



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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December 2019 Edition

November Meeting Notes...

It was dark & cold outside when the November 13th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 7:06:07 by president Mark Sexton.

VP Rick Hill was absent due to a recent surgery but he is fine & resting at home & getting ready for the Christmas party.

Somebody brought in some old kits to auction off after the meeting & Tim Mellott was in the middle of it drooling over a P-40 instead of counting the members present.

New member Phil Leblanc was voted into the club but was not present.

Mark & secretary Jeff Snodgrass did some research of the records & announced that Tim Sparks holds the coveted "Dork Award" for the 8th time, working his way toward the double ace dork at number 10.

Mark announced that the plans are all in place for the annual club Christmas dinner / meeting on December 11th at Hoosier Bar & Grill in Ellettsville. Make your reservations with VP Rick Hill by the end of November & send him twenty bucks per person.

Randy Byers reported that the Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-in on October 12th went very well despite the windy conditions & the low number of pilots that turned out to participate. There were plenty of interested spectators & a reporter from the Martinsville newspaper that came out to watch us play in the wind. Thanks to those who participated.

Jimmy Vanvleet reported on the bonfire hosted by Dave & Janet Poland on November 2nd. It was a nice evening for a bonfire & there was plenty of food available for those that wanted to practice our favorite activity when we're not flying, eating. Thanks for having us out Dave & Jan!

November is the month for club officer elections. No nominations were received & the current officers graciously agreed to serve another term. Your 2020 club officers will be Mark Sexton as president, Rick Hill as Vice President / Treasurer, & Jeff Snodgrass as Secretary. Please be sure to thank them for their service! Mark has been serving as president of the club for twenty-five years! We are very lucky to have members with that kind of dedication!

Mark & Rick reported that after going over the financial records of the club for 2019 that club dues for 2020 can remain at the current levels.

It was announced that the FAA has gone off the rails & plans to implement some sort of a written test for pilots of model aircraft in 2020. The AMA is trying to work on our behalf with the FAA to ease the new restrictions & regulations but it sounds like the FAA isn't making it easy. Stay tuned for details from the AMA as this sad turn of events develops & don't do anything stupid while you're flying (as if you needed to be told that).

Secretary Jeff Snodgrass reported that the club's Facebook page is up & running. Send Jeff a message & he will give you permission to post on the page.

In "Stick's Safety Corner" Steve Dorsett asked about a spinner touching a propeller on an airplane. The following discussion revealed that the outside most forward portion of any spinner should not be in contact with the prop. Vibration could

cause the spinner to cut into the prop & cause a blade to fail or cause the nut holding the prop to become loose.

Mark reported that VP Rick Hill is working on some new signs for our club sponsors / advertisers that will be finished & posted on the club shelter soon. You can check out our sponsor's graphics on the club website or in this newsletter. Please remember to do business with them & tell them thanks for supporting the Monroe County R/C Club!

Tim Sparks didn't have a new candidate located for the coveted "Dork Award" & he hasn't taken possession of the little gem from Dennis Friesel yet. The search for the next recipient goes on so contact Sparky if you have a good story to pass along.

The meeting was closed at 7:51:00 so Randy could auction off the donated items & yes, Tim Mellott was the high

bidder on the old P-40 kit. Thanks to Sparky for running the bid up a bit...



Interesting Bits...

It has been a nasty month for outdoor flying but we have been having a great time flying indoors at River Valley Christian Church on Monday evenings from 6 to 8 & at the Paragon Elementary School gym on Friday evenings from 6 to 8. Come on out & join us as your schedule & theirs permits. The Paragon School will not be available on November 29th & December 6th. The River Valley Church will not be available on December 2nd. The holiday schedule around Christmas may be available by the December club meeting / Christmas dinner.

Les & Bonnie Mobley took a vacation trip on the train to Washington DC & Les sent back pictures of the capitol building & the Washington monument at night. Thanks for the pictures Les!



Check out the dates that have been added to the event calendar.

The Thursday evening Nebo flyers have dinner at Bynum's Steakhouse in Martinsville on the shortest Thursday of the year & this year it's on December 19th. Everybody is invited but I need to get them a head count before we all pile in there so let me know if you plan to attend.

Our annual club swap meet is Saturday, February 29th. It's traditionally been on a Sunday but has been moved to Saturday this year. Don't screw up & miss it! The flier is available on the club's web-site.

The 2020 Toledo Expo is the first weekend in April & EAA's Airventure "Oshkosh" is July 20th through the 26th. Plan your vacations accordingly & get on Mark Sexton's list if you want to travel with the fat boys.

Event Calendar

- December 11 Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting
- December 19 Shortest Thursday Nebo Dinner At Bynum's
- January 8 Monthly Club Meeting
- February 12 Monthly Club Meeting
- February 29, 2020 Annual Club Swap Meet
- March 11 Monthly Club Meeting
- March 28 Johnson County Swap Meet (Franklin)
- April 3-5 Toledo R/C Expo
- July 20-26 EAA Airventure "Oshkosh"



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