



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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## June 2010 Edition



**Monroe County R/C Club Vice President and friend to all Bruce Hoffman, who had been battling brain cancer since 2008, made the final flight from this life on Friday, May 14th. His wife Leslie was at his side and sent the following information via email.**

*Your wonderful friend and my loving husband passed from this world at 9:47am this morning. I was at his side holding his hand. I prayed with him and told him I loved him when he took his last breath. He is at peace now. He was a strong Christian man and heaven is rejoicing today.*

*I am planning to have an open house next Thursday between 10:00am and 2:pm at my home. Stop by if you can. It will be very informal. I am planning a camping trip in early October and a barbeque as a celebration of his life. I would love to have all of you come out. I will send details as I make more plans. Bruce loved the club and all you guys and he will live on in our hearts.*

*God bless,  
 Leslie*

Bruce was very active in the club for many, many years and helped tons of members learn to fly R/C. He was a meticulous builder and an expert at covering long before the age of ARFs. Many of his creations are still being flown today.

Bruce was also the announcer for our annual club airshow & for the Hoosier Hills Airshow Team. His many talents will be greatly missed.

I personally will never forget an occasion when I had only been flying R/C for a very short time. I was on the flightline watching Bruce fly his "foam goose" and asking lots of questions about it. He just handed me the transmitter while the airplane was in mid-flight & said "Here, you ought to just try it out". I nervously flew it slowly around the pattern a couple of times & turned to give him back the radio & he was gone! Before I could panic, he hollered from across the field "It's got plenty of fuel. You can land when it runs out."

**Thanks Bruce! It was a pleasure...**

## May Meeting Notes...

The May meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 6:59:53 with twenty-four members present and visitors Gary Webb & Craig Binkley. Gary is getting cancer treatments at the IU facility & has been getting in a few flights at our field while he is here. Gary also brought along his new foamy, electric, pusher jet for show & tell. Craig came to inquire about the possibility of having some club members do some flying demonstrations before a July 3rd fireworks show at the Southside Christian Church in Bloomington.

New member Bret Bergsten was voted into the club.

Mark reported that VP Bruce Hoffman is not doing well. He has had a fall & is now confined to a hospital bed at his home. Leslie is caring for him with the help of a part-time hospice.

Mark reported that there are fourteen gallons of 2-stroke club fuel available for sale at \$14.00 per gallon for new members & those who spaced the annual bulk fuel order.

Steve Shoop reported that a good time was had by all at his May 1st Butterfly Hills R/C Challenge. Steve said there were some leftover "T" shirts available for those interested & some leftover pop that he would donate to the club to use at the heli fly-in on June 5th. A couple of flying incidents were reported involving a Mr. Fleming flying through the trees with no damage & a Mr. Byers retracting (detracting) the landing gear on his Kadet.

Mark reported that the club's tax returns were finished & that the club didn't owe any tax but that the accounting fee was \$95.00.

Joe Jackson has finished restoring & reinstalled the big sign at the club field. It looks great! Thanks Joe!!!

It was reported that the outhouse at the field has been damaged by vandals with firearms again.

Mark reported that Michael Sexton has had problems getting people to move out of the way while he mows the grass on Thursday evenings again. Mark stressed that Thursday evenings are for mowing & any club members present should go out of their way to yield to the mower. All club members are welcome at Nebo Memorial R/C Field in Martinsville on Thursday evenings to avoid any conflict with the mowing at the Bloomington field. That's how "Nebo Thursdays" got started in the first place.

No one seemed too interested in contacting a professional about spraying the club field & the shelter for bugs & bees so Randy Byers volunteered to address the problem again this year. Thanks Randy & good luck!

A work-day to paint the shelter & the tables at the club field is still in the planning stages. Jim Scott is going to trailer the table to his house & pressure wash it before any painting takes place. Stay tuned for details on the work-day next month.

Joe Rogers is the newest club "Intro Pilot". Congratulations Joe & thanks for your service!

Mark reported that he has contacted our landlord John Naylor about getting some gravel on the drive at the club field. John will bring a truckload in if it ever gets dry enough to support his dump truck.

The club voted to have the AMA's Park Flyer magazine delivered to the Monroe County Public Library for another year if the library wants it. Michael Friesel will check on it.

Mark reported that the AMA wants only one "official" contact from each club and our contact is secretary/treasurer Delbert Davis. The AMA also requires each club to have a safety officer. There was a lengthy discussion about making our club safety officer (Randy Byers) an elected position or leaving it up to the executive committee to select one. Since it was "pick-on- Steven Dombrosky" night at the meeting, it was mentioned that if the safety officer was an elected position, Steven might decide to run for the office. If there were no other nominees, Steven might win the election! The club quickly decided to allow the executive committee to appoint the safety officer as they have always done in the past.

Al Eygabroad reported that a full scale helicopter had been "buzzing" the club field and had landed in the cornfield West of Mr. Peterson's driveway. Mark will check locally to make sure everybody at the airport knows we have an R/C field on Wylie Road. If you happen to be flying at the club field (or anywhere else for that matter), remember that full scale aircraft always have the right-of-way over model aircraft! It doesn't matter if they are right or wrong. Stay out of their way!!!

Tim Mellott reported that the date of February 27th has been secured for the 2011 club swap meet at the Monroe County Fairgrounds. Thanks Tim!

Jeff Self reported that plans are going well for the June 5th Heli-Fly at the club field. The event will begin at 9:00 A.M. & should be about the same format as last year's fly-in. It's \$5.00 to fly & \$5.00 for lunch. That's a depression discount of \$2.00 from last year! Many came out for the great barbecue lunch last year who didn't even own a heli & more plan to do the same this year. Thanks for your effort on the fly-in Jeff!

Visitor Gary Webb turned us on to a neat item that his club had purchased. It's a small pin that looks like an R/C transmitter (complete with antenna) & has the club name on it. The executive committee is looking into getting some for our members. They will cost 4 or 5 bucks apiece & might have our

club logo on them or just say Monroe County R/C but they probably won't all have "Safety Officer" on them. Thanks for the info Gary!

The meeting was closed at 8:07:38...

## Interesting Bits...

Kevin & Debbie Nuetzman were in a picture on the front page of the Martinsville newspaper with a story about zoning for a campground in their neighborhood. I won't get into any details. Just ask Kevin about it...

I'm not sure about the status of the "Dork Award". Does Mark still have it or did Randy get it for his landing mishap at Shoop's? Stay tuned for more as the "Dork Award" saga continues...

John Walters has a nice, new, "receiver-ready", Goldberg Extra 300 for sale with an OS 90 2-stroke. Call John at 317-834-6614.

## Event Calendar

- June 5 2nd Annual Heli Fly-In (Club Field) (Jeff Self)**
- June 9 Monthly Club Meeting (At the Field)**
- June 17 Longest Thursday "Pizza Night" at Nebo**
- June ? Boy Scout Intro Pilot Program ?**
- June 26 Annual "Charlie Built" Fly-In (Nebo Field in Martinsville) (Joe Rogers)**
- July 3 Southside Christian Church Flying Demo ?**
- July 10 4-Stroke Event (Club Field) (Tim Mellott)**
- 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 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**
- December 8 Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting**
- February 27, 2011 Annual Club Swap Meet**

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