



**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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## April 2012 Edition

### March Meeting Notes...

Since Dr. Matt was out of town on Spring break, the March meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club got underway at 7:06:32 in Jim Scott's "man cave". Due to the switch to daylight frigginn savings time, it was very sunny outside & due to the record high temperatures, it was eighty degrees on March 14th.

President Mark Sexton reported that he received a call from Randy Byers on Tuesday, reporting that John Naylor's cattle had escaped their enclosure & were grazing in Mr. Peterson's yard. Mark called John & the cows were promptly herded back into their field. They didn't get on the runway & no damage was done.

Mark also reported that Bob Watson has been released from the hospital following heart surgery & is now resting at home.

Tim Mellott reported that forty-six tables were sold at the

annual swap meet & that we made around eight hundred bucks for the club treasury. Thanks to



Mike Polster K9GLT in Martinsville who donated a load of swap meet stuff from his garage & to Randy Byers who hauled it to the swap meet & made the sales. Tim says there will be a 50/50 drawing at the swap meet next year as suggested by several who attended.

Jeff Self reported that the annual Heli Fly-In will be June 9th at the club field. There was some confusion about the date last month but that has been taken care of & June 9 is the day.

Dennis Friesel reported that the introduction to model aviation for the Bloomington Boys & Girls Club will be held at the club field on July 31.

Mark is working on a bulk fuel order from Wildcat Fuels. We need to order at least thirty cases to get the price break. Get your order to Mark by March 24th.

We spent about twenty minutes discussing the pros & cons of the petro matt proposal for the runway at the club field. Dennis had sent out a lot of information via email for the membership to look over & there were several questions from those who didn't have email or didn't read the information. A vote on the proposal will take place at the April club meeting. If you have any questions, give Dennis a call or email him.

Randy Byers reported that Delbert & Penny Davis are settled in their new home in Georgia. Randy has their new address & contact number if you want to check up on them.

Tim Sparks reported that the pylon race at the club field will take place on Saturday, August 25th. If you would like to purchase an aircraft & participate, contact Tim. There will be other races during the Summer at the Columbus flying field.

Tim Mellott wants to put some siding along the roofline on the shelter at the club field to make it more presentable. The area doesn't seem to hold paint very well & is looking shabby even though it was just painted a couple of years ago. The club voted to proceed with the project & Jim Scott will assist Tim with the purchase of the materials.

Lane Jorgensen is doing just fine after loosing a fight with a drill press while working on a airplane. The doctor stitched him back together & told him not to try that trick again.

Randy Byers reported that the annual Sig Fly-In will take place in Iowa on June 9 & 10. He & Darrell Sisson went last year & had a wonderful time.

Neal Zook reported that Leslie Hoffman is ready to sell Bruce's model aviation collection. She would like to sell the collection as one unit & not piece it out. If you are interested contact Neal for details.

In the saga of the coveted "Dork Award", VP Rick Hill was torn between two incidents while deciding who was going to be the next recipient. It was reported that Jim Parker destroyed a micro T-28 in a collision with Mark Curtis's hard head but the award was presented by Rick to Joe Rogers for an



event that had several of us rolling in the gym floor with laughter. Joe was flying his micro DR1 tri-plane in formation with Bob Shireman. We watched Joe's plane swerve to the right & into the upper deck in the gym. It made a large sweep between the poles & almost made it out but hit the flag & dropped to the floor on the upper deck. It was then that we noticed that Joe was still on the flightline, working the sticks on his transmitter, & watching Bob's airplane as if it was his own. This went on for several minutes until we got Bob's attention & had him make a low pass & land. That's when Joe finally realized that he had been following Bob's tri-plane & that his was missing. It was a very entertaining show & the flag was not harmed. Thanks Joe!

The meeting was closed at 8:13:38...

## Interesting Bits...

My nephew has been getting interested in the micro helicopters. Grandma has been bringing him to the Paragon gym to practice on Friday evenings & noticed a few weeks ago that Joe Rogers & Steve “Stick” Dorsett were having trouble with a 400 size electric heli. I explained that Joe had recently purchased the machine from his brother & that they were trying to get it lined out. Grandma put 2 & 2 together and figured that Joe & Stick were brothers. I didn’t laugh, if that’s what U were thinking...

Jim Parker is taking it easy at home after hip replacement surgery. Get well soon Jim!

Randy Byers asked me to test-fly his new AT-6 & trim it out at the club field. It ran well & the balance seemed about right so we checked all the controls, did a vertical test, taxied out & flew the tail a few times & all looked good. At 3/4 throttle, it left the ground gracefully & after a couple of circuits, was trimmed for hands-off flight. It flew very well & we did a big loop & a slow roll, & a low pass with the gear retracted. We had probably been up for four or five minutes just cruising along when the right wing came loose from it’s root & pivoted to a vertical position on it’s spar tube. The servo wires kept the wing from flying off but the vertical position of the wing put the aircraft into the most perfect (unrecoverable) inverted flat spin I have ever seen. I have tried this maneuver many times with airplanes that had both wings pointing forward but never got the flat spin that resulted when one wing was pointed forward & one was pointed straight up. The spin was so flat & the descent so slow that there was little damage to the airplane but had that wing left the aircraft, I’m guessing it would have become a yard dart. I don’t think I could “knife edge” an AT-6 back to the runway with a wing missing.

Charlie Thompson is back in action after his surgery in January. He was flying at Nebo on March 29th. Welcome back Charlie!

Joe Rogers got the big West Middle School gym in Martinsville on Saturday night March 24th & hosted the first annual “All Nighter” electric fly-in. We started flying at 4:00 P.M. & took a break around 7:00 P.M. for pizza & pop. We made it to about 10:30 P.M. before we got sleepy & went home.

It was a great time & a fine finish to the indoor flying season at West Middle. Thanks Joe!

Joe plans to reserve the big gym again next Winter on Sunday mornings from November through March.

I’ll have some pictures from the “All Nighter” in next month’s newsletter.

Bob Shireman’s father Ralph Shireman passed away on Sunday April 1st. The Monroe County R/C Club sent flowers from our sponsor Mary M’s & the Nebo Memorial Pilot’s Association sent some as well. Our condolences to the Shireman family.



## Event Calendar

- April 11 Monthly Club Meeting (vote on Petro-Mat)**
- April 13-15 Toledo R/C Expo**
- May 5 Shoop’s Butterfly Hills R/C Challenge**
- June 9 Heli Fly-In (Club Field)**
- June 22-24 Indy Airshow Indianapolis Regional Airport**
- June 23 “Charlie Built” Fly-In (Nebo Memorial Field)**
- July 7 4-Stroke Event (Club Field)**
- July 21 Nothin But Cubs Fly-In (Club Field)**
- July 23-29 Airventure Oshkosh**
- July 31 Boys & Girls Club Intro To Model Aviation**
- August 5 Club Picnic (Club Field)**
- August 11 Indy Air Race (full scale)**
- September 15 IMAA Fly-In (Club Field)**
- December 12 Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting**



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