



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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May 2018 Edition

April Meeting Notes...

It was sunny & 64 degrees as the fuel order was distributed before the club meeting in the parking lot at Dr. Matt's office on April 11th. The meeting actually got started at 7:04:22 with 22 members present as counted by Tim Mellott.

VP Rick Hill announced that the new signs are up at the club field warning the pirates that the facility is not a public site & that there are rules to be followed.

President Mark Sexton announced that the club apparel order has been submitted & your cold weather gear should be in just in time for warmer weather.

Clint Seyer announced no progress in setting up an indoor flying demo for the Bloomington Boys & Girls Club.

Brayton Thompson announced no progress in setting up a demonstration day for the public at the club field.

The "Nothin But Cubs" event date was moved to August 11th. Update your calendars.

Tim Sparks gave a report on the Science Olympiad at IU in March. Thanks to everybody who assisted with the event!

The AMA has changed the language in their safety code. A new copy will be posted at the club field at some point.

Permission was given for a visitor to fly a 700 size helicopter at the club field on April 14th. He is an AMA member & has been advised about the rules.

The Monroe County Parks Department is seeking some advice about allowing public drone operations in one of the county parks. Mark has advised them about the FAA rules & how our club operates with the AMA and our club rules. Stay tuned for more on this if a story develops.

Brayton Thompson announced that Ivy Tech is looking for someone to teach a class on model aviation. It could pay twenty bucks an hour.

Steve Dorsett was present & did pay his club dues but didn't have anything for "Stick's Safety Corner" so we talked a little about Randy's nickel-metal battery that exploded in his Kadet. I believe it was also mentioned that Randy & Judy's 50th wedding anniversary is coming up on August 2nd & that there might be a

party on August 4th. This reporter will try to gather more information on that.

There was some discussion about Tower Hobbies being purchased by Horizon Hobby & how their respective displays had changed at the Toledo R/C Expo.

In the ongoing saga of the coveted "Dork Award" current holder Rick Metz didn't have a worthy candidate & decided to hold the award for another month. Rick did mention that he is planning to travel to Malvern, Ohio in July to attend the Flite Test Flite Fest on the 13th & 14th. If you are interested in attending, contact Rick at rickmetz6@yahoo.com or call him at 765-349-2726.

The meeting was closed at 7:58:57...

Interesting Bits...

Official newsletter proofreader Delbert Davis sent me this from the interweb that has some interesting history on the B-17. Check it out.

<http://www.atchistory.org/History/checklst.htm>

As usual we had a great time at the Toledo R/C Expo. Thanks to Mark Sexton & Rick Hill for hauling our fat bodies all the



way over there & back! This was Les Mobley's first trip to the show & he found a new friend during our traditional stop for lunch at the Big Boy. We didn't quite get everybody in the picture because they were real busy & customers were waiting. If you're a facebook person, look up the Big Boy page in Perrysburg, Ohio.

As of April 19th the intersection of Wylie Road with 37 / 69 is no more. The access roads along 69 are far from finished so your only way to & from the club field is from the East end of Wylie at the intersection of old 37. The hill just South of the intersection makes it a dangerous place to get out of so be careful!

Randy Byers invited the Nebo pilots over to his house for dinner on April 27th. It was difficult to leave Nebo field before

dark on such a nice evening but the food was excellent. Thanks to Randy for having us over & to everybody that brought goodies to go along with dinner.

The indoor flying season is coming to a close. The last session in River Valley Christian Church will be April 30th & we'll have to make a decision soon on when the last session will be in the Paragon Elementary School gym. It's been good to have the indoor venues during this year without a Spring. Thanks to everybody who organized & participated! Now let's warm things up & get outside to fly!

Dennis Friesel will be sending out an email asking for volunteers for the Boys & Girls Club visit to the club field on June 5th. I hear that he may be getting the AMA's simulator trailer for the event this year. Contact Dennis at dfriesel@comcast.net or call him at 812-340-8386 if you can assist with the event.

Brayton Thompson bought a cute little electric clipped wing Cub from Horizon Hobby at the Toledo show. It flies great but some of the plastic parts on the landing gear seem to be made from some very brittle compound & break very easily. If you have one or are thinking about getting one, check with Brayton about how to modify the plastic gear parts before you fly it. At some point Horizon should figure out the problem & make replacement parts available made out of a different kind of plastic.

Secretary Jeff Snodgrass now has a frequency analyzer available for 2.4 Ghz. Contact Jeff if you have had a radio problem at the club field to do some testing. Several members have reported having problems in the area West & North West of the runway. Dennis Friesel lost control of a big airplane in that same area on April 22nd. That investigation is not yet complete. I was in the air with a Cub at the same time using an older DX7 on DSM2 but was not in "the triangle" at the time of the incident.

The newsletter addressed to Hobby R/C at 5135 S. Emerson, Unit K, Indianapolis, IN 46237 came back as undeliverable. If anybody has their correct address, I can put them back on the snail-mail list.

May is normally when we start "trainer Tuesdays" at the club field. With the construction on I-69 it's much more of a chore for me to get to the field on my way home from work & even worse getting from there to home. I may not stop by & just hang out as I have done for many years. If you need some help, send me a text or an email or give me a call. I may not make it by 4:00 P.M. but I'll make my way to the field if I know somebody is going to be there. I believe the construction should be finished by 2028 & then they can start fixing all the county roads that have gone to pot because of all the traffic trying to get around the construction. You might think that if they were going to completely close an intersection that they would complete the planned access road first but that's not how it works around here. And that's the end of my little outburst for now but don't get me started on the millions of dollars they've squandered by not ticketing those drivers going 80 in the 45 miles per hour construction zone. Maybe next time we can

explore where all that lottery money went that was supposed to lower the price of our license plates. Maybe not...

Event Calendar

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 11 Monthly Club Meeting

July 13-14 Flite Test Flite Fest (Ohio)

July 23-29 Airventure "Oshkosh"

August 5 Club Picnic (Club Field)

August 8 Monthly Club Meeting

August 11 "Nothin But Cubs" Fly-In (Club Field)

August 18-19 Terre Haute Airshow

September 12 Monthly Club Meeting

September 16 Big Bird Fly-In (Club Field)

September 22-23 GWAA Dawn Patrol (WPAFB)

October 10 Monthly Club Meeting

November 14 Monthly Club Meeting

December 12 Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting

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