



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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May 2012 Edition

April Meeting Notes...

The April 11th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was "officially" called to order at 7:08:04 P.M. but the business got underway in the parking lot at Clariti long before that as members came early to pick up & pay for their annual bulk fuel orders, which had arrived in Bloomington just hours before. Thanks to Mark Sexton, Rick Hill, & Jim Scott for the extra work!

Al Fisher from the Crippled Chicken club was voted into our club but was not in attendance.

The write-up that Dennis Friesel did last Summer after the intro to model aviation we did for the Bloomington Boys & Girls Club finally made it into Model Aviation Magazine. Now that fame has descended upon us, autographs may be available for a large fee.

It was reported that Bob Watson is resting at home after a heart procedure & is doing fine but is not yet ready for travel. Bob sent out an email notice that he had changed his email address but the new address doesn't seem to work. For now, you'll have to use the telephone to wish him well.

Mark reported that he ordered seventy-nine gallons of fuel this year in the bulk order. The people at Wildcat gave us a deal & the price worked out to be \$15.00 per gallon which is the same as it was last year.

Tim Mellott reported that he has taken no action yet on the siding strip around the roof of the club shelter. Jim Scott will be assisting him. Dave Townsend offered to donate some white siding strips but the boys weren't too excited about having to paint it.

The secret ballot vote on the petro-mat proposal was taken & the proposal was voted down by a narrow margin. A few votes were taken via email & telephone before the meeting but as is the trend in this country, several chose not to participate.

Tim Mellott reported that the date for the 2013 swap meet has been secured with the fairgrounds for February 24th.

Charlie Thompson was at the meeting after a three month vacation for hip replacement surgery. Welcome back Charlie!

We had a short safety briefing after Dennis Friesel reported on his encounter with an airplane propeller & the many stitches that followed. The propeller is fine. Mark Sexton reported on how not to free up a clogged bottle of CA glue. The small drill he was using broke & ended up buried in his finger. All this was only a few weeks after Lane Jorgensen fought with a drill press & lost. Be careful in the shop as well as at the field!

The discussion about FAA regulations on model aircraft continues. It seems that the AMA is all bubbly about some legislation that was passed recently that could separate model

aviation from UAVs but the FAA has not released it's notice of proposed rule making yet. Stay tuned...

Dennis Friesel is working to update the club roster & remove those who have not paid their dues & notify those who have not paid their AMA dues. The flying season is upon us & if you want to use the club field, get your dues paid & your AMA membership renewed!

Bob Shireman brought in a nice thank-you card to the club for it's support during the funeral after the passing of his father Ralph.

In the saga of the coveted "Dork Award", Joe Rogers awarded the gem to Randy Byers for an episode at Nebo field where Randy tried for quite some time to start a new airplane & finally realized he had the fuel & pressure lines reversed. That problem solved, he taxied out toward the runway until a wheel fell off the main landing gear. New airplanes all have to have a shake-down cruise but if you're going to do it in front of the current holder of the "dork award", you better spend a little extra time on the pre-flight inspection! It's a good thing Joe caught Randy for the award before his own electric heli self-destructed in midair...

The meeting was closed at 7:47:17 P.M. with twenty-five members in attendance...

Interesting Bits...

We had a wonderful time at the Toledo R/C Expo again this year even though the show seemed smaller than it has been in past years. The main question we came home with was if the barmaids at Jedd's Pub in Perrysburg were hot enough to make it worth the one hour+ wait time to get a table. I voted yes but Tim Mellott has been assigned the task of locating a steak house in Perrysburg with a somewhat quieter atmosphere for next year. I guess it was pretty loud in Jedd's but the Goose Island was excellent & so was the floor show...

Jim Parker is back in action following his hip replacement surgery in March. Welcome back Jim but don't over-do it too soon...

The flying schedule for the Paragon gym will be kinda confusing for May. Due to unused snow days, alumni dinners, carnivals, & such, we will have the gym on Tuesday May 1st & Tuesday May 8th. We should be back on Friday May 18th. I'm not sure about the following week yet. I'll send out an email when I know for sure. The end of the school year is rapidly approaching & we'll resume our indoor exploits next Fall...

As promised, here's some pictures from the "All Niter" electric fly-in at West Middle in March...



Event Calendar

- May 5 Shoop's Butterfly Hills R/C Challenge
- May 9 Monthly Club Meeting
- May 23 SkyWarn Class (Paragon Fire Station)
- June 9 Heli Fly-In (Club Field)
- June 22-24 Indy Airshow Indianapolis Regional Airport
- June 23 "Charlie Built" Fly-In (Nebo Memorial Field)
- July 7 4-Stroke Event (Club Field)
- July 21 Nothin But Cubs Fly-In (Club Field)
- July 23-29 Airventure Oshkosh
- July 31 Boys & Girls Club Intro To Model Aviation
- August 5 Club Picnic (Club Field)
- August 11 Indy Air Race (full scale)
- September 15 IMAA Fly-In (Club Field)
- December 12 Annual Christmas Dinner / Meeting
- February 24 2013 Annual Swap Meet

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