



**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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## February 2012 Edition

### January Meeting Notes...

It was raining & 43 degrees at 7:02:08 when the January 11th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order. Twenty-three members were present after visitor Matt Johnson was voted into the club. Matt works at IU with VP Rick Hill & came up to the New Year's Day flying at West Middle gym in Martinsville. Welcome Matt!

President Mark Sexton announced that we received a "Thank You" card from the Bloomington Hospice for our donation of \$280.00 to their cause in honor of our past VP & good friend Bruce Hoffman, who died from brain cancer in 2010.

Three tables have been reserved at our swap meet in February for Leslie Hoffman & Neal Zook. It's not "official" but they may be planning on bringing some of Bruce's vast collection to offer for sale.

Charlie Thompson is recovering just fine at home after hip replacement surgery. He's not jogging yet but it won't be long.

A report on the Christmas dinner at KRC indicated that all went well & the problems we had the year before had been resolved. The club voted to discontinue the practice of passing out framed certificates of appreciation to those who have demonstrated outstanding service to the club during the year. Jimmy Vanvleet couldn't find anybody to serve on the committee with him to find an alternative & several said they were running out of wall space to display their annual awards. Jim Scott was heart broken so we may need to print something up for him.

Mark announced that he has worked out a contract for the port-a-pot for next season so the "office" will continue to be available at the flying site.

Butch Thomas volunteered to take the new pit stands to his place for the Winter to keep them from getting washed away when the water gets high but was advised that tying them to the fence would be OK. If we have a good flood & you notice a section of fence missing, along with the pit stands, you'll know what happened.

Tim Mellott announced that he has sold several tables for the swap meet in February but has several still available. Details are on the flier, which you can find on the club website, which is listed at the top of this page (duhhh).

Mark announced that there would be no mall show this year. The person in charge of that sort of thing now at the College Mall didn't want to work with us on a date. The one & only date they had available wouldn't work for us.

Jeff Self announced plans to hold his annual heli fly-in at the club field on June 9th.

Jim Scott plans to try another "Nothin But Cubs" fly-in on July 21st.

Tim Mellott is planning his 4-Stroke Event at the club field on July 7th.

Mark hasn't selected a date yet for this year's IMAA fly-in yet but he's working on it.

The club picnic has been scheduled for August 5th. Dennis Friesel is planning three events. An introduction to model aviation for the Bloomington Boy's & Girl's Club will take place sometime in July & another similar event for the Civil Air Patrol cadets sometime this Summer. A float-fly on Lake Lemon will probably be in September or October.

Michael Friesel hasn't selected a new winner for the coveted "Dork Award" yet but he's watching.

The meeting was closed at 7:48:10...

### Interesting Bits...

Mark Curtis & Joe Rogers braved the ice storm to get down to the Vincennes swap meet while many of us stayed home to wait for the ice to melt. They really didn't need any airplane stuff, they just wanted an excuse to stop at the Gasthof in Montgomery for lunch.

Darrell & Julie Sisson are having an open house at their new home on February 5th (Superbowl Sunday) from 3:00 P.M. to whenever. Darrell says to come by for a few minutes or stay for the game. The new place is at 4420 SR 44 in Martinsville.

Tim Sparks submitted the following for all those interested in pylon racing (on a budget) at the club field. Thanks Tim!

Last year we weren't able to get the time on the pylon course I had hoped for with the corn outgrowing the pylons by August! We had Ken Erickson from Columbus' Bartholomew County R/C attend one of meetings where he talked about Sport Pylon racing and we did a few hot laps as well. This year should be soybeans in our field so we should have lots of time to get on the pylon course.

We have 6 guys in our club flying these planes (at least one crashed). They are a great sport plane as well as a fine all around Sunday Flyer. Any .40 should slip in and you are ready to race. I hope to host a race later this year with invitations to the other two clubs who are flying this type of event. No experience is required, this is an entry level fun event and there are several of us who will be more than happy to help you figure out the fastest way around the course. I hope to incorporate some practice sessions as part of the Tuesday trainer night on a not-to-interfere basis with the new guys, as we did last year.

There will be a special order of LA Racers from Global Hobbies with special prices. If you are interested in acquiring a race plane drop me an email at [elmshoot@aol.com](mailto:elmshoot@aol.com). I also plan to attend the meeting on Feb 8 for a final count before we place

the order. No money is due now but upon delivery.  
I guarantee this will make you a better pilot if you come fly with us.  
Tim Sparks

There is some disturbing news concerning Spektrum receivers & swap meets. It seems that there are some counterfeit receivers out there that look identical to the real thing. Steve Dorsett sent his transmitter & a receiver in to the Horizon

Service center after his heli went into idle-up mode a couple of times without his permission. They informed him that the transmitter was fine but his receiver was a knock-off made to look like a genuine Spektrum.

Not long after Steve's discovery, Mark Sexton had an electric heli jump into a full power/no control situation in the Paragon gym. He hasn't had word yet from Horizon but we suspect the same problem.

I guess the lesson is buyer beware! If the price sounds too good to be true, it's probably not the genuine article.

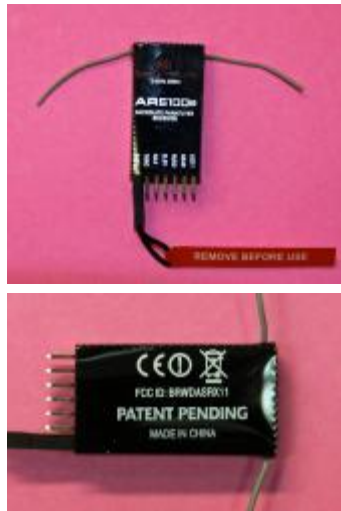
If we find out how to tell the good from the bad I'll print it in the newsletter & try to make sure word gets around.

In the meantime, please check your fail-safe settings. Power-up your aircraft with someone safely holding it & shut off the transmitter with the throttle up & be sure that the engine or electric motor **stops** when the radio signal is lost. If it doesn't, don't fly it!

We're still flying in the Paragon school gym on Friday evenings from 6 to 8 & at the West Middle gym in Martinsville from 9 to 1 on Sundays. If you haven't had a chance to join us yet there's plenty of Winter left to get yourself a micro electric & get in on some of the fun. A new device is coming from Hobbico soon that will enable us to operate the Flyzone micros with our computer transmitters & promises to be pretty popular. It's called Anylink & isn't available yet but should be out anytime now.

If you haven't reserved your tables for the club swap meet on February 26th you better do it now before they are gone! Tim Mellott says they are going fast.

Don't give up hope if Santa brought you a new pair of landing gear skis for Christmas & there hasn't been any snow. It's only the end of January. We're got plenty of Winter left to get back to average.



## Event Calendar

- February 5th Darrell & Julie's Open House
- February 8 Monthly Club Meeting
- February 11-12 Hobbico E-Fest
- February 18 Indoor Electric Fly-In at Washington, IN.
- February 26 Annual MCRCC Swap Meet
- March 14 Monthly Club Meeting
- April 11 Monthly Club Meeting
- 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
- July 7 4-Stroke Event (Club Field)
- July 21 Nothin But Cubs Fly-In (Club Field)
- July 23-29 Airventure Oshkosh
- August 5 Club Picnic (Club Field)
- August 11 Indy Air Race (full scale)
- December 12 Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting

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