



Meetings: (monthly) 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. **Clariti Advanced Vision Correction**
481 S. Landmark Ave., Bloomington, Indiana

**Club Meetings June - September, Held At The Club's Flying Site*

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July 2009 Edition

June Meeting Notes...

The first meeting held at the club's flying site for the "09" season on June 10th got underway at 7:02:15 with twenty-four members in attendance. Jim Hamilton was voted in as the 24th & newest member. Welcome to the club Jim!

Mark Sexton reported on the heli fly-in that was held on May 30th using some prepared notes from Jeff Self. Jeff was over in Ohio with Tim Sparks, and Dennis & Michael Friesel (The Blue Moon Racing Team). We'll call that an excused absence.

Mark reported that VP Bruce Hoffman is out of the state visiting with his father & will be back soon. He's having a little trouble getting around but still has his usual upbeat attitude & fighting spirit. No new information was available on Bob Watson's condition but Joe Jackson will be checking on him.

Mark reported that several of our corporate / business sponsors have committed for another year. Thanks to them & don't forget to support them when you shop for goods & services! Rick Hill & Michael Friesel are working on some new advertising signs to replace those that have taken a beating in the weather.

The contract to have the picnic tables painted is somewhat unsure now. We may have to have a painting party to get the job done. Stay tuned for more information.

The club shirt & jacket order has finally been finalized. The order will be sent & should be available soon.

Mark discussed the new policy the FAA has adopted concerning NOTAMs & TFRs for model aircraft. They have been available through the AMA's website. It's a small inconvenience we'll have to deal with once in a while in the name of homeland security.

We have been plagued by some pesky, little, biting bugs on the flightline for several weeks now. They go for the head & seem to be attracted to insect repellent. The Monroe County Extension Office will be contacted to see if they can offer some help in dealing with them.

Several members mentioned that they like the new paths that were mowed from the pit area to the runway ends for the heli-fly-in. I'm not sure what they have been doing at the ends of the runway since the heli-fly but the club voted to have Michael Sexton continue mowing them on a regular basis.

There was some discussion about having Willy T (the chef for the heli fly-in) cook for our annual Christmas dinner / party / meeting. I think most everybody enjoyed his barbecue. There will be some investigation into where we could hold the event.

One of the club trainers will be taken off of the 72 Mhz. band & put on the 2.4 Ghz. band. The other club trainer will remain on 72 Mhz.

After many months of waiting, Mike Habig was finally awarded his lifetime Dork Award. He was very pleased & proud to be a lifetime dork! Steven Dombrosky was awarded the regular monthly Dork Award by Randy Byers for a little demonstration of the retractable landing on his new J3 Cub. Congratulations Mike & Steven!

Joe Rogers announced that the "Charlie Built" Fly-In would be moved from June 27th to June 28th at Nebo Memorial R/C Field in Martinsville.

Delbert has laminated & posted a new sign with the information required to place a 911 emergency call from the club field. He also mounted a cork bulletin board under the shelter but outside the frequency cabinet for members & visitors to post flyers, messages, & for sale items. Thanks Delbert!

The meeting was closed at 7:50:00.

Interesting Bits...

The first & possibly annual Heli Fly-In was a huge success. A good time was had by all & the food was great! Jeff Self did a nice job as CD for the event with some assistance from Dennis Friesel & some nice raffle prizes were awarded. Old Richard Anderson has some photos posted on the internet that you can check out at <http://www.runryder.com/helicopter/gallery/14684/?script=Monroe>. Jeff submitted the following report. Thanks Jeff!

MCRCC 1ST Helicopter Fun Fly

I woke up before daybreak on Saturday, May 30th anxious, but a bit bleary-eyed, to meet the guys at Cracker Barrel for breakfast before the fun fly. At this point I'm really questioning my sanity, but the commitments were made and there was no turning back.

The weather couldn't have been better for being up early and heading out to meet your RC buddies for breakfast and then heading to the field for a day of flying. Man, can those guys put it away. If I ate that much I'd have to take a nap.

We were at the field by 8:00 am and Richard Anderson was already set up and had probably already been in the air. It took longer to get things ready than I expected but fortunately Dennis Friesel, Lane Jorgensen, and Carl Ward had helped me the day before, extending the pit fence and marking the pilot stations. Michael and Mark Sexton got the field in perfect condition. The pilots wandered in a few at a time during and morning and there was never much of a line at registration. There was lots of help from the club members. Dennis Friesel ran registration. Brian Elliot and Bill Black handled the 72 Mhz. radio impound. Randy Byers, Jim Scott, Mark Sexton,

and Jason Breeden made sure that the flight line was running smoothly. Bruce Hoffman and Neal Zook helped out with the raffle.

There were 21 registered pilots and we sold 43 lunches. By these numbers it looks like eating is at least a 2 to 1 favorite over flying. Will Thomas of Will T's Barbeque did a great job of keeping us from going hungry. Most of the pilots were from Bloomington or Martinsville areas and three came over from Illinois. John Adams of Horizon Hobby drove over and flew a few times before leaving for the airport to pick up two of his friends, also from Horizon. One of them was visiting Illinois and actually lives in Montana.

Pilots kept the skies busy from about 9:00 am to almost 5:00 pm. Thank goodness no one wanted to stick around for night flying! Gus Petraits from Martinsville won a \$50 gift certificate from Heliproz South in the raffle and John Adams won the autorotation event with a distance of 21" from a 'X' mark in the middle of the runway.

Special thanks goes to Heliproz South, Hobbytown USA, Martinsville Radio Shack, and Treasure Crest Hobbies in Bloomington for their contributions to the raffle. And also to my wife Tia and my daughters Abby and Olivia for helping with the food and putting up with me getting ready for the event. Good flying, food and friends, it doesn't get any better than that!

Bug Problem

Here's the email exchange that took place concerning the insect problem on the flightline at the club field. Thanks to Amy Thompson for the help!

Brian –

I drive by your flying site with my kids quite frequently and we're always excited when someone is actually there flying. I keep trying to make it to your open house (is it in the fall or spring, I cannot recall but it seems like it is a Saturday or Sunday afternoon?) but we always seem to have a conflict.

On the bug front. I will say upfront that I am not an entomologist so I've made an educated guess on what you're dealing with. If these insects are biting then you're likely dealing with a biting midge.... More information can be found at the first link above. If they are not biting but just sort of swarming and hovering then you're likely dealing with fungus gnats....see more info at the bottom link. Unfortunately the low lying ground on which your field is located floods, or at least remains wet, and is a conducive environment for both of these types of critters to develop. When we dry out the populations should decline and your flying should be a little more enjoyable.

Since repellants seem to be of little help you might try some of these sticky traps which can be applied to hats or clothes <http://www.biconet.com/traps/deerflyPatch.html> although specifically marketed for deer flies they might provide some relieve from these pests. I believe there are a number of different manufacturers.

Good luck,

Amy

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From: Brian Elliott [mailto:belliott@surf-ici.com]

Sent: Saturday, June 13, 2009 8:23 AM

To: afthompson@purdue.edu

Subject: Mystery Bug...

The Monroe County R/C Club has a flying site in Monroe County on Wylie Road (in the valley), just North of Bloomington. We are having an insect problem this year that we've not had before. These little bugs seem to be attracted to insect repellents & are a real pest when we are trying to watch a radio controlled aircraft in the sky. They always go for the head, trying to get in the nose, ears, & eyes.



Can you help identify them & tell us how to get rid of them?

The area is flooded a couple of times a year.

We spread a granulated insect control product on the ground but it didn't seem to help.

Thanks for any assistance you can provide!

It may save a plane.

If you missed Randy Byers's 60th birthday celebration, don't forget to tell him that he doesn't look a day over 70! There was quite a crowd at the party & lots of good food!



We had a great time at the annual "Charlie Built" Fly-In on June 28th. The wind was howling all day but a few brave souls got a flight in. The food was wonderful! Thanks to Joe & Tina Rogers for putting it all together & thanks to Lou Ann Thompson for letting Charlie build so many nice aircraft! Be sure to tell Joe Happy Birthday & be sure **not** to ask Mark why if left is right then right must be wrong means.

For Sale:

Charlie Thompson has another aircraft for sale if it's not gone already!

90" Great Planes Cub

Fiberglass Super Cub cowl

New SolarTex covering

Never crashed!

\$195.00

Call Charlie at 765-342-4260

Here's some pictures from the Heli Fly-In. There were several Oops moments during the day but Richard & Tim were the ones that got caught by my camera.



Event Calendar

- July 8 Monthly Club Meeting
- July 10-12 Owensboro Isotopes Fun-Fly
- July 27– August 2 Airventure (Oshkosh)
- August 8 Linton Fly-In
- August 8 Columbus IMAA
- August 23 Annual Club Picnic
- August 29 3rd Annual 4-Stroke Event
- August 29 Lafayette IMAA
- September 13 Annual Club Airshow
- September 20 Airshow Rain Date (if necessary)
- September 25-27 GWAA Dawn Patrol (WPAFB)
- October 10 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In
- December 9 Annual Christmas Dinner/Meeting

There should be some other area events listed here if somebody would send me the dates...

<p>Stephen A. Singer 765-342-7959</p> <p>RadioShack</p>	<p>RC Jets Unlimited 812-279-0399</p>	<p>Kleindorfer's 332-0487</p>
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