

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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# **July 2011 Edition**

### June Meeting Notes...

The June meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 7:03:40 at the club field under hazy skies, with a temp of 92. It felt more like August than June!

New members Mike Wolford & John Hallman were voted into the club. Welcome Mike & John! If Tim Mellott counted the other heads in the crowd, I didn't get the number.

Jeff Self & Mark Sexton gave a report on the 3rd annual MCRCC heli fly-in that took place on June 4th. It was a beautiful day but the turnout was a little thin. Seems there were several events going on around the state on the same day. Those who picked our heli fly had no trouble getting to the flightline & it was very relaxed flying all day! By early afternoon it was pretty hot but a good time was had by all who attended! Lunch

was grilled again this year by Willie T & was excellent (as usual). Most everybody won at least two prizes in the raffle drawing but your lucky president Mark Sexton was the grand prize winner. Congratulations Mark! The club passed a motion to pay Jeff for any outstanding expenses from the event & we hope he will CD the event



again next year. Thanks to all who helped & participated!

Michael Friesel reported that the TV show on WTIU which included a segment on model aviation that featured Dennis,

Michael, & Walter Friesel, has already aired but should be available on the internet.

Mark reported that the presentation on model aviation that was made to a local group of 4H kids seemed to generate some interest in our hobby. Mark, Michael Friesel, & Brian Elliott went out to the Monroe County Fairgrounds on May 22nd & showed the kids & their leaders an un-started stick kit & several ARF aircraft & helicopters. They did a little demo-flying & answered several questions. The 4H project gives the kids one year to build a stick kit.

Tim Sparks was absent from the meeting so there was no plan discussed for the pylon racing event. Several of the participants' aircraft have been completed & they are "chomping at the bit" for a little racing. Scott Dombrosky has some helmets that he will donate to the racing effort.

It was a long wet Spring but the flood ravaged runway at the club field has finally been mowed & rolled & rolled again.

Michael Sexton started to mow on Saturday during the Memorial Day weekend but the runway was too wet. Brian cut it short on

Monday & it was just dry enough to roll that same day. The next day Larry "Butch" Thomas brought his professional impactor roller out & gave it another work out. If we don't have another flood it should be in pretty good shape for the Summer.

The shelter has been treated & sprayed for carpenter bees. Mark hired a professional who came out & plugged the existing holes & treated the wood. The contractor said there wasn't much we could do about the little flys that love the pilot box & the pilots. Head nets are available at amazon.com starting at \$3.00 but you better check Kleindorfer's first! It was also mentioned that Bath & Body Works at the mall has something called stinky or sticky warm vanilla sugar that will keep the bugs away. You don't have to remember the name, just ask for the bug repellent.

Lane Jorgensen announced that he has a pit stand available for use at the field & Joe Jackson is also building one. There was some discussion about how to tie them down to keep them from floating away in the next flood, putting wheels on them to move them around, & putting down pavers so that Michael doesn't have to move them around while mowing.

Dennis Friesel was absent from the meeting so there was no report on plans for the introduction to model aviation that will be given on July 12th for the local Boys & Girls Club at our club field.

Delbert passed out mall show pins to those in attendance who didn't get them at last month's meeting.

Jim Scott announced that he has one gallon of fuel for sale & that the date of October 1st has been selected for this year's Cub Fly.

There was a discussion about an incident involving a full scale aircraft & a model airplane at a rural airport. The membership was reminded that in any such situation, the full scale aircraft always has the right of way!

There are several frequency tags missing from the cabinet at the field. A list of the missing tags was submitted & they will be replaced. If your channel is affected please remember to put your AMA card in the slot for frequency control.

The saga of the coveted "Dork Award" has taken another turn this month. This sad story doesn't involve a crash but what happened after a successful flight. Randy Byers brought his little foam autogyro to the heli fly-in. He'd been having some problems with it previously but had a wonderful flight on Saturday morning. As he bent down to retrieve the model, he dropped his transmitter on it. The impact did some damage but not nearly as much as when he drop-kicked it behind the pit area & announced that he was done with this POS. Bob Shireman, who was the current award holder, wasn't at the heli fly-in but somehow got a full report of this incident & seized the opportunity to pass on the "Dork Award" to Randy at the club meeting. I'm sure Randy will be on the look-out for next month's candidate.

The meeting was closed at 7:41:45...

# Interesting Bits...

Scott Dombrosky brought the pylon racing helmets out to the field & VP Rick Hill talked Joe Rogers into modeling one of them. Thank goodness Rick had a camera!

Jeff Self's wife takes a pretty good picture when you stick a thousand dollar camera in her hand. She took this group photo at the heli fly-in.





Tim Sparks submitted this photo of himself in an embarrassing moment at the giant scale pylon races in Texas. He didn't say what everybody was pointing at. Maybe he was going the wrong way on a one way course...



Steve "Stick" Dorsett does his part to keep the bugs away during the heli fly-in with this expensive mosquito fogger...



Jeff Self "spots" for new member Mike Wolford at the heli fly-in while your president gets a look at the competition's equipment...







## **Event Calendar**

June 25 Annual "Charlie Built" Fly-In (Nebo Field)

July 9 Annual 4-Stroke Fly-In

July 12 Boys/Girls Club Intro To Model Aviation

July 13 Monthly Club Meeting

July 14-17 AMA's 75th Anniversary Event (Muncie)

July 15-17 Hoosier Heli Rumble (Lafayette)

July 24 Annual Club Picnic

July 25-31 Airventure "Oshkosh"

July 30-31 Warbirds Over The Wabash (Vincennes)

August 6 IMAA Fly-In (Columbus)

**August 10 Monthly Club Meeting** 

August 27 IMAA Fly-In (MCRCC Club Field)

**September 14 Monthly Club Meeting** 

September 23-25 GWAA Dawn Patrol (WPAFB)

October 1 Nothin But Cubs Fly-In (club field)

October 8 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In

October 12 Monthly Club Meeting (back at Clariti)

October 15 Shoop's Chili Cook-Off / Fly-In

October 23 Columbus Swap Meet

**November 9 Monthly Club Meeting** 

**November 26 Anderson Swap Meet** 

**December 14 Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting** 

February 26 2012 Annual MCRCC Swap Meet

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