

Meetings: (monthly) 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Clariti Advanced Vision 481 S. Landmark *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 Website: http://www.monroecountyrcclub.org

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April 2022 Edition

March Meeting Notes:

Tim Mellott counted twenty-four people present at the March 9th "in-person" meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club in Dr. Matt Fornefeld's warm Clariti office. It was about 40 degrees & clear outside when president Mark Sexton called the meeting to order at 7:02:37. We were waiting on secretary Tim Porter to arrive. Tim 3 had a proper tardy slip generated by his 3D printer.

Visitor Brad Thompson came to discuss the Civil Air Patrol's drone program & Seth Teeters & Roger Waldrip came to rejoin the club after taking some time off.

It was announced that the club swap meet details finally made it into the current edition of Model Aviation magazine. The Monroe County mask mandate has just been lifted so masks won't be required at the swap meet on March 19th & Mark plans to have coffee & doughnuts available for sale at the event. Tim Mellott reported that twenty-four of the fifty available tables have been reserved (so far).

VP Rick Hill went over the new membership card system again & reminded members that received their cards by mail can pick up a metal clip at the flying field since they couldn't be included in the mailing.

Rick also announced

that he has received a receipt from A&A (the outhouse people) for the payment he sent them a while back.

Club secretary Tim Porter has been having trouble contacting the AMA about registering the club's "intro pilots". Like everybody else, they are short staffed & having trouble keeping up.

Tim 3 also announced that he worked on the mud holes in the parking area at the club field but his work may have been washed away since the field was flooded again on March 7th. Tim also replaced several zip ties on the pit fence that had failed allowing the fence to get loose from the posts. Thanks for your efforts Tim! We will check with our sponsor Kleindorfer's Hardware about some zip ties that are more weather resistant.

Rick mentioned that he has a new advertising sign made for Kleindorder's to replace the current weathered sign & will get it put up when weather permits.

Several events were added to the 2022 event calendar. The club picnic will be Sunday, July 31st at the club field, The "Nothin But Cubs" fly-in will be Sunday August 14th, and the "Big Bird" fly-in will be Sunday, September 18th. The "Charlie Built" fly-in will be held on June 25th & event director Steve Dorsett will make a decision where we will fly Charlie Thompson's creations at a later date. It might be at the club field or it might be at Nebo Memorial R/C Field in Martinsville. Stay tuned for details.

Secretary Tim Porter & VP Rick Hill have been working to update the club's webpage. Thank you gentlemen!

There was some discussion about having our landlord John Naylor (Naylor Trucking) bring in a load of gravel for the drive at the club field when things dry up a bit & several club members are interested in replacing part or all of the runway mat. More on that later after cost estimates come in.

Brad Thompson presented information about the Civil Air Patrol & their drone project. Tim Sparks volunteered to check with the AMA to see how our insurance would cover us & what would be involved if we allow the cadets to learn about flying drones at our field. They may meet on

selected Thursday evenings or Saturday mornings at our field for instruction & demonstrations with the supervision of MCRCC instructors. More on this later after the information is gathered & reviewed.

There was brief mention of a possible pylon racing seminar at the club field at some point in the future & the annual bulk fuel order will be discussed at the April 13th club meeting.

Mark passed out several member service certificates to those present that didn't get them at the Christmas party.

Current "Dork Award" holder Ted Backs was not at the meeting so there was no passage of the coveted award this month. The meeting was finally closed at 8:03;07...



Interesting Bits...

We lost another life club member on March 19th. Carl Terpenning was a life member of the Monroe County R/C Club & was also a past club sponsor when the family owned Western Skate Land on 17th Street & Classic Lanes bowling ally in Bloomington some years ago.

The annual club swap meet was held at the Monroe County Fairgrounds in Bloomington on Saturday, March 19th. Vendor numbers were down but attendance was good. Thanks to all who participated and to those club members that came out early & stayed late to help set up & tear down.



Several of us enjoyed dinner at Bynum's Steakhouse in Martinsville on Thursday, March 24th to celebrate the Spring equinox. The equinox was on the 21st but our traditional Nebo night is Thursday. The Thursday thing got started many years ago because that's the evening the club field in Bloomington got mowed.

A picture came my way that some of you will get a kick out of. Bob Shireman works with Jimmy Vanvleet's younger brother Eddie who had a good story to go along with this picture of Jimmy V. from 1958. That was Jimmy's new 57 Chevy convertible and you'll have to ask Jimmy about his raccoon hunting exploits from back in the day that relate to this car & it's nickname.



Les Mobley caught this next picture of club president Mark Sexton's newest flying machine at Nebo on St. Patrick's Day (3/17/22). It's wing is kinda short & looks as if it should provide down force (instead of lift) but with enough speed, it will fly (for a few feet anyway)...



Event Calendar 2022

April 13th Monthly Club Meeting April 29th & 30th Dayton Modelrama May 11th Monthly Club Meeting June 8th Monthly Club Meeting (Club Field) June 25th "Charlie Built" Fly-In (TBA) July 13th Monthly Club Meeting July 25th to 31st EAA Airventure "Oshkosh" July 31st Annual Club Picnic (Club Field) August 14th "Nothin But Cubs" Fly-In (Club Field) September 18th "Big Bird" Fly-In (Club Field)

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