



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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April 2013 Edition

March Meeting Notes...

The March 13th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was held at Jim Scott's house since Dr. Matt was out of town on Spring break. It didn't feel much like Spring here with a cold wind & snow flurries blowing around at meeting time. It was still daylight thanks to the big switch to daylight savings time.

Tim Mellott counted twenty-one members in attendance & Secretary Dennis Friesel was AWOL. He may have been on Spring break too.

President Mark Sexton got the crowd under control at 7:04:20 to start the meeting & the first order of business was a report on the swap meet. Tim Mellott reported that forty-three tables were sold & Mark reported that the concession area did well. Mark thanked Debbie & Kevin Nuetzman for assisting with the concession area & donating the doughnuts (Mmmmm doughnuts). Tim thanked VP Rick for working the admission table & all the club members who came out early & stayed late to help set up & tear down the tables. The figures showed that we made around eight hundred bucks on the swap meet. The 2014 swap meet will be on February 23rd.

There was some discussion on the runway mat topic again. Several members are still interested & are investigating ways to accomplish getting a section for aircraft with smaller wheels. Cheaper alternatives are being considered & the investigation continues.

Mark finalized the bulk fuel order & plans to have the shipment of eighty plus gallons delivered for distribution at the April 10th club meeting.

Our favorite airplane builder Charlie Thompson was voted in as a life member of the club. Charlie plans to spend all the money he saves in club dues on balsa wood. Congratulations Charlie!

Mark reminded everyone to read (& understand) the club by-laws & the AMA safety code. There have been some infractions reported & it's always a good idea to review both documents annually.

Steve Dorsett reported on the status of flying micro electric aircraft in the West Middle gym in Martinsville. A list is being put together of those interested in reserving the big gym next Winter to see how many weeks we can afford to purchase. Contact Steve if you want to be on that list.

Steve Shoop donated a small windsock to replace the one that hangs on the West end of the pit fence. The weather finally got the best of the one that Tim Mellott put there & several pilots like having the secondary sock to check from the flightline. Thanks Steve!

Tim Sparks is working on a possible event at the Monroe County Airport with the Boy Scouts on April 27th. It could

involve a static display & possibility some flight demonstrations. Stay tuned for details at the April 10th meeting.

The club convinced Steve Shoop that no prizes were necessary at his Butterfly Hills R/C Challenge on May 4th. They just like flying (spelled EATING) there.

Steve Dorsett reported that the swap meet gods have been against him. He planned to attend our swap meet but ended up taking Fred Jungclaus to the hospital & then he planned to attend the Johnson County swap meet & had a flat tire on the way & missed it also. The Toledo show might be Steve's last chance to shop this season.

The coveted "Dork Award" was not presented at the March meeting. There hasn't been much flying since the weather has been so nasty. There was a sad story about Jim Scott wrecking Brayton Thompson's scratch-built foamie but Mr. Scott blamed it on the five-pound landing gear that Brayton had installed. There was also Bill's small electric helicopter that "got loose" in the Paragon gym & Mark's micro Nieuport 17 that got slammed into the wall by some "bad air" but nothing really out of the ordinary or "dorkable".

The meeting was closed at 7:53:32...

Interesting Bits...

We did some late Winter snow flying at Nebo on March 7th. It was fun but we all decided we'd had enough snow & cold for this season & hoped that might be the last gasp of "Old Man Winter". Then on Sunday the 24th, the forecast called for six to ten more inches of snow. Somebody said it hasn't been this cold in March since 1887. So much for the first week of Spring...

Jim Parker organized a trip last month to Ohio, to tour the Airforce Museum. Those interested were to meet at a Cracker Barrel on the Northeast side of Indy for breakfast. I heard that Jim got so involved in the conversation in his vehicle that he missed the exit & continued on to Greenfield for breakfast. If you spent the morning waiting for them in Indy, now you know the rest of the story. I don't know if that's "dorakable" but it sure was funny...

Randy Byers has been gluing a huge box of sticks together & it's finally looking like an airplane. A BIG airplane. Tony Marsh sent me this picture from it's first day outdoors. Thanks Tony...



We had some guests at the Paragon gym when Kim's daughter & son-in-law brought the grandkids down from Avon to visit. The got to try out a Nite Vapor & Randy explained some aerodynamics with a Mini Vapor. I think they're "hooked"...



This picture has nothing to do with aircraft but I thought U all might enjoy it. It's not often that you can get this close to a real pair of turkeys.



Event Calendar

- April 4 - 7 Toledo R/C Expo
- April 10 Monthly Club Meeting
- April 24 SkyWarn Program (Paragon Fire House)
- May 4 Shoop's Butterfly Hills R/C Challenge
- May 8 Monthly Club Meeting
- June 2 MCRCC Heli-Fly (Club field)
- June 15 MCRCC Cub-Fly-In (Club Field)
- June 22 Pylon Racing (Club Field)
- June 29 Charlie-Built Fly-In (Nebo)
- July 13 MCRCC 4-Stroke Fly-In (Club Field)
- July 29 - August 4 Airventure "Oshkosh"
- August 10 Indy Air Race (Full Scale)
- August 11 MCRCC Club Picnic (Club Field)
- September 14 MCRCC IMAA Fly-In (Club Field)
- September 28 Lake Lemon Float-Fly
- October 12 Nebo Memorial Fall Festival Fly-In
- December 11 Club Christmas Dinner / Meeting
- February 23, 2014 Annual Club Swap Meet

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