



**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

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

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## March 2015 Edition

### February Meeting Notes...

Tim Mellott counted twenty-three members present at the February 11th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club when it was called to order at 7:00:18 in Dr. Matt Fornefeld's warm & dry office. It was cold, wet, & windy outside & getting dark, although the days are starting to get noticeably longer.

There were five visitors present at the meeting. Two of them were at the January meeting & returned this month to join the club. Please welcome new members Gary Gettelfinger & Ray Saidah.

President Mark Sexton reported that club member Carl Ward's wife passed away on January 5th. Many of us were unaware of her passing but knew she had been in failing health for some time. Our thoughts are with you Carl.

Tim Mellott reported that twenty-four of the fifty available tables have been reserved for the annual club swap meet on February 22nd. That seems to be about normal for two weeks in advance of the event. We hope to sell all available tables for the event since the Monroe County Fairgrounds has doubled the fee they charge us for use of the building. Club members are invited to arrive around 7:00 A.M. to help set up the tables & several plan to eat a pre-event breakfast at the Bloomington Cracker Barrel at 6:00 A.M.

Brayton Thompson reported that there is no new news yet from the FAA on proposed rulemaking involving model aviation. An announcement should come soon.

Mark reported that there hasn't been much response yet on bulk fuel orders. If you are interested, please contact Mark as soon as possible. The price per gallon may depend on the amount of fuel ordered & the delivery method. If we can pick up the fuel at the Toledo show in April, it will save money on shipping costs. Delivery is still planned for April but the club meeting date falls before the Toledo show this year.

Mark reported that he is still trying to negotiate a March 28th date for a model aviation display at the College Mall in Bloomington. The mall wants to charge us \$250.00 for the space that has always been free in past years. If they can sell the space & make money off of it, public service groups will now have to take a back seat or pay the price. Such is the society we live in today. The club seemed OK with paying the fee but not very happy about it.

There was some discussion about having an open house at the club field & inviting the public out to observe model aviation. Something similar to the program we host for the Bloomington Boys & Girls Club but on a smaller scale. If you are interested in participating, contact Mark. No date has been selected at this time.

Randy Byers reported that he received three free props from APC after taking a photo of a defective prop purchased in Indianapolis & emailing it to the company. They stand behind their product.

Randy also prepared a special presentation for Bruce Bundy called the "Foam Hunter Award". Bruce has developed a knack for accidentally knocking some of the micro foam aircraft flying in the gym out of the air with his Vapor. Bruce wasn't at the meeting but Randy caught up with him at the Paragon gym on **Friday the 13th.** & made the presentation.



Mark reported that he got a call from an electrician who was willing to trade some electrical work for some flight instruction but couldn't remember the instructor's name. Mark informed that we provide flight instruction free of charge but would inquire at the meeting about the instructor in question. Nobody at the meeting had any knowledge of the deal or needed any electrical work done at this time.

Dennis Friesel reported that the Bloomington Boys & Girls Club wanted to move the date for their introduction to model aviation (at our field) to June 9th this year. That presented a conflict with several who had hoped to participate. Dennis will check to see if an alternate date is available. Dennis also said they would like to host a float-fly demonstration at their site on Lake Lemon on July 7th. Check your calendars & get back to Dennis if you're available.

Steve Dorsett continued his trip through the club by-laws & safety rules by talking about security & safety enforcement. It's up to all members to make sure the guidelines are followed. Don't look the other way if you notice any unsafe actions.

There was some discussion of the I-69 construction along 37. At some point the Wylie road intersection with 37 will be closed. There will be an interchange on the Interstate at Sample Road with an access road back to Wylie Road. There may be temporary closures of the intersection at any time as construction continues. To get around the construction you may want to come to the club field from the East by using old 37 & turning West on Wylie Road. Wylie is between Robinson Road on the South side & Sample Road on the North side.

In the saga of the coveted "Dork Award" Clint Seyer decided to hold the award for another month after the newly repaired wing on the pylon racer (that was involved last month) exploded in mid-air during a test flight. The investigators are leaning toward failure of the wing covering on the leading edge which let a blast of air into the wing panel causing the explosion. Clint was not successful trying to land the aircraft "knife edge" (like the famous internet video) but he did get the throttle cut before impact.

The meeting was closed at 8:04:47...

### Interesting Bits...

The mall show has been confirmed for **Saturday, April 4th**. Mark was looking at March 28th but that didn't work out. Correct your calendars now!

**If you want fuel this season, get your order to Mark now!**

The annual swap meet turned out to be pretty busy again this year despite the five inches of snow we got the day before. Thanks to all who helped put on the event & to all who participated!



## Event Calendar

- March 5 SkyWarn Severe Weather Class (Martinsville)
- March 7 Converse Swap Meet
- March 11 Monthly Club Meeting
- March 14 Columbus Swap Meet
- March 21 Indy East Swap Meet
- April 4 Mall Show (College Mall Bloomington)
- April 8 Monthly Club Meeting
- April 10—12 Toledo R/C Expo
- May 2 Butterfly Hills R/C Challenge (Shoop's Place)
- May 13 Monthly Club Meeting
- May 30 Pylon Racing (Club Field)
- June 7 Float-Fly (Lake Lemon)
- June 9 Boys & Girls Club Intro To R/C (Club Field)
- June 10 Monthly Club Meeting (At The Field)
- June 27 "Charlie Built" Fly-In (Nebo Field)
- July 7 Float-Fly Demo (Lake Lemon)
- July 8 Monthly Club Meeting
- July 11 4-Stroke Event (Club Field)
- July 20—26 Airventure "Oshkosh"
- August 9 Club Picnic (Club Field)
- August 12 Monthly Club Meeting
- August 16 "Nothin But Cubs" Fly In (Club Field)
- September 9 Monthly Club Meeting
- September 12 "Big Bird" Fly-In (Club Field)
- September 27 Float Fly (Lake Lemon)
- October 14 Monthly Club Meeting (Dr. Matt's Office)
- December 9 Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting

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