.



I am so serious about how thankful and grateful I am for all of the kindness and generosity you have all shown me. I am so humbled and thankful for it all.

You are all a huge blessing to me and I shall always be so thankful for that!



I really look forward to learning to fly it! I did notice that there was an extra parts fund included! You must have remembered my ATTEMPT to fly yours!!!

Your ever grateful friend, Bruce

Here are the pictures I took of the presentation Jim made to Bruce last night. I don't need to tell

you just how much it meant to him. Thanks to all the folks in the club for bringing a huge smile to Bruce's face!!! You are the best! Leslie



I just got this important email announcement from Doug at the Martinsville Radio Shack on 3/2/2009.

Hey Brian Elliott, this is Doug from Martinsville Radio Shack. I am now authorized to give a 5% discount off of MAP pricing for all R/C products through my store. Please let everyone know. The only thing I need is a club ID from the member to be able to give the discount and verify that they are actually in the R/C club.

Can you also add my website address to my sponsor information.

## www.singerhobbies.com

Thanks, Douglas

How many "Vapors" can you fly in the Paragon gym at once? So far, at least a dozen! Isn't 2.4 Ghz. An amazing band? Throw in a couple of helis at the same time & things get interesting as the calm air turns turbulent.

Here's the "Vapor" crew groaning about having to stop flying long enough to take a picture.







## **Event Calendar**

March 7 Andrew Shireman's Wedding (RSVP by 2/13)

- March 7 Ft. Wayne Swap Meet
- March 11 Monthly Club Meeting
- 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 30 Heli Fly-In (Club Field)
- 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** 



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