



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

Website: <http://www.monroecountyrclub.org>

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September 2019 Edition

August Meeting Notes...

The August 14th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 7:01:00 by president Mark Sexton with twenty-one members present at the club field. It was 83 degrees & mostly sunny but a stray thunder shower had just passed North of the field about thirty minutes before meeting time.

Secretary Jeff Snodgrass was absent but is doing much better than he was a month ago. He was able to attend the Cub fly last weekend & we are float flying again from his dock on Lake Edgewood Friday evenings from 6 to dusk. It was also noted by this reporter that Jimmy Vanvleet & Bob Shireman were absent.

Joe Jackson brought Bob Watson out to the meeting in style in Joe's old T-Bird.

Mark & VP Rick Hill announced that several of our club sponsors / advertisers have renewed for another year & we have a new sponsor recruited by Les Mobley. Please welcome Millie McGee's Gosport Diner to the list! Be sure to check out the sponsor graphics & thank them for supporting the club when you do business with them!

Tim Mellott reported on the 4-Stroke Event held at the club field on July 13th. Several events were flown, lunch was served, & a good time was had by all. The only reported crash was Les Mobley's Cub that lost electrical power on take-off & became an unguided lawn dart.

Mark reported that attendance for the annual club picnic was fair & thanked cooks Tim Mellott & Randy Byers for their service at the grill. Club members brought plenty of good side dishes to supplement the hamburgers & hotdogs. Thanks to Mark & Tina Sexton for donating the supplies!

Mark reported that the annual Cub-Fly brought out a full field of aircraft & twenty-five pilots. The excellent weather brought out a record crowd & pit space was getting hard to find. It was a fine day of flying & the event brought \$285.00 into the club treasury. Steve (Stick Man) Dorsett used his quad copter & camera to locate two wayward aircraft in the cornfield during the event.

Long-time club sponsor Fred Franklin sold Tire & Wheel Automotive Center to Midas & donated some R/C stuff to the club through president Mark Sexton. It was auctioned at the club meeting putting a few more dollars into the club treasury.



Thanks Fred! It is not known yet if Midas will continue the club sponsorship tradition from that location.

Tim Sparks brought an announcement about an auction for the estate of Steve Shoop on August 17th.

Mark announced that he got tired of waiting for the outhouse service people from A&A to put some hand sanitizer in our unit so he did it himself. Thanks Mark!

Mark also thanked several club members who have donated time & materials to repair, improve, & beautify the club flying site. Thanks to Joe Jackson, Dennis Friesel, & Dave Poland!

Your service is appreciated.

After some discussion on taxes due on profit from investments & such, it was decided to wait a year before looking into investing a portion of the club treasury into an index fund.

Dennis Friesel was not at the meeting but sent word that a float-fly on Lake Lemon might be possible on September 21st. If enough pilots were interested. Stay tuned.

Several members expressed an interest in indoor flying again at Paragon Elementary School this Fall / Winter. If a new contract can be worked out with new principal Ryan Cox & the MSD of Martinsville, we may be able to start the indoor season on September 20th. We have flown in the Paragon school gym on Friday evenings from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. for several years starting around 2005.

Since the big turnout at the Cub-fly, several members suggested building more pit stands for the club field. Les

Mobley volunteered to donate the material if a few volunteers would come to his place & assist with getting the materials ready to use and helping with the construction.

Horizon Hobby is starting a service with the AMA to get new students interested in flight instruction in touch with AMA intro pilots & qualified instructors. You can register online & they will put interested students in touch with an instructor in their area. It should be good for the AMA, good for Horizon, & good for the hobby in general, even though instructor info has always been available on our website for those who search it out.

VP Rick Hill reported that our website is a busy place with lots of "hits". There's plenty of information available & tons of pictures. Thanks Rick for keeping it interesting & useful!

In "Stick's Safety Corner", Steve Dorsett reminded club members that battery connectors can become loose over time as the tension on the fingers that make up the male portion of the bullet get compressed. If you notice a connector getting loose, pull it apart & spread the fingers a bit to tighten it up or replace

the connector. If you lose a battery connection on an electric aircraft, there will be no fail-safe. It will be a catastrophic failure & you're gonna crash.

Tim Sparks announced that the Canadian "Snowbirds" demonstration team will be performing in Columbus on September 18th.

There was no transfer of the coveted "Dork Award". Holder / secretary Jeff Snodgrass & back-up artist / pole breaker Dennis Friesel were both absent so Jeff still has the plaque.

The meeting was closed at 7:45:00...

Interesting Bits...

Jonathan Allen completed the requirements to earn his solo certificate at the club field on Tuesday, August 13th. Congratulations Jonathan!

Rick Metz finally earned his solo certificate at Nebo Memorial R/C Field on Thursday, August 29th after being haggled by high-ranking club officers in the spectator area. The momentous event was witnessed & signed off on by instructors Bob Shireman & Mark Sexton. Congratulations Rick!

Tim Sparks sent a picture of the local group at the warbird fly-in in Muncie. Along with Tim (F6F Hellcat) are Dr. Matt Fornefeld (DH-82 Tigermoth), Clint Seyer (A6M Zero), & Dennis Friesel (L-4 Grasshopper Cub).



Thanks to Barb Hill for scanning the picture of the fat boys at the Miller Brewery in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on their way to Airventure "Oshkosh".



Les Mobley took the picture on the front page of the classic J3 Cub on Floats at the Seaplane Base at Oshkosh & we used his camera to snap his picture in front of one of his favorite airplanes (yes, it's a Wilga).



Event Calendar

- September 11 Monthly Club Meeting (Club Field)
- September 18 Snowbirds Show in Columbus
- September 14 Big Bird Fly-In (Club Field)
- September 21 Lake Lemon Float-Fly ?
- September 21 Columbus Warbird Fly-In
- October 9 Monthly Club Meeting (Not at club field)
- October 12 Fall Festival Fly-In at Nebo Field
- November 13 Monthly Club Meeting
- November 16 Charlestown Swap Meet
- December 11 Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting
- February 29, 2020 Annual Club Swap Meet

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