March Meeting Notes...

It was overcast with snow flurries & thirty-five degrees outside when the March meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 7:02:12 in Dr. Matt’s warm office with twenty-four members in attendance.

Guest Robert Meya was welcomed to the meeting. Robert is working on a project for school & it involves model airplanes.

Tim Travis was “officially” voted into the club & informed that there are three other Tims in the club & that he would now be known as Tim 4.

Tim Mellott (Tim 2) reported that forty-four of the fifty available tables were sold at the club’s annual swap meet in February. Attendance was good & the concession area did well, making this a record year for profit. Thanks to all who assisted to make the swap meet a big success!

President Mark Sexton reported that we will have three tables outside the Target store for our presentation at the College Mall on March 22nd. We will do breakfast at the Cracker Barrel at 7:30 A.M. & set up in the mall at 9:00 A.M. We have permission to tear down anytime after 6:00 P.M. if mall traffic gets slow. Michael Friesel has a volunteer sheet on the internet for club members to select their shifts & what equipment they can bring.

Club secretary Dennis Friesel has gold leader club pins available for those who may not already have one.

Mark is putting together a bulk fuel order but it is not known yet if there is enough interest to get a discounted price break at 100 gallons. Wildcat Fuel has been purchased by Byron Fuel & we may have to haul the fuel order back from the Toledo show this year. Stay tuned for details but if you ordered fuel, plan to pay for it & pick it up at the April 9th club meeting.

Jeff Self reported that he has had no reply from the Advance Hobby Helicopter Show Team about attending our annual heli fly-in but Jeff has selected Sunday, June 8th as the date.

There was no new news about any new potential indoor flying sites but several members are still searching.

After a long Winter of overtime keeping the lights on in Indy, Stick Man (Steve Dorsett) made it to the meeting this month & conducted his “Stick’s Safety Corner” segment. Since there hasn’t been a lot of flying due to the weather, there weren’t any great safety stories but the theme this month was working on your electric powered models safely. Disconnect the motors while servicing, tie em’ down, & treat em’ like they could bite you at any time.

Fred Jungclaus brought a 1/3 scale WWI wheel in for show & tell. Fred does some graphic design work for William’s Brothers, who manufactures the wheels.

The saga of the coveted “Dork Award” continues this month. Holder of the award for the last few months, Bruce Bundy, made it to the meeting with the award but didn’t have a candidate in mind to pass it along to. Randy Byers saved the day by recalling a sad story about the test flight of a new “foamie” by the club president. Mark’s new aircraft is called a Speedinator but somewhere underneath, in small letters, it must say “Squirrel”. The little rascal wouldn’t turn right (even though it has a rudder) and ended up in the tree behind the pit area at Nebo. After some careful study from the ground, it was determined that with full power, left rudder, left aileron, & a little down elevator, it should pop loose from the tree branch it was hung up on. The plan worked but the ground got in the way after it flew out of the tree. It’s all lined out now & flies fine (still a little squirrely) but the initial flight test earned Mark the ‘Dork Award’. I believe his comment was “I’ve had it before & this probably won’t be the last time either”.

The meeting was closed at 8:03:17...

Interesting Bits...

Brayton Thompson posted a good FPV video of Randy Byers’s Kadet dropping a parachute man. The camera plane nearly caught the parachute but flew over about eight inches above it. If you haven’t seen it go to:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vhB2HqcfOc&feature=youtu.be

Pictures this month are from the mall show on March 22nd. Traffic in the mall that day was a little slow but we had a great time promoting model aviation to many mall shoppers who stopped by our booth. Thanks to all who participated!
Event Calendar

April 9  Monthly Club Meeting
May 3  Shoop’s Butterfly Hills R/C Challenge
May 14  Monthly Club Meeting
May 31  Pylon Racing  (Club Field)
June 1  Float Fly On Lake Lemon
June 8  Annual Heli Fly-In  (Club Field)
June 28  Charlie Built Fly-In  (Nebo Field)
July 8  Bloomington Boys & Girls Club R/C Intro
July 12  4-Stroke Event  (Club Field)
July 26  Pylon Racing  (Club Field)
July 28—August 3  Airventure (Oshkosh)
August 10  Club Picnic  (Club Field)
August 16  “Nothin But Cubs” Fly-In (Club Field)
September 13  IMAA Fly-In  (Club Field)
September 26-28  GWAA WWI Show At WPAFB
September 27  Pylon Racing  (Club Field)
September 27  Jasper Swap Meet
September 28  Float Fly On Lake Lemon
December 10  Club Christmas Dinner / Meeting

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