



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 2020 Edition

March Meeting Notes...

It was gray overcast & 48 degrees outside when the March 11th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order by president Mark Sexton at 7:00:03 (Eastern Daylight Time) with twenty members present in Dr. Matt Fornefeld's Clariti office. Matt was on vacation but graciously allowed us to use his office while he was away. Thanks Dr. Matt! If we left anything out of place please contact Clint Seyer.

New club members Rick & Richard Shields were voted into the club. They were not present but paid their club dues at the February 29th swap meet. Welcome Rick & Richard!

The report on the swap meet revealed that we didn't do as bad as expected after the phone number screw-up on our ad in Model Aviation magazine. We sold most of the tables, the attendance was good, & the concession table did better than last year thanks to Les Mobley's trick of marketing hotdogs as breakfast weenies early in the morning. The event was a success! Contact VP / Treasurer Rick Hill for more specific numbers or come to a club meeting. Thanks to Tim Mellott for being the contact person, all who participated, & to everybody who helped set up & tear down!

It was announced that the comment period on the FAA's proposed rulemaking is over & will not be extended. All we can do now is wait & keep reminding our government officials that we are watching them very closely.

Long-time safety officer & fellow old guy Randy Byers was officially voted in as the latest life member of the Monroe County R/C Club. Congratulations Randy!

Mark took fuel orders & club apparel orders from members present & at least one via text message that wasn't present.

Dennis Friesel announced that the annual Introduction to Model Aviation for the Bloomington Boys & Girls Club would be June 8th.

Tim Mellott announced that he would host a 4-Stroke Event on July 11th.

Secretary Jeff Snodgrass announced that he is planning a float -fly / fish fry at his place on Lake Edgewood in Martinsville on June 20th.

We kinda skimmed over the high points during the annual review of the club by-laws. If you have a question or a comment about any of the club by-laws please contact a club officer & we can bring it up for discussion at a future meeting.

It was suggested that we develop a long range plan & possibly a special fund to replace the runway mat. It's not bad yet but is showing some age and may need replacement in the next few years.

Lane Jorgensen announced that there may be another group that would enjoy an Introduction to Model Aviation like we do for the Boys & Girls Club. A possible date might be June 26th. Stay tuned for more details as they become available.

Steve Dorsett was absent but in the spirit of "Stick's Safety Corner" we talked about being careful not to pull more amps from your batteries than they are happy about giving up & don't try to force them to take more than they can handle while charging.

In the saga of the coveted "Dork Award", current holder Ted Backs still hadn't seen or heard about anything "dorkable" since last month's meeting so he elected to hold the award for another month.

The meeting was closed at 7:55:03...

Interesting Bits...

It was discovered during the club meeting that Eric Ruggles still listens to amplitude modulation radio at 1370 kilohertz.

The new club logo stickers are now available for ten bucks each. VP Rick Hill has some for the Monroe County R/C Club & some for the Nebo Memorial R/C Pilot's Association. This batch was prepared by club member Barry Taylor's daughter Leighla at Fastsigns in Bloomington. Thanks Leighla!

You all have probably already heard that the Toledo R/C Expo scheduled for April 3rd-5th has been cancelled for this year due to the national health crisis emergency surrounding this Mexican beer virus. The Johnson County swap meet scheduled for March 28th has also been cancelled. The schools are closed so there is no indoor flying at Paragon. Churches are cancelling services & we can't get into River Valley to fly. Nobody knows how long this will continue or how bad it will get but if things don't improve soon there may not be any club meetings for a while & it could affect more events on our calendar.

The April 8th club meeting has been cancelled.

If we had a club meeting, where would the fat boys eat afterward if the restaurants are all closed?

Group tailgating in a parking lot is not what they had in mind when they started this social distancing thing.

Hopefully the weather will get nice enough for some outdoor activities (like flying) where we can all stay far enough away from each other to be safe & the fat boys might start getting



skinny. The bulk fuel may cost a little more this year since our order may have to be shipped to us unless Rich's Brew can bring it from Texas to a central distribution point, which is a possibility. We normally pick it up in Toledo at the R/C Expo which isn't going to happen this year. I was just kidding about that Mexican beer thing. It's a shame they named such a devastating virus after a great tasting beer. Please remain calm & quit hoarding all the toilet paper & paper towels. Most of our favorite restaurants are still offering take-out & drive-thru so please support them! Be safe & good luck to you. I hope to see you at the flying field soon (from a distance)!

Sometimes you have to fly even if the weather isn't cooperating. In this picture taken by Les Mobley on March 12th. Mark is flying his Timber in the rain at Nebo Field in Martinsville while Randy holds an umbrella over his transmitter.



Now that the new health rules are in effect, it would have to be a much bigger umbrella because they are standing too close to each other for safety during the pandemic.

I heard that Lane Jorgensen has recruited the Cozy Table restaurant in Bloomington to be a club sponsor. They are located on 3rd Street just East of the intersection with I-69. I don't have a graphic for them yet or any other details but you can check with them to see if they are offering carry-out during the health emergency. Carry-out was available at Tomato Pie Pizza Joint in Paragon & Millie McGee's Gosport Diner as of March 20th. Several of our sponsors are considered essential services and will continue to operate but using the social distancing rules & may have limited hours of operation. Please give them a call.



This last picture was taken in 2007. It made me smile & I thought it might do the same for you. Everything can't be all gloom & doom. That's Bob Shireman in the skull cap & goggles...



Event Calendar

April 8 Monthly Club Meeting Cancelled!

May 2 Indy RC All Electric Fly-In (IRCM Field)

May 13 Monthly Club Meeting ?

June 8 Boys & Girls Club Intro to R/C (Club Field)

June 10 Monthly Club Meeting (at the field)

June 13 Pylon Racing (Club Field)

June 13 Indy R/C Floaty Plane Fly-In (IRCM Field)

June 20 Lake Edgewood Float-Fly / Fish Fry (Jeff's Dock)

June 26 ?? The Warehouse Intro to R/C (Club Field)

July 8 Monthly Club Meeting

July 11 4-Stroke Event (Club Field)

July 11 Indy R/C Anything R/C Fly-In (IRCM Field)

July 20-26 EAA Airventure "Oshkosh"

August 2 Club Picnic (Club Field)

August 9 "Nothin But Cubs" (Club Field)

August 12 Monthly Club Meeting

August 22 Pylon Racing (Club Field)

August 29 Indy R/C Toys For Tots Fly-In (IRCM Field)

September 13 Big Bird Fly-In (Club Field)

December 9 Annual Club Christmas Dinner / Meeting

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