



**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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## November 2013 Edition

### October Meeting Notes...

The October 9th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 7:01:22 in Dr. Matt's office. It was a nice Fall evening with a temp of 73 deg. but getting dark fast.

Tim Mellott counted twenty-one people in attendance with one of those people being a visitor & previous member (& previous club president), Bill Stuckey. We welcomed Bill & tried to get him to run for club office again but he wasn't so easily sucked into the trap.

Current club president Mark Sexton paid tribute to those club sponsors who have renewed their advertising donations again this year. It's been a busy mowing season this year & those donations really help offset the cost of keeping the field mowed.

Club VP Rick Hill & club secretary Dennis Friesel reported on the installation of the mat over part of the club's grass runway. Dennis & Mike Wolford drove down to pick up the mat & a crew of twelve club members marked off the area, leveled it with pulverized dirt, and stapled the mat down to the runway. Club member Larry (Butch) Thomas brought out his heavy equipment & his know-how to make the job a snap. Thanks to all who donated their time & money to the project. The runway is now ready & available for those aircraft with the smallest of wheels that couldn't handle the grass & the mat should pose no problem for the larger aircraft that have always enjoyed the benefit of the soft grass.

Steve (Stick) Dorsett found a roofing contractor who will donate the shingles to re-roof the club shelter & will install some braces on the shaky structure. His price was 1/2 of what other quotes had been.

Mark is still working on a mall show at the College Mall in Bloomington for the Spring of 2014. No details are available yet but stay tuned.

Rick announced that this year's Christmas party / dinner / meeting will be held at KRC Catering in Bloomington again. The club voted to use the same menu plan as last year & the price will remain the same as last year at \$16.00 per person. Thanks for doing the leg-work Rick!

Dennis reported that there were twenty-three participants at the float-fly on Lake Lemon last month. The club made about a hundred bucks on the event & Dennis suggested that we donate fifty of it to the Boys & Girls Club to assist with up-keep of their beautiful facility. Good idea Dennis!

Mark reported that we made about a hundred bucks on the IMAA fly-in at the club field last month also.

Randy Byers reported that there were no new nominations for the club officer elections in November. If you are interested in running for a club office please contact Randy before the November meeting.

Steve Shoop announced that his Spring 2014 Butterfly Hills R/C Challenge will be held on May 3rd at his field in Brown County.

It was announced that some scouts in Tennessee have been using our website as part of a scouting project. They suggested we add a link or two for those interested in getting started with a building project. Rick will investigate that possibility.

Mark said Michael Sexton has mentioned the possibility of getting a raise for the 2014 mowing season. Michael hasn't had a raise for several years & has been giving us a really good deal all along, considering the amount of grass we have to mow & the fact that it has to all be blown toward the outside of the runway & pit areas. We decreased the area to be mowed with the installation of the runway mat but made the mowing pattern a little more complicated.

Steve (Stick) Dorsett announced that the indoor flying would start in the West Middle School gym in Martinsville on Sunday, November 3rd from 9 to 11 A.M. A current AMA card will be required to fly & no 400 size or larger helis will be allowed to fly in the gym. Thanks Steve for making the arrangements!

In "Stick's Safety Corner", we went over some LiPo battery safety tips & Steve passed out a sheet from the Max-Amp people with some good information. Steve also showed us the 1st aid burn kit that was donated by IPL. It will be locked in the outhouse at the club field which might keep it from being stolen a little longer than having it in the frequency cabinet.

Jim Kryway found a military lapel pin in his collection at home & awarded it to Charlie

Thompson at the meeting. The Honorable Service Lapel Button was given to service men honorably discharged from September 1939 to December of 1946 & was known



affectionately to some as the "Ruptured Duck". You'll have to ask one of the veterans how it got the nickname.

In the saga of the coveted "Dork Award", current holder Michael Friesel wasn't able to attend the meeting but sent the award along with Dennis. Somewhere along the line it got left up to Randy to present it to the next recipient. Since Dennis already had it in-hand, Randy told him to just keep it for a month for a taxi violation that happened at the IMAA fly-in. Dennis didn't remember taxiing in through the pit area but several in attendance did. Dennis was OK with that & figured he probably deserved it anyway for some other "dorkable" deeds. I don't

even remember anybody mentioning the tree that hit Dennis's 1/4 scale Cub at the float-fly but that's OK, the tree is fine.

The meeting was closed at 8:17:06...

## Interesting Bits...

We had a wonderful time at the Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In on October 12th. The air was brisk early but it got downright hot by early afternoon. The wind wasn't bad & several pilots put on a fine show for the spectators who came out to enjoy a Fall afternoon of model aviation. We made a whopping thirty bucks at the bake sale & combined with the left-over money from the Paragon gym from last Winter, we donated over a hundred dollars to the Martinsville Fall Foliage Festival Committee. Thanks to Tony Marsh's fiancée Ashley for running the bake sale & to all who donated baked goods for the sale. Thanks also to all who came out to participate...



What's Joe Rogers doing in the corn stubble & why is he staring at his transmitter???



Steve Shoop submitted some

pictures this month. The first one is from the club picnic & the other two are from the float-fly. Thanks Steve!



Clint Syer submitted a couple of photos. The first is Tim Sparks holding his broken pylon racer after a mid-air during a race & successful landing.



The second is of Clint's little hong kong foey speedster (I'm not sure what it's really called) after a high speed vertical landing, near John Naylor's driveway, turned it into a yard dart. Thanks Clint!

## Event Calendar

- November 13 Monthly club Meeting
- November 16 Charlestown Swap Meet
- December 11 Club Christmas Dinner / Meeting
- February 23, 2014 Annual Club Swap Meet
- July 28—August 3 Airventure (Oshkosh)
- September 26-28 GWAA WWI Show At WPAFB

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