



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 2011 Edition

September Meeting Notes...

The September meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club got underway at 7:05:00 with a dark & cloudy sky, light rain falling, a stiff North wind, & a temp. of 66 degrees. Twenty-four members were present, according to Tim 1 (Sparks), who took the count for Tim 2 (Mellott), who was AWOL. After many months in the upper 90s, several were not prepared for the cool temperature & the jacket rental business was brisk.

Retired lawyer Bob Cambridge, who has been doing some training on Tuesday evenings, came to join the club & was promptly voted in, despite his reputation of being quite the "wild man" on the buddy box. Welcome to the club Bob!

President Mark Sexton reported that the club made around 120 bucks from the IMAA fly-in & that a good time was had by all who attended. The current plan is to do it again next year.

Michael Friesel was not at the meeting but it was reported that he is still working to get the new club sponsor advertising signs finished & ready to mount on the club shelter.

Jason Breeden reported that the Upland Brewery's catering facility can seat up to 100. More info will be gathered in the next few weeks by Jason, Rick Hill, & Mark so that we can make a decision on where to hold our annual Christmas dinner / meeting.

Larry "Butch" Thomas has constructed several pit stands that are now in use at the club field. Be sure to tell Butch "thanks" for saving your back & leave one stand open for Bob Watson. Bob & Lane Jorgensen got the ball rolling & Butch carried it for the TD.

Steve Shoop reported that this year (10/15) will be his last chili cook-off / fly-in at his Butterfly Hills airfield. He will continue to host a Spring fly-in but this will be the last Fall event. Steve reports that he doesn't have time to do two fly-ins a year, now that he's retired.

Mark reported that the October club meeting will be held indoors at Dr. Matt's office, for those who never read the newsletter header.

Randy Byers & Lane Jorgensen are the official nominating committee for this year's club officer election. If you are interested in running for a club office, please contact Randy or Lane or both of 'em. The election will be held at the November club meeting. Since secretary / treasurer Delbert Davis has decided to retire, there will be some big shoes to fill.

Joe Rogers announced that he has secured the West Middle School gym in Martinsville for indoor electric aviation again this year. We will have the gym from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. every Sunday, October through March. It's 20 bucks a week so come fly & pitch in a few dollars to help keep Joe out of the poor house!

Mark went over several events listed on the event calendar to remind those that don't read it. They included the float-fly at Lake Lemon, Randy's retirement party at Mark & Tina's house, the Cub-fly, & the WW1 Dawn Patrol at WPAFB.

Joe Jackson is restoring a sign that was made some twenty-five years ago naming the club flying site "Rayl Field". It's been absent from the field for many years but will be returned when Joe is finished with it.

Most of the club apparel is sold out. If you are interested in a club shirt, hat, or jacket, contact Mark Sexton or Rick Hill. They will get an order together to restock.

There was no report on the status of the coveted "Dork Award". Stay tuned for any news next month.

The meeting was closed at 7:34:00, so we could get inside someplace that was warm!

Interesting Bits...

I couldn't get a picture of Dave Hotz but the other two solo certificate recipients didn't get away so easy. Here's Sebastian & Dawson caught in the act...



There haven't been many pilots in the gym at Paragon School yet this year but that could change as the weather turns foul. We fly electrics at Paragon every Friday evening from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. & usually head down the street to the Tomato Pie pizza joint (in greater downtown Paragon) right after flying. Everybody is welcome but partake of the breadsticks at your own risk. They can become addictive!

Several club members made the trip to Ohio to see the WW1 Dawn Patrol event at the museum of the United States Air Force. We toured the museum on Friday while it rained but on Saturday the fog finally lifted & the full scale aircraft took turns with the radio controlled models filling the sky. There was a "midair" between two model aircraft but the mishap that took the prize was when the giant model observation balloon broke loose from it's tether & floated away across the air force base. Club member

Kevin Nuetzman was assisting with the operation but was not taken into custody (yet). It might be interesting to hear what the base commander had to say about the UFO (Unfeathered Floating Object) over his airspace.

Dennis Friesel did a nice write-up for the 2011 Float-Fly on Lake Lemon & here's a few pictures to go along with it. Thanks Dennis!

The second annual MCRCC float fly was held at the Boys and Girls Club's Camp Rock facilities on Lake Lemon on Sept 17. MCRCC was given use of the facilities by the Boys and Girls clubs for the day, in appreciation of the TAG day we put on for them this past July. It was a very pleasant day with mild winds and lots of sun. There were two pontoon boats on hand to retrieve airplanes but were rarely used. Approximately 12 pilots participated in the event with seaplanes and another 4 or so came just to watch the activities.

Jeff Self flew his helicopter with floats, both landing and taking off from the water. Coffee, donuts and Will T's famous barbeque pork , potato salad, beans and soft drinks were provided to all who wanted. There was no fee for the event, but a donation cup placed on the lunch table was filled with enough money to cover the cost of the lunch. There was a lot of flying, most ending in very smooth water landings.

There were no "incidents" and all aircraft survived the day intact. All in all, it was a really fun event for all who participated, based on comments I heard from pilots and spectators alike. There was even a suggestion made that we do this in the Spring, as well as the Fall.

Pictures by Dennis Friesel, Steve Shoop, & Brian Elliott...



Event Calendar

- October 8 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In
- October 12 Monthly Club Meeting (back at Clariti)
- October 15 Shoop's Chili Cook-Off / Fly-In
- October 22 Batesville Swap Meet
- October 23 Columbus Swap Meet
- October 29 Converse Swap Meet
- November 9 Monthly Club Meeting
- November 26 Anderson Swap Meet
- December 14 Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting
- February 26 2012 Annual MCRCC Swap Meet

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