



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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March 2012 Edition

February Meeting Notes...

It was 36 degrees & dark, with a few snow flurries in the air as the February 8th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 7:00:12 P.M. If Tim Mellott counted the number of members present, he either didn't tell me or I didn't write it down. That can happen when you get old.

Brandon Elkins came to visit the meeting & get some tips on R/C helicopter training. He plans to check out the action in the West Middle school gym this weekend.

Club secretary Dennis Friesel presented some information on Flight Deck Adds in RC Pilot Magazine that could get us some free T-shirts to give away at club events. Everybody likes free.

Tim Mellott reported that he has sold twenty-seven tables for the swap meet (so far) out of the fifty-four available. Tim says the plan for swap meet Sunday is to meet for breakfast at 6:00 A.M. at the Bloomington Cracker Barrel, set up the building at the Monroe County Fairgrounds at 7:00 A.M., let the vendors in to set up at 8:00 A.M. & open the show to the public at 9:00 A.M.

Randy Byers reported that a new windsock has been installed at the club field & a new first-aid kit will be put in the cabinet before the Spring flying season begins.

Dennis Friesel reported that there was some interest in the Petro Mat runway proposal & there will be a formal presentation at the March meeting. This mat (if purchased) would allow aircraft with small wheels to take off & land on a section of the main runway. It is reported to be impervious to water & freezing & thawing temperatures. Several members were concerned about the installation being "seamless" with the remaining grass on the runway & larger aircraft getting "tripped" as they ran from the grass onto the mat. Some were concerned about the mat getting damaged if vandals got on the runway with a vehicle which has happened in the past. Will special insurance be required to protect the investment? How much work will be required to install & maintain the mat? How long will it work before it has to be replaced? Can we mow & roll over it? These questions & more will be discussed at the March club meeting and the proposal will be voted on by the club at the April meeting.

President Mark Sexton gave a lecture on how the club supports itself with a combination of dues, advertising sponsors, & events like the annual swap meet. All are important in the grand scheme to keep dues prices from increasing.

The club voted to change the bylaws so that those with 2.4 Ghz. radio gear no longer need to have a frequency pin to fly. They are still required to post a current AMA or MCRCC membership card in the frequency control cabinet but won't need a yellow frequency pin. The rules remain unchanged for

those on 72 Mhz. (channels 11-60) & the 50 Mhz. amateur radio band (channels 00-09 & 53.1 to 53.8).

There was some discussion about the Spektrum clone receivers that some have had problems with. No positive way to identify them from the genuine article is known at this time. Be careful, check your failsafe settings & buy from a reputable dealer.

Mark announced that the price break for a bulk fuel order is thirty cases. That may be difficult to achieve with more pilots going electric. If you are interested in ordering fuel, please contact Mark. The price should be close to last year's if we can make the thirty case cut-off.

The club voted to suspend the dues of club officers for 2012. This practice could end if the economy fails to recover or gets worse but we're looking OK for now & appreciate the service of our club officers!

Tim Sparks announced that club pylon racing airplanes are available for around \$100.00 & that there should be a race in our area every three weeks or so this Summer. Contact Tim if you want to order an airplane.

There was an announcement about an auction of the Gary Baker estate (2-11) & an announcement about the reception we have planned for Friday (2-10) at the Paragon gym from 6:00 P.M. To 8:00 P.M. for Delbert & Penny Davis. They are moving to Georgia on

February 18th. It was also announced that Charlie Thompson is recovering well from his hip replacement surgery & is already working on building an airplane kit.

Joe Rogers announced that he's doing an all-nighter at the West Middle

gym in Martinsville on Saturday, March 24th starting at 4:00 P.M. until he can't stay awake anymore. Indoor electric micro flying, pizza, & pop. It should be a good time!

The saga of the coveted "Dork Award" continues this month with Michael Friesel passing the award to our vice president Rick Hill for an episode in the West Middle gym that may have scared young Joey Clendening & surely scared old Joey Rogers. Rick's little foam J3 Cub got too close to Joe's 400 size heli & got sucked in. It made a terrible noise that Joe described as "a



real buzz killer”. The wing on the Cub was destroyed but the airframe survived & Michael found a new home for the “dork award”. Congratulations Rick!

Mark announced that the IMAA fly-in this year would be on September 15th & Joe Rogers announced that there would be no flying in the West Middle gym on swap meet Sunday (2-26).

Dr. Matt is going to be on Spring break on March 14th so we will have to find another place to hold the March club meeting. Stay tuned for details.

The meeting was closed at 8:12:05...

Interesting Bits...

Club president Mark Sexton has announced that since Dr. Matt will be gone on Spring break on March 14th the March club meeting will be held at Jim Scott’s residence. Bring your own chairs to Jim’s place for the meeting. It’s West of Bloomington just off 45. Turn South at the Vet’s office (Eller Rd. / Leonard Springs) & right at the 2nd drive. If you’re bad with directions, follow somebody who knows or call Jim at 812-325-8855. Here’s a link for those with hi-speed internet.

<http://www.bing.com/maps/default.aspx?encType=1&where1=5901+W+Leonard+Springs+Rd%2c+Bloomington%2c+IN+47403&cp=39.121613~-86.610878&qvt=5901+W+LEONARD+SPRINGS+RD%2c+bloomington%2c+in+47403&FORM=MIRE>

Mark wanted to let everybody know that the presentation on the Petro-Mat runway proposal will take place at the March club meeting & a paper ballot vote on the motion will take place at the April club meeting.

Congratulations to Kevin Nuetzman! He passed his test & became a Technician class amateur radio operator. His call is KC9VKI.



Darrell Sisson lost a 4-bay battery charger on New Year’s Day at the West Middle gym. If you have seen it, give Darrell a call. It’s the one that comes with the Blade MSR.



Event Calendar

- March 10 Columbus Swap Meet
- March 14 Monthly Club Meeting (at Jim Scott’s)
- March 24-25 West Middle “All-Niter” Electric Fly
- 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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