



Meetings: (monthly) 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. 2175 South Garrison Chapel Road
***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 Wayport Rd. then left (East) on Wylie Rd. Bloomington, Indiana

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August 2025 Edition

July 9th 2025 Meeting Notes...

I didn't get to attend the July club meeting. Thanks to Les Mobley & Tim Porter for the following notes!

Sunny 79 degrees
 17 members attending (per Tim Mellott).
 President Mark Sexton and secretary Tim Porter not in attendance (AWOL).

V.P. Steve Dorsett called meeting to order 7:00pm.
 Treasurer Rick Hill read the treasurers report.
 Hats for sale \$25.00.

Old Business:
 Joe Jackson - Volunteered to spray some of the weeds at the club field.

Stix - Charlie fly rescheduled for September. Date TBA.
 Yikai - Fun fly report: Bob Shireman, Eric Ruggles, Dave Poland. and Stix were all award winners.
 Tim Mellott donated proceeds from the fun fly food sales to the club. \$160.00

Stix - Public Awareness Day 7.26.25 generator and simulators to be furnished by members.

Picnic 7.27.25

Bylaws to be review at next meeting.

Yikai - Reported there seemed to be a good response from the public at the Monroe County Fair booth.

Tim Sparks, - Pylon racing 7.19.25

New Business:

Rick H. - Proposed buying two (2) external drives for storage. Voted on and passed.

Stix - AMA sent some literature for the Public Awareness Day
 Rick needs more tape for Petromat.

Yikai - Reported that the runway and starter stands need some repairs and some new stands need to built.

Stix volunteered to do some of the cooking at the events.

Nebo R/C truck and car track is under reconstruction.
 Randy Byers - Advised that Charlie Thompson is working on his 100th airplane.
 Singer Hobbies has indoor R/C car track.



Safety Corner - Sparky recommends that a delay be put on the throttle control so it does not go to full RPM when doing repairs.

Dork Award - Currently held by Bob Shireman.

Yikai nominated Brad (one of the twins, not sure of last name)

Meeting was closed at 7:30pm.

Interesting Bits...

Tim Sparks sent a picture & the following report on the pylon races held at the club field on July 19th. Thanks Tim!

On this day in 1969, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to walk on the moon. Which is false about

the Apollo 11 space suits they used?

- A) They weighed 200 pounds
- B) They were designed to withstand a 400°F temperature range
- C) They were manufactured by a bra company
- D) They had 25 layers of protective material

5 Pilots braved the heat and humidity. In reality, it wasn't too bad for late July.... It was still warm and initially we didn't have any wind. It's the first time this year, I flew my race plane in no wind conditions, I knew it would be a fast track for all of us.

The race was a lot of fun and we had several new workers to come out and assist in the racing.

Starter Rick Hill

Pylon 1 Cut judge Brayton

Pylon 2 Cut judge (and Grill Master) Eric

Score keeper Roman

Timers Dan, Dave P, Clark, Dave P

As we all know the fun can't happen without our workers thank you all! Kit Gerhart drove in for the race and was a welcome addition to the race matrix. We got about a 30 minute headstart, racing commenced around 1030 and all the planes were fueled with Riches Brew NMPRA race mix 15% nitro with a blend of Castor and synthetic lubrication. Heck if it works for the

NMPRA it's great for us as well!

Since this was the first race of the season, we all were a little rusty on the pylons.

Hint: practice is what brings success on race day.

I don't recall a race where we had such close racing. For the most part altitude discipline was evident. We didn't have a single midair collision in the 10 races. We took a quick break after the fifth race, during the break we noticed storm clouds approaching from the south west. Smart phones predicted we were 90 minutes away from rain. Racing resumed quickly trying to beat the WX. It all worked out great all the racing was completed before the first rain drops fell. We had a tie for the top step on the podium. There are rules for resolving a tie and 1v1 fly-off is the way racers determine the winner. Clint had fast time for the event (1:45.16) and Ted from Second Poland racing was ready and eager for a head to head race one more time with Clint. It was back and forth through 7 laps until Clint cut pylon two and was relegated to the second step with Ted the winner of the race.

Eric was our grill master and cooked up some All Beef, Ball Park Franks with potato salad side dish. It turns out that during the flyoff Ted snatched fast time honors from Clint with a 1:44.57 so nearly six tenths of second faster than what Clint posted earlier. Second Poland Racing with David Poland owner and Ted as his stick man eventually prevailed as a result of the fly-off.

Pilot Points Best time:

Ted 16 1:44.57 fast time

Clint 16 1:45.16

Tim1 12 1:50.9

Kit 8 1:58.1

Bryce 7 2:02.54

Race reporter, Herder of Cats,

Tim 1

Quiz answer,,,,, All are true!



Jim Craig sent this picture of some of the old guys having breakfast one Thursday morning at the Morgan County Fair. Thanks Jim!



We lost another one of the great ones. Past club member & past newsletter editor Richard Anderson passed away on June 8th. Richard was known for many years as the gyro nut when he built & flew R/C gyrocopters. He was also one of the creators of the "Nothin But Cubs" fly-in that we still have today. Richard was a regular at Dave Poland's annual Fall bonfire.

We will miss him!

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Event Calendar 2025

- August 13 Monthly Club Meeting
- August 16 Nothin But Cubs (& Everything Else) (Club Field)
- August 16 Indy RC Toys For Tots
- September 10 Monthly Club Meeting
- September 13 Big Bird Fly-In (Club Field)
- September 20 Indy RC Fly All In The Fall
- October 8 Monthly Club Meeting (back indoors)
- November 12 Monthly Club Meeting
- December 10 Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting