



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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February 2010 Edition

January Meeting Notes...

The first meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club of 2010 was called to order at 7:06:28 in the Clariti Advanced Vision Correction office of Dr. Matt Fornefeld. Twenty-two members were present & several had shown up early to see Delbert and pay their annual club dues.

Delbert announced that the club now has a not-for-profit tax ID number. If you plan to make a major purchase for the club, get with Delbert to see if you can use the new tax ID number.

Mark reported that VP Bruce Hoffman is holding his own and that his condition remains about the same as it was last month. If you want to talk with Bruce, check with Leslie first to see how he is doing.

Mark also reported that Electric Services has not renewed their club sponsorship for 2010 & their advertising sign will be taken off the club shelter when weather permits.

There was a discussion about the Christmas dinner / meeting and it was decided that KRC Catering did a nice job & we should book them again for the 2010 event. Everyone liked the facility & the food but a couple of adjustments will be suggested for next time. Something about a Mr. Miller being able to stay longer and some deserts that arrived a little late but Rick Hill says that will all be worked out before December. Thanks to Rick for working out the details & to Barb Hill for taking the pictures. It was reported that sixty-four people attended the event, which is a new record for attendance.

Mark reminded all members that their AMA dues must be paid before using the field. Several members reported that the online renewal worked well & allows you to have a printed receipt until your card arrives.

Delbert will send in the fees for eight club intro pilots to the AMA & it was decided that Tuesday evenings would be designated for flight training again this year. Veteran pilots should remember to yield to the student pilots. Lane Jorgensen was unable to attend the meeting but was drafted to serve as an intro pilot again. See what can happen if you miss a meeting!

Randy Byers agreed to retain the safety officer's badge again for the 2010 season.

Steve Shoop announced that his Butterfly Hills R/C Challenge will be held at his place in Brown County on May 1st.

Jeff Self announced that he will host his 2nd annual Heli-Fly-In at the club field on June 5th. Jeff & Dennis Friesel will investigate the possibility of getting the event AMA sanctioned this year.

Joe Rogers announced that he will host the annual "Charlie Built" Fly-In at Nebo Memorial R/C Field on June 26th.

Mark announced that he is hoping to revive IMAA chapter 586 & have an IMAA fly-in at the club field this year. No date has been selected yet but stay tuned & contact Mark if you are interested in joining the IMAA.

There are still a few club shirts available for sale. Contact Mark if you are interested in one. They may be on sale at the club swap meet on February 28th.

Steve Shoop offered for sale a cold weather transmitter glove. It was snapped up rather quickly, given the long string of below normal temperatures we have had the last few weeks.

In the spirit of helping a dork out; Jay Strosnider was awarded the "Dork Award" at the December meeting, which he was unable to attend. Jay hasn't been out much to select the January winner so we helped him out a bit. There was a sad story of a young man who overslept & missed the Vincennes swap meet. He decided later that day to do a little snow flying at his home using a collectable ag plane fitted with skis. Things didn't go as planned, which can happen, but Jim Scott's biggest mistake was that he told somebody about the mishap. The news traveled fast enough for him to become the proud "Dork Award" winner for January & Jay wasn't even at the meeting. Congratulations Jim & keep those communication lines open!

Carl Ward was presented with his "Outstanding Service" certificate that he missed getting at the Christmas dinner.

Tim Mellott announced that tables for the February 28th swap meet were selling fast & that those interested should get theirs reserved as soon as possible.

The meeting was closed at 8:05:00.

Interesting Bits...

They say there's a fool born every minute & there were at least five of them at the club field on new year's day. The temp was in the low teens & the West wind was cutting through everything like a knife but you gotta do what you gotta do in the name of model aviation even if the wind chill is below zero!



We had a nice visit with our friends from Vincennes during the Tri-County Aero swap meet on January 9th. After we loaded our treasures & headed home, we had to stop by the Gasthof in Montgomery for lunch. It's a fat boy tradition!

We'll have to go back because the Gasthof is where Joe Rogers met his 2nd friend (Cheryl, our waitress). Now between Cheryl & Mark Sexton (Joe's 1st friend), Joe has doubled his list of friends in one easy stop. Congratulations Joe!

Deven Mellott got to ride the electric pony in the lobby of the Gasthof. Pictures & video were taken so if you don't see it on America's Funniest Videos, you should be able to catch it on the club DVD during the 2010 Christmas dinner.

If you went by the field after January 10th & saw the funny tracks on the runway, it was from the skis on these three aircraft. It wasn't nearly as cold playing in the snow as it was on new year's day.



Robert G. (Bobby) Shireman reported that he made similar tracks at Nebo Memorial Field on Thursday, January 7th during the height of the snowstorm.

A confidential informant reported that Jim Scott has installed skis on a hard-to-get C-188 crop duster & they worked well right up until the accident. That report is pending but it sounded "dorkable". (See January meeting notes)

Charlie Thompson & Randy Byers skied the rest of the snow away at Nebo on Thursday, January 14th. By 4:30 P.M., when I arrived, the runway was mostly bare with temps in the 40s & a muddy pit area. That's why they invented helicopters...

The annual club swap meet is approaching fast. If you haven't reserved your tables, you better do it now! Varqa has posted the flyer on the club's web site for any & all to get all the information. If you don't do internet, call Tim Mellott @ 812-829-6137. See U there...

Is Tim helping Deven fly on new year's day or trying to keep him warm?



Event Calendar

- February 10 Monthly Club Meeting
- February 27 Greenfield Swap Meet
- February 28 Annual Club Swap Meet
- March 6 Fort Wayne Swap Meet
- March 10 Monthly Club Meeting
- March 13 Columbus Swap Meet
- April 9-11 Toledo RC Expo
- April 14 Monthly Club Meeting
- May 1 Shoop's Butterfly Hills R/C Challenge
- May 12 Monthly Club Meeting
- June 5 2nd Annual Heli Fly-In
- June 9 Monthly Club Meeting (At the Field)
- June 17 Longest Thursday "Pizza Night" at Nebo
- June 26 Annual "Charlie Built" Fly-In (Nebo)
- July 17 IMAA Fly-In (Plainfield)
- July 26-August 1 Airventure "Oshkosh"
- October 2&3 IMAA Jamboree (Morristown)
- October 9 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In
- December 8 Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting

Thanks this month to Jim Scott for the new year's day picture, Tim Mellott for counting the members, Dave Poland for the Plainfield chapter 561 IMAA dates, Delbert Davis for proof reading, Varqa Sharif for posting, & the rest of you for making the news.

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