



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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April Meeting Notes...

The April 10th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club got started way before 7:00 out in the parking lot at Clariti as the annual bulk fuel order was distributed from the back of Jim Scott's truck. It was a beautiful evening for early April with abundant sunshine (daylight savings time), a pretty stiff breeze, & a temperature of seventy-seven.



After the fuel was all passed out, the meeting moved indoors & was

called to order at 7:11:12, with twenty-six members in attendance, according to Tim Mellott.

Dennis Friesel confirmed that the float-fly on Lake Lemon will take place September 28th with the 29th reserved as a rain date. Several good stories about speeding fishing boats followed.

Steve Dorsett has signed a new contract for the West Middle School gym in Martinsville at our old rate of \$9.50 per hour. He has it reserved for Sunday morning April 14th from 9 to 11. Thanks Steve!

Tim Sparks is working out details for a display of model aviation on April 27th at the Bloomington airport for a large group of Boy Scouts. Details will be emailed to members before the event. There will be a static display & possibly some flying demos.

President Mark Sexton reported that the club shirts & jackets some members had been requesting have been ordered.

Mark also reported that some members are still interested in putting down a piece of mat on the runway for small-wheeled electric aircraft. If you are interested, contact Mark. He may not request your credit card number or a blank check (yet) but he needs to know how much interest there is out there for going ahead with a proposal to the club about modifying the runway.

Several area clubs are having charity fly-ins on August 17th. Our club was encouraged to participate also but our schedule is already pretty crowded so the club opted to take donations at our club picnic on August 11th & contribute to the cause.

Jim Scott has moved the date of the Cub-Fly from June 15th to June 8th because of a conflict. Please update your event calendars.

Butch Thomas volunteered to haul his big machine out to the field & roll the runway as soon as conditions permit. Thanks Butch!

Mark Sexton & Randy Byers reminded everybody to re-read the field rules (again). There have been some violations reported recently. Straighten up & fly right!

Dennis Friesel is working to purge the membership roster of those who have not been members for two years or more. Dennis will send out a new contact list when he is finished. Thanks Dennis!

It was reported that some of the intro pilots didn't receive a packet from the AMA this Spring. Dennis will contact them & get the matter taken care of.

In the continuing saga of the coveted "Dork Award", there were several candidates this month & it was tough to choose a "winner".

I could have given it to Dennis for volunteering to send email to those on the snail mail list but that wasn't really flight related.

There was the story of Randy Byers taking his big, new, Telemaster out for a taxi test & "accidentally" ending up in the air with a large & gusty crosswind to deal with. The maiden flight was short & the landing wasn't pretty but the gear is fixable.

The second candidate had me on the buddy box many years ago & taught me all the proper safety procedures to observe while operating around airplane propellers. You can imagine my surprise when Robert G. (Bobby) Shireman told me he had gotten his jacket sleeve into a prop & it pulled his arm into the arc & carved him up pretty good. Be careful! It can happen to anybody at any time.

Then there was the sad story of your vice-president (spelled Rick Hill) who got lost on the way to my house the Friday morning we left for Toledo. While I was trying to talk him in on the cell phone, I heard a crunch & an "Oh sh#%!" as he backed into a stop sign. The van was slightly damaged but all is well because the stop sign is fine.



Jim Parker liked the look of the Space Walker & finally found one for himself. I believe Jim & a Mr. Habig had checked it over & found it ready for flight on a nice Thursday evening at Nebo. I heard it take off but was working on my Cub & not watching. I then heard it accelerate to maximum throttle & Jim holler "I don't have it", as it plowed into the trees. The tree is fine but the airplane lost the fight.

The award winner this month is Mark Curtis. Mark brought out his trainer to test a transmitter he had been having problems with last season. He was making inverted passes down the runway at Nebo, which is *always* the best way to test a transmitter. All was going well & he kept getting down a little

lower on each pass. After being repeatedly warned, he had been “cheered” down to within a few feet of the runway when a little puff of wind rocked his inverted wings. As is so easily done in such situations, he pulled on the elevator stick instead of pushing & made a high speed, inverted, touch & stay (spelled CRASH).

It’s fixable but it’ll take a while. Congratulations Mark!

Interesting Bits...

We had a fine time at the Toledo R/C Expo again this year (as usual). Thanks to Mark & Rick for hauling us up there & bringing all our treasures back. The flea market was down a little from last year but we still came home with a pretty good haul. As an eating club that plays with airplanes part of the time, we were also able to squeeze in a couple of stops at the Big Boy in Perrysburg. Mmmmmm. Here’s some pictures of the haul, Mr. Scott’s favorite salesperson at the show, & the boys in their element (at the Big Boy).



There was not a lot of flying at Nebo on Thursday, April 25th . It was chilly & real windy but I did find one lonely little mushroom after running down a couple of batteries in the Stryker. It wasn’t enough to feed four hungry fat boys so we went to Texas fer dinner...



Event Calendar

- May 4 Shoop’s Butterfly Hills R/C Challenge
- May 8 Monthly Club Meeting
- June 2 MCRCC Heli-Fly (Club field)
- June 8 MCRCC Cub-Fly-In (Club Field)
- June 12 Monthly Club Meeting (At The Field)
- June 22 Pylon Racing (Club Field)
- June 29 Charlie-Built Fly-In (Nebo)
- July 12 Boys & Girls Club Intro To R/C Event
- July 13 MCRCC 4-Stroke Fly-In (Club Field)
- July 29 - August 4 Airventure “Oshkosh”
- August 10 Indy Air Race (Full Scale)
- August 11 MCRCC Club Picnic (Club Field)
- September 14 MCRCC IMAA Fly-In (Club Field)
- September 28 Lake Lemon Float-Fly
- October 12 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In
- December 11 Club Christmas Dinner / Meeting
- February 23, 2014 Annual Club Swap Meet

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