



**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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## June 2006 Edition

### May Meeting notes

The May meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 7:09 P.M. (Eastern Daylight Time) with twenty-one members present. The meeting was to be held at the flying field but due to problems with the weather it was moved to the Eye Center. Club Secretary/Treasurer Delbert Davis sent a quick notice out during the day on Wednesday via email & telephone. Thanks to Delbert for the notice & to Matt Fornefeld for use of the building!

Two new members were voted into the club but neither was present. Please welcome Troy Harker & Mike Jorgensen. Mike is Lane's son but we won't hold that against him. He has been flying for many years, trained by his Dad. Troy has been flying electric & is just getting into glow powered models. He just soloed for Lane with his Nexstar trainer. Congratulations Troy!

Bill Black & Jim Scott have been working on the new club sponsor signs that will be posted on the side of the shelter at the flying field. They brought in a couple for inspection. Good job guys!

We spent a great deal of time going over the proposed changes to the club by-laws that we've been working on for the last few months. This should all be finalized at the June meeting & the changes will be printed in the newsletter. I understand that the changes that have already been voted on by the club are in effect as of the time of the vote so you could be in violation of the rules & not know it yet if you weren't at the meeting!

The bulk fuel order is now a done deal for 2006. If you ordered fuel & haven't picked it up yet, contact Mark Sexton now!

As part of the AMA's gold leader clubs program & one of the requirements for our ongoing application with the IRS for non-profit status, we now have a written lease with John Naylor for the club's flying site property. It's for five years now but may be modified very soon to cover ten years. Thanks to Mark, John, & the executive committee.

Lane Jorgensen has purchased a hand sanitizer dispenser for the rented out-house. Jim Scott will install a hasp on the door so we can lock it up when no one is using the field.

Steve Shoop reported on his Butterfly Hills R/C Fly-In which was held on May 5 at his place near Nashville. A good time was had by all & nobody went away hungry.

Mr. Jim Scott, CD for the Nothin But Cubs (& other floaty things) fly-in on June 3, wanted to remind everyone that the \$5.00 landing fee would be added to the prize pot for the club

fun fly on June 24. The Cub fly will run from 9:00 A.M. — 1:00 P.M. (Eastern Daylight Time)

Tim Sparks requested some volunteers to help with the aviation portion of the Science Olympiad in Bloomington on Saturday, May 20. Bob Watson, Jason Breeden, & Lane Jorgensen volunteered to help Tim.

The meeting was closed at 8:22 because Matt had to leave & he had to lock the doors to the Eye Center.

### Top Gun Report

I got this report via email from Dennis Friesel on the Top Gun competition. Thanks Dennis & congratulations to you & Michael on a job well done.

Mike and I made it through 3 rounds of Prom Am flying at Top Gun with the PBM, in spite of 14 to 18 mph, 90 degree crosswinds on all three days. The winds were gusting to 25 mph, blowing over chairs and tents, but we managed to keep the plane in one piece for four flights (one practice and 3 rounds of competition). The PBM can take off in high crosswinds, on one wheel and a float. Thank goodness for the floats or I never would have gotten off the ground. The struts are really strong and did not bend under the strain. The PBM doesn't go wings level until you have enough air speed to allow the ailerons to work at full throw, and this occurs at just about takeoff speed. Not good for getting points on takeoff, but good enough to get the plane airborne for the other 9 maneuvers. My landings weren't great either, but not fatal. The main gear survived the beating, but I had to repair the nose gear after 2 rounds. I was not alone in this exercise. The plane flew great in the air



however, and I got good scores on the airborne maneuvers. I didn't make the cut to fly on Sunday however, but placed 14th out of 24 entrants, of which 22 showed up. We also learned that the PBM can stay airborne for over 10 minutes with battery capacity to spare. My longest routine was 7 minutes, takeoff to landing, but used only 4 Amp hrs. out of the 9.6 available. Flight line control was not the best either. On one flight I was setting up for landing when a jet took the runway for takeoff in front of me. I went around to set up again and was on short final when he finally took off. One poor fellow crashed his plane because they kept him airborne while clearing the runway so long he ran out of gas. Several planes were lost for various reasons (Winds (several), Mid Air (1), & just plain folding up in flight (2)), including that fabulous Lear Jet that we all saw in Toledo. It got pummeled by the winds on take off and snapped into the ground from about 15 ft. Anyway, I've attached two pictures of the PBM at Top Gun. In one you can see the flags flying straight out. The Lakeland Airport runway wind sock (for full scale planes) was absolutely flying straight out parallel to the ground. It's amazing what you can do when you have to. By the way, Mike is an excellent caller. He did a fantastic job.



## Interesting Bits

It was a sad day when I realized just how old the fat boys group was getting. Just about everywhere we go to eat we always ask what time the dancing girls are going to start, as a joke. On Thursday, May 11 we went to O'Ryans Pub in Martinsville for dinner. It was cold, windy, & raining so we had been working on airplanes at Randy's house instead of flying at Nebo. That was sad enough but when we finished dinner & went home just five minutes before some real dancing girls were to start at O'Ryans, I knew that we had just crossed over the big hump & were on the downhill slide toward death. All those times we asked about dancing girls & when we finally found some we went home. Now that's old...

Troy Harker has received his solo certificate from Lane Jorgensen. Troy wasn't at the May club meeting but I'll try to get a picture & pass it along next month. Congratulations Troy!

Would somebody call Tim Mellott when there's an event! He missed the fly-in at Steve Shoop's because he was waiting at home for somebody to call. He's depressed now because he thinks he's not in the clique. I guess Tim doesn't realize that the only requirement for being in the clique is to be an old, fat, airplane guy & he pretty well fills the bill. Sorry Tim...

If U were in the clique, U had a great time at Steve Shoop's Butterfly Hills R/C Fly-in. Steve has a real nice place in Brown County & a firm grip on what airplane guys like to do. Eat! It was a little windy but it was right down the runway most of the time. The sunshine was warm & Steve fed us very well. Thanks Steve, we're looking forward to next year's event already. Here's a photo of the pit area along Steve's runway. Just ignore all those trees.



I got this from the AMA & thought some of you would be interested so I'll pass it along to everybody.

May 10, 2006

MUNCIE, IN -- The Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) will launch the 80th National Aeromodeling Championships (historically known as the "Nats"), the world's largest model aviation event, commencing May 31, 2006 in Johnson City, TN, with Indoor Free Flight activity. Action at the International Aeromodeling Center in Muncie, IN begins July 4. More than 1,000 participants are expected to fill the skies with virtually every form of flying model imaginable. For a schedule and more information about this thrilling contest that covers six weeks and more than 165 separate events, go to <http://www.modelaircraft.org/events/>.

Randy Byers has achieved some national fame. His tip about cleaning engines & mufflers with Dawn Power Dissolver was printed in Model Airplane News magazine this month. What they didn't print was the fact that Randy stole the idea from fellow club member Lane Jorgensen.

I received this email from local EAA member Russ Ryle N9DHX of Ellettsville about an event at the Monroe County Airport in Bloomington on July 18. I think many of you will be interested. I know I'll be there. Thanks for the information Russ & keep us updated!

Hello aviation friends.

Wonderful news! Our friend Rob Lock, Waldo Wright Flying Service, <http://www.waldowrights.com/>, called February 19 asking if KBMG might be a good stop for him and a few friends. We just got the official word tonight, April 11, an old fashioned air tour is coming to Hoosier skies in July, 2006. Nothing like this has happened since the 1930's. Many of the planes coming are old enough to have flown then. Watch <http://www.americanbarnstormerstour.com> for more information and further updates. Please help get the word out to the aviation community so as many people as possible get to experience this great event. We will keep you all in the loop as things develop. Hope to see you in Bloomington July 18.

Best regards,  
 Russ & Ev Ryle  
 Ghost Airfields of Indiana Project  
 POB 2466  
 Bloomington, IN 47402

Here's a picture of Charlie Thompson's new crop duster. It was taken at Steve Shoop's place.



## Event Calendar

- June 3** Nothin but Cubs Fly-In (Club Cub Field)
- June 8-11** Warbirds Over Arkansas (visit Vargha)
- June 10-11** Dawn Patrol Rally (Kingsbury, Texas)
- June 14** Monthly Club Meeting (at the field)
- June 24** Annual Club Fun-Fly
- July 12** Monthly Club Meeting
- July 18** American Barnstormers Tour (KBMG)
- 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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