



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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January 2017 Edition

December Meeting Notes...

It was cold on December 14th but the roads were mostly clear of ice & snow as we made our way to Hoosier Bar & Grill in Ellettsville for the Monroe County R/C Club's annual Christmas dinner.

There was a good crowd on hand to enjoy the tasty hors d'oeuvres but those that came in late found the shrimp pickings a little slim. The dinner was very good but those at the end of the line were scraping the bottom of the barrel also. The staff at the "Hoosier" didn't fully understand that model aviation people have a second passion, eating. They also didn't realize that several of the fat boys own stock in the Miller Brewing Company but they had several other good flavors available that kept us happy.

After dinner the club officers, Mark Sexton, Rick Hill, & Brayton Thompson passed out certificates of appreciation to several members for outstanding service to the club & none was prouder than Jimmy Vanvleet!

Randy Byers announced the winning number in the 50/50 drawing & winner Jason Breeden donated his winnings back to the pot for our annual donation to the Bloomington Hospice House. Thanks Jason!

Tim Mellott played his annual picture DVD on the big screen set to music (was that music?) that I had never heard before. Good work Tim!

As they say "a good time was had by all" & we plan to do it again next year with a few minor tweaks.

Thanks to the staff at Hoosier Bar & Grill for putting up with us another year!

Interesting Bits...

The Nebo Memorial R/C Pilot's Association celebrated the shortest Thursday of 2016 with dinner at Bynum's Steakhouse in Martinsville on December 22nd. We gave the folks at Bynum's enough advance warning that we were coming this year that they gave us the private room & we almost filled it up. The food was fantastic (as always) & they had plenty of our favorite beverages available. Mark says we should plan to go again on the Spring Equinox Thursday (March 23rd). Two pilots took advantage of the warmer weather & flew till dark (5:30) at Nebo field before dinner. Les Mobley & myself were flying & the property owner Mark Sexton was there to cheer us on since he didn't have time to load an airplane. It was reported that Rick Hill took Barb & Doug on a tour of Martinsville while trying to find the driveway into Bynum's. & Jimmy Vanvleet (with the help of a Mr. Miller) tried to get into Mark's silver van after dinner but it was locked.

All those silver vans look the same after dark. Thanks to everybody who participated & thanks to Bynum's for feeding us.

Make sure your AMA membership is paid up for 2017 & you can pay your club dues at the January 11th club meeting. Some of you may not plan to use the club field until Spring but you never know when it might get nice in Indiana & many of you brave the elements & fly all Winter or take advantage of one of the warmer indoor flying opportunities where AMA insurance is also required.

It was sunny & in the 40s on New Year's Day with a little wind from the North East for those that got out for a flight to start the new year. A little chilly on the fingers but not bad for January 1st. There wasn't much of a crowd at Nebo that afternoon but I didn't get a report from the club field at Bloomington.

We'll be back in the Paragon gym on Friday, January 6th for indoor flying & back in the River Valley Church in Martinsville on Monday evening January 9th. Hopefully Santa brought you some new toys to play with or maybe you had time to repair some of the old ones over the holidays.

Event Calendar

- January 11 Monthly Club Meeting**
- January 28 Charlestown Swap Meet**
- February 26 Annual Club Swap Meet**
- March 11 Columbus Swap Meet**
- April 7-9 Toledo R/C Expo**
- July 24-30 EAA Oshkosh "Airventure"**

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