



Meetings: (monthly) 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. **Clariti Advanced Vision Correction**
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*Club Meetings June - September, Held At The Club's Flying Site

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November 2009 Edition

October Meeting Notes...

October 14th should be a date to remember, when the Monroe County R/C club monthly meeting, with twenty-three members present, started early at 6:59:53! I don't remember that ever happening. Rick Hill sat in for VP Bruce Hoffman. Bruce wasn't sick but was laying low, staying away from public gatherings, because of the *H1N1* (pronounced "swine") flu outbreak & his weakened immune system. A wise decision. President Mark Sexton & secretary/treasurer Delbert Davis were both present & accounted for.

The first item of business was the garment order. Shirts were distributed to those present who had placed orders & had funds to pay for them. Mark is trying to get a grip on the charges associated with the garment orders because the books aren't balancing. Seems that we may have been billed more than once for the same order & there are some shipping charges that were not calculated into the purchase prices. If you ordered something & don't have it yet, call Mark at 812-327-6012.

There was a long discussion about the annual airshow that was rained out for the second year in a row. A new date will be selected for the 2010 show along with a rain date. Thanks to Rick Hill for making the big cancellation sign that was posted on the shelter on airshow morning. It sounds like thanks are also in order for Steven Dombrosky for welcoming the people who came out to the field despite the bad weather. He put on a one-man-show for twenty or so people on hand at 1:00 with his trainer & his Cub.

Some of the donated raffle prizes and the purchased "Ember" grand prize were raffled off at the Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In on October 10th. Thanks to Tina & Joe Rogers, Jane & Bill Black, & everybody else who helped and/or participated at the Martinsville event. After figuring in the cost of the prizes & the cost of the port-a-pot that didn't get used at the rained out Monroe County show, we didn't make any

money but we didn't loose any either. Considering the turnout we had at Nebo, the abundant smiles all around, all the hotdogs & cookies eaten, and all the promotion given to model aviation during the event, it was all worth the effort. That's easy for me to say since all I had to do was show up & go flying!



The nomination committee reported that there were no new nominations for club officers for 2010. The current staff has graciously agreed to serve for another year so the November election is already a done deal. Since Rick Hill has been assisting Bruce during his cancer treatment, and has agreed to do the same for next year, we voted to suspend Rick's club dues. It's not much but it's the least we could do. Be sure to tell Rick & all the officers thanks for a job well done (as usual).

Steve Shoop's Chili Fly-In will be Sunday, October 25th. Please plan to attend regardless of the weather. It's an eating club that does some flying between meals.

The annual club Christmas party/dinner/meeting on December 9th will be held at KRC Banquets in Bloomington. It's the old Damon's / City Grille site on South College at 4th. Near Treasure Chest Hobbies. It will be a buffet only affair with no menu ordering. The menu for our buffet will be finalized at the November club meeting. Please plan to make your reservations with the club in advance. KRC has a web site if U wanna check 'em out before the Veteran's Day club meeting on November 11.

Mark announced that dues would remain at current levels for 2010 as long as we keep a close eye on the sponsor/advertiser list. If you know someone who might want to sponsor a sign on the club shelter & have a graphic in our newsletter & on the club website, put on your recruiting hat & get them signed up! You can get details from Mark or Delbert.

Steven Dombrosky wants to have a pylon race at the club field sometime during the 2010 flying season. If you are interested in planning or participating, contact Steven at 812-876-7472 or email him at customcarmaker@yahoo.com.

Joe Jackson would like the club to approach our landlord John Naylor about rotating the crops around the club field to get the hay field portion up next to the runway instead of having the corn or beans right by the runway. Mark will check with John about the possibility.

Bob Watson announced that long-time club member Spencer Ellis had passed away. Spencer was active in the club many years ago but still stopped by the field from time to time to check out the activity until recently.

There have been more acts of vandalism at the club field recently. Carl Ward discovered the wind sock broken off its pole early in October. It has since been repaired. On Monday, October 12th some vandal cut up the east end of the pit area & part of the runway with a vehicle. The tracks indicated that it probably had dual rear wheels. Jerry Keener replaced some of the sod on the following Tuesday & after Michael Sexton mowed, the damage is minimal. If you witness or discover any vandalism at the club field, please report it to the Monroe County Sheriff and a club officer. There's not much of a snowball's chance that they will catch the perpetrator but if they happen to catch them in-the-act somewhere else, they may be able to link them to our damage & be able to charge them.

The current holder of the coveted "Dork Award", club president Mark Sexton passed the prize to Randy Byers at the end of the club meeting. Randy tried to give his .60 size "Killer Kaos" a dirt/corn nap at the club field. The event was described as a "brain fart" when he dumb thumbed the aircraft at zero mistakes high. Randy will be on the lookout for the next recipient of the award at the club field, Atterbury, Nebo, & probably Shoops place so be careful!

The meeting was closed at 8:17:45. Good thing we got started early!

Interesting Bits...

We had a fine time at Steve Shoop's Butterfly Hills Chili Cook-Off on October 25th. The weather was sunny & nice, the wind was less

than 20, and the chili was awesome! Steve printed up t-shirts for all the pilots & even got one with a pocket for me! There were a couple of aircraft that tangled with the trees but the trees are fine.



Mark Curtis got to do his first forced autorotation with his heli (when the engine quit) & stole the show. Thanks to Steve for having us over to his place in Brown County & thanks to everybody who brought the amazing chili & fixins!



On a sunny Sunday afternoon, which happened to be November 1st, the day after Halloween, there was horror at the flying field when Steven Dombrosky's new Super Sportster suffered a failure & landed vertically (nose first) at a high rate

of speed. The good news is that the ground wasn't injured. Steven was kind enough to pose for this reporter with what was left. He's a good sport, now without a Sportster.



USRA California Racing Report

By Jeff Self

October 15th through the 18th was the second and final Giant Scale RC Pylon Race event at Rabbit Lake near Victorville, CA for the 2009 season. The plan was to get out there early and get some flying in before the races. Dennis and Michael Friesel had the van loaded with the race planes and gear on the 8th and Dennis and I were to leave the next day for sunny California.

There was a big low pressure system plunging South out of Canada as we headed West. Well, that was OK because we were going out I-40 and that low shouldn't have brought much cold weather to Texas but Saturday night was freezing in Amarillo and Sunday morning

we were chipping a sheet of ice off the van before we could take off. At least the roads weren't icy. Japan had been hit by a typhoon and it was to come all the way across the Pacific ocean and bring record rains to Southern California a few days before



the races. The coastal mountains kept the rain away from Victorville and Rabbit Lake, but it was cool and windy during the practice days before the race.

Dennis moved up from F1GT to F1, mainly so he wouldn't be competing with Mike. Also, three people are an ideal number for racing. A pilot, a starter/launcher and someone to hold the plane and call the turns. When Dennis and Mike are in the same race we have to get someone from another team to help us. Back in June, in



Ohio, Dennis raced in the Sundowner class, but he had started building an F1 alcohol fuel plane. He had it ready for California, but he only had one flight on it. The F1 is basically an FIGT that has had its engine modified to run on a mixture of alcohol and nitro instead of pump gas. They are a lot different to operate than the gas engines, as we found out in the first heat. The engine died before it was his turn to take off. The engine flooded and he missed the heat. We were test running the engine the next morning and discovered that if the cylinder had fuel in it and the glow plugs were connected, the fuel would ignite. Mike noticed some fuel on the ground bubbling and quickly realized that it was burning, along with the fuselage! Alcohol flames are almost impossible to see and we found out the hard way. Thanks to Mike's sharp eyes and quick reactions, the fire was extinguished with only a little gel coat discoloration.



The throttle is a little different for the alcohol engines. They don't have one! The throttle stick is more like a switch. Low is off, middle is rich, and the engine 'four stokes' to a little lower than full rpm, and high stick position allows for a knob control of the fuel needle valves to obtain max rpm. The problem is that one click too lean and it's a hole in a piston and a slow race plane. Dennis was being conservative and running the engine rich all weekend but in his last heat he was getting dialed in. He was clocked at over 200 mph! He's going to be ready to kick some butt in 2010.

Mike was ready and doing just that in his heat races. He won the majority of his heats but we had one heat where the team wasn't hitting on all cylinders and got a third. Going into the trophy race Mike was third out of 25 pilots. He flew a smooth and fast race, leading for at least half the race. The lead switched back and forth between Mike and Mark Zeal, the pilot who had beaten him back in Ohio. Mark beat Mike again in California, but this time it was close. Mike lost by less than two plane lengths. It was definitely one of the best races of the weekend.



All in all it was a great weekend of racing. The weather turned out great for the races. Mike and Dennis both placed well, and they were bringing everything home mostly in one piece. It is a long drive to California and back. Almost too far!

Thanks this month to Jeff Self for the nice article about the USRA event, Debbie Nuetzman for the suggestion about putting the cut-out line around the event calendar, Steven Dombrosky for allowing the crash photo, Delbert Davis for proof reading & other

assorted file conversions & computer help, Tim Mellott for the photos from Shoop's chili cook-off & counting the members at the meetings, Jeff Smith KA9JQR & Byron Klemesrud N9AWU for getting my crashed computer hard drive back in action, Randy Byers for reminding me that Steven's plane was a Super Sportster, and to Varqa Sharif for his advice on software & getting the newsletter posted on the website.

Event Calendar

November 11 Veterans Day Club Meeting

November 14 South Bend Swap Meet

November 21 Charlestown Swap Meet

November 27 Evansville Swap Meet

November 28 Anderson Swap Meet

December 9 Annual Christmas Dinner/Meeting

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