



Meetings: (monthly) 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. **Clariti Advanced Vision** 481 S. Landmark
***Club meetings June-September held at the club's flying site.**

Flying Site: 1 mile East of I-69. Exit 125 then East to South Watport Rd. then left (East) on Wylie Rd. Bloomington, Indiana

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June 2023 Edition

It was sunny & 80 outside when the May 10th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 7:01:34 in Dr. Matt's Clariti office by club president Mark Sexton with twenty-two members present as counted by Tim 2 Mellott.

New member Jessie Greenwell was voted into the club but was not present. Welcome Jessie!

Les Mobley passed around a card for everybody to sign for the family of Ben Batts who was killed in a motorcycle accident on May 6th. Ben & his father Allan came to our big bird fly-in in 2021 & Ben gave us an impressive 3D acrobatic demo flight.

VP Steve Dorsett reported that the annual bulk fuel order has been delivered & distributed.

Secretary Tim 3 Porter reported on the event that he & Roman Chrzanowski attended at Bedford North Lawrence High School on May 5th. They didn't get to fly but pitched model aviation to the kids as a drone flew over the crowd with no visible pilot. Not cool (or legal). Thanks for representing the club Tim & Roman!

Tim 1 Sparks reported on the pylon races that were held at the club field on May 6th. New racer Yikai Yan was the big winner flying an aircraft on loan from Dave Poland. Congratulations Yikai! Pictures are to be available on a club facebook thing hosted by Michael Smith.

It was reported that the field mowing is still getting organized. Dave Poland donated the first two mowings. Thanks Dave! Joe Jackson is going to take over the weekly mowings from Brandon Hubble & will also be doing the tall grass once a month. Thank you Joe!

The geomat on the runway seems to be fixed after it was stretched & president Mark Sexton rolled it again. Thanks Mark!



The club will have a booth at the Monroe County fair July 3rd through July 8th. The booth space & the cost of the booth may be shared by the local Civil Air Patrol group & the local EAA chapter. The deadline to sign up was May 15th. More information will be available at the June 14th club meeting.

Club president & Nebo Memorial Park owner Mark Sexton announced that R/C pilots flying at Nebo Memorial R/C Field in Martinsville will need to be paid up members of the Monroe County R/C Club to use the Nebo facility. When the new FAA regulations go into effect in September, Nebo should be a recognized R/C field just like the club field in Bloomington. No separate aircraft ID transponders should be required but AMA & Monroe County R/C Club membership will be.

The subject of paragliders using the club field surfaced again. The club does not have permission from the land owner or insurance to cover any human carrying aircraft so the answer is still no. If there was an in-flight emergency, anything goes but other than that, they should not be taking off or landing at our site.

There was a lesson on internet fishing given by treasurer Rick Hill. Be very careful what you open in your email program & before you send anybody any money, you better investigate thoroughly & make some phone calls. Thanks Rick!

Tim 1 announced the next pylon race would be June 10th but that has since been cancelled via email.

Club members were reminded about the "Charlie Built" fly-in at Nebo on June 17th where we show off our aircraft built by club member Charlie Thompson. If you don't have a "Charlie built", bring what you have. VP Steve Dorsett & maybe wife Nancy (who just had back surgery) will be fixing lunch so bring a few bucks to pitch in for the food. We'll be out there early but if it's sunny, it's hard to fly facing East & staring into the sun before noon.

In "Stick's Safety Corner" VP Steve Dorsett related a story

about trying to re-bind a Losi Mini "T" racer in the RF rich environment inside the Paragon gym one Friday evening. It still wouldn't bind right when we took it outside. Bobby had control of Stick's truck for a while then I had it for a while. Binding those little rascals is best done at home as long as your home isn't near the Paragon school.

In the saga of the coveted "Dork Award", there was a story told about a 1/8 scale blue truck heading across the field toward Martinsville at a pretty good clip while it's owner was working on the safety barrier at the dirt pile now knowing he was pulling the trigger on his transmitter as he worked. We finally got his attention & got the truck stopped before it got to the pavement but it took a while for the laughter to slow down so the racing could resume. I think Les was looking for something a little more flying related to pass the award along so he still has the little gem waiting for the next recipient. Send your stories to Les.

The meeting was closed at 7:59:10

Interesting Bits

Secretary Tim 3 Porter sent the picture of VP Steve Dorsett & Yikai Yan working on the pit fence at the club field. What they have done so far looks very nice. Thanks guys & holler when you want some help to continue.

We started practicing at Les Mobley's place after the school closed for the Summer. We usually get there around 5 & quit around 8 on Friday evenings. If it's too windy to fly, we play with the boats or try to catch a fish. Contact Les at 317-223-9987 or email him at mmobfamily@aol.com if ya need directions to his pond. The space is kinda tight for anything bigger than UMX size airplanes although it has been done both successfully & unsuccessfully.



New members Kevin & Liet Simonelic will be voted into the club at the June 14th meeting but they have already been out to the club field to see how the wireless "buddy box" thing works on their Carbon Cub. They both got to fly a little bit on it's first time out. Welcome Kevin & Liet!

Event Calendar 2023

June 14th Monthly Club Meeting (at the field)

June 17th Charlie Built Fly-In (Nebo Field)

June 22nd Summer Solstice Thursday

July 9 Indy RC South Ticket - Fly 2 (Atterbury)

July 12th Monthly Club Meeting

July 15 Johnson County Warbird Fly-In (Atterbury)

July 30th Annual Club Picnic (Club Field)

August 12 Johnson County Model Aviation Day (Atterbury)

August 20th Formerly Nothin But Cubs Fly-In (Club Field)

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

September 17th Big Bird Fly-In (Club Field)

October 12th Fall Festival Fly-In & Truck Run (Nebo)

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