



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

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March 2017 Edition

February Meeting Notes...

It was dark, snowing, & thirty-two degrees outside when the February 8th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order in Dr. Matt's warm office at 7:06:13 with twenty-two members in attendance.

Visitor Roger Waldrip was voted into the club. Welcome Roger!

Tim Mellott reported that sixteen tables had been reserved for the February 26th swap meet. Volunteers should meet at the Bloomington Cracker Barrel for breakfast at 6:00 A.M. and plan to be at the fairgrounds by 7:00 A.M. to set up tables in the building.

A discussion was started about extending the geomat area of the runway at the club field from its current length of 150 feet to 300 feet. If you are interested in campaigning for the cause &/or making a monetary donation, contact a club officer or Mark Claerbout. It's estimated that the project would cost about 800 bucks.

Recent vandalism at the club was discussed. There doesn't seem to be any good solution to the problem. Cameras would be stolen & there aren't many options for hiding one where the flood waters wouldn't get it. Maybe as the weather warms up & there's more club members at the field, things will improve. The club field is not a public site & there shouldn't be anyone there using the facility except club members & AMA member guests.

New member Roger Waldrip asked about night flying at the club field. Currently the rules call for flying to stop at dark & resume at 8:00 A.M. for aircraft that make noise. There might be an amendment in the works to allow quiet electrics to fly after dark. Stay tuned for updates.

The club voted to waive the membership dues for the club officers. It's the least we can do to thank them for their service to the club.

Several dates were added to the 2017 event calendar. Be sure to check them out & plan your flying season accordingly. Print it out & paste it on your fridge so you will see it every day & won't miss an event. There may be a SIG fly-in scheduled later after we check with the people at SIG to find a date that works for them.

Stick's Safety Corner became Sparky's Safety Corner this month. Tim Sparks reminded everyone of the importance of having a check-list, just like the full scale pilots have &



following it every time you fly. Following your check-list can catch many of the stupid mistakes that we have all made at one time or another & save an aircraft as well as making it safer for everyone.

In the saga of the coveted "Dork Award", stick man (Steve Dorsett) passed the little gem to club president Mark Sexton for an episode in the River Valley Church one Monday evening (it was a slow month for dorkable events). I believe the incident

occurred during regular flying when the theme suddenly became "catch em & keep em". Some bad air & a low battery caused Mark's B-17 to prematurely land in Brian's lap. It was a gentle landing & not a Snodgrass maneuver. A little later another swirl of the unseen enemy kicked Mark's PT-17 into the wall in nearly the same spot but a little higher this time. I could

change my pit position but it's safer to just wear the cup & the helmet while enjoying the show.

The meeting was closed at 8:09:35...

Interesting Bits...

Randy Byers & Mike Habig organized a trip to the Air Force Museum on February 17th for some of the fat boys that didn't have to work that Friday. I'm not sure how things got screwed up but neither Randy or Mike made the trip but Mark ended up taking a load consisting of Charlie Thompson, Joe Rogers, Bob Shireman, Steve Dorsett, & me to Fairborn, Ohio. The museum was great & thanks to Randy & Mike for organizing it (even though they didn't get to go). Thanks also to Les Mobley for filling in for me at Paragon that evening while we were AWOL at the Red Lobster in Richmond.

It was pretty windy but unseasonably warm on a Thursday evening in February when Jeff Snodgrass lost his Beaver at Nebo. It wasn't really lost. It just zigged when it should have zagged & made premature contact with the ground Just North of the pit area. Jeff's flight advisor (a Mr. Sexton) was credited with the one-word quote of the day, "damn"...

Beware of aircraft that say they can fly themselves. Some interesting questions were heard coming from the flight-line at

the club field on a sunny, Sunday afternoon while one was being tested by Clint Seyer. Why is it going over there? When is it going to come back? Why can't I make it turn? Is it going to hit that tree? Am I going to be able to get it back? He did get it back in one piece but the test didn't quite go as planned. Make sure you know how to over-ride the automatic controls & take command of the flight before launching...

Somebody thought Harrison Ford was in the Paragon gym Friday evening when an airplane barely missed another while coming in to land on the taxiway. It wasn't Harrison, it was Mark but you can still ask for his autograph...



Event Calendar

- March 4 Indy Sportliners Swap Meet
- March 8 Monthly Club Meeting
- March 11 Columbus Swap Meet
- April 6 SkyWarn Weather Program (Martinsville EOC)
- April 7-9 Toledo R/C Expo
- April 12 Monthly Club Meeting
- May 6 Steve Shoop's Butterfly Hills Fly-In
- May 10 Monthly Club Meeting
- June 6 Boys & Girls Club Intro To Model Aviation
- June 10 Float Fly On Lake Edgewood (Martinsville)
- June 11 Public Demo Day (Club Field)
- June 24 Charlie Built Fly-In (Nebo Field)
- June 24 Pylon Racing (Club Field)
- July 8 4-Stroke Event (Club Field)
- July 24-30 EAA Oshkosh "Airventure"
- August 5 Indy Air Race (Full Scale)
- August 6 Club Picnic (Club Field)
- August 19 Nothin But Cubs (Club Field)
- September 9 Big Bird Fly-In (Club Field)

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