



**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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## September 2016 Edition

### August Meeting Notes...

The August 10th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was "officially" called to order at 6:59:47, although since it wasn't "officially" closed last month, it was still going on. Those who stayed all month were hot, tired, wet, & running out of mosquito spray.

Tim Porter reported on the visit to our field by the local EAA chapter. It was foggy & hot but all had a good time. Thanks to Tim for organizing the event & bringing the doughnuts!

The SIG Fly-In is still on for September 18th. Fliers have been sent to other area clubs & we hope the field dries out before the event. It's been a wet Summer & we don't want to create a mud bog in the parking area.

Tim Sparks reported on the pylon races at the national event in Muncie. Several club members did very well but "Sparky" was the big winner. There was also a pylon event at our field that brought in about eighty dollars for the club treasury. There was some last minute scrambling to get some pylons up because someone went out into the bean field & stole the pylons. They were in place on Tuesday during trainer nite but gone on Saturday morning. It's sad but the quiet location of our facility has a long history of theft & vandalism.

President Mark Sexton reported that the good weather for our annual club picnic brought out a record crowd. The parking area was full, the pit area was full, & the hamburger supply ran out but we had a great time & enjoyed all the food that was brought in by club members. Thanks to Randy Byers & Tim Mellott for running the grills & to all who participated! Be sure to check out Barb Hill's pictures on the club website.

Mark reported that the club shirts & such that are on order might be available at the September club meeting.

It was decided that the prices for the 2017 swap meet will remain the same as 2016. Five dollar admission & twelve dollars per table, which includes one admission. Contact Tim Mellott to reserve your tables in advance at [warbird1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:warbird1@sbcglobal.net).

It was reported that the AMA has adopted a new dues structure. Instead of all members dues being due on January 1st, they will now be due one year after your payment date.

Tim Mellott has volunteered to level the port-a-pot. Seems the wet weather has created a lean to the popular spot & some were afraid it might tip, leading to another non-flying "Dork Award". Joe Rogers requested a CD player be installed but that didn't get very far.

In the saga of the coveted "Dork Award", Jack Finney passed the award to Tim Sparks for an event that happened after the club picnic. Tim was testing the slow flight manners of a new Carbon Cub he purchased at the Jerry Keener auction when he found that it will stall & fall if provoked. The problem was that

he was low & slow on final when it rolled over & crashed. The damage wasn't severe but enough to earn Sparky the award for a month. There was also a presentation of a new award created by Randy Byers. It's a cracked propeller with two large hex nuts hanging below. I believe they called it the "Busted Nuts Award". Randy made the inaugural presentation to Jeff Snodgrass for an incident that had already earned Jeff the "Dork Award" a few months ago. It was reported that Jack Finney liked the award but might not be willing to "qualify".

The meeting was actually closed this month at 7:42:22 with twenty-four members in attendance, according to Tim Mellott...



### Interesting Bits...

The wet weather & standing water have created a record crop of mosquitoes at the field. Be sure to bring plenty of repellent and have somebody spray your back when you come out to fly. Check with the fine folks at Kleindorfer's Hardware & stock up.

Club member Mark Curtis lost his battle with brain cancer on Sunday, August 28th. Several club members attended the visitation & the funeral. Mark's wife Brenda told us to wear jeans & our club shirts because that's what Mark would have wanted. Several pilots did a fly-over after the service. Mark's final resting place is in the mausoleum at Nebo Memorial Park so he'll be keeping an eye on us every Thursday when we fly at Nebo Memorial R/C Field.

The "Nothin But Cubs" event on August 28th was a success! After being rescheduled from August 20th because of the wet weather & a flooded field, we had a wonderful time. Brayton Thompson cooked some good hamburgers



with the assistance of **helper** (*I typed hostess & Delbert said host so I changed it to helper*) Kevin Nuetzman . Many Cubs (& such) took to the air & we did our part to stimulate the economy by using lots of insect repellent.

We had a fine time at Pam's Place Airport near Eminence on September 3rd. The runway was a little bumpy & the grass was pretty thick for our small wheels but after Pam & Kevin Nuetzman did some mowing, worked on the tractor, & did some more mowing, we were able to get several models into the air. Jerry Sanford had a battery problem that led his airplane into a tall



tree & Randy Byers had a dead stick landing that involved another tree but it's OK, the trees are both fine. Pam, Bill, & the candidates they were hosting the fundraiser for, all said thanks to everyone who came out & we told them thanks for inviting us out to fly. Kevin & Les Mobley took some pictures for the website.

I forgot to mention last month what a wonderful time we had at Airventure (Oshkosh). Club president Mark Sexton let us (Bobby, Jimmy, & me) trash his van again & we drove up on a Thursday, attended the show on Friday & Saturday, then drove home on Sunday. We picked a great spot Saturday morning, right on the flightline, to watch the most amazing display of aircraft taxi out & take off right in front of us. We also caught



several good landings that interrupted the parade of take-offs on the same runway. What a show! I'll get some pictures to VP Rick Hill to put on the website. As usual, we stopped at the Miller Brewery & the Bigboy along the way.

Tim Sparks is putting together a club tour of the FedEx sorting facility at the Indianapolis airport scheduled for Wednesday, September 21st at noon. You can sign up for the tour with Tim at the September 14th club meeting.

This just in! Due to an accident involving the rep from SIG & his scheduled surgery, there will not be a trailer load of aircraft or a rep from SIG attending our SIG Fly-In scheduled for September 18th. The fly-in will be held as scheduled at the club field but the SIG aircraft present will be those brought by us. Hopefully the company can send a rep & some airplanes next year.

The indoor flying season has begun. We have the Paragon Elementary School gym on Friday evenings from 6 to 8 & Randy Byers says we will have River Valley Christian Church in Martinsville on Monday evenings from 6 to 8. See you there!



## Event Calendar

- September 14 Monthly Club Meeting
- September 17 Pylon Racing (Club Field)
- September 18 SIG Fly-In (Club Field)
- September 21 FedEx Tour In Indy
- September 25 Float-Fly (Lake Lemon)
- October 1-2 GWAA Dawn Patrol (WPAFB)
- October 8 Nebo Fall Festival Fly-In
- October 12 Monthly Club Meeting
- November 9 Monthly Club Meeting
- December 14 Annual Club Christmas Dinner/Meeting
- February 26, 2017 Annual Club Swap Meet

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