



**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

**Flying Site:** 1 mile East of SR 37 on Wylie Road, Bloomington, IN

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## March 2018 Edition

### February Meeting Notes...

It was pretty nice outside (upper 40s) for a February 13th in Indiana when the Monroe County R/C Club meeting was called to order at 6:59:22 P.M. The meeting was scheduled a day early because Valentines Day just happened to fall on the 2nd Wednesday this year & everybody knows how romantic airplane guys are.

Joe Jackson was present for the meeting & reported that Bob Watson is in the Garden Villa facility in Bloomington room 102.

Tim Mellott reported that thirty-two tables have been reserved (so far) for the club's annual swap meet on February 25th.

Club president Mark Sexton is taking orders for club apparel from Winters & Associates. If you are interested in a heavy jacket, stocking cap, or just about anything else with the club logo embroidered on it, contact Mark.

The date for the club's "Big Bird" fly-in was changed to September 16th because of a conflict with another event.

Tim Sparks has scheduled a pylon race at the club field on June 9th.

Clint Seyer reported that he has no information yet about a possible indoor flying demonstration for the Bloomington Boys & Girls Club.

Joe Jackson volunteered to repaint the big logo sign at the club field. This is not the first time Joe has done this for the club. Thanks Joe!

There was a motion presented to amend the club constitution to have serving club officer's club dues waived so we don't have to vote on it every year. This requires a month's notice to the membership before a vote is taken. Club secretary Jeff Snodgrass will send that notice to the membership in a group email.

Mark Sexton is putting together a bulk fuel order to be picked up at the Toledo R/C Expo & distributed at the April 11th club meeting. If you are going to need glow fuel this season, contact Mark now.

Tim Sparks is still looking for volunteers to help with the Science Olympiad at IU on March 17th from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. If you help with the event, you may fly in the facility after the event is over.

Club secretary Jeff Snodgrass was taking notes during the meeting on his portable computer until it died. Club member Jason Breedon of B-Tech fame (one of our club sponsors) dashed out to his service truck to get a battery pack & get Jeff's computer operating again. Thanks Jason!

Brayton Thompson & Mike Patton reported that they have encountered "pirates" at the club field. There are those that think that our flying site is a public facility that they can use as they please. They either don't know or don't care that it's private

property and that you must be a member of the Monroe County R/C Club and a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics to fly at the club field. Guest pilots are welcome to fly with a club member if they have AMA insurance. Training pilots may fly with a club flight instructor under the AMA's Intro Pilot program. All pilots must follow the club's, AMA's, & the FAA's guidelines. If you encounter someone you don't know at the club field, introduce yourself as a member of the Monroe County R/C Club & find out if they have a membership card & an AMA card (you better have yours). Explain the rules & invite them to attend a club meeting or submit an application for membership by mail. All the required information is available on the club webpage [monroecountyrclub.org](http://monroecountyrclub.org). Most everybody these days has a smart phone with internet access. If they choose to continue endangering our right to enjoy model aviation at the club field, contact a club officer & use your own phone to snap a few pictures of their vehicle, license plate, & equipment. They will be reported to local law enforcement and the FAA.

Some new & more prevalent signs will be posted this Spring at the field & we are still trying to get some estimates to replace the fence which *could* include locked gates if necessary.

Steve Dorsett was not at the club meeting so there was no "Stick's Safety Corner" but Clint Sayer did mention to be careful with your LiPo batteries even in "storage" mode.

Eric Ruggles announced that Saturday, March 3rd will be the last indoor flying session at Eastern Greene School.

In the saga of the "Dork Award", holder Mark Claerbout didn't have a new candidate but Mark Sexton told a story about a funny incident that took place during an indoor flying session at River Valley Christian Church in Martinsville. Rick Metz was going to test fly a homemade foamie with no wheels & needed a hand launch. Les Mobley volunteered & stood near Rick as he gave it a toss. Rick flew a couple of shaky laps before landing on Les's shoulder as Les was diving for cover. The award went to Rick Metz for trying to take out his helper.

The meeting was closed at 7:59:44...

### Interesting Bits...

To all members of the Monroe County RC Club: At last night's meeting a motion passed to propose the following changes (in RED) to our Constitution. Per Club Rules, action to change our Constitution requires that all members be notified 30 days in advance of the final vote. A final vote on this proposal will be held at our next regular meeting on March 14, 2018. The meeting starts at 7:00PM at Dr. Matt Fornfeld's office, Clariti Advanced Vision Correction, 481 S. Landmark Ave., Bloomington, IN 47403.

All members are invited and encouraged to attend. Please direct any questions concerning this proposal to any club officer.

Thank you,

Jeff Snodgrass

Secretary, Monroe County RC Club

Below you will see excerpts from Article V and VI. I've added Section 6 in both articles for your review and edit. These two new sections formalize waving annual dues for club Officers and the Newsletter Editor.

**MCRCC Constitution Proposed Update:**

**Monroe County Radio Control Club CONSTITUTION**  
ARTICLE V

1.0 Any member in good standing for a period of at least 6 months is eligible to hold office, except as noted in Article IV, 7.0.

2.0 Officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers shall serve for a period of one year, or until their successors are elected and installed.

3.0 The President shall appoint a nominating committee composed of three members. They shall nominate two members in good standing for each office at the October meeting each year. Nominations may also be made from the floor at this meeting. All nominees shall have consented to run for office prior to nomination.

4.0 Election shall be by secret ballot at the November meeting each year. Election of an officer shall be based on a majority of all votes.

5.0 Newly elected officers shall assume office on January 1 each year.

6.0 While active club members serve as elected Officers, annual dues for Officers will be waved.

ARTICLE VI

1.0 The elected officers of the club are the Executive Board.

2.0 This board shall formulate the general policies of the organization and shall act on all necessary matters of business in the interim period between meetings of the organization.

3.0 The Executive Board shall fill, by appointment, any vacancy in office of the organization until the next regular election.

4.0 This Board shall meet at least quarterly during the year and whenever called for a special meeting by the President.

5.0 Three members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

6.0 The Executive Board shall fill, by appointment, a club Newsletter Editor. Annual dues for the Newsletter Editor will be waved.



Here's an early morning shot of a very wet Monroe County R/C Club flying site taken on February 26th & submitted by Roger Waldrip. Thanks Roger! Hope you had your boots & a boat...

## Event Calendar

- March 10 Columbus Swap meet
- March 14 Monthly Club Meeting
- March 17 Science Olympiad
- April 6-8 Toledo R/C Expo
- April 11 Monthly Club Meeting
- May 9 Monthly Club Meeting
- June 3 Lake Edgewood Float-Fly (Martinsville)
- June 9 Pylon Racing (Club Field)
- June 13 Monthly Club Meeting
- July 23-29 Airventure "Oshkosh"
- August 5 Club Picnic (Club Field)
- August 18 "Nothin But Cubs" Fly-In (Club Field)
- September 16 Big Bird Fly-In (Club Field)
- December 12 Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting

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Long time Monroe County R/C Club & Nebo Memorial Pilot's Association member Steve Shoop KD9BSI passed away on Monday, February 26th. Many of you will remember Steve's annual "Butterfly Hills R/C Challenge" fly-ins he hosted at his field in Brown County. This photo is from 2013 in the West Middle School gym in Martinsville Steve's calling will be Wednesday, March 7th from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the funeral home in Nashville. Go to

the link below for details.

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