



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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October 2006 Edition

September Meeting notes

The September meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club got underway under threatening skies at 7:01. Thirty people were in attendance. Four new members have joined the club. Please welcome Al Eygabroad, Don Williams, Jim Ek, & Mark Curtis. Al is an accomplished R/C pilot from Illinois who recently relocated to Bloomington. Don is from Bloomington & has been coming out on Tuesday evenings to train with his electric foamy. Jim is from Bloomington also & has purchased a Nexstar trainer on Ebay & is going to start his pilot training soon. Mark is from Martinsville & has been training at Nebo with Bob Shireman. He is very close to earning his solo certificate. Introduce yourself & show them the ropes when you see them at the field.

Air Show chairman Matt Fornefeld was unable to attend the meeting so club president Mark Sexton gave a report on the annual Air Show & recognized all who participated & helped make the event a success.

Tim Mellott & Randy Byers cooked up a large batch of hotdogs & hamburgers for the club picnic & reported that there was a large crowd present for the annual event. The fine weather & good food were enjoyed by all. Plenty of flying went on before & after the feeding frenzy. The pit area & flight line were crowded for most of the day. Thanks to all who attended & thanks for the brownies, Vanessa!

Mark reported on the AMA's changes to the intro pilot program & how it could impact the club's training program.

Michael Friesel reported on his new video camera that records video clips from an aircraft in flight. He has a video from his electric F-18 posted on the internet. Here's a picture from the flight.



This is the last club meeting at the field for this season. The monthly club meetings will be held in the Eye Center until May

of 2007. We'll meet at the field again next June.

Steve Shoop is hosting a Halloween party at his place in Brown County on Saturday, October 28. He has a flying field on his property & is known to put on a very good feed. More details to come at the October 11th club meeting.

There was some discussion about getting a prize for the kid's glider contest (held during the Air Show) next year that is more kid friendly. Michael Friesel will look into the possibilities.

Damon Ferguson wants to have a combat event during the Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In. If you are interested, bring your combat ready aircraft to the fly-in on October 14th at Nebo Memorial R/C Field in Martinsville.

Dave Poland & Damon Ferguson are looking for a few good members to run in the November club election. If you are interested in running for a club office, contact Dave or Damon. Dave's new cell phone number is 765-516-3192. He will be looking forward to your call because just like Joe Rogers, who's cell number appeared in this newsletter a few months ago, nobody ever calls him. You can also email Dave at davidpoland@hughes.net. Damon can be reached through his Grandpa (Delbert Davis) at 765-342-7240 or by email at deldavis@insightbb.com.

The meeting was closed at 7:42 just as it began to rain.

Interesting Bits

Tim Harris completed the requirements to earn his solo certificate on Labor Day (9/4/06). Congratulations Tim!



Thanks to everyone who came out to the Paragon Homecoming Fly-In on September 3rd. Richard Anderson made the arrangements with the homecoming committee & the Paragon Elementary school allowed us to fly from their playground. Thanks to Dave Poland & Delbert Davis for helping mow & sweep the runway. Thanks also to Tina Rogers for taking care of the pre & post event publicity. The Martinsville newspaper got the facts mixed up (as usual) & identified a picture of Joe Rogers as Brian Elliott but I bet Joey has been called worse.

Here's a picture of our club banner & Randy's wind sock on the baseball diamond fence & one of Event Coordinator Richard Anderson discussing the set-up with Frequency Coordinator Jane Black.



Here's Randy Byers trucking supplies to the pit area & Delbert Davis assembling his aircraft on the playground.



The weather didn't cooperate very well for our annual trip to Vincennes but that didn't stop us from having a fine time at the Tri County Aero Club's field. With the wind steady at 16 & regular gusts to 20 mph, not all the aircraft took to the air but several did. The threat of rain was always present but we got in several hours of play on Friday before it finally got wet around 4:30 in the afternoon. The warbird fly-in at Washington, Indiana on Saturday was rained out, but there was room in an airport hangar to hold a small static display. Door prizes were awarded & pictures were taken before the event was officially called off about lunch time. Here's our host Frank Roales of the Tri -County Aero Club with his ME 163 Comet.



Mark Sexton has placed a row of shingles under the fence line along the pit area. This should keep the weeds down for the rest of the mowing season & for years to come if the flood waters don't wash them away before they set settled. Thanks Mark!

Delbert Davis has had a couple of bad evenings at Nebo Memorial Field recently. One Thursday a tree reached out & tore his Tiger 60 to bits & then a couple of weeks later he had a radio problem while flying Haley's "Piece Of Cake" & had to set it down way out in the beans. After the search party returned with the mostly intact "Piece Of Cake", Delbert was having Al trim in a 40 size sport plane when it lost radio contact & its now taking a dirt nap. If the bad luck runs in 3s, then Delbert should have better luck for a while.

Thanks to Joe Rogers & Tim Harris for trimming the shade tree in the Nebo pit area. They just happened to be flying on a sunny Saturday afternoon & got drafted for some field maintenance. A classic case of being in the right place at the wrong time. Thanks Joe & Tim!

Event Calendar

October 7 Heather s Wedding (Mark s daughter)

October 8 Pam s Place Airport Fly-In / Bean Supper (Contact Bill Black)

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

October 14, 2006 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In (Noon till dusk)

October 28 Shoop s Halloween Party

November 8 Monthly Club Meeting (Elections)

December 13, 2006 Annual Christmas Dinner/ Meeting

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