



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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January 2010 Edition

Happy New Year!

December 09 Meeting Notes...

If you missed the annual December Christmas meeting / dinner / party, you missed a good time & some good food. KRC Catering has a nice facility & did a good job of feeding & lubricating us. It was a party so I didn't take any formal notes or have Tim count the people but there was a good crowd.



Randy Byers ran the 50/50 drawing to help Bruce & Leslie Hoffman with Bruce's medical bills. Mark Curtis was the lucky winner & graciously donated his winnings back to the cause.

Bruce was unable to attend but Leslie was there to accept our donation & read a very touching letter that they had written to the club thanking everyone for their help & support during the past year.

The attending 2010 club officers, President Mark Sexton, AVP Rick Hill, & Secretary/Treasurer Delbert Davis

awarded twenty-three framed "certificates of appreciation" for outstanding service to the club during 2009. Recipients included; Bruce Hoffman, Delbert Davis, Mark Sexton, Rick Hill, Barb Hill, Lane Jorgensen, Randy Byers, Matt Fornefeld, Tim Mellott, Michael Friesel, Dennis Friesel, Joe Rogers, Tina Rogers, Jim Scott, Brian Elliott, Jeff Self, Varqa Sharif, Jay Strosnider, Charlie



Thompson, Bob Shireman, Carl Ward, Dave Poland, & Mike Habig.

Michael Friesel didn't want to miss the monthly passing of the "Dork Award" but didn't have time to spend much time at the field. He recruited some help to scout for a candidate & came up with an incident involving a bad landing which retracted the landing gear on a "stick" that didn't have retracts. The bad landing wasn't really dorkable but when Jay Strosnider picked up the gearless aircraft & "pitched" it across the runway, the 2nd landing did more damage than the 1st landing that removed the landing gear. Congratulations Jay!

Tim Mellott closed the program by showing a DVD presentation of some photographs taken during the "09" flying season.

It was only fitting for a Christmas party that as we left the gathering for home, it was snowing in Bloomington.

Interesting Bits...

Dave Townsend sent me this link to the SKS Video DVD of the IRCHA helicopter jamboree in Muncie last Fall. Dave's photo is on the cover. Check it out...

<http://www.sksvideo.com/dbID/274.html>

We're still flying in the gym at Paragon Elementary School every Friday evening from 6:00 to 8:00. The only exceptions

are when the school is closed or there is a conflict with a school related event. The airspace can get a little crowded at times but we try to keep the helicopters separated from the airplanes as

much as possible. If you're interested in indoor electric flight, stop in and check it out. Some aircraft are better suited for "gym flying" & you won't have to watch very long to find out which work well & which are a little more challenging. It's always a good time. Here's a picture from our Christmas party on 12/18.



Several pilots braved the chill & flew at Nebo Memorial R/C Field on December 17th, which was the “shortest Thursday” of 2009. They enjoyed some of the smoothest air we have seen in many weeks on a Thursday evening. After sunset (5:22 P.M.) we cleaned up & headed into Martinsville and practiced our 2nd favorite pastime at Bynum’s Steakhouse to celebrate the fact that Thursday evenings will now be getting longer from now until June 17th, 2010, which will be “Pizza Night” at Nebo Field.

Retirement must be agreeing with old Jimmy Vanvleet. It was reported from a confidential source that his younger & skinnier brother Eddie has been seen wearing some nice airplane shirts at work. When Eddie was questioned by the confidential source about the sudden new interest in airplanes, he replied that the shirts were hand-me-downs from brother Jimmy who has become too large to fit into them since his retirement. Good work Jimmy!

Another confidential source reported that Al Eygabroad has taken up deer hunting. Lots of people hunt deer in Indiana but most use a bow or a shotgun. Al uses a red Chrysler van. Seems that on the way to the Anderson swap meet, a deer was hitch-hiking on 37, North of Martinsville. Red vans are like camo to deer & it never saw Al coming. Good shot AL!

Before you take to the field on New Year’s day with your new airplane or helicopter that Santa brought you, remember that it’s now 2010 & your old 2009 AMA card is out of date. Make sure that you have renewed your AMA! You can let your club dues slide till the January 13th club meeting but you gotta have your AMA insurance. It’s also a good idea to keep in mind that the cold air is hard on batteries. Don’t expect them to perform like they would at eighty degrees & watch them closely! Lipos are the worst chemistry in the cold, so keep them warm till you’re ready to fly. If your motor starts to pulse, back off the throttle some or you may not have enough steam to make it back to the runway.

For Sale:

This “for sale” email message from Randy Byers was forwarded by Delbert right after the December newsletter came out but everybody doesn’t have email, so I’ll print it here also. Don’t know what he has left but give him a call.

Top Flight DC-3 80” \$75, R/N Curtis Pusher Rubber power make offer, Spitfire 48” \$30, Royal F4 Phantom 45” \$75, Ziroli JU 88 Stuka ¼ scale \$150, Ziroli ? BF 109 100” \$150.

Call Randy with questions at 765-342-7476 or 765-346-0088.

If you have something for sale or trade & would like to have it listed in the newsletter, get it to me via email (n9jpx09@yahoo.com), CD, micro drive, or hand written. The newsletter is usually posted on the club’s web site (monroecountync.org) close to the beginning of each month to remind everyone about the next club meeting. If you require more immediate action, you can email it to Delbert (k9del@comcast.net) & he will forward it to the club’s email list.



Event Calendar

- January 9 Vincennes Swap Meet
- January 13 Monthly Club Meeting (Dues Time)
- January 16 Charlestown Swap Meet
- February 10 Monthly Club Meeting
- February 28 Annual Club Swap Meet
- March 10 Monthly Club Meeting
- March 13 Columbus Swap Meet
- April 9-11 Toledo RC Expo
- April 14 Monthly Club Meeting
- May 12 Monthly Club Meeting
- June 9 Monthly Club Meeting (At the Field)
- June 17 Longest Thursday “Pizza Night” at Nebo
- July 26-August 1 Airventure “Oshkosh”
- October 9 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In
- December 8 Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting

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