



Meetings: (monthly) 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. **Clariti Advanced Vision Correction**
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*Club Meetings June - September, Held At The Club's Flying Site

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August Meeting Notes...

There were twenty-five people in attendance when the August meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 7:00:00. Visitor Jim Kryway came to join & was voted in by the membership.

Matt Fornefeld brought flyers for the September airshow and passed them around. Matt also passed around a pilot sign-up sheet to get an idea of who was planning to fly what at the show. Matt announced that "Jill's House" would be helping with the advertising this year since the airshow profits go to them & he would be working with "Jill's House" board member & fellow club member Dennis Friesel to achieve better promotion for this year's chairity event. Tina Rogers will be assisting with radio advertising also. She has done some radio spots & interviews for the airshow in the past & plans to get us some valuable airtime again this year. Several club members volunteered to assist with other jobs on airshow day. Parking, ice delivery, donations, raffle ticket sales, intro pilot flights, PA system, announcing, & this year's much shortened version of the TAG program that will be more of a short preflight session just before the trainees take to the buddy boxes. The plan is to have four trainers in the air during the intro flights. Jim Scott reported that he has acquired an electric Cub via Ebay for the raffle prize.

A report was given on the display the club set up at the Bloomington Airport during the Collings Foundation's Wings of Freedom Tour. See a detailed report from Delbert Davis later in this newsletter.

It was reported that all who attended the annual club picnic ate well & enjoyed the day. Thanks to Tim Mellott & Randy Byers for doing the grilling!

It was brought up again that Thursday evenings are for mowing at the club field. Please yield to the mower! Members were also reminded that it is everyone's responsibility to keep an eye on things while at the field. Take names & AMA numbers if there is an issue. It seems that a visitor from Chicago did not have permission to use the field but was there using the facility on a Thursday evening & refused to yield to the mower.

Tim Mellott reported that the swap meet date for 2009 has been confirmed. The club voted to have the swap meet on Sunday again. The people who wanted to move the event to a Saturday either were not at the meeting or didn't vote.

A club from Indy will be giving intro flights at Bradford Woods in Morgan County on Thursday (8/21). Any club

members wishing to assist were urged to contact them.

It was decided at the meeting to renew the insurance bond on club officers.

Rick Hill announced that the 2nd annual Airplane Guy's Motorcycle Ride is scheduled for September 21st. The route may go South through Madison, Indiana. Contact Rick at hill2@indiana.edu or 812-336-1746 for more information or with any questions.

Steve Shoop reminded everyone about his Chili Cook-Off / Fly-In on October 18th. Steve says if the weather is too bad to fly, come & eat anyway!

The meeting was closed at 7:49:38.

Wings of Freedom Tour

By Delbert Davis

On Thursday July 31, while some members were on the road to Oshkosh Airventure, others participated in the Collings Foundation's Wings of Freedom Tour at Monroe County Airport. MCRCC members set up a static display of RC aircraft



and provided some great flight demonstrations. The crowd stood in awe each time Bob Watson, Bill Black, Randy Byers, Charlie Thompson and non-club member Mike Habig took to the skies!

Other club participants were Al Eygabroad, Dennis Friesel, Delbert

Davis and Damon Ferguson. Later in the day Don Williams, Carl Ward and Tim Mellott joined the group as spectators.

Collings Foundation pilots had flown a B17, a B24 and their P51C "Betty Jane" fighter to the event on Wednesday. Their B25 aircraft was supposed to be here too, but was down for some unscheduled maintenance in Minnesota.

Several club members took ground tours of the B17 and B24.



It was quite exciting to watch the airplanes arrive, then take off and land during paid passenger flights at the end of each day. We also had some interesting and informative conversations with the aircraft pilots as well as with some former WWII pilots that attended the event.



Interesting Bits...

On Friday, Dennis Friesel experienced some real-life flight training in the P51C. Here's his eyewitness account: "After getting strapped in (seven buckles including chute and harness), we took off and did a low, fast fly-by down the runway. At altitude the pilot trimmed the plane and turned the controls over to me. I asked him to talk me through some rolls and a split-s or two. They are just about as easy to do in the real machine as the RC version,



albeit from a far different perspective. I would say I had my hands on the controls for about one-half hour. He did loops and 4-point rolls during the flight and for the coup de grace he did a final 400 mph pass down the runway before landing. That pass was the best part of the flight. It really felt like we were doing a strafing run, and it sure looked close to the trees to me!"

Cook Aviation President & General Manager Rex Hinkle said the MCRCC static display and flight demonstrations were a very big hit at the event and that he really appreciated our participation. In turn, we expressed gratitude to Mr. Hinkle for allowing us to be a significant part of the event.

Blue Moon Racing Report

By Tim Sparks

I believe our recent race results are worth mentioning. Michael Friesel ended up with the championship points lead (or a tie - I am not sure). He was flying some great rounds, nice and smooth. He did have an issue with his plane in the Gold round and flamed out with some AC damage on landing. Dennis Friesel flew in the Gold round due to Mike's airplane problems and flew some of the best times he has ever turned. He is slowly learning that smooth is fast. I also think he isn't so down on his airplane's apparent lack of speed now that he knows he can beat the other guys by staying smooth and consistent for all six laps. I managed a 2nd place finish in the Gold race and I think I am second in championship points with my Unlimited. It was a very challenging weekend but I demonstrated in the first two races that I was the guy to beat, setting fast time for the weekend. Post-landing inspection after round two revealed I had twisted my crankshaft. My engine was toast but another competitor offered me a smaller replacement engine so I could make the rest of the races. With the use of his home workshop 20 miles away and Mike Friesel's help, we were able to mount a little DA-150 in place of my sick 200cc engine. I didn't miss a race and ran some respectable times. This kind of racing is always such a reward because the people are such fierce competitors out on the line. However, in the pits everybody will pitch in to help get you get back into the air. A big thank you goes out to my brother Ben and club member Jeff Self who came along and worked in the pits, helped on the line, and generally made it easier on everyone to make the race an enjoyable experience for Blue Moon Racing. The next race is at El Mirage Dry Lake bed near Edwards AFB in the high deserts of California in late October.

Joe Rogers is still trying to sell his giant scale Sportster. Maybe this photo will help.



Three club members have completed the requirements to earn their "Solo Certificates". Please congratulate Stephen Dombrosky, Jeff Self, & Don Williams. Here's Jeff & Stephen. I'll get Don's picture soon.



It hasn't been seventeen years & this bug doesn't have red eyes but there are quite a few of em around my house this Summer.



Event Calendar

- September 5-7 Heartnut Fly (Atterbury)
- September 10 Monthly Club Meeting
- September 14 Annual Club Air Show (Club Field)
- October 8 Monthly Club Meeting
- October 11 Nebo Fall Festival Fly-In
- October 12 Columbus Fireman's Fund Fly-In
Contact Mike Bealmear 812-350-7793 bealmear@comcast.net
- October 12 Martinsville Fall Foliage Festival Parade
- October 18 Steve Shoop's Chili Cook-Off / Fly-In
- October 18 Indy Area Swap Meet & Hobby Expo
- November 12 Monthly Club Meeting
- December 10 Annual Christmas Dinner/Meeting
- February 22, 2009 Annual Club Swap Meet

Thanks to Delbert Davis, Tim Sparks, & Dennis Friesel for contributing to this month's newsletter!

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