



**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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## April 2010 Edition

### March Meeting Notes...

The Monroe County R/C club's March meeting got underway at 7:05:03 in Dr. Matt's Clarity office lobby with twenty-two members in attendance. New member Marvin Foley of Martinsville was officially voted in.

President Mark Sexton reported that VP Bruce Hoffman isn't doing well. His pain medication is at the maximum dose & he is having trouble keyboarding on the computer. You can still email him but Leslie may have to do the typing on the reply.

Lane Jorgensen reported that the group of 8th grade students from Jackson Creek school that he & Dennis Friesel have been helping with their Science Olympiad aviation project won first place (again) in the regional competition & will be moving on to the state contest, which will be held in Bloomington this year. Jeff Self has been helping another group of students with their bridge building project for the contest.

Mark, Tim Mellott, & Rick Hill reported on the annual February swap meet. Seventy-five admissions & fifty-four tables were sold along with plenty of hotdogs, pop, coffee, & doughnuts. Several vendors expressed an interest in doing it again in October or early November. Considering the record attendance, it might be worth considering. Thanks to all who helped & participated!

Mark announced that AMA gold leader club hat pins are available for new members & can also be purchased by old members who need a replacement.

After checking with the AMA about our field lay-out, Mark announced that everything is fine & legal. Common sense prevails again without the need for more legislation. If you're not comfortable in the pilot stations while the heli hovering pad is in use, just sit back in the shelter, relax, enjoy the show, & head out to the flightline after the helicopter has exhausted its fuel, be it alcohol or electrons.

Mark announced that the annual bulk fuel order will be coming from Wildcat again this year. The deadline to place your order with him is March 15th & Delbert will send out a notice via email. The price will be somewhere around \$14.00 a gallon, depending on how many gallons we order & the shipping charges. Delivery is scheduled for April 14th at the club meeting.

Jeff Self announced that Dennis Friesel has applied to the AMA for contest director credentials so that the heli fly-in on June 5th can obtain an AMA sanction.

The club voted to pay for a subscription to Model Aviation magazine again this year to be sent to the Jackson Creek school library.

There was some discussion about selling advertising space on the club web site. Rick & Mark will work on the specifics with Varqa. Stay tuned for more later.

Mark & Rick went through the club bylaws and two changes were suggested. The first change pertained to yellow flags being displayed on 2.4 Ghz. transmitters. All agreed that this was not necessary. The second change was one listing club instructors as the primary safety officers. Since the club has a designated safety officer (Randy Byers), the wording will be changed to list the club safety officer as the primary safety officer. Everyone should know by now that safety at the field is everybody's responsibility. Ahh politics...

There's a possibility that a group of scouts may be invited out to the field, sometime in June, to receive an introduction to model aviation & some basic training. More details later...

I don't know anything official yet but there was some talk about a float-fly on Lake Lemon hosted by Dennis Friesel on his birthday, which is July 24th. Stay tuned to see if that plan comes together.

After two grueling months of searching, Jim Scott has found the next recipient of the coveted "dork award". On a recent thursday evening trip to Nebo Memorial R/C Field, Mr. Scott got to witness a wild maneuver of a foamy profile electric aircraft piloted by Larry McIntosh which ended on the runway with the aircraft in several pieces. The following Sunday at the Monroe County R/C club field, Larry brought out the same aircraft after it had been repaired using a couple of rolls of shipping tape. The first test flight went well for a few seconds until the electric motor's power pulled it away from the airplane faster than the airplane wanted to go. The wires connecting it to the battery weren't long enough to keep up & it got away. All the parts were found since the motor didn't spin long after it's wires were disconnected but the episode landed Larry in that elite group of "dork award" recipients. Larry wasn't present at the meeting so this may be his first notice that he is an award winner unless Mr. Scott made a special trip to make the presentation. Congratulations to Larry & to Jim for getting the monkey off his back!

The meeting was closed at 8:21:15.

### Interesting Bits...

From Our Files

by Delbert Davis

Recently, while scanning old club records to preserve them via today's modern computer electronics, I found something rather interesting. The following newsletter article, written many years ago by Dennis Friesel, seems to be about an incident at the airfield involving Bob Watson:

"Our vice-president discovered last Sunday one of the



Some pictures from the February 28th annual club swap meet...



Rick Hill & Bob Watson collect admission



Mark & Tina Sexton in the concession area



Dr. Matt Fornefeld arranges his table



Carl Ward keeps an eye on Tim Sparks



Vendors setting up their wares



The shopping began before set-up was finished



There's Jerry, Butch, Julie, Jay, & others...



Don Hudson & crew brought a lot of nice merchandise



Debbie & Kevin Nuetzman make sure fat boys Jimmy, Charlie, & Deven get fed