



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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February 2016 Edition

The January 13th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 7:00:01 in Dr. Matt's warm office. It was cold & dark outside & the ground was covered with snow.

New member Brandon Chew was voted into the club but was not present at the meeting.

We discussed the Christmas party at Hoosier Bar & Grill. Everyone seemed pleased with the food, the service, & the cost. The general consensus was to have it there again next December if we can get the same kind of deal from Hoosier.

Eric Ruggles reported that bad weather & roads made it unsafe to travel so the flying session in Eastern Greene School was cancelled on January 10th.

We are working on graphics for a couple of new club sponsors & they should be ready for the February newsletter. Be sure to check them out.

Michael Friesel continues to be very busy & we may have to work on a new affordable method of making the advertising signs for the club shelter.

There was a long, sad discussion about the FAA's new requirement that all model pilots register with them & get a number. The AMA is still working to streamline the process but has announced that this probably won't happen before the February deadline to sign up. The AMA is telling its members to go ahead & sign up. You can use your AMA number on your aircraft as you have done in the past & should follow the AMA guidelines as you have done in the past. The difference is that you will have a card in your pocket from the FAA with your special number on it. The process will be screwed up for some time as everybody figures out how to deal with the foolishness. You can read all about it on the AMA's website if you haven't been getting the emails that come from them every few days.

Bruce Bundy announced that he will have Ron Raymond come to the February club meeting to give a presentation on Slope Soaring.

President Mark Sexton announced that he is currently trying to negotiate with the College Mall in Bloomington to allow us to have another model aviation display in the mall this Spring. The staff at the mall doesn't seem to be very prompt about getting back with Mark & they want us to pay more than we can afford to let us have a one-day display. Stay tuned for more later.

Tim Mellott reported that he has sold 12 tables (so far) for our annual swap meet at the Monroe County Fairgrounds on February 28th. The flyer is available on the club webpage & you can contact Tim to reserve your tables at

warbird1@sbcglobal.net or call him at 812-821-6137.

In "Stick's Safety Corner," Steve Dorsett told a sad story about getting the antenna wire pinched between the cases of his transmitter. It took quite a while to figure out that his engine was

quitting in the air because the weak transmitter signal was causing the receiver to go into failsafe. The moral of the story is to be very careful if you have the back off of your transmitter. A standard range check on the ground may not reveal a problem.

Jerry Sanford decided to keep the coveted "Dork Award" another month until he can get out & witness some of the mayhem that goes on when we fly in the gym & out at Nebo Field when we fly on less-than-perfect Thursdays. I guess nobody told Jerry about that tree that jumped in front of Jack Finney's airplane at Nebo but Jack wasn't at the meeting anyway.

The meeting was closed at 7:53:04 with twenty-four members present (counted by Tim Mellott)...

Interesting Bits...

Dave Poland answered the call & wrote a testimonial about his experience with one of our club's corporate sponsors.

Here's Dave's recommendation of PC Max. Thanks Dave!



This old guy (me) decided it was time to upgrade the old laptop, get a real keyboard and big monitor for the old eyes. New computers are available in many shapes, sizes, configurations, confusions, and obfuscations.

What with not having access to high speed internet I couldn't buy software/hardware that is continuously updating and check with home or I would never have my turn to browse. And I just need the basics.

I had taken my laptop into PC Max a couple of times over the years to be debugged, reawakened, or maybe unlocked after visiting the wrong type of website. I have learned that PC Max knows hardware repair, knows software interactions and confusions. It is their business.

Figuring that big box stores or online sites are going to be pushing the latest and greatest I stopped in at PCMax (conveniently located near Collage Mall and Lennie's). I talked mostly they listened mostly about my slow internet and limited processing needs. They showed me their offering of used

processors and new monitors etc. and recommended operating systems.

I went home to think it over and I realized that what I needed was PC Max. Their advice expertise and service would be even more important than the new hardware.

Later I returned with my old laptop and purchased a used desktop and new big monitor/keyboard/mouse according to their recommendation. They transferred "my stuff" from the old machine to the new, configured everything required and answered all my questions.

All of that was done with patience and a smile, no hassle. The machine worked as I hope right from the start.

Love the new system. Thank you PC Max.

So yes, I could have purchased more for less elsewhere, but it's the service that counts. PC Max will be around to help, to advise, and to soothe as they have proven to be for years.

If you have a personal experience with one of our sponsors or would just like to put together some information about one of them for the newsletter, you can send me a file, jot something down on a piece of paper, or whatever works for you. I can type it up or import the file & have Delbert Davis check it over with the rest of the newsletter (as he has graciously done for many years).

The pylon racers got some practice in at the club field on New Year's Day. Here's a picture that Tim Sparks submitted that was taken before they got too cold to operate the camera phone. Look how green that grass is...



We decided not to risk Mark's van by traveling down to Charlestown for their swap meet on January 23rd. It was dry here but the big Winter storm headed up the East coast was dumping some snow in their area also. Hopefully we'll have better weather next time. If you drove down despite the weather, send me a report on how it was & what we missed...

Club president Mark Sexton wrote an email to the club membership to help answer several questions about the FAA registration program. We'll try to get it posted on the club website for anyone who didn't get it. I'll print hard copies for the two members who don't have an email address...



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Sunday, February 28, 2016

**Vendor Set-up at 8:00 A.M.
 Shop from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

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 then right on Airport Rd for 0.7 mi. to Fairgrounds on right

Admission \$5.00
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Advance Sale Tables Still Just \$10.00
 Any Available Tables Will Be \$15.00 day of show

• We don't want to take any money \$\$\$\$ We just love to buy, sell, swap, & trade model aviation related merchandise...

For Table Reservations, Contact:

Tim Melloff 812-821-6137
wairbird1@sbeglobal.net



Event Calendar

- January 30 Vincennes Swap Meet
- February 10 Monthly Club Meeting
- February 28 Annual Club Swap Meet
- March 9 Monthly Club Meeting
- March 24 Equinox Thursday Dinner At Bynum's
- April 1-3 Toledo R/C Expo
- April 13 Monthly Club Meeting
- July 25—31 Airventure "Oshkosh"

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