



**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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## January 2012 Edition

### December Meeting Notes...

The annual Christmas dinner / meeting was held at KRC Catering again with much better results this year. The shrimp ran out a little early but we had plenty of food on the dinner buffet & it was pretty tasty. They also had a better supply of our beverage of choice, although it was a little pricy.

President Mark Sexton announced the club officer line-up for 2012 & was assisted by VP Rick Hill & retiring secretary / treasurer Delbert Davis in passing out certificates of appreciation to twenty-some club members for their outstanding service to the club in 2011. That's a lot of people doing a lot of service in a club our size! Congratulations to all & thanks for your service!

Randy Byers sold tickets all evening for the 50/50 drawing that we do to raise money for charity. The

winning ticket was sold to our landlord John Naylor & John graciously donated his winnings back to the club to be included in our donation to the Bloomington Hospice in honor of our past vice president & good friend

Bruce Hoffman who passed away from brain cancer last year. Leslie Hoffman was at the dinner & gave us an update on how things are progressing at the hospice house.

New secretary for 2012, Dennis Friesel, presented the coveted "Dork Award" to his son Michael for not practicing "situational awareness" in the Martinsville Gym.

Dennis contends that Michael would not have been hit by that little foam aircraft if he would have been more aware of what was going on around him in the gym. I personally believe that Michael was just trying to save me from the "not so threatening" impact. Thanks Michael!

Tim Mellott put together some photos from the 2011 season on a DVD, set to music, & ran the slide show for us. Thanks Tim!



As they say, "a good time was had by all" & if you missed it, mark your calendar for the 2012 dinner.

Thanks to our "official" event photographer Barb Hill for taking pictures at the event!



### Interesting Bits...

Unlike last year, when we left the Christmas dinner in the snow, it was warm & raining as we departed. We haven't had a "flyable" snowfall yet this season but there's a lot of Winter ahead of us...

Commenting that there were too many certificates awarded at the Christmas dinner got Jimmy Vanvleet a position as chairman of a new committee to recommend "what do we do next year?". Jimmy will be needing some help on that committee, if you have any ideas...

Our little Nebo Memorial R/C Pilot's Association celebration of the "shortest Thursday" on December 22nd turned into a big party this year when we took over Bynum's Steakhouse in Martinsville with close to thirty people. The people at Bynum's handled it very well! We all ate way too much but it was very good! Tim Sparks had planned to come but got stuck in Arizona with a broken FedEx jet. Glad it didn't break in the air!

It was dark & rainy at Nebo before the dinner but there's a fool born every minute & at least three of them were out in it for a flight or two on the shortest Thursday. I didn't get out there till around 5:00 but Jim Parker & Mark Sexton were already out enjoying the forty-degree drizzle...

Joe Rogers secured the West Middle School gym in Martinsville on Christmas day from 9 to 1 for those diehard flyers who didn't have family commitments. It was a great time & we enjoyed a much less crowded airspace than normal. We played Christmas music & ran down many batteries. Those pilots I saw during the event were; Joe Rogers, Jim Parker, & Steve Shoop. Mike Wolford, Nelson Barlow, & Tina Rogers came by to visit & cheer us on. Thanks to Joe for getting the nice, warm gym! It was cold & very windy outside. Joe has secured the



gym for New Year's Day also & we plan to do it again with a bigger crowd of pilots...

There was a much bigger crowd of pilots in the West Middle School gym on New Year's Day. The airspace was very busy & spotters were even required at times. Several new aircraft that Santa had delivered got their first flights. It was a wonderful day to be indoors with rain showers outside & a wind advisory to go along with them. It was a chore just getting the boxes & equipment from the vehicles into the gym without something blowing away. Thanks to Joe Rogers for making the arrangements & to all of you for participating! It was a good start to a **Happy New Year...**

Steve (Stick) Dorsett has been slowly getting acquainted with his new V-22 Osprey. It's very technical & very expensive but he's doing very well with it.



We all thought Joe Rogers was going to steal a kiss from Rick at the Christmas dinner (like he did from Charlie at Nebo last Summer) but Rick got away with just a big hug...



Your president, for the last twenty years or so, Mark Sexton received his certificate for outstanding service to the club from VP Rick Hill & retiring secretary/treasurer Delbert Davis.



## Event Calendar

- January 11 Monthly Club Meeting (pay dues)
- January 21 Tri-County Aero Swap Meet Vincennes
- January 28 Charlestown Swap Meet
- February 8 Monthly Club Meeting
- February 11-12 Hobbico E-Fest
- 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
- July 23-29 Airventure Oshkosh
- August 11 Indy Air Race (full scale)
- December 12 Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting

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**If you haven't already done so, it's time to renew your AMA & pay your club dues. Don't fart around till it's sunny & 72 to realize that you can't use the club field because you didn't pay your dues or renew your AMA membership! I won't mention any names but it has happened...**

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Happy New Year