



**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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## July 2010 Edition

### June Meeting Notes...

The June meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club got underway at the club field right on time at 7:00:00 with twenty-nine members present. Delbert had just set his watch & was watching the time carefully. New members Jerry Sanford, Ryan Russ, William Reliford, & Scott Dombrosky were voted in. Please welcome them to the club & lend them a hand when you see them at the field.

Club president Mark Sexton talked about the recent passing of club vice-president Bruce Hoffman & how much Bruce meant to the club. Bruce's wife Leslie is planning a memorial get-together at the Hardin Ridge campground on lake Monroe on October 9th. There was a very detailed three-part series on Bruce's illness in the Bloomington Herald Telephone newspaper. The club's annual airshow will be named for Bruce and a memorial plaque will be placed inside the shelter at the club field.

Jeff Self reported that attendance was down at this year's heli fly-in on June 5th because of the threat of bad weather. The rain missed the club field & a good time was had by all who attended.

Will Thomas put on another fantastic lunch spread with barbecued pork & chicken! The raffle had some nice prizes donated & Dave Townsend did some training flights on a buddy-box. Jeff said



the event lost money because of the weather threat & lower attendance but an anonymous donor stepped in and made a donation to take up the slack & put the event back in the black. Thanks to Jeff, Dennis Friesel, Carl Ward, & Willie T. for your effort in putting on another fine heli fly-in!

Jim Scott took the peeling picnic table home & pressure washed it, painted it, & returned it to the field. Thanks Jim!

Michael Sexton will look into getting his tractor to cut the grass a little shorter in the pit area & on the runway. This season has been so good for the grass that it is getting pretty long between Thursday when he cuts it & Tuesday for trainer nite which makes it tough for some of the trainers to get airborne. Randy Byers volunteered to mow it short this week since Michael will racing in Indy this Thursday. Randy also announced that he has sprayed the field & shelter area for insects. Thanks Randy!

No date has been selected yet for a work-day at the field to paint the shelter. Tim Mellott wants to get the shelter washed inside & out &



the barn swallows are raising a brood of chicks in the rafters. We don't want to mess with the birds! They are eating a lot of bugs that would otherwise be eating us.

Steven Dombrosky reported that he had looked over the Southside Christian Church site where they are interested in having a flying demonstration on July 3rd. Steven says there are no power lines or houses in the way & .40-.60 size aircraft should be able to fly there. No time or other details were discussed.

Jeff Self announced that the club hat pin order should be in anytime now. The plan is to sell the pins, which look like mini R/C transmitters, for \$5.00 each.

Several of the club sponsors/advertisers have renewed for 2010. Look for an upcoming article on who they are, where they are located, & how the program works. These people are the ones keeping your club dues low and the grass cut!

Mark announced that he has spoken with several people about the full scale helicopter flying low & landing near the club field. They know where we are now & things should get back to normal but it's always a good idea to keep an eye out for any traffic while flying.



There was some discussion about having a Tuesday evening seminar on building & repairing model aircraft & a lesson on setting up a new aircraft using basic geometry & mechanical adjustments instead of relying so much on the computer in most new transmitters. There could also be a basic lesson on programming those new radios. If you are interested in any of these topics, contact an instructor and let them know.

Steve Shoop announced that his 2010 Butterfly Hills Chili Cook-Off will be held on October 16th at his place in Brown County.

Joe Rogers has repaired one of the club trainers. Thanks Joe!  
 Randy Byers presented the coveted "Dork Award" to Steven Dombrosky for an incident at the club field where Steven's "Twist" made it's last twist a little too close to the ground and became a twisted pile of balsa that used to be a "Twist".  
 The meeting was closed at 7:58.

### Interesting Bits...

Another sad note this month. Mark Sexton heard from Joe Jackson that Melvin "Gary" Monyhan passed away on June 14th. Gary was President of the Monroe County R/C Club in 1987, vice president in 1988 & was a club flight instructor.

Joe Rogers has become the discussion timekeeper at our monthly club meetings. If you get into a discussion on any topic and begin to ramble on or stray from the subject at hand, Joe will politely remind you that your time is about up. No filibusters here while Joe is listening. We're strictly business here, even if it's monkey business.

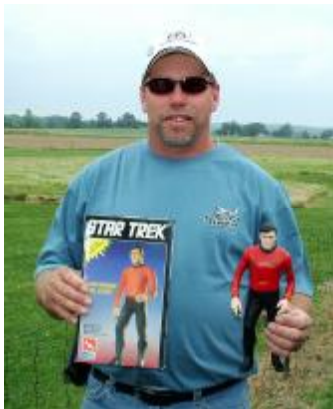
Joe is also quite the classic music aficionado. Ask him about the old classic by Gordon Lightfoot titled "The wreck of the Ella Fitzgerald".

Master builder Charlie Thompson was heard saying "Charlie Thompson is the name & flying is the game, and I don't give building seminars..."

We had a fine time at Nebo Memorial R/C Field during the annual "Charlie Built" fly-in on June 26th. It was also a birthday party for Randy Byers & Joe Rogers. There were quite a few aircraft present that were built or repaired by Charlie Thompson but we didn't quite get all fifty-two of them there. Joe & Tina Rogers ran the grill, we had a great lunch, & Joe got to fly his \$2.99 Cub that Tina picked up for him at the Goodwill store. If you missed the chocolate cake with field-cranked ice cream on top, shame on you! It sure was hot & the air was a little bumpy but a good time was had by all!



Mr. Scott was presented with a model of Mr. Scott at the heli-fly-in. I believe the model came from the Toledo show & was built by Randy Byers & Lou Ann Thompson.



## Event Calendar

- July 10 4-Stroke Event (Club Field) (Tim Mellott)
- July 10 Big-Bird Fly-In at Louisville, Ky
- July 14 Monthly Club Meeting (Yes, it's at the field)
- July 17 IMAA Fly-In (Plainfield)
- July 17-18 CORKS Skydive Rally (Centerburg, OH)
- July 24-25 DC-3 Gathering Rock Falls, IL
- July 25 Annual Club Picnic
- July 26-August 1 Airventure "Oshkosh"
- August 14 "Nothin But Cubs" Fly-In
- August 26-28 Airport Awareness at French Lick
- August 28? Monroe County IMAA Fly-In ???
- September 12 Annual Club Airshow
- September 19 Airshow Rain Date
- October 2&3 IMAA Jamboree (Morristown)
- October 9 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In
- October 16 Shoop's Chili Cook-Off
- December 8 Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting
- February 27, 2011 Annual Club Swap Meet

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