



**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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## March 2023 Edition

The February 8th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 7:01:17 in Dr. Matt's Clariti office by president Mark Sexton. It was rainy, windy, & around 50 degrees outside when eighteen club members & one guest (Randy Higgins) made their way in according to counter Tim 2 Mellott.

The first order of business was the club's annual swap meet coming up on March 4th. Tim 2 reported that the AMA got our ad into Model Aviation Magazine and that fifteen tables have been reserved so far. Club members will meet at the Cloverleaf for breakfast at 6:00 A.M. then dash over to the fairgrounds at 7:00 A.M. to set up the tables. The Cloverleaf is on the South West corner of 3rd Street (Whitehall Pike / SR 48) & Curry Pike. Don't forget that those tables have to be taken back down after the event before we can go out for lunch.

Final orders were taken for the annual bulk fuel order that should be available at the April 12th club meeting.

Nothing new was reported in the world of FAA regulations. They are running behind on registering authorized flying sites but still plan to have the new rules concerning model airplanes in place this Fall.

Tim 1 Sparks reported that the Civil Air Patrol will take the club field at some point to launch some model rockets. Tim reports that there are around twelve kids and the event is having some problems working around the rain, wet ground, & high winds at the club field.

Several dates for flying events this season were announced. The 2023 "Charlie Built" fly-in will be held at Nebo Field in Martinsville on June 17th. It was announced that this year's club picnic will be at the club field in Bloomington on July 30th, The annual Slow & Floaty Fly (formerly known as "Nothin But Cubs") will be August 20th and the annual Big Bird Fly-In will be September 17th, both at the club field.

Arrangements have been made to have the grass cut at the club field this year. Club member Joe Jackson & Mark's son Michael will be taking care of the tall grass and I didn't catch who would be doing the weekly short grass mowing.

In "Stick's Safety Corner" VP Steve Dorsett had more of a technical question than a safety issue. He asked the membership about engine thrust angles. That can of worms remains open for more discussion. Some aircraft perform better with

some down thrust & right thrust for stability & to offset the torque of the swinging propeller but some scale builders use none. Seems that there isn't one hard & fast rule. Do whatever works in your situation & study what others have done before with your particular aircraft & power plant.

Tim 1 Sparks announced that he and Tim 3 Porter might be doing some demonstration flights with the Civil Air Patrol at a transportation fair in Bedford on May 3rd.

Joe Jackson announced that he has the club sign refinished & plans to put it back at the club field in March. Thank you Joe for your service!

Club secretary Tim 3 Porter has placed some security devices around the club field site to help deter vandalism & illegal activities. Time will tell if it is helping. Thanks Tim!

It was announced that work to fix the fence at the club field & stretching of the new section of geomat will take place this Spring when the weather gets nice & the sun can heat up the black mat a bit. After the mat is stretched, the seams can be sealed.

In the saga of the coveted "Dork Award" current holder Joe Jackson awarded the little gem to Bob Shireman based on a story from club president Mark Sexton about a UMX Neuport biplane in the basketball net at the Paragon gym. It also helped that Bob was at home recuperating from surgery & couldn't attend the meeting.

The meeting was kinda closed at 7:52:07 but seemed to continue for a while longer but I did manage to make it to work before 6 the next morning...

## Interesting Bits

We have had a long stretch of bad weather on Thursday evenings so far this year. Only a couple have been flyable with the rest being too wet, windy, cold, muddy, & miserable. That should be changing soon as the first day of Spring is March 21st. It's been about three months since we had dinner at Bynum's so we're planning to head over there again on Thursday the 23rd to celebrate the equinox.

We've been having a blast racing around the cones on the slick floor of the Paragon gym with our little trucks. We bought all the available Mini "T"s & Mini "B"s in Martinsville & it



appears that Horizon is out also. Yikai got a different vehicle that has a gyro on board & can also be used as an aircraft carrier. That's Bob Shireman's Vapor on top.

Dave Poland is working on getting some event dates from the Bartholomew County group to include in our event calendar. Thanks Dave!

Tim1 sent me a pdf file containing two pictures.



After some interrogation, I got the following text and with the magic of photoshop I was able to separate the images from the pdf to use here. Thanks Tim & Dave!

Dave Pisoni was the National Champion in CL Carrier in the

early 60's. Dave's "Dark Shark" is a semi scale airplane the US Navy evaluated for shipboard use just after WW2. The full scale airplane had a hybrid power plant. I thought it more appropriate than cake recipes to put in the newsletter if you see fit. Not saying the recipes are bad since we all like to eat. But some of our club members have done some very impressive things with models in the past.



## Event Calendar 2023

- March 4th Annual Club Swap Meet (Fairgrounds)
- March 8th Monthly Club Meeting
- March 23rd Equinox Thursday (Spring starts on the 21st)
- April 12th Monthly Club Meeting
- May 10th Monthly Club Meeting
- June 14th Monthly Club Meeting (at the field)
- June 17th Charlie Built Fly-In (Nebo Field)
- June 22nd Summer Solstice Thursday
- 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)

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