



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 2017 Edition

August Meeting Notes...

It was a nice Fall like evening on August 9th when the meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 7:07:52 by president Mark Sexton with twenty members present as counted by Tim Mellott.

The late start was due to the shopping frenzy that was taking place before the meeting. Sam Doderer & Brad Ragel brought some R/C aircraft & related supplies to sell. Clint Seyer bought an Apprentice from Sam & Tim Sparks tested it by launching it from the pit area. That was a clear violation of the rules & Sparky was quickly informed by the safety officials of his mistake.

Three new members were voted into the club. Please welcome Sally Letsinger, Danny Gill, & Scott Nelson W9DBA. Jesse Victors is also back in the club after paying his dues at the club picnic.

It was announced that Sandy Vanvleet & Barb Hill won the drawing at the club picnic for a ride with Tim Sparks in his Cessna Cardinal.

Both enjoyed the trip & we got a picture as they flew over the field. Thanks Tim! Mark announced that thirty-seven hamburgers were consumed during the picnic & Sparky did remember to bring the mayo.

It was also announced that VP Rick Hill is now officially retired from Indiana University. Congratulations Rick!

The family of club member Larry Deckard, who recently passed, brought by a "thank you" card just before the meeting. They said Larry really enjoyed his time with the club.

The public "demo day" that was scheduled in August was called off due to a lack of advertising for the event. That event will be rescheduled at a later date with a better advertising plan in place.

The work day at the club field to extend the Geomat runway was rescheduled from August 5th to August 26th due to a lack of communication about the event. **It was later rescheduled for September 2nd via email & actually happened this time.*



Jeff Snodgrass suggested the club purchase a radio frequency spectrum analyzer device to look at the 2.4 Ghz. & 5.1 Ghz. bands that we use for flying our aircraft & for FPV reception. The device would cost around \$350.00. A few of the "experts" were convinced that the device would show nothing & that there were no problems on those frequency bands. They were also of the opinion that there was nothing that could be done if interference was found on those frequencies. Some were worried that if the club spent any money, there wouldn't be sufficient funds available to purchase the property we fly from on Wylie Road but I didn't even know our landlord John Naylor had entertained any plan to sell the property. If you believe you have lost an aircraft due to frequency interference, you're on your own.

Mark announced that Michael Sexton is no longer mowing the club field. One of Mark's employees is now doing the mowing & Mark will check to see if the mower will cut a little lower for those who wish to take off & land from the grass instead of from the Geomat.

In "Stick's Safety Corner", Steve Dorsett announced that he had finally paid his club dues & explained the importance of flying the "pattern" when multiple pilots are in the air at the same time. We also discussed the proper procedure to taxi onto & off of the runway. Some of this information was presented last month but bears repeating. You can start your airplane in the pit area & taxi out of the pit area to the runway using the two taxiways closest to the pilot box that go straight out. When you land, use the two taxiways farthest from the pilot box & stop your airplane at the curve. This keeps some tall grass between your spinning prop & the pit area. If something should go wrong, the tall grass would help keep your airplane from racing into the pit area. If you're flying a helicopter or a quad copter, carry it out & carry it off. No flying in the pit area. There was also some discussion about checking your failsafe setting to make sure the engine or electric motor shuts down when the transmitter is powered off. We also discussed some of the ways to kill a LiPo battery before disposal. Hooking it to a bank of #1157 automotive light bulbs to run it down might be a better option than soaking it in salt water but stabbing it with a pocket knife is not advisable.

In the "dork Award" saga, current holder Rick Metz had several candidates to choose from but ultimately awarded the little gem to Tim sparks for launching Clint's new Apprentice from the pit area while everyone at the club meeting watched. Sparky is now working toward the dork double ace.

The meeting was closed at 7:49:28...

Interesting Bits...

We had a great time at the "Nothin But Cubs" fly-in at the club field on August 6th. Thanks to Randy Byers & Mark Sexton for cooking lunch & to everyone who participated.

The new section of Geomat was installed on the West end of the runway on September 2nd. Thanks to those who helped! If the wind is from the East, be careful & remember that if you're coming from the left, left rudder takes it away from the pilot box. If you're in the pilot box & somebody lines up a jet at the far Western end of the runway, tell them to wait while you land & hide behind the shelter.

We've been enjoying some float flying on Friday evenings this Summer at Lake Edgewood in Martinsville from Jeff Snodgrass's dock. Jeff submitted some pictures as the season draws to a close. We'll be back in the Paragon gym on Fridays starting September 8th.



After looking through my pictures from Oshkosh, I had to share another one that was caught at just the right instant with Blue Angel #6 down & dirty & #5 inverted. If you want to see more pictures get a thumb drive to me & I'll copy them for you. I'll see if Rick can also post them on the Flickr page on our website.



Event Calendar

- September 8 Indoor Flying at Paragon School (6 to 8)
- September 9 Big Bird Fly-In (Club Field)
- September 13 Monthly Club Meeting (last one at the field)
- October 11 Monthly Club Meeting (Dr. Matt's Office)
- October 14 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In
- October 22 Columbus Swap Meet
- November 8 Monthly Club Meeting
- December 13 Club Christmas Party / Meeting
- February 25, 2018 Annual Club Swap Meet

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