



**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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## May 2010 Edition

### April Meeting Notes...

The April meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club started in the parking lot of Clariti Advanced Vision Correction with distribution of the annual bulk fuel order by Mark Sexton, Delbert Davis & Jim Scott. The actual business meeting started in Dr. Matt's office at 7:07:02. Thirty members were present & one visitor (Tom Liebig) came to check us out.

Mark gave an update on VP Bruce Hoffman's condition. Bruce is now on minimal pain medication but is having trouble with his short-term memory. He is taking phone calls & emails when he is up to the task.

Lane Jorgensen reported that the group of students that he & Dennis Friesel have been helping with their science Olympiad project didn't finish well at the state meet. Their primary aircraft was broken & didn't perform well after being repaired. The group of bridge builders that Jeff Self was assisting finished better but didn't win their contest either.

Mark Sexton is still working on putting together an IMAA fly-in on August 28th.

Steve Shoop took orders for T-shirts that will be available at his Butterfly Hills R/C Challenge on May 1st.

Mark reported that Michael Sexton plans to get started on the 2010 mowing season at the club field on April 15th.

Steven Dombrosky reported that the "High Water" sign on Wylie Road was still displayed after several days of dry weather & wondered if it was OK to go down the hill.

Several mentioned that Monroe County crews had been patching Wylie Road in places but it is still in pretty bad shape after the hard Winter we had.

Mark gave a pep-talk for the Academy of Model Aeronautics & explained why it wasn't just for insurance.

It was announced that Randy Byers will attempt to fill in for Bruce as the PA announcer for this year's annual club airshow. Dr. Matt Fornefeld will take over Randy's previous position as the flight-line director (pit boss).

There will not be a second club swap meet in the Fall of 2010. Everybody involved is too busy & there wasn't enough support from the club. Many thought it might hurt the attendance at our annual February event.

Tim Mellott announced that he will host another 4-Stroke fly-in at the club field on July 10th.

Jimmy Vanvleet finally found his way to the meeting location & arrived at 7:40.

Several club members expressed an interest in sprucing up the flying site. Plans are underway to paint the shelter, tables, & sign. The pit fence is also in need of repair or replacement. Joe Jackson volunteered to look into repainting the club sign.

Jeff Self announced plans to attend the Heli Invasion event in Evansville on May 22 & encouraged others to attend also.

The "Dork Award" saga continues. Jay Strosnider brought the award to the meeting. It was given to him by February award winner Jim Scott because Jay didn't get to have it in his possession during his term in January, Larry McIntosh (who earned it in March) wasn't at the meeting, & Jim was looking for any excuse to get rid of it. Larry wasn't at the meeting again (& never got to possess the coveted award) so it was passed back to Mr. Scott again. In a panic, Jim passed it immediately to club president Mark Sexton for a minor incident involving a wet field & ejecting the landing gear from a stick that didn't have retracts. Are you confused yet? The important thing is that Mr. Scott doesn't have the award & Mark is now searching for the next award winner.

The meeting was closed at 7:54:58.

### Interesting Bits...

Mark Sexton actually earned his possession of the "Dork Award" on April 27th at Nebo. After being repeatedly warned about the 20 MPH+ winds, Mark decided to try a maiden flight of his foam ducted fan jet. After a "decent" fat boy hand launch, he got to fly it for 0.768 seconds before it was driven to the ground & exploded into several pieces. The entertainment value was high but with no foam-safe CA available, it will have to wait a few days for it's 2nd attempt at a successful flight.

Although not an "official" sponsor/advertiser yet, you might be interested to know that Kevin Nuetzman's wife Debbie has started her own hair care business in Martinsville after many years of working for the man, I mean Dan, at Fleener's barber shop. Give her a call & make an appointment. Don't forget to leave a good tip so she can get her sign on the club shelter.

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Joe Rogers has finished & has been flying the little Extra that he picked up at the Vincennes swap meet for twenty bucks. It looks good in the air & seems to handle the Nebo winds well. As the old saying goes, "one man's trash is another man's treasure". Good work Joe!

Time is running out on the indoor flying season in the gym at Paragon School. There's only a few weeks left before school is out for the Summer. The 14th & the 21st are the only two Fridays left and Wednesday the 26th will wrap up our season. School is out on the 27th.

Better bring some insect repellent along on your next trip to the field. Those little black bugs that like to swarm in your face & bite like crazy are back again this Spring & seem to have enjoyed the Winter break. They can make it tough to keep an eye on your aircraft as they try to eat your face & neck off. The carpenter bees are in full force around the shelter too. Hard hats may be required at some point as they continue to bore holes into the roof supports.

Since it's May & the weather is beginning to improve, it's time to get "Tuesday Trainer Nights" going again. If you are just learning to fly or are interested in getting some help from an instructor, bring your aircraft & field equipment out to the club field on Tuesday afternoons around 4:00 P.M. or later (weather permitting). Students will have priority in the airspace over the seasoned pilots. If Tuesdays are not good for you, contact one of the club instructors & make other arrangements. The instructor list is posted at the field & is available on the club's web site ([www.monroecounty.org](http://www.monroecounty.org)). Some are retired & may be able to come out to assist you anytime & some still have to work for a living & may only be available during evening hours & weekends.

It was reported by several that the May 1st Butterfly Hills R/C Challenge at Steve Shoop's place in Brown County was a huge success. The weather cooperated, the food was good, & the T-shirts were very nice. Steve should have a detailed report at the May 12th club meeting. If there were any good photos taken, maybe we can get one in here next month.

Marvin Foley is training again after taking a short break while his mechanic (Randy Byers) got his trainer back into flying condition. A few weeks ago Marvin was training at the club field when the wing on his airplane decided to go its own way. It did fine on its own but the rest of the airplane made a high speed emergency landing at a steep angle of attack. What that means in English is that it became a yard dart. The soft ground was pretty kind & now it lives again.

An interesting training problem came to light a few days ago. New guy at Nebo (Bill) wanted to get back into R/C after a long break. He purchased the E-Flight T-34 with the Spektrum radio & ordered it on mode 1, which is how he learned to fly many years ago. There is no menu selection or power-on setting to change the mode, it has to be ordered the way you want it. According to the people at Horizon, you can link the transmitters with a buddy cord but whatever mode the master radio is, the slave radio becomes that same mode also. Not being coordinated enough to fly mode 1 & not wanting Bill to buddy on mode 2, I just talked him through his first couple of flights as he piloted the airplane with the master radio on mode 1. He had

been practicing on the simulator & did a fine job getting back in the air. He got a little fast & ejected his canopy but had a couple of good flights & made good landings. Congratulations Bill & welcome back into R/C!

## Event Calendar

- May 12 Monthly Club Meeting
- May 22 Evansville Heli Invasion
- 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 10 4-Stroke Event (Club Field) (Tim Mellott)
- July 17 IMAA Fly-In (Plainfield)
- July 17-18 CORKS Skydive Rally (Centerburg, OH)
- July 24 Dennis Friesel's Birthday Float Fly on Lemon?
- 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

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