

The October club meeting will be at the club field on Tuesday 10/13 at 6:00 P.M.

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## **October 2020 Edition**

It was a very nice evening at the club field when the September 9th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 6:54:35 by club president Mark Sexton.

VP Rick Hill was absent staying home with a cold so Mark gave Rick's prepared financial report.

Guests Wayne & Layne Beams were voted into the club.

Tim Sparks gave a pylon racing report & announced that there might be another pylon race at the club field on October 10th & if there is, he will need help from the membership to staff the event.

The flier for next year's swap meet has been submitted to the AMA to get us listed on their website & in Model Aviation magazine. We will see if local health regulations will permit us to hold the event as the date approaches.

It was announced that there is no new news on the FAA 's proposal to mess up model aviation. The process may take up to three years to get ironed out.

It was decided to table a decision on the club's annual

Christmas party / meeting until the October meeting. It looks more & more like the plague will keep hanging on & there won't be a dinner or a party but a few wanted to hold out for another month before cancelling the event.

Roman Chrzanowski announced that Jasper Kozacek & Ted Backs have been assisting him with some filming using Roman's big drone.

Dr. Matt Fornefeld announced that his Clariti office will

begin having evening hours on Wednesdays & Thursdays. The MCRCC club meetings can still be held in the Clariti office if moved from Wednesday to Tuesday.

We have just about filled up the internet & our website with all our photographs. VP Rick Hill wants to archive the older pictures to make room for new ones.

In "Stick's Safety Corner", Steve Dorsett didn't have anything new but after looking at Mike Patton's bandaged hand, reminded everyone to be extra careful around spinning propellers. No reaching over! In the saga of the coveted "Dork Award" Dr. Matt had a subject in mind to pass the award along on to before the meeting but after seeing Mike Patton & his bandages the doctor decided Mike deserved the award for a month.

The meeting was closed at 7:25:22.

## Interesting Bits...

Thanks to those that purchased something from the estate of Greg Hepfer & thanks to his family for donating the items to the club in his memory.

Dave Poland has announced that his annual bonfire that is normally held at his place on the first Saturday after Halloween has been cancelled this year due to the plague.

Roman Chrzanowshi & his team (Jasper Kozacek & Ted Backs) shot some footage at the Big Bird Fly-In at the club field on September 13th with Roman's big drone. The shooting went well but as the machine was coming in to land, something went wrong & it went into a toilet bowel oscillation about thirty feet above the ground that the onboard computer couldn't stabilize.

The drone crashed in the East end of the pit area & did major damage to the machine itself along with the very expensive cameras that were onboard. Thank goodness no one was injured & none of the other aircraft parked in the pit area were damaged. Details of the crash investigation have not been released & it is not known if the footage shot during the flight survived. No film at eleven (yet).

Tim Sparks reports that Wayne & Layne Beams have already earned their solo certificates on the Sunday afternoon after the Big Bird Fly -In. Congratulations Wayne & Layne!



The October club meeting will be held outdoors at the club's flying site on Wylie Road beginning at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 13th. The plan was to move back to Dr. Matt's Clariti office & arrange the seating for social distancing but the Mayor of Bloomington has recently made some proclamation that there will not be any social gatherings in Bloomington with more than fifteen people allowed. Since we usually have around twenty or so members present at our club meetings, we might all end up in the slammer or be fined for breaking the new order so the October meeting has been moved out of the city limits & will be outdoors again, practicing social

distancing, wearing masks, & possibly warm jackets. You might also consider a flashlight but since we are getting started an hour early that may not be necessary. You should have received an email about the meeting change on September 21st (the equinox) from VP Rick Hill. If you're into the "Zoom" meeting thing & want to do that instead, see Rick's email for directions. Stay tuned & watch your email for more information & future developments. We will see how things go before formulating a plan for the November club meeting.

If you use the urinal inside the port-a-pot while at the club field, wear some rubber shoes. The pipe leading from the urinal to the holding tank has a leak that runs out onto the floor of the unit. I'm not sure why the service people haven't noticed unless the unit isn't getting serviced. Club president Mark Sexton will check into the situation.

T1 (Tim Sparks) and T3 (Tim Porter) participated in the "Warbirds and Classics" fly-in at Rosewood, Indiana. We came with four airplanes (two Charlie built!) and left with 5 planes after T1 won the raffle for a giant scale Hangar 9 P-51! Keeping with his tradition he is researching any P-51's that were flown by the Navy to remark this example into! Sparky





## **Event Calendar 2020**

October 3 Indy R/C Electric Fly-In & Swap Meet

October 13 Monthly Club Meeting (6:00 at the field)

November 10 Monthly Club Meeting ??

**December 8 Annual Club Christmas Dinner / Meeting???** 

February 27 2021 Annual Club Swap Meet (Saturday)

The other pictures this month are from the Big Bird Fly-In at the club field on September 13th. That's Randy Byers on page 1 with Charlie Thompson below & Eric Ruggles in the right column. The rest of the pictures can be viewed on the club's website after VP Rick Hill gets them posted. If you have any pictures, get them to Rick so he can post them also.



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