



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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August 2013 Edition

July Meeting Notes...

The July 10th meeting of the Monroe County R/C Club was called to order at 7:01:35 P.M., at the club field. It was a nice Summer evening with sunny skies & a temp of around 80. Tim Mellott counted thirty-five members in attendance.

Mark Curtis gave a report on fireworks sales at his store in Martinsville. He was featured in the Martinsville newspaper, late in June, with a story about having to move the business across town to a new location this year but the extra publicity didn't bring sales up to the level of previous years.

Dennis Friesel (in Tim Spark's absence) gave a short report on the pylon race that took place at the club field in June. There weren't as many participants as last year's event but all who attended had a fine time. There are more races planned this season at the Columbus field.

Joe Rogers reported that the "Charlie Built" fly-in at Nebo field was well attended & almost everybody had a great time despite a little rain. We ate very well & had fun with Charlie & many of his creations. A little rain shower can't get in the way of warm pineapple upside down cake with field cranked ice cream on top!

Dennis reported that all plans are in place for the Boys & Girls Club introduction to model aviation, at our field, on July 12th. Mark Sexton will be away on vacation (again) so Michael Friesel will take over the open intro-pilot slot. Dennis reminded everybody to bring old airplane magazines to give to the kids.

Tim Mellott reported that he has the plans in place for the annual 4-stroke fly-in at the club field on July 13th. We'll start the event around 9:00 A.M. & break for lunch about noonish.

We discussed the email sent by president Mark Sexton on the runway mat proposal. There was a motion made & the club voted to proceed with the project pending the approval of our landlord John Naylor. The mat should make it possible to get a trainer off the ground on Tuesday evenings when the grass is growing out-of-control & help all those who want to fly smaller electrics that have wheels too small to function in the thick grass.

The annual club picnic will be Sunday, August 11th, around noonish, at the club field. Members & guests are all invited to bring a covered dish, table service, & drinks. We'll cook the hamburgers & hotdogs on site & they will be provided by the club. There will be a 50/50 drawing with the proceeds going to the Wounded Warrior Fund as recommended by the AMA. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs!

Mark is still taking orders for club apparel in case anybody got left out on the last order. He will try to get the airplane smoke color straightened out with the embroidery people this time.

The AMA sent us a nice plaque recognizing us for being a "gold leader" club for several years running. We'll get a picture of it hanging in the frequency cabinet before the vandals get ahold of it. They also sent patches for the membership.

Congratulations & good work all!

Mark announced ahead of time that he will be on vacation (again) & will miss the August club meeting. He won't be AWOL, just absent.

In the Steve Dorsett "Stick Safety Forum", we heard a story from another club about an aircraft that was started without a tie-down & no one holding it. The throttle stick got bumped & it got away & carved up the pilot pretty badly. No starting any aircraft without a proper restraint! It's tempting to restart a flameout on the runway but don't do it. Steve also mentioned that he may be able to get an upgrade supplement to our field first aid kit from his place of employment. Thanks Steve!

In the continuing saga of the coveted "Dork Award", Randy Byers went over Mark Sexton's lack of preflight inspection resulting in damage to his electric heli but ultimately gave the award to Jim Kryway for showing his lack of understanding the rules for taxiing in after a flight. Seems that Jim taxied into the "out" lane & continued to taxi right through the pit area & up to the fence. He shoulda known better since the safety officer (Randy) was standing right there watching! Congratulations Jim! You shouldn't have any trouble passing it on. There's been a lot more flying this Summer with the better weather.

The meeting was closed at 7:47:15...



Interesting Bits...

Stick found his Spitfire that was lost at the "Charlie Built" fly-in. He just needed some moral support. Several of us formed a line & headed back through the woods at Nebo on a "cooler" Thursday evening. There was one small opening in the canopy of trees directly over the lowest point in the big holler. The airplane had come down through that tiny opening & dove straight into the creek. The nose was buried about fourteen inches down in the muddy creek bottom with water flowing through the cockpit area. The prop was bent but not broken & the aluminum spinner didn't even have a dent. Steve had been just a few feet from it on previous searches but the thick brush kept him from seeing it until he was right on top of it. You might think that would be the end of the story but sadly it's not. The

following Thursday, the front dowl on his new, .60 size, low winger let go & the wing came off the airplane in mid-flight. It was no fault of Steve's. He wasn't doing outside snap rolls or any high "G" maneuvers at all. The wing left the aircraft in straight & level flight at a fairly slow speed. It looked like an obvious case of defective materials &/or workmanship on behalf of the manufacturer but that didn't make Steve feel any better about his string of bad luck. At least he didn't have to search the woods to find it...

The kids seemed to be all smiles on July 12th when the Bloomington (Lincoln) Boys & Girls Club visited our field for an introduction to model aviation. Dennis Freisel had a proven plan in place & his volunteers did a great job of keeping the kids entertained & under control. I'm not sure if the kids or the club volunteers had the most fun but everybody learned something & the weather was much nicer (cooler) this year. I'm



not sure what happened to Sparky's trainer but it didn't survive the afternoon on the buddy box. I heard Tim was applying for a special exemption from the dork award since it was all for the kids. Thanks to Dennis for putting the plan in place & to all the volunteers that participated...



I got busy flying at Tim Mellott's 4-Stroke Event & forgot to take any pictures. If you have any, please send me something. It was a little breezy but a nice day & those who participated had a wonderful time. Joe Rogers has an airplane that's like a cat & has nine lives. He used several of them during the event & put on a good show for the gallery. Thanks to Tim for putting on another great event & to Rocket Mamma (Tim's wife) for feeding us...

More pictures from the Boys & Girls Club visit...



Event Calendar

- July 29 - August 4 Airventure "Oshkosh"
- August 10 Indy Air Race (Full Scale)
- August 10 Columbus Big Bird Fly-In
- August 11 MCRCC Club Picnic (Club Field)
- August 14 Monthly Club Meeting
- 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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