



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**

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December 2022 Edition

November Meeting Notes:

The November 9th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club got started at 6:59:34 in Dr. Matt Fornefeld's Clariti office with twenty-four members present as counted by Tim 2 Mellott. The temperature outside was way above normal for the date but it was very dark thanks to the recent time change.

New member Caroline Wang was voted into the club. Caroline was recruited by Yikai & will be training on a new UMX Sport Cub from Hobbytown USA in Castleton. Welcome Caroline!

Tim 1 (Sparky) gave a report on the recent pylon races at the club field. Thanks to all who helped & participated in the event and to Dave Poland for catering the food. It was reported that the last race of the day involved a mid-air collision between aircraft flown by Tim & Dr. Matt. During the mishap, it was discovered that the pylon racers will continue to fly without a tail section if inverted. Probably not something you should rely on or try yourself, just an interesting note.

The final plans were announced for the Christmas dinner / meeting on December 14th. VP Rick Hill will send out an email to the membership with all the details. It was recommended that you arrive about 5:45 P.M. so that the eating extravaganza can begin at 6:00. Bartender Tim

Sparks will be selling Sun King Wee Mac beer for \$2.00 each.

The club hats & shirts were delivered to those that had ordered last month. There are a few extra hats so contact Rick or Mark if you need a new one.

It was reported that the wrinkles in the new section of geomat are not going away on their own. We will schedule a work day

next Spring to pull some staples & stretch it out a bit. The small wrinkles don't seem to be causing a problem for now and there's always a chance the fabric may shrink a little more as it weathers.

The big wind we had a few weeks ago tore up most of the pit fence at the club field. Club secretary Tim 3 Porter repaired most of it for now. Steve Dorsett is still investigating a more permanent repair for the fence. He got a quote from a fence installation professional for putting up the section of chain-link that was donated & adding a length of new chain-link to complete the installation but that quote was way over our meager budget. We may have to erect the donated chain-link ourselves & finish out the ends with the current "snow" fence. Stay tuned as the investigation continues.

We went over the election of club officers that was pretty much taken care of last month. Your slate of officers for 2023 will be Mark Sexton president, Steve Dorsett vice president, Tim Porter

secretary, & Rick Hill treasurer. Please remember to thank them for their service!

The vote to raise the Monroe County R/C Club dues for the first time since the organization was founded passed by a large margin. The 2023 dues will go up \$25.00. Some history of the organization was given by Joe Jackson after the vote.

The saga of the coveted "Dork Award" got kinda confusing. I believe the current holder was Clint Seyer but the award came to the meeting with T3 (Mr. Porter). Ted Backs got asked if he knew of anything "dorkable" & Ted replied with "why are you asking me?". T1 (Sparky) nominated VP elect Steve Dorsett (Stickman) for removing the landing gear on an F-16 in the middle of the runway at the club field on October 29th. Stick thought he might be exempt since he was "racing" (to get a flight on the F-16 before the onset of Winter) but graciously accepted the award for the benefit of humanity & is now searching for the next recipient. If you know about a "dorkable"

event, contact Stickman to "spill the beans".

There was some discussion about trying to have more public events to recruit new members into the club. There will be more on that as plague restrictions lift & the world tries to return to what we used to call "normal".

The meeting was closed at 7:57:22...



Interesting Bits...

We didn't get to have the normal huge bonfire at Dave Polands place on November 5th (Saturday after Halloween) because of the tinder dry conditions & the big wind but we did have a wonderful cookout on the back deck of the house in the enclosed Weber grill. Thanks to Dave & Janet for having us out & to Les Mobley for manning the grill!

We took Yikai to Gather Around Barbecue in Martinsville for dinner on November 10th after a Thursday evening flying session at Nebo Memorial R/C Field. In typical Yikai style, he ordered a bit of everything to take home & sample. Picture by Mark Sexton.



Our president lost a LiPo flight battery out at Nebo Field on November 10th. He organized a search party for Saturday the 12th so we could go back out to the field & find the lost battery. It started snowing on Friday night & by Saturday morning we had 3.5 inches on the ground. After a quick switch from wheels to skis, the battery hunting expedition turned into a "snow fly". We had a great time trying to get our airplanes to ski on the sticky, wet snow and the missing battery was found on the dash of the presidential van. Thanks to Les Mobley for the pictures!



Event Calendar 2022

December 10th Charlestown Swap Meet

December 10th Converse (Peru) Swap Meet

December 14th Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting

December 22nd Shortest Thursday Dinner at Bynum's

January 21st Charlestown Swap Meet

February 18th Johnson County Swap Meet (Franklin)

March 4th Annual Club Swap Meet (Monroe County Fairgrounds)

July 15th Johnson County Warbird Fly-In (Atterbury)

August 12th Johnson County Model Aviation Day (Atterbury)

September 9th Johnson County Never Forget Fly-In (Atterbury)

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