



**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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## April 2018 Edition

### March Meeting Notes...

The March winds were blowing outside & it was cold but sunny (thanks to the daylight saving time change) when the March 14th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 7:00:10 with twenty-six members in attendance (as counted by Tim Mellott).

Bryce Himebaugh's father Gilbert Himebaugh joined the club & was voted in. Welcome Gilbert!

Tim Sparks was absent without official leave (AWOL). Somebody said he was in Indy taking curling lessons. The question now is if it was the game on ice featured in the Olympics or if he is going to become a beautician for his retirement career.

President Mark Sexton announced the passing of Steve Shoop. The club made a donation to the Humane Society in his honor. There will also be a fly-in / pitch-in dinner at the club field on May 12th held in honor of Steve.

Tim Mellott reported that fifty-two tables were sold at the club swap meet on February 25th. Tim thanked all the volunteers who came out to assist with the event & make it a huge success.

Those who were interested in purchasing club apparel were instructed to get with Mark Sexton as soon as possible.

Those interested in ordering fuel were instructed to get with Mark in the next few days before he places the order. The fuel will be picked up at the Toledo R/C Expo & delivered at the April 11th club meeting.

Clint Seyer was also absent so there was no new news about an indoor model aviation event with the Boys & Girls Club this Winter.

Brayton Thompson had no new news on a model aviation demonstration for the public at the club field. If you have any ideas, pass them along to Brayton.

Several club members will be assisting the local EAA chapter at the Science Olympiad at Indiana University on March 17th. Tim Sparks is the contact person for that event.

All club members were reminded to check the expiration of their AMA memberships & club memberships. Your AMA could expire in any month but all club memberships expire on December 31st. Your FAA registration lasts three years from the time you signed up & got a number.

VP / treasurer Rick Hill passed around a draft of the proposed signs that will be posted around the club field to help deter those who think our field is a public site. We don't need any "pirates" engaging in prohibited practices at our facility & possibly giving us & the entire model aviation community a "bad rap".

The club voted to amend the club's constitution and waive the annual dues for club officers. This could encourage more members to run for a club office.

Dennis Friesel announced that the Bloomington Boys & Girls Club will be at the club field again this year on June 5th for their introduction to model aviation. If you can participate, contact Dennis at 812-340-8386 or email him at [dfriesel@comcast.net](mailto:dfriesel@comcast.net).

Randy Byers announced that there will be no flying in River View Christian Church on March 19th & March 26th. They will have the room set up for Easter services.

Tim Porter announced that there will be a full scale event at Terre Haute on August 18-19. The Blue Angels will be performing in their F18s.

Secretary Jeff Snodgrass announced that he is planning a trip to Fairborn, Ohio to see the opening of the Memphis Bell B-17 exhibit on May 17-18. Contact Jeff if you are interested in participating. Jeff's contact info is at the top of the newsletter. According to the EAA, the B-17 was moved from the restoration area to its new location in the museum at WPAFB on March 14th. Shoo-Shoo Baby (the B-17 that was in the museum) will be moved to a new display in Washington DC.

Steve Dorsett was not at the meeting so there was no "safety corner".

Rick Metz was also absent so the saga of the coveted "Dork Award" will have to wait till next month.

The meeting was closed at 8:04:28...

### Interesting Bits...

You might want to inspect your NiMh batteries in a new light. Most of the stories you hear about battery fires are



centered around LiPo batteries but Randy Byers had a NiMh receiver battery explode in his Kadet at Nebo. He was out in the field looking for a wheel for Charlie Thompson's airplane at the time so we don't really know what happened but the damage to the

airplane & the electronics was significant. Here's a picture of the four cells that were left of a five cell battery. It seems that an internal short caused one cell to go boom.

Steve Scott will be at the club field on April 4th & 5th getting some professional drone instruction for his job at IU. Please be considerate of them if you are at the field those two days. You might even learn something. Good luck Steve!

There's a new hobby store in Indy called Trinity R/C Sales & Service that has new & used equipment. It's located at 5320 Madison Ave. on the South side of Indy. Their phone number is listed as 317-757-3340.

We had a great time helping out at the Science Olympiad on March 17th at Indiana University. Several club members were assisting Tim Sparks & the local EAA chapter with timing & scoring the aviation related events & a few of us were providing communications with the Bloomington amateur radio group. Sparky sent me a couple of pictures of his volunteers.



It didn't look much like Spring on March 21st. Here's a picture of 4.5 inches of snow on the picnic table in Bloomington that morning.



I'll fill the rest of the space this month with a picture or 2 from the swap meet that I didn't have room for last month.



## Event Calendar

- April 6-8 Toledo R/C Expo
- April 11 Monthly Club Meeting
- May 9 Monthly Club Meeting
- May 12 Steve Shoop Memorial Fly-In (Club Field)
- June 3 Lake Edgewood Float-Fly (Martinsville)
- June 5 Boys & Girls Club Intro To MA (Club Field)
- June 9 Pylon Racing (Club Field)
- June 13 Monthly Club Meeting
- July 7 4-Stroke Event (Club Field)
- July 23-29 Airventure "Oshkosh"
- August 5 Club Picnic (Club Field)
- August 18 "Nothin But Cubs" Fly-In (Club Field)
- August 18-19 Terru Haute Airshow
- September 16 Big Bird Fly-In (Club Field)
- December 12 Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting

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