



Meetings: (monthly) 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., at the Eye Center of Southern Indiana. 1011 W. 2nd, Bloomington, IN
***Club Meetings June September, Held At The Club's Flying Site**
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April 2006 Edition

March Meeting notes

I didn't get very good notes at the March meeting of the Monroe County R/C club. The National Weather Service scheduled its annual tornado test warning to take place at the same time the meeting began. By the time the amateur radio SkyWarn test net concluded, it was 7:25 & I had missed a good chunk of the meeting. I was forced to report twenty-two simulated casualties to the weather net because the club members inside the eye center building failed to heed the test warning & seek proper shelter in the basement.

A couple of new members were voted into the club before I got in. Please welcome Walter Ellis & Joseph Basile. Walter is an amateur radio operator (KA1FW) & Joseph is his grandson.

One of the items discussed after I got into the meeting was a proposed change to the club by-laws. There were some suggestions & Vice President Bruce Hoffman agreed to take the suggestions into consideration & draft a motion for consideration at the April meeting.

Vargha Manshadi submitted some information via email for club consideration. It was decided that the new newsletter format on the web page would be the PDF file like we tried in March. All members present said they had no problem getting, viewing, or printing the PDF newsletter & it would not be necessary to have it duplicated on the web site for online viewing in any other format. If you have any questions, comments, or information for or about the club's web site (www.monroecountyrcc.org), contact Vargha at simurgh@kullychaha.com or use the new online contact form that Vargha now has available on the web site.

Mr. Jim Scott brought in another business/corporate sponsor for the club. Good work Jim! Information on the new sponsor will be passed along in the newsletter when I receive it. Mr. Bill Black is working on graphics & letters for new signs for all our sponsors that will be posted on the club shelter on Wylie Road. We will also need to update the sponsor graphics & information on the club web site.

The annual fuel order was taken & should be available for pick-up & payment at the April meeting. Thanks to Mark Sexton & Dave Poland for working out the details for this year's fuel order.

The meeting was finally closed at 8:22 P.M. Eastern Standard Time (for now).

For a full report of what happened at the March club meeting you can attend the April 12th meeting & listen to club secretary/

treasurer Delbert Davis give the "official" version. You'll want to be there anyway to pick up & pay for your fuel order...

Interesting Bits

The annual club swap meet is a done deal for this year & seemed to be another successful event. One indicator of the good attendance was when Mark's kitchen ran low on hotdogs & Mr. Joe Rogers was recruited to make a run to the grocery for more. Thanks to Bob Watson & Tim Mellott for taking care of the building & advance table reservations. Thanks also go to Bruce Hoffman for working the door & Mark Sexton for



organizing the concession area. A big thank you also goes to Tina Sexton for picking up & delivering the doughnuts.

Special thanks to Dave Poland! He donated a huge bag of grass seed & fertilizer that was spread on Nebo Memorial Field on a cold, snowy, & windy Thursday evening in March by a group of dedicated Nebo Memorial Pilot's Association members.

Congratulations to Mark Sexton! He passed his amateur radio exam & became technician class operator KC9IZA in March. Now he has another hole to throw money at right next to model aviation. If he collects radio gear like he collects airplane gear, a storage unit will be in order.

We had a special visitor at the Bloomington airport on March 3rd. An MV-22B Osprey flew in for a demonstration & display. I guess it wasn't widely publicized, but I just happened to hear about it on the local amateur radio repeater from N9DHX, who is a member of the local EAA chapter. It was very impressive & very quiet in the air. Here's a couple of pictures.



We had some big time rain in March. The club field was flooded for several days & when the flood waters receded, we were left with some corn stalks & what-not stuck in the fence & around the shelter. Stay tuned for an announcement about a Spring clean up day at the Monroe County R/C Club Field on Wylie Road coming soon.

What should be the last chance for snow flying was Tuesday, March 21st. The Spring storm came in fast, left several inches of snow, & departed. Most of the snow had melted by Wednesday afternoon. It was cold & very windy Tuesday evening but a couple of us got in one last flight at Nebo on skis.

On Thursday March 23, after braving the cold & a few small patches of leftover snow to fly at Nebo Memorial Field, several Nebo Memorial Pilot's Association members went to the Martinsville Pizza Hut to get warmed up. It became a special date in history when we drank the Pizza Hut out of beer. We're very sorry for anyone who came in after we left expecting to enjoy a cold beer with their pizza!

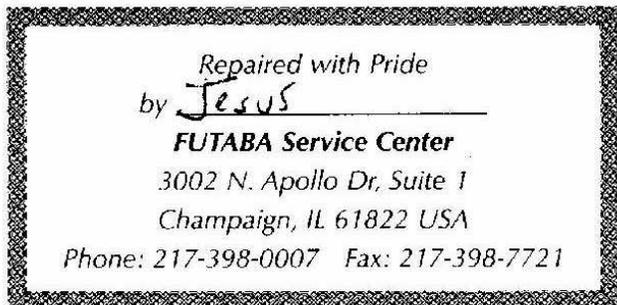
Here's an interesting picture I got from Jim Reed. There's a show team in Africa that water skis their full scale AT-6s on the wheels. I don't think I'll try this with any of my models yet.



Road Trip Anyone?

There's a warbird fly-in in Arkansas June 8 -11. It's just a skip & a jump from Vargha's place in Oklahoma. It's also close to Vargha's birthday so some of us are going down for a scenic tour of the South & celebrate Vargha's birthday at the warbird fly-in. We're going to stay in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, which is reported to be a tourist trap town kinda like Nashville. It should be something a little bit different & lots of fun. If you're interested in going, contact Mark Sexton for details. We're not sure yet if we are going to take aircraft & fly at the event or just be spectators. It looks like there are four of us going so far. The fat boys travel to Toledo & Oshkosh every year & to Dayton every other year but this will be our first trip to Arkansas. If you've never traveled with the fat boys before then you've never seen how professionals eat. We never miss a meal.

I would like to give a plug to the people at Hobby Services. I sent in a dead Futaba PCM receiver via the US mail on a Tuesday & got it back the following Tuesday via UPS. Even though it was out of warranty they fixed it & returned it with no charge! It may have been divine intervention because this card was in the package when I got it back.



Event Calendar

April 1 Indy Sportliners Swap Meet (9401 E. 25th)

April 7-9, 2006 Toledo R/C Expo (Toledo, Ohio)

April 12 Monthly Club Meeting

April 17 SkyWarn Training Class (Martinsville High School @ 7:00 P.M.)

April 28-29 Full Scale Warbird Fly-In (Seymour)

May 6, 2006 Steve Shoop Fly-In (Nashville, Indiana)

May 10 Monthly Club Meeting

May 20 ?? Annual Club Fun-Fly

June 8-11 Warbirds Over Arkansas (visit Vargha)

June 10-11 Dawn Patrol Rally (Kingsbury, Texas)

June 14 Monthly Club Meeting (at the field)

July 1 ?? Nothin but Cubs Fly-In (Club Cub Field)

July 12 Monthly Club Meeting

July 24-30, 2006 EAA Airventure (Oshkosh, Wisconsin)

August 9 Monthly Club Meeting

August 13 Annual Club Airshow

September 10 Annual Club Picnic (Club Field)

September 13 Monthly Club Meeting (Last 1 at the field)

September 23 ?? IMAA Fly-In (Club Field)

October 7, 2006 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In

October 11 Monthly Club Meeting (Back in the Eye Center)

November 8 Monthly Club Meeting (Elections)

December 13, 2006 Annual Christmas Dinner/Meeting

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