



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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October Meeting Notes...

The October meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club got underway at 6:57:12 with twenty-five people present.

Joey Clendening came to join the club & his mother came along to visit. Joey has been coming out to trainer Tuesdays for several weeks & recently completed the requirements to earn his solo certificate. Congratulations Joey & welcome to the club!



Mark Sexton reported that the celebration of VP Bruce Hoffman's life, that was hosted by his wife Leslie at Lake Monroe, was well attended & very moving.

Joe Rogers reported that the Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In went very well & that fourteen pilots participated. A newspaper reporter from the Martinsville paper came out & took some pictures & wrote a nice piece for the Sunday edition of the newspaper.

Dennis Friesel reported that the float-fly on Lake Lemon went very well. Everyone who attended liked the location & Dennis plans to try to secure it again for another event next Summer or Fall. The kids from the Boy's Club will be invited to the club field next Summer for an introduction to R/C flight as thanks for letting us use their facility.

Dennis gave some information about a covering called Geotex that might work well on part of our runway for aircraft with wheels too small to tackle the grass. More information will be presented at a later date after Dennis has a chance to see how the covering works out at a field in Cleveland.

The club garment order was distributed & Mark says there are club hats still available for sale to those who want one.

Mark reported that the annual club airshow brought in around \$400.00. The club voted to donate all of the proceeds to the Bloomington Hospice Center.

There was a long discussion about alternatives to the airshow for public awareness of model aviation. Several members have mentioned how dangerous the airshow can be & that it might be better to have a mall show or an introductory program at the club field to invite the public to instead of an airshow. Either of those options seemed to involve less danger to the spectators. If you have any ideas or comments, please pass them along to Mark Sexton or Rick Hill.

Rick is preparing a flyer to help explain the business sponsorship program. When finished it can be passed out to interested business people & posted on the club web site.

There was a proposal brought up to lengthen the runway & put in more pilot stations at the club field. After some discussion, the club voted to leave the runway at it's current length & keep the number of pilot station at four, as it has been for several years.

Randy Byers reminded the veteran pilots that Tuesday trainer nights are for the trainees & not for showing off your piloting skills as they watch from the pit area. The object is to get them in the air to train. They can come out & watch the show anytime.

Mark & Rick are working on the details for this year's Christmas dinner / meeting. It will be downtown at the same location as last year & the menu will probably be close to the same. Get all the finalized plans at the November 10th club meeting.

Michael Friesel mentioned that we could rent the gym at the Smithville school for \$40.00 an hour for indoor flying. Let Michael know if you might be interested.

Steve Shoop reminded everyone about his annual chili cook-off / fly-in on October 16th.

There was mention of the movie that William Reliford is working on using footage from this year's airshow. I didn't get all the details but I believe it was mentioned that his paying jobs come first, so it might be a little while before it's done. Take your time William!

The 2011 club officers have been selected! Hearing no new nominations for any club office, the current officers have graciously agreed to continue to serve for another year. Thanks & congratulations (I think) to President Mark Sexton, VP Rick Hill, & Secretary/Treasurer Delbert Davis. These gentlemen do a lot of work on behalf of the Monroe County R/C Club & deserve your support & thanks!

The saga of the "Dork Award" is in limbo. Lane passed the coveted award to Dave Poland last month but Dave wasn't at the meeting & never received the award. Now Lane has to check with Dave to see if he has a candidate or if Lane will have to select another "dork" from the pool. Stay tuned...

After 13 years, 4 airplanes, & 37 thousand dollars, Carl Ward was finally presented with his solo certificate. Just kidding Carl! Congratulations on your achievement & keep up the good work!



The meeting was closed at 8:13:07

Interesting Bits...

Steve Shoop had us over to his place in Brown County for some good flying & some great chili on October 16th. It was a little breezy at times but nothing like the big winds we have seen there in years past. The weather was warm for October & the Fall scenery was nice but a little dry. Bill McFarland had a premature high-speed landing. The runway is fine but the airplane will take some work. The crowd was down a little but that meant more chili for those what attended. Thanks for having us over Steve & thanks for the great event "T" shirts!

The EAA's B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" visited the Monroe County Airport over Halloween weekend. Hope you all got a chance to go out & see it. It sure was cold out there on Friday morning waiting to hear those big radials fire up but very impressive.

Since it's "pick on Carl" month, I'll relate a story I heard at the field. On Tuesday the 26th of October a severe thunderstorm went through Monroe County. There wasn't a lot of damage but the big wind loosened the clamps on the windsock pole at the club field. The pipe slid down & put the sock at roof level. Carl Ward discovered the damage the next day & took a ladder out to repair the pole. He removed the sock, set it on the roof, & bolted the pole back into position from the North side of the shelter. After fixing the pole, Carl moved the ladder around to the South side of the shelter & climbed onto the roof to put the sock back on top of the pole. While he was on the roof, the wind switched direction & a gust knocked the ladder down. He was at the field alone & didn't have a cell phone. He thought about jumping off the roof but remembered how old he was & decided against that. It was a nice day so he camped on the roof in the sunshine for a while. After being stranded on the roof somewhere between ten minutes & four days (depending on who's telling the story), he managed to flag down a lady trucker traveling on Wylie Road, who honked her horn for him & started to drive on by, until she saw the ladder on the ground. She stopped & set the ladder back up for him before he starved to death. There is a moral to this story. Be careful anytime you're at the field alone. You don't have to get carved up by a propeller to get into trouble!

What do some of the boys do on Thursday evenings at Nebo when the wind is too stiff to fly model airplanes?
Go fly a kite...



Event Calendar

- November 10 Monthly Club Meeting
- November 13 South Bend Swap Meet
- November 20 Charlestown Swap Meet
- November 27 Anderson Swap Meet
- December 8 Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting
- January 12 Monthly Club Meeting
- February 27 Annual Club Swap Meet
- March 19 Converse Swap Meet
- June 11 Muncie Swap Meet during National Electric Fly-In

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