



**Meetings:** (monthly) 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. **via Zoom On The Internet Only For Now**  
**\*Club Meetings June - September Are Held At The Club's Flying Site**  
**Flying Site:** 1 mile East of I-69 \*Exit 125 Then East To South Wayport Road Then Left (East) on Wylie Road, Bloomington, Indiana  
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## January 2021 Edition

### December Meeting Notes:

It was cold & dark outside when the December 8th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was finally called to order at 7:07:14 (after a little pre-meeting discussion) by club president Mark Sexton via Zoom on the interweb. From what I saw, there were three members in Dr. Matt's Clariti office & eighteen somewhere else participating via computer or smartphone.

Mark announced that Dennis Friesel is out of the hospital & is at home doing much better.

Mark also announced that due to the plague and the local restrictions on public gatherings, our 2021 club swap meet that was scheduled for February 27th will have to be postponed till a later date. That could be in March or April but we'll have to just wait & see if things improve between now & then.

Club secretary Tim Porter announced that he has backed-up & copied most of the files from the club webpage.

VP Rick Hill announced that he will be working with Fast Signs to get some new & updated signs made for our club sponsors to post on the shelter at the club field.

It was announced that the club officers for 2021 were selected at the November club meeting. Mark Sexton, Rick Hill, & Tim Porter will continue to serve this year as president, vice president / treasurer, & secretary. This will be Mark's 27th year of service & Rick's 13th year. Please remember to thank all of them for their dedication & continued service to the club.

Dues renewals will be handled through the US mail since we're in this no-contact mode & there won't be a swap meet in February. Please mail your 2021 dues to

**Rick Hill**  
**964 S. Graywell Dr.**  
**Bloomington, IN 47401**

Rick will mail your new membership card back to you.

Mark had a long list of club members that will receive certificates for outstanding service to the club at some later date. Probably after it gets warm enough for us to have outdoor meetings at the club field again.

Mark also has some special "Dork Award" certificates to present for the last few months of 2020. Mike Patton, Dr. Matt Fornefeld, & secretary Tim Porter will get those at some point.



In "Stick's Safety Corner" Steve Dorsett reminded those that have gasoline powered engines that the fuel lines, fuel tanks, & fuel tank stoppers are not all compatible with those used for glow fuel (alcohol). Be sure to do your research before you build.

After the business portion of the meeting Tim Sparks gave us a guided tour of his work shop.

Jason Breeden listed some plans & balsa he has for sale from Bruce Hoffman's estate.

Mark announced that he is looking for a set of plans for a Goldberg Sportster 60. His made premature contact with the ground at Nebo after the wing left the airframe during a negative "G" maneuver.

The meeting was closed at 7:50:37 with no time-out or glitches in the Zoom feed.

Several of the participants stayed on for some informal discussion long after the "official" meeting was closed. During that discussion we learned that club member Brayton Thompson is taking dual instruction down in Washington, Indiana to earn his full scale light sport pilot's license. Congratulations Brayton! I hope to get a picture of Brayton with the airplane at some point.

### *Interesting Bits...*

The Covid scourge continues. It was announced via email after the December 2020 club meeting that the next several club meetings in 2021 will be via Zoom only due to the latest surge of the plague. If you don't have a computer or a smart phone, you can get with someone who does or try it from the library. The virtual club meetings will be moved back to the 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. since Tuesdays didn't work out for some. Club meetings will be held in person, outdoors where we can spread out, at the club field, later in the year when weather permits. Stay tuned & watch your email for future updates.

Jason Breeden has some airplanes for sale. If you've been watching your email, you already know about the Sig Kadet Senior, the AT-6, and the big Extra 300. Contact Jason at [ogre@ogreworks.com](mailto:ogre@ogreworks.com) if you are interested in any of them.

On December 18th four members of the Nebo Memorial R/C Pilot's Association (and the Monroe County R/C Club) did a memorial fly-over tribute at Nebo Field during the funeral service





for Barry Smith. Barry was a long-time modeler from Martinsville who flew at Nebo many years ago when the group was known as Pegasus. Pilots participating were Les Mobley, Randy Byers, Mark Sexton, & Brian Elliott. All were flying electric "Timbers". It was too windy & rough to fly a nice tight formation but we got all four aircraft up & back safely. The family was touched & enjoyed the tribute.



We will be back flying in the Paragon Elementary School gym on Friday evenings from 6 to 8 starting January 8th. I will send out an email if the plague gets worse & we won't be allowed into the school.

According to the email, Sparky is missing a pilot figure that he went to pick up at the club field. When he arrived, the pilot was nowhere to be found. I believe there was a reward offered for its safe return. Email Tim at [timsparks35@gmail.com](mailto:timsparks35@gmail.com).

Jasper Kozacek found a LiPo battery in the yard at the club field & took it home for safe keeping. If you lost one, contact Jasper at [rangerjasper@gmail.com](mailto:rangerjasper@gmail.com).

Gary Waters sent a list of R/C aircraft he has for sale. If you didn't get the file via email, you can contact Gary & see what he has left at [garyindiana46124@yahoo.com](mailto:garyindiana46124@yahoo.com).

The FAA went bonkers & sent an email to everybody who was registered with them detailing all the new silly stuff they plan to implement. They didn't check with the AMA first so the AMA had to send out another email to attempt to calm the panic. We will see how all this is really going to impact our favorite hobby when all the dust settles which could take several years. You might think that when flying model airplanes is outlawed, only outlaws will be flying model airplanes but they said the same thing about some other hobbies that are still alive & well. Just use some common sense, stay informed, & keep flying!

Monroe County R/C Club president & owner of Nebo Memorial R/C flying field in Martinsville is working to have Nebo field listed as an authorized flying site with the AMA & the FAA to help avoid some of the confusion that may emerge as the FAA's new "drone" guidelines go into effect. It appears that we will have to have a written agreement with McDaniel Field (full scale) in Martinsville since it is about five miles away. Stay tuned for developments & thanks for looking out for us Mark!



## Event Calendar 2021

**January 13th Monthly Club Meeting (Zoom Only)**  
**Club meetings via Zoom Only Until At Least April**

**February 10th Monthly Club Meeting (Zoom Only)**

**February 27th Annual Club Swap Meet Postponed Due To The Plague**

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