



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

Flying Site: 1 mile East of SR 37 on Wylie Road, Bloomington, IN

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The November meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 7:02:38 in Dr. Matt Fornefeld's Clarity office. The temperature outside was in the 60s but it was pretty windy & way too dark to be flying model airplanes. Tim Mellott counted twenty-one members in attendance.

After being absent last month, secretary Dennis Friesel got right back in the swing of things. He picked up the wrong paper & read about half of Mark's meeting agenda before several realized that it wasn't the minutes from the October club meeting that Brayton Thompson had prepared. While we were still chuckling about that, Dennis found the minutes that Brayton made from the October meeting & we got another chuckle as Dennis read Brayton's name as "Brandon Thomas" from the paper, just as Brayton had prepared (baited) it. Sorry Dennis but it was a good funny.

VP Rick Hill announced that member Tom Liebig donated some items from Boeing to the club. Some neat hats & pictures. They will be auctioned off at the Christmas party next month. Thanks for the donation Tom!

Since the meeting date was also Veterans Day, we had a tribute to all veterans present & those club member veterans who were not at the meeting. Thanks for your service!

Steve Shoop reported that all who attended his "Chili Cook-Off" & fly-in last month in Brown County had a fine time, ate well, & enjoyed some beautiful weather. Eric Ruggles was recognized for having the best hat at the event & took home the biggest prize. It was an abandoned toilet that Steve had sitting in the woods. Congratulations Eric!

Plans had to be changed for our annual Christmas dinner/meeting after it was discovered that KRC had plans to take us to the "poor house". Their prices had escalated quite a bit from last year & a decision was made to move the event to Hoosier Bar & Grill in Ellettsville. VP Rick Hill will send out an email with the details. The price is \$12.00 per person & **the deadline to sign up is November 26th.**

There was a debate about printing certificates again this year recognizing individual members for outstanding service. Several had good stories & it looks like the tradition will continue. If you know a member who deserves a certificate, contact club president Mark Sexton or VP Rick Hill. They are working on the list.

Work continues on the signs & graphics for our club sponsors / advertisers. There are plans to feature one of them each month on our website since traffic on Wylie Road will decrease as I-69 construction continues. Please remember them when you're shopping. If you are interested in writing a newsletter article about one of our sponsors, please step forward! I can edit your text, format it for the newsletter, & have Delbert

Davis spell-check it. Just send me a .doc file or scribble it on a piece of paper.

Eric Ruggles announced that he now has a contract for indoor flying at Eastern Greene School from 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. on the following dates: 12/13/15, 12/20/15, 1/3/16, 1/10/16, 1/17/16, 1/24/16, 1/31/16, 2/14/16, 2/21/16, 2/28/16, 3/6/16, & 3/13/16. Dates are subject to change if a school function comes up so please check with Eric at ericruggles@att.net or give him a call at 817-913-4696. Thanks Eric!

There was no election of officers at the November club meeting. Everything was worked out last month & no new candidates came forward. Your Monroe County R/C Club officers for 2016 will be Mark Sexton president, Rick Hill vice president / treasurer, & Brayton Thompson secretary. Thanks to Dennis Friesel for his past service as secretary. If you are interested in a non-elected position with the club, contact Mark Sexton. Randy Byers has been serving as safety officer for many years with Steve Dorsett as his assistant & this newsletter position is always available to anyone foolish enough to take it. We could also use a public information officer to get information about club events out to the local media & other clubs.

Steve Dorsett was absent so "Stick's Safety Corner" was filled with a few stories from club members. Three good points were brought up.

Make sure your transmitter is turned on & on the proper memory **before** turning on your electric powered aircraft. Make sure the battery in your electric powered aircraft is properly secured to the airframe before leaving the ground. Put a "**storage**" charge into your LiPo batteries before putting them away for the Winter.

Bruce Bundy is working on a slope soaring demo. More information should be available in January or February.

A canopy for a large acrobatic airplane was found out in the corn field at the club flying site. It's in good condition but nobody at the club meeting knew who it belongs to or where it came from.

If you have any information, contact Randy Byers at 765-346-0088 before he throws it out or builds an airplane around it.

There was some discussion about the FAA's crazy new plan to try & register all model aircraft. The AMA seems to be at the plate trying to bat for us & we'll see where the foolishness goes.

It was announced that Joey Clendenning donated a Futaba T6XA transmitter to the club on channel 17. The plan is to auction it off at the Christmas party along with the hats & stuff from Tom Liebig so bring some cash for the auction & the 50/50 drawing.

In the saga of the coveted "Dork Award", current holder Jerry Sanford was involved in an auto accident the morning of the club meeting & wasn't able to attend. If you were thinking the accident was Jerry's fault, since he was holding the award, you

would be wrong. Nobody was seriously injured but the award will have to wait for another meeting to be passed on.

The meeting was closed at 8:03:20...

Interesting Bits...

Several made it to Dave Poland's bonfire on November 7th. It was a beautiful Fall evening to be in the woods, sitting around the fire, & practicing what we do best (eating). Thanks Dave for having us out!

When we left to go to the swap meet at Floyd's Knobs early Saturday morning (November 21st) it was Fall. When we came back North, it was Winter. The snow started to fall as we got near Bloomington & was sticking pretty good to the cars & on the grass. Thank goodness it wasn't slick on SR 37 or I-69 or whatever you choose to call that mess of a road that runs from Bloomington to Martinsville...

For those that don't know yet, you can now enjoy a cold beer with your dinner at Tomato Pie Pizza Joint in Paragon (one of our sponsors). Kim has her permit now & has worked out a deal with the Sun King Brewery in Indy thanks to some advice from a few of her best customers (the fat boys). You can find us there on Friday evenings about 8:10 P.M. after we get done flying in the Paragon Elementary School gym...

If you're into detailing your micro electrics, you might be interested to know that the pilot that comes in the Spacewalker fits perfectly into the rear cockpit of the PT-17. Brayton Thompson pulled the pilot out of his Spacewalker for his FPV set-up & he now flies my PT-17. You can also use a silver metallic "Sharpie" to highlight your engine fins & such...



Kevin Nuetzman is hosting a tour of the Heritage Trust Museum at the UAW/Rolls-Royce Training Center in Indianapolis on Friday, December 18th. The tour will start at 2:30 P.M. & will include the James A. Allison Exhibition. Kevin says we should be finished by 4:00 P.M. The museum will be closed for several months after December 22nd to be relocated in a new facility. The address is 2601 W. Raymond Street in Indy. It's just West of Kentucky Avenue at plant 5 in the blue training center building. If you need more information, you can contact Kevin at 317-523-9909 or email him at kevinnuetzman@gmail.com.

Congratulations to Tom Jenkins! Conditions came together perfectly on Tuesday evening November 24th for Tom to complete the required four take-offs & landings (the last landing "dead stick") and earn his Solo Certificate at the club field. Good job Tom!

Event Calendar

- November 26 Christmas Dinner Reservation Deadline
- November 27 Newburgh Swap Meet
- November 28 Chesterfield (Anderson) Swap Meet
- December 9 Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting
- December 18 Rolls-Royce Museum Tour
- February 28, 2016 Annual Club Swap Meet
- April 1-3 Toledo R/C Expo
- July 25—31 Airventure "Oshkosh"

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