



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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September 2011 Edition

August Meeting Notes...

The Monroe County R/C Club's August meeting got underway at 7:03:52 with twenty-three people in attendance (according to Tim Mellott). VP Rick Hill was absent & Charlie Thompson left early on to attend to some company at home. The weather wasn't a factor in attendance because we finally got a short break from the heat with a partly cloudy sky, a nice breeze, & 80 degrees.

Jim Parker, Bill Van Harz, & past member Neal Zook all came to join/rejoin & were voted into the club. Jim has been training at Nebo & Atterbury, Bill has been flying at Nebo for a year or so, after a long vacation from the hobby, & Neal is getting back into the hobby after a long break. Please welcome them all when you see them at the field.

President Mark Sexton reported that the annual club picnic was a hot affair but the food was excellent & the event was enjoyed by all who braved the heat to attend. Thanks to Randy Byers & Tim Mellott for doing the grilling on such a hot day!

Mark reported that the group from the club that made the annual trek to Oshkosh for Airventure 2011 had a wonderful time & ate well during the entire trip. If you would like to travel with us next July, make your intentions known now & get on the list. Lots of pictures are available upon request.

Dennis Friesel reported that he attended the warbird event in Vincennes & the big-bird fly-in at Columbus. Both were hot but fun. Dennis mentioned that he had a slight mishap at Columbus but since he was already the current dork award holder, it only made sense.

Mark reported that Rick Hill is working hard with Michael Friesel to get "caught up" on the club sponsor advertising signs.

Dennis Friesel reported that the Bloomington Boys & Girls Club was so impressed with our introduction to model aviation that they requested we make it an annual event. The club voted to do just that.

There was another debate this month about the pit stands & if there should be more available (reads "built"). There wasn't much input from club members but a motion was passed to build more now.

Members were reminded that the September club meeting will be held at the field but the October meeting will be inside at Dr. Matt's office. See the top of this (& every) newsletter for complete info.

Information for next year's swap meet has to be submitted to the AMA now to get the ad into Model Aviation magazine on time. It was decided that the info would remain the same as it was for this year's swap meet.

Neal Zook announced that Leslie Hoffman is preparing to sell the vast collection of R/C equipment collected over many years

by our friend & past VP Bruce, who passed away from brain cancer last year. Stay tuned for details.

Neal Zook is involved with a project to do aerial searching via model aircraft in Venezuela. The proposed aircraft is the eight foot "foam goose" that Neal & Bruce developed several years ago using blue builder's foam. Neal has one & Leslie Hoffman has donated Bruce's to the project. Neal is looking for any parts or unfinished kits that club members may have collecting dust in the back of their hangars. You can contact Neal at 812-323-7013. I don't have a current email address for Neal that works.

Dennis Friesel announced that he has secured the Boys & Girls Club location on Lake Lemon for a MCRCC float-fly on September 17th. Details & directions will be sent to club members via email as soon as possible.

Jason Breeden is getting some info on the banquet center at the Upland Brewery in Bloomington as a possible site for the 2011 club Christmas party / dinner. If you have any other possible sites in mind, get the information to VP Rick Hill.

We went over several dates on the event calendar with special mention of the IMAA fly-in at our club field on August 27th. A flyer for the event should be available soon.

In the saga of the coveted "Dork Award", Dennis Friesel passed the prize to his son Michael for a bungee launch mishap that happened at the Crippled Chicken field in Western Monroe County. It seems that Michael was preparing to bungee launch his electric jet when his young son Walter warned him that it was going to hit a bush. Michael continued with the launch & guess what? Right into the bush! Just goes to show ya that the youngsters are pretty observant! Good work Walter & congratulations Michael!

The meeting was closed at 7:46:12...

Interesting Bits...

It takes A Main Hobbies seven days to get a small package from Illinois to Central Indiana via Ohio! The same length of time it takes for Tower Hobbies to do the same! Sad...

We have some new soloists in the club! Dave Hotz, Sebastian Smigielski, & Dawson Bell have all completed the requirements to earn their solo certificates this August. Be sure to congratulate them on their accomplishment & lend them a hand as needed.

There's a rumor going around that our club secretary / treasurer, Delbert Davis, will not seek reelection for another term after many, many years of outstanding service. Not many members have any idea how much work Delbert does behind the scenes on behalf of the Monroe County R/C Club, including proofreading this newsletter. Please try your best to talk Delbert

out of retiring & if that fails, wish him the best & thank him for his years of faithful service to the club!

Moments after awesome Dawson Bell earned his solo certificate at the club field, his grandfather Larry Deckard took the same aircraft for a flight & let it get away from him. It found the hard, dry ground in the parking area, right behind his truck, at a high rate of speed. I'll bet Dawson gets his very own airplane now & probably won't let grandpa fly it...

Joe Rogers attended his first IRCHA heli jamboree in August. It was tough to tell how well he liked the helicopters but it appears that he did enjoy himself!



I'm a little late but here's Dennis Friesel's write-up following the introduction to model aviation we gave to the Boys & Girls Club in July. Thanks Dennis!

Monroe County RC Club TAG Day, July 12, 2011.

The Monroe County RC Club, an AMA leader Club in Monroe County Indiana, teamed up with the "Boys and Girls Club of Bloomington" (Indiana) to provide a modeling experience for 65 children aged 6 to 12 years old at its flying field on Wiley Road. The Boys and Girls Club, lead by Camp Director Audrey Hall, provided 8 chaperones who divided the kids up into 4 groups. 14 Monroe County RC Club members volunteered to provide and/or set up tents, a PA system, 3 flight simulator systems for training and a DVD video system for viewing RC videos in the MCRCC club pole barn. Following a short safety talk to the children, the morning was spent making FPG9 gliders, simulator training and watching "CRASH" videos. Flight demonstrations of various model aircraft were also presented by club members during these morning activities. Of course, the "CRASH" videos were a huge hit, but the FPG9 Gliders and simulators were very close seconds.

At noon, the 6 to 9 year old children were bused to another activity in Bloomington, while 23 remaining 10 to 12 year olds stayed at the field for lunch and flight training with the buddy box system using both MCRCC and some member trainers. About 7 trainer/buddy box systems and instructor pilots were available to provide each boy and girl with an RC flight experience. Each child was given dedicated training on a flight simulator before being escorted to one of four instructor pilot/helper teams. Each child received about 5 minutes of flight time during the afternoon session, which lasted about 2 1/2 hours. While the day was quite warm (90's), several fans, pop up tents and the pole barn kept things reasonably cool, and a great time was had by all involved. Even the Boys and Girls Club chaperones wanted and were given time on the flight simulators and the trainers.

The participating MCRCC members had as much fun as the children, and all were surprised at how well the children were able to fly the RC trainers after receiving the simulator training. The MCRCC voted at its monthly club meeting to make this an annual event, as did the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Bloomington. In return, the Boys and Girls Club has agreed to allow our club to use their excellent facilities on

Lake Lemon, Camp Rock, to host an annual "FLOAT" fly. (More on that later) We seem to have stumbled upon a mutually advantageous arrangement with the Boys and Girls Club. Below are some pictures of the Tag Day activities.



Event Calendar

- September 14 Monthly Club Meeting
- September 17 Lake Lemon Float Fly
- September 17 Randy's Retirement Party at Mark's
- 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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